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Abstract

We reconstructed the evolution of the volcanic activity within the central Garrotxa monogenetic Volcanic Field, the youngest volcanic area of the Iberian Peninsula, by investigating the stratigraphy of the volcanic successions and the morphologies of the monogenetic eruptive centres. The study of the volcanic succession has been conducted following the Unconformity Bounded Stratigraphic Units criteria applied to volcanic terrains. The detailed stratigraphy of the volcanic successions shows that the central GVF evolved through four main periods of volcanic activity (Synthem) represented by the eruptive products of the mafic monogenetic volcanoes and associated syn-eruptive reworked deposits (Eruptive Units) and by the inter-eruptive deposits (Epiclastic Units). The distribution and the morphology of the monogenetic eruptive centres suggest that feeder dykes emplaced according to the present stress tensor and along pre-existing fractures of the basement. The facies analysis of the deposits and their distribution shows that migration of volcanism toward the center of the basin was accompanied by a trend of increasing explosivity. Episodic hydromagmatism in the central Garrotxa occurred without a specific geographic nor temporal correlation. Finally, integrating field data with the stratigraphy of water wells, we determined the volume of the volcanic deposits. The small average volume of products emitted during each eruptive period and the long quiescence separating them allows classifying the GVF as a low output rate volcanic field.

51 Keywords: Garrotxa; mafic volcanic field; scoria cone; monogenetic; UBSU

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53 **Introduction**

54 Volcanic fields in continental settings commonly consist of scattered or closely-
55 spaced small volcanoes, mostly mafic in composition. These volcanoes are
56 often referred to as monogenetic in that it is believed that they erupt only once
57 and their activity rapidly wanes (Walker, 1993; Connor and Conway, 2000;
58 Valentine and Gregg, 2008). They commonly form extensive cinder-cone fields,
59 sometimes associated with polygenetic shield volcanoes (Tibaldi, 1995;
60 Corazzato and Tibaldi, 2006; Dóniz et al., 2008).

61 The eruptive style of monogenetic basaltic volcanoes can change from
62 Strombolian to Hawaiian to violent Strombolian in response to changing
63 behaviour of the exsolving volatile species, magma rise-speed and the coupling
64 between gas and melt plus crystals (Head and Wilson, 1989; Parfitt, 2004;
65 Valentine and Gregg, 2008; Cimarelli et al., 2010).

66 Monogenetic volcanism has been related to high regional differential stress, in
67 areas with variable (high or low) magma input/output rate (Takada, 1994). Low-
68 output rate volcanic fields usually consist in a small number of widely spaced
69 volcanoes (Valentine and Hirano, 2010), while high-output rate volcanic fields
70 comprise densely-concentrated cones, shields and surrounding lava plains
71 (Condit and Connor, 1996). The distribution of monogenetic volcanoes within
72 basaltic volcanic fields is generally related to the geometry of the underlying
73 magma source zone (Condit and Connor, 1996; Valentine and Keating, 2007;
74 Kiyosugi et al., 2010) and/or to the presence of tectonic structures in the
75 shallow crust (Valentine and Perry, 2007; Keating et al., 2008).

76 The Garrotxa Volcanic Field (GVF), the most recent volcanic area in the Iberian
77 Peninsula (0.5-0.01 Ma, Araña et al., 1983; Puiguriquer et al., 2012), consists of
78 more than 40 well preserved monogenetic centres, grouped in two different
79 zones: 1) a central zone, where the younger cones are located (the central
80 GVF), and 2) a peripheral zone, that consists of about 12 widely scattered vents
81 (Araña et al., 1983). Despite their fairly conical morphology, some of these
82 edifices show to have experienced a complex evolution with the alternation of
83 predominantly magmatic activity with minor phreatic and phreatomagmatic
84 episodes (Di Traglia et al., 2009; Gisbert Pinto et al., 2009; Martí et al., 2011).
85 The existing datings on lavas and one paleosol from the central GVF show that
86 the volcanic activity in this sector occurred between 247 ± 17 ka to 11.5 ± 1.1 ky
87 BP (Guérin et al., 1985; Puiguriquer et al., 2012). Unfortunately the dated lavas
88 have not been framed into a detailed stratigraphic scheme thus preventing a
89 thorough reconstruction of the spatial-temporal variation of volcanic activity
90 within the central GVF.

91 We investigated the relationship between eruptive styles and volcanoes
92 distribution through time within the central Garrotxa tectonic depression.

93 The detailed stratigraphic analysis and geological mapping of the area (scale
94 1:5000) allowed defining the volcanic successions and their relative chronology.

95 The facies analysis of the deposits helped us constraining the eruptive styles
96 experienced by each volcanic centre. Volcano morphologies and their internal
97 structures have also been examined by integrating field data and a digital
98 elevation model (DEM) to understand the relation between volcanism and
99 local/regional tectonics. Finally, complementing field data with water wells
100 stratigraphy, we were able to reconstruct the top surface of the pre-volcanic

101 basement and to define the thickness and the total volume of the volcanic
102 deposits. Combining the existing geochronological datings and the volume
103 estimate we have been able to determine the total output rate of the volcanism
104 in the central GVF.

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106 **Geological setting**

107 *Geodynamic significance of the North East Volcanic Province of Spain*

108 The GVF is located about 90 km NNE of Barcelona and about 30 km NW of the
109 city of Girona, in the pre-Pyrenees area (Fig. 1a). GVF together with the
110 Ampurdà (AVF), Tordera (TVF) and Selva (SVF, also called southern Garrotxa;
111 Martí et al., 2011) volcanic fields is part of the North East Volcanic Province of
112 the Iberian Peninsula (NEVP; Araña et al., 1983) also referred as the Catalan
113 Volcanic Zone (Martí et al., 2011).

114 The Neogene to Quaternary NEVP volcanism is interpreted as the result of the
115 Pyrenees post collisional back–arc extension driven by the African slab retreat,
116 which favoured the rise of magmas through the Iberian continental crust (Gallart
117 et al., 1991; Zeyen et al., 1991; Martí et al., 1992). The NEVP volcanism is
118 associated with a system of NE-SW and NW-SE regional faults that control the
119 geometry of the main tectonic depressions in this area (Araña et al., 1983).
120 Volcanic activity in the NEVP took place between 10 and 0.01 Ma, with the
121 oldest eruption in the AVF and the youngest in the GVF (Donville, 1976; Araña
122 et al., 1983). Migration of volcanism is coherent with the differential opening
123 velocities of the western Mediterranean (Ligure – Provençal basin) during the
124 Oligocene-Miocene, with its northern sector (Gulf of Lyons) experiencing a
125 faster opening respect to the southern-most part (Valencia margin; Mauffret et

126 al., 1995; Goula et al., 1999). In the same way, volcanism migrated from NE to
127 SW. During the Pliocene - Lower Pleistocene, volcanism migrated to the NW
128 toward the GVF in accordance with the change in the regional stress orientation
129 from pure extensional (vertical σ_1 and NW-SE σ_3) to mainly strike-slip motions
130 (vertical σ_2 and NNW-SSE σ_1 ; Goula et al., 1999). Westward migration of the
131 extensional regime at a rate of 5 mm/yr (Vergès and Sàbat, 1999) and the
132 consequent migration of volcanism is interpreted in terms of mechanical
133 removal of the mantle lithosphere by buoyancy due to the migration of a
134 thermally heterogeneous mantle (Cebrià et al., 2000). Such buoyancy would
135 have caused the regional scale doming of the crust centred on the tectonically
136 and volcanically active region of the Garrotxa (Lewis et al., 2000).

137 NEVP parental magmas are petrologically similar to those feeding the Cenozoic
138 to Quaternary intraplate volcanism of central Europe (Massif Central, Provence
139 Volcanic Field and Eifel Volcanic Field; Mertes and Schminke, 1985; Wilson et
140 al., 1995; Bianchini et al., 2007; Carracedo Sánchez et al., 2012). Volcanic
141 rocks from GVF are represented by leucite basanites, nepheline basanites and
142 alkali olivine basalts.

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144 *The pre-volcanic basement*

145 The pre-volcanic basement in the central GVF consists of Paleozoic, Eocene
146 and Quaternary rocks. Paleozoic units underlying the Eocene successions crop
147 out south of the studied area and are mainly constituted by plutonic and
148 metamorphic rocks (Fig. 1b). The Eocene succession in the Garrotxa area is
149 composed by a deepening-shallowing set of nine depositional sequences
150 broadly represented by alluvial systems capped by delta and shallow carbonate

151 platform systems and finally evolving into a shallowing-upward succession
152 characterized by evaporitic deposits followed by delta and alluvial systems
153 (Giménez-Montsant et al., 1999). These rocks have been extensively deformed
154 and in the studied area they form E-W oriented folds dissected by normal faults
155 roughly parallel to their axes (Gallart et al., 1991; Gimenez-Montsant et al.,
156 1999). The Quaternary sedimentary rocks consist of fluvial and lacustrine
157 sediments and limited travertine deposits precedent and contemporaneous to
158 the deposition of the volcanic products (SGC, 2002, 2003).

159 Two major NW-striking faults, the Amer fault to the west and the Llorà fault to
160 the east, limit the central Garrotxa tectonic depression. The tectonic depression
161 is further limited to the north and to the south by the Valfogona thrust and the
162 sedimentary ridge of the Serra Transversal, respectively (Fig. 1b). The GVF is
163 mainly localized in two different sectors of the tectonic depression: the Olot-
164 Fluvià river valley to the north and the Santa Pau-Ser river valley to the south.
165 Some of the major faults controlling the structural architecture of the area
166 proved to be tectonically active in historical times, generating destructive
167 earthquakes during the Middle Ages (Fleta et al., 2001).

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169 **The Unconformity Bounded Stratigraphic Units criteria**

170 The fieldwork has been conducted following the Unconformity Bounded
171 Stratigraphic Units criteria (UBSU; Salvador, 1987, 1994), based on the
172 hierarchy of the identified stratigraphic unconformities. The reference unit of the
173 USBU is the Synthem, defined as a stratigraphic body delimited by significant
174 and demonstrable unconformities, preferably having a regional or inter-regional
175 extension (Salvador, 1987). Given the volcanic nature of the studied

176 successions, we adopted the UBSU methodology modified for volcanic terrains
177 (de Rita et al., 1997; Di Traglia et al., 2013). Within the framework of the UBSU,
178 the Eruptive Unit (as defined by Fisher and Schmincke, 1984) represents the
179 basic lithostratigraphic unit within the Synthem (Fig. 2 for a general example).
180 Different types of unconformities have been identified and classified according
181 to their ranking (Fig. 3). Major unconformities (S1) extend over the whole
182 studied area and are characterised by diffused areal erosion and are marked
183 locally by decimetre-thick paleosols. The S1 unconformities constitute the
184 boundary of the different Synthems. Lower rank unconformities S2, locally
185 corresponding to paleo-gullies, limit the Eruptive and Epiclastic Units within
186 each Synthem. Other smaller-scale unconformities (S3) are recognised within
187 the Eruptive Units and separate primary (lavas and pyroclastic deposits) and/or
188 syn-eruptive reworked deposits (see Fig. 3 and 4).

189 The study of about fifty stratigraphic sections (the more representative of which
190 are sketched in Fig. 4) allowed making a geological map of the area (Fig. 5).
191 Classification of the deposits has been based on their lithological
192 characteristics, average componentry of clasts and matrix, organization and
193 geometry and presence of sedimentary structures (Table 1), allowing the
194 distinction between primary and volcanoclastic deposits (Table 2).

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196 **Stratigraphy of the Central GVF**

197 Volcanism in the Central GVF developed with the emplacement of numerous
198 small monogenetic eruptive centres aligned with the main structural features
199 controlling the evolution of the Central GVF tectonic depression. Volcanic
200 activity was characterised by both effusive and explosive events that led to the

201 emplacement of lava flows, lava sheets and the edification of spatter cones and
202 cinder cones.

203 Volcanic successions have been organized in four Synthems (Valls dels Arcs
204 Synthem, Santa Pau Synthem, Mascou Synthem, Les Tries Synthem; Fig. 5,
205 Table 1). In each Synthem one Eruptive Unit (comprising both primary and syn-
206 eruptive reworked deposits, Figs. 4 and 6) and one continental sedimentary unit
207 (epiclastic inter-eruptive deposits) have been recognized. The three Epiclastic
208 Units represent quiescence periods of the volcanic activity. The organization of
209 the studied successions in Synthems, according to the presence of
210 unconformities of comparable hierarchy, indicates that the volcanism in the
211 central GVF evolved through four main periods during which several eruptions
212 (clusters) occurred, separated by comparable unconformities (i.e. comparable
213 pauses in the volcanic activity).

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215 *Facies analysis and eruptive style of volcanic centres*

216 Facies analysis of the volcanic deposits allowed identifying the eruptive styles of
217 the volcanoes, and the transport and sedimentation mechanisms of primary and
218 reworked pyroclastic material. The detailed description of the deposits is
219 resumed in Table 1. From the facies analysis of the volcanic successions
220 belonging to each eruptive unit it is possible to reconstruct the eruptive style of
221 each volcanic centre in the central GVF. In general volcanic activity changed
222 from mainly effusive to prevalently explosive through time. In fact older eruptive
223 units (Batet de La Serra EU and Puig de Mar EU, Fig. 6), were mainly
224 characterized by the effusion of large lava sheets and lava flows through
225 eruptive fissures. The explosive activity recorded in these early eruptions was

226 represented by localized episodes of Hawaiian-type lava fountaining that
227 constructed spatter ramparts and rootless lava flows. During the intermediate
228 and final eruptive stages instead (Roca Negra EU and Croscat EU, Fig. 6), in
229 addition to spatter ramparts and lava flows, prolonged Hawaiian and
230 Strombolian activity led to the edification of major, younger, cinder cones. The
231 explosive activity of the youngest Croscat EU culminated with the violent
232 Strombolian activity of the Croscat Volcano that constitutes the highest
233 explosivity episode of the central GVF.

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235 **Cone morphology and morphotectonic features**

236 *Methodological approach*

237 Cone morphology and morpho-tectonic features have been analysed through a
238 dedicated GIS based on a 5 m resolution DEM. The DEM derived from the
239 topographic maps of the Institut Cartografic de Catalunya (scale 1:5000; contour
240 interval 5 m).

241 The distribution of major morpho-structural features has been deduced
242 combining the analysis of DEM-derived thematic maps such as slope, break in
243 slope and slope aspect (horizontal direction to which the slope faces) with the
244 drainage network map, following the methodology described in Cimarelli and de
245 Rita (2006). In order to deduce the main morpho-structural trends of the pre-
246 volcanic basement rocks, this analysis was performed on an area exceeding the
247 extension of the volcanic deposits. The frequency of the measured lineament
248 azimuth was plotted on rose diagrams (Fig. 7).

249 Information on the direction of magma-feeding fractures has been obtained for
250 15 eruptive centres through morphometric investigations (Table 3), following the

251 methodology proposed by Corazzato and Tibaldi (2006). The main
252 morphological parameters used in this analysis are the alignment of the coeval
253 eruptive centres, elongation of the cones, alignment of depressed sectors at the
254 crater rim and the azimuth of the breached sectors of the cones. Alignment of
255 coeval cones, cone elongation and alignment of crater-rim depressed points are
256 used as indicators of the direction of the feeding-fracture in the substrate, while
257 cone breaching can either coincide with the weakest zone of the edifice or with
258 the direction of maximum stress applied to its flanks by magma bulging or
259 fracture propagation (Corazzato and Tibaldi, 2006; Bonali et al., 2011).
260 Alignment of volcanic centres has been carried out through Fry spatial
261 distribution analysis;. This method has been used to determine strain from the
262 distribution of objects in a rock (Fry, 1979) and preferred orientation of volcanic
263 cone alignments (Gutierrez et al., 2005).

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265 *Morphological analysis*

266 Our statistical analysis of morphological lineaments in the pre-volcanic
267 basement reveals three main populations of NW-, N- and NE-striking features
268 (Fig. 7a). The most representative NW-striking features are oriented according
269 to the direction of the main transtensional faults limiting the tectonic depression
270 (Amer and Llorát faults). The analysis of the hydrographic features shows that
271 streamlines ≥ 700 m are scattered in all directions with main populations
272 represented by E-, NW-, N- and NE-oriented elements (Fig. 7b, 7b1). Respect
273 to the morpho-structural lineaments of the substrate, the additional E-trending
274 population accounts for the elements incising the volcanic deposits. Here
275 volcanic deposits masked the underlying morphology of the substrate and

276 forced the drainage system to rearrange accordingly. When restricting the
277 analysis to hydrographic features ≥ 800 m, the resulting rose-diagram further
278 highlights this effect (Fig. 7b2).

279 Investigations on the cone spatial distribution and cone morphology provided
280 information on the stress tensor driving the emplacements of feeder dikes and
281 their interaction with pre-existing fractures in the basement. Both alignment of
282 depressed sectors of crater rim and spatial distribution of eruptive centres
283 reveal direction of NNW- to NW-striking eruptive fractures (Fig. 7c, 7d; Table 3).
284 Alignments of coeval eruptive centres also show ENE to NE directions like in
285 the case of the Garrinada-Montsacopa-Montolivet cones. It is worth noting that
286 the azimuths of the breaching sectors are oriented orthogonal to the eruptive
287 fractures determined by using the other three morphological parameters, thus
288 suggesting that cone breaching more likely occurred by lava accumulation or
289 bulging of the flanks (Nolesini et al., 2013).

290 Volumes of the ejecta constructs have been determined by combining field
291 measurements with the DEM analysis. The volume of the cones has been
292 calculated using the DEM surface enclosed in the cone basal area (defined
293 using both slope map and direct field observation), while lava flow volume was
294 calculated by multiplying the flow area by the observed mean thickness (Tab. 3).
295 To better constrain the change in flow thickness, several longitudinal profiles
296 were made following the methodology described by Rodriguez-Gonzalez et al.
297 (2010).

298 Volumes of the ejecta constructs vary from 10^6 to 10^8 m³ dense rock equivalent
299 (DRE). Major scoria cones (Croscat, Monsacopa and Garrinada), characterized
300 by larger volumes and a volcanic succession mainly constituted by lapilli and

301 ash, are located in correspondence of the depocentre of the tectonic
302 depression, while the smaller ones, characterized by lower volumes and coarse-
303 grained materials, are located near the valley margins and are associated to
304 larger volume lava flows.

305 The Santa Margarida volcano is the only maar-type eruptive centre in the
306 studied area. The thin deposits of this eruptive centre drape the partially
307 excavated Eocene basement and are found intercalated in the eruptive
308 succession of the near Croscat Volcano (Martí et al., 2011). As already reported
309 by Di Traglia et al. (2009), here is important to note that the geometry and the
310 distribution of the deposits related to the Croscat EU indicate that volcanic
311 activity occurred contemporaneously from multiple vents (Santa Margarida,
312 Croscat, Pomareda and Puig Astrol) along a NNW–striking fracture.

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314 **Geometry and volume of the volcanic products**

315 In order to estimate the volume of the volcanic material in the central GVF, we
316 modelled the top surface of the Eocene succession based on the stratigraphy of
317 water wells (Custodio Gimena et al., 1984) and field data. The volume of
318 material comprised between the topographic surface and the top Eocene
319 surface was determined using the GIS by subtracting the elevations of the two
320 surfaces. The thickness of the major cone-building material has also been
321 subtracted, in order to highlight the depocentres in the pre-volcanic basement.
322 Considering the negligible thickness of the epiclastic material with respect to
323 that of the volcanic products, we estimated the total volume of the volcanics to
324 be about 0.5 km³ DRE.

325 This procedure allowed to image the geometry of the sedimentary basin and to

326 correlate the thickness variation of the deposits with the distribution of the
327 volcanic edifices within the tectonic depression.

328 The map of Fig. 8a shows two depressed areas where volcanic products are
329 thicker: one corresponds to the Olot village, while the other is located in the
330 central sector of the tectonic depression in correspondence of the Croscat
331 volcano. The Olot village depression, where the Garrinada and Montsacopa
332 scoria cones are located, hosts a thickness of about 30 m of volcanic material,
333 constituted by lavas and subordinately pyroclastic deposits. The second
334 depression (well constrained by water-well log data) extends roughly E-W and
335 hosts a thickness of about 160 m of volcanic products (Fig. 8b), thus identifying
336 a basin depocentre at close distance from the Croscat-Pomareda cones. In both
337 cases the occurrence of the maximum thickness of volcanic deposits
338 corresponds to the location of the major volcanic edifices of the central GVF.

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340 **Discussion**

341 *Time evolution of the volcanic activity*

342 According to the stratigraphy proposed in this work, each Eruptive Unit
343 represents a series of eruptions clustered in time, occurring between 247 ± 17
344 and 11.5 ± 1.1 ka (Fig. 4; Guérin et al. 1985; Puiguriguer et al. 2012).

345 Although we carefully reconstructed the relative chronology of the eruptive
346 products, existing geochronological data do not allow a good constraint of the
347 absolute duration of the eruptive and quiescence periods. We can infer that
348 quiescence between the eruptive periods must have been long enough to allow
349 the formation of the decimetre-thick paleosols and metric erosive surfaces
350 observed in the field (Fig. 3). In particular, given the unfavourable paleoclimatic

351 conditions for mature soil formation, established during the Quaternary in the
352 Pyrenees region (Pallàs et al., 2006), the thickness of the paleosols and the
353 extension of the major erosive surfaces (S1) remark quite a long interval of
354 inactivity (of the order of tens of ka based on the available datings; Guérin et al.,
355 1985).

356 Recent radiocarbon datings of the paleosol contained in the Lower Bosquet Unit
357 (Puiguriquer et al., 2012), coupled with the age (determined by
358 thermoluminescence on plagioclase crystals) of the Upper Santa Pau lava in the
359 upper Roca Negra EU (28.1 ± 2.6 ka; Guérin et al., 1985) indicate a quiescence
360 of about 15 ka between the two last eruptive units. The same calculation can be
361 made for the time interval between Valls dels Arcs and Santa Pau synthem.
362 Considering the age of the Batet de La Serra Lava (247 ± 17 ka, Guérin et al.,
363 1985) and Garrinada Lava (132 ± 12 ka, Guérin et al., 1985), a quiescence
364 period of about 115 ka can be estimated. The datings available for the Lower
365 Santa Pau Lava (Puig de Mar EU) and the Upper Santa Pau Lava (Roca Negra
366 EU) suggest a maximum duration of the Roca Negra EU of about 82 ka.

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368 *Spatial evolution of the volcanic activity*

369 The volcanic activity developed through time with a progressive vent migration
370 from the margin toward the center of the tectonically controlled depression (Fig.
371 9). This migration is likely to have been favored by a progressive symmetrical
372 extension of the basin as testified by the distribution of maximum thickness of
373 volcanic deposits along the axis of the Olot-Santa Pau valley. Cinder cones in
374 the central GVF are aligned along NNW to NW and ENE to NE directions while
375 morphological characteristics of the cones (cone and crater elongation)

376 prevalently suggest that feeder dykes followed NW to NNW directions. This is in
377 general agreement with the orientation of morphostructural lineaments of the
378 pre-volcanic basement. Magma ascending into the crust is likely to be captured
379 by shallow reactivated faults and fractures, therefore dykes might have near-
380 surface orientations that are not simply perpendicular to the least principal
381 stress direction (Connor and Conway, 2000; Valentine and Perry, 2007; Le
382 Corvec et al., 2013). Our data show that in the central GVF feeder dikes more
383 likely intruded along pre-existing fractures of the substrate. It is interesting to
384 note that the most recent Croscat EU, which also represents the peak of
385 explosive activity, has been alimented by feeder dikes oriented NNW (Fig. 7),
386 i.e. congruently with the orientation of the present stress tensor in the area
387 (Goula et al., 1999).

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389 *Eruptive style and volcanic output rate*

390 Migration of volcanism toward the center of the basin coincided with a trend of
391 increasing explosivity, as testified by the facies analysis of the deposits. The
392 occurrence of progressively higher explosive activity is characteristic of the
393 volcanoes in the central part of the tectonic depression, where more complex
394 and younger volcanic centres displaying violent Strombolian and
395 phreatomagmatic activity are located. A shift in eruptive style from
396 predominantly effusive and spattering activity in the older and marginal eruptive
397 vents (Batet de La Serra EU and Puig de Mar EU), to more complex and
398 intense activity in the younger and central ones (Roca Negra EU and Croscat
399 EU), is recorded in the stratigraphic succession and facies distribution of the
400 deposits within the eruptive units. Younger eruptions display a broader range of

401 eruptive styles, as occurred during the Croscat eruption with the shift in eruptive
402 intensity from Hawaiian-Strombolian to violent Strombolian (Di Traglia et al.,
403 2009) and the occurrence of a phreatomagmatic episode at the
404 contemporaneously active Santa Margarida volcano (Martí et al., 2011). The
405 dynamics of this eruption, as compared to similar studied eruptions (Valentine et
406 al., 2005; Pioli et al., 2008; Guilbaud et al., 2009), suggests the occurrence of
407 very high flux of gas-charged magma during this stage of volcanism.
408 Phreatomagmatism occurred in volcanoes located on both high-transmissivity
409 (Monsacopa, Garrinada) and low-transmissivity aquifers (Santa Margarida,
410 Martí et al., 2011), without a specific correlation with aquifer permeability.
411 In order to constrain the magmatic input rate in the central GVF, we combined
412 volumetric data of emitted products with the tectonic extension rate and the
413 available geochronological datings. We plotted central GVF data (Fig. 10) in the
414 differential-stress versus normalized output-rate diagram proposed by Takada
415 (1994). We used the 0.05 – 0.125 mm/yr vertical slip rate deduced by Fleta et
416 al. (2001) for the Amer fault as an order of magnitude estimate of the differential
417 stress in the studied area during the Quaternary. The results show that the GVF
418 can be classified as a low output rate / small differential stress volcanic field
419 characterized by low average volume of products emitted during each eruptive
420 cluster and by long quiescence period separating them.

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422 **Conclusive remarks**

423 We investigated the geological and morphological evolution of the central area
424 of the Garrotxa Volcanic Field and determined the relationship between eruptive
425 styles and volcanoes distribution through time within the central Garrotxa

426 tectonic depression.

427 The main outcomes of this study can be summarized as follows:

- 428 – Each recognized synthem bounded by major unconformities (S1) comprises
429 the products of the volcanic activity and its syn-eruptive reworked deposits
430 (Eruptive Units) and of products of erosion and re-deposition processes
431 (Epiclastic Units). The time period separating the eruptive and syn-eruptive
432 deposition from the widespread erosion and deposition of epiclastic material is
433 represented by the S2 unconformity surfaces. The quiescence period between
434 two eruptive units is represented in the GVF stratigraphic record by the
435 unconformities produced by erosion or by the sedimentary (epiclastic)
436 deposits, bounded at the bottom and at the top by S2 and S1 unconformities,
437 respectively. The eruptive units represent the products of one or more
438 eruptions clustered in time separated by time-breaks long enough to produce
439 significant unconformities (S3 surfaces).
- 440 – Cinder cones morphologies and their alignments in the studied area suggest
441 that feeder dykes followed the orientation of local structural lineaments,
442 according to the active stress tensor which determines the strike-slip tectonic
443 regime active in the NEVP since the Pliocene-Pleistocene.
- 444 – The facies analysis and distribution of the deposits shows that the migration of
445 volcanism toward the center of the basin coincided with a trend of increasing
446 explosivity through time. Phreatomagmatism occurred without a specific
447 geographic correlation and independently from the permeability characteristics
448 of the aquifer underlying the eruptive centres.
- 449 – Given the small average volume of products emitted during each eruptive
450 cluster and the long quiescence between them (15 and 115 ka), GVF can be

451 classified as a low output rate /small differential stress volcanic field.

452 – The use of the UBSU stratigraphy in volcanic terrains confirms to be a
453 powerful tool to unravel the spatial and temporal evolution of volcanic systems.
454 In particular the versatility of this methodology based on the recognition of
455 surfaces with relative hierarchy allows its application to volcanic areas with
456 different geographic extension. The use of the UBSU results particularly useful
457 in basaltic monogenetic volcanic fields where the homogeneous chemical
458 composition of the deposits would disfavour the use of petro-chemical
459 mapping criteria.

460 – Moreover, given the lack of widely dispersed tephra blankets (only exception
461 being the products of the Croscat EU), the use of tephrostratigraphic
462 correlation (i.e. Molloy et al., 2009) was here impossible. On the contrary, the
463 correlation of widely extended unconformity surfaces and the associated syn-
464 and inter-eruptive deposits made here possible the stratigraphic correlation
465 between widely-spaced and low-output rate volcanic centres.

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735 **Figure captions**

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737 Fig. 1. a) North-east Volcanic Province of Spain. AVF: Ampordà Volcanic Field;
738 TVF: Tordera Volcanic Field; SVF: Selva Volcanic Field; GVF: Garrotxa Volcanic
739 Field. Major structural lineaments on-land and off-shore are reported (after
740 SGC, 1989 and Mauffret et al. 1995). b) Schematic geological map of the GVF.
741 Modified after SGC (1989).

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743 Fig 2. Synthetic explanation of the UBSU methodology. The hypothetical cross
744 section shows the hierarchical relations between unconformity surfaces and the
745 bounded stratigraphic units. A basal unconformity separates the pre-volcanic
746 basement (Prv) from the volcanic deposits. Volcanic deposits are divided into
747 four synthemms separated by S1 unconformities (in red). Synthemms are formed
748 by primary volcanic deposits (lavas: L; and pyroclastic: P), their syn-eruptive
749 volcanoclastic deposit (Vc) and by the epiclastic deposits (Ep) representing the
750 inter-eruptive sedimentation. Primary and syn-eruptive volcanic deposits form
751 the eruptive units (EU) and are separated by the epiclastic units (Ep) by lower

752 hierarchy S2 unconformities (in blue).

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754 Fig. 3. Main stratigraphic log correlation of the central area of the GVF. The
755 correlations allowed organizing the volcanic successions into four synthem,
756 separated by S1 unconformities of comparable hierarchy (red lines). Each
757 Synthem is composed of one Eruptive Unit, in its turn composed of more than
758 one eruptive episode, and of one Epiclastic Unit (limited by S2 unconformities:
759 blue lines) representing intereruptive sedimentation.

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761 Fig. 4. Example of stratigraphic unconformities: a) S1 unconformity between
762 Mascou Synthem (*RN* and *LB* units) and Les Tries Synthem (*CCU*, *CMU* and
763 *CBU* units). S2 unconformity lies between *RN* (pyroclastic deposits related to the
764 Roca Negra scoria cone) and *LB* (epiclastic) units. b) S1 unconformities
765 between Mascou Synthem (*LB* unit) and Les Tries Synthem (*CMU*, *CBU* and
766 *UB* unit). S2 unconformity lies between *CBU* (syn-eruptive reworking) and *UB*
767 (epiclastic) units. Several lower-hierarchy unconformities (S3) lie between
768 different pyroclastic deposits (*CCU*, *CMU*, *CBU*) within the same Croscat EU.

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770 Fig. 5. (a) Geological map of the central GVF area (descriptions and geometry
771 of the Eocene rocks from IGC, 2002, 2003); (b) Legend of the geological map
772 and geochronological datings available in the literature (Guérin et al., 1985).
773 Asterisk refers to ¹⁴C datings from Puiguriguer et al., 2012.

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775 Fig. 6. Different type of facies in primary deposits: a) massive to well laminated,
776 lapilli to ash scoria blanket (Violent Strombolian style, Croscat EU) topped by

777 columnar-jointed lava; b) welded bombs and spatter agglomerates of the Puig
778 de Mar EU, produced during Hawaiian-style lava fountaining; c) bedded scoria
779 deposits of the Roca Negra EU (Roca Negra scoria cone), produced during
780 Strombolian-type eruptions; d) massive to well bedded, lapilli to ash scoria
781 blanket (Violent Strombolian style, Croscat EU), topped with wavy-bedded
782 scoria-rich sand (post-eruptive reworking) and massive sand with Eocene
783 pebble lenses (inter-eruptive reworking).

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785 Fig. 7. DEM-derived maps of morphological elements: A) morphotectonic
786 lineaments and related rose diagram (A1); B) drainage network elements; rose
787 diagrams of hydrological elements ≥ 700 m (B1) and ≥ 800 m (B2); C) direction of
788 elongation (yellow) and breaching (red) of cones and craters; D) Fry plot
789 describing the spatial distribution of the cones and their preferential alignments.

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791 Fig. 8. a) Isopach map of the volcanic and volcanoclastic deposits overlying the
792 sedimentary basement. Two major depocentres are visible along the main axis
793 of the Santa Pau-Olot valley. Open squares show the location of stratigraphic
794 sections while crosses represent the location of water-well logs. The position of
795 major cones is also reported (black triangles). b) Simplified geological section of
796 the central GVF area highlighting the thickness of the volcanic deposits.

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798 Fig. 9. Vent migration during the four Eruptive Units. The oldest vents (Batet de
799 La Serra EU and Puig de Mar EU) are located near the structural highs, while
800 the youngest (Roca Negra EU and Croscat EU) are located at the centre of the
801 tectonic depression

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803 Fig. 10. Differential-stress data versus normalized output-rate plot (following
804 Takada, 1994). GVF can be classified as a low-output rate, tectonically
805 controlled volcanic field, which activity is mainly controlled by the active
806 tectonics in the NE Catalunya region (stress value from Fleeta et al., 2001).

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809 **Table captions**

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811 Table 1. Summary of the lithofacies characteristics of the recognized eruptive
812 units.

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814 Table 2. Summary of the lithofacies characteristics of the reworked deposits.

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816 Table 3. Morphometric parameters of the volcanic centres. For the Santa
817 Margarida volcano, only the morphometric parameters of the associated scoria
818 rampart have been extrapolated.

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Dear Prof. Smith,

This letter accompanies the revision of the manuscript “Space-time evolution of monogenetic volcanism in the mafic Garrotxa Volcanic Field (NE Iberian Peninsula)”.

We really would like to acknowledge the reviewers for the detailed job done on the first submitted manuscript. We welcomed many of the comments and also understand that some points raised in the reviews were caused by the unclear presentation of our data. We have hence modified the manuscript accordingly and we believe now those points are better explained.

As for the specific corrections of the text, suggestions of re-wording from the two reviewers have been accepted and modifications have been made throughout the manuscript accordingly. Also minor changes to the figures and formatting of the tables requested by the reviewers in the annotated manuscript have been made.

Below follows a detailed list of the changes done in response to the major reviewers comment.

L33 - 40

The abstract has been rephrased according to the corrections made in the text and suggestions of the reviewers.

L94 -99

Text has been added describing the existence of geochronological datings in the literature (Guérin et al., 1985) and evidencing that dating has been performed on eruptive products (mainly lavas) without taking into account the relative stratigraphy of the eruptive products. Initially we used the word “scant” referred to the geochronological datings arising the criticism of reviewer #1. We agree that the word wasn't used properly, therefore we added this extra text in the introduction.

L132 -135

Responding to point 1) of reviewer #2, here in the text referring to the opening phase of the Mediterranean Sea we added geographic references to present Mediterranean coastline in order to be easily recognized in Fig. 1a, which has been modified accordingly.

L158 – 163

Responding to point 2) of reviewer #2, here we added the description of the Eocene rocks constituting the pre-volcanic basement that was somehow gone missing in the early submitted version of the manuscript.

L179-255 and Fig 2.

As suggested by the reviewer #2 in his point 4), here the “Stratigraphy” section was badly structured. Therefore we opted for adding a methodological section on the use of the UBSU criteria and adding to the “Stratigraphy” section a sub section on the “Facies analysis and eruptive style of volcanic centres”.

Responding to the comments of reviewer 1#, in this sub section we made specific reference to the evolution of volcanic activity and eruptive style within older and younger eruptive units, highlighting that peak of explosive activity were reached only during the younger eruptive units.

Regarding Fig. 2, this figure was meant to illustrate a generic stratigraphy and elucidate the use of unconformity surfaces with different hierarchy to determine a relative chronology of the eruptive events, phase of syn- and inter- eruptive sedimentation and hence hiatuses in the volcanic activity. Correct references to the figure are now present in the text and a implemented caption now better explains the demonstrative value of this figure and the abbreviation (symbols) used therein. In particular we think that this figure has been interpreted by reviewer 1# to be a geological section thus creating confusion on the relation with the figure displaying the correlation between stratigraphic logs.

Regarding the comment of reviewer 1# on the correlation between stratigraphic sections, has been specified that the logs reported in Fig. 3 are the most representative among all the ones measured and reported in the geological map. In particular it is important to note that stratigraphic sections are generally meant to complement information that are not immediately derivable from the map therefore the exact correspondence of map and logs is desirable but not always necessary. In particular the incongruences raised by reviewer #1 are determined by the small thickness of some deposits (generally below 1 meter thick) that crop out in the field and that cannot properly be represented in the map (at 1:10.000 scale as in our case) but have to be represented in the logs to account for the stratigraphic relationships between sedimentary bodies. This is a well-established convention in the production of geologic maps. Nevertheless we acknowledge reviewer 1# to have rightly pointed out this issue and other incongruences in the map and the stratigraphic logs, that have now been corrected.

Namely:

- the Upper Bosquet epiclastic unit on log 1 has been added
- the position of S2 unconformity in log 5 and 7 has been changed
- the Puig Martinyá and Puig Subiá (Santa Pau Syntem) eruptive centres have been added in the map and the stratigraphic summary of Fig. 4. Here lava flows have been associated to their respective eruptive centres.
- the Pre-volcanic sedimentary basement has been added in the stratigraphic summary of Fig. 4
- the position of the Fageda d'en Jordà lava in the stratigraphic summary of Fig. 4 (wrongly positioned in the early version) has been changed
- Position of main scoria cones named in the map of Fig. 4 are now reported in the other figures to facilitate orientation of the reader.

L257- 388 and Fig.7

As suggested by reviewer #2 in point 4), this section has been re-organized by including a methodological paragraph. In this section a new reference (Bonali et al., 2011) to the methodology has been added to the text. The text has been rearranged accordingly with specific reference to the modifications of Fig.7 suggested by reviewer #2. In particular in this figure we added a Fry plot to

support the analysis of the preferential orientation of volcanic vents. The plot has been introduced and explained in the text and in the figure caption.

L390 - 424 and Fig.8

Responding to the comments of reviewer 1#, here has been specified in the text that the isopachs maps reported in Fig. 8 represents the thickness of the volcanic deposits comprised between the pre-volcanic substrate and the topography with the exclusion of major scoria cones thickness. The elevation corresponding to major scoria cones has been removed from the isopachs map in order to better evidence the geometry of the sedimentary basin and its depocentres. In Fig. 8 the position of major scoria cones named in fig. 4 are now reported as reference. We removed from Fig. 8 the wrong structural scheme and the inferred fault according to the comment raised by reviewer 2# in points 5 and 7.

L426 - 563

Also in the "Discussion" section we separated the information regarding the time evolution, the space evolution (as announced in the manuscript title) and the eruptive style and output rate of volcanism to discuss more clearly data and their interpretation.

L436

In response to the comment of reviewer 1# in the text, we specified here that the limited thickness of the paleosols were more likely determined by paleoclimatic conditions unfavorable to the formation of mature soils more than to erosion.

L451

The dating method has been specified as requested by reviewer 1# in the text.

L454 - 458

As suggested by reviewer 1# we also calculated the time gap between the Valls dels Arcs and Santa Pau synthems.

L467 - 488

We discussed more clearly the distribution of the cones and their morphological feature in light of the analysis of lineaments in the pre-volcanic basement and the stress tensor data as suggested by reviewer 2#, and removed the interpretation of the pull-apart basin. We also discussed more deeply the occurrence of cones along pre-existing lineaments adding the reference of a recent review paper on monogenetic cones alignment (Le Corvec et al., 2013). We also highlighted the occurrence of contemporaneous explosive activity (the youngest in the area) along a fracture oriented according to the present stress tensor (L 484 - 488) following the suggestions of both reviewers.

Sincerely

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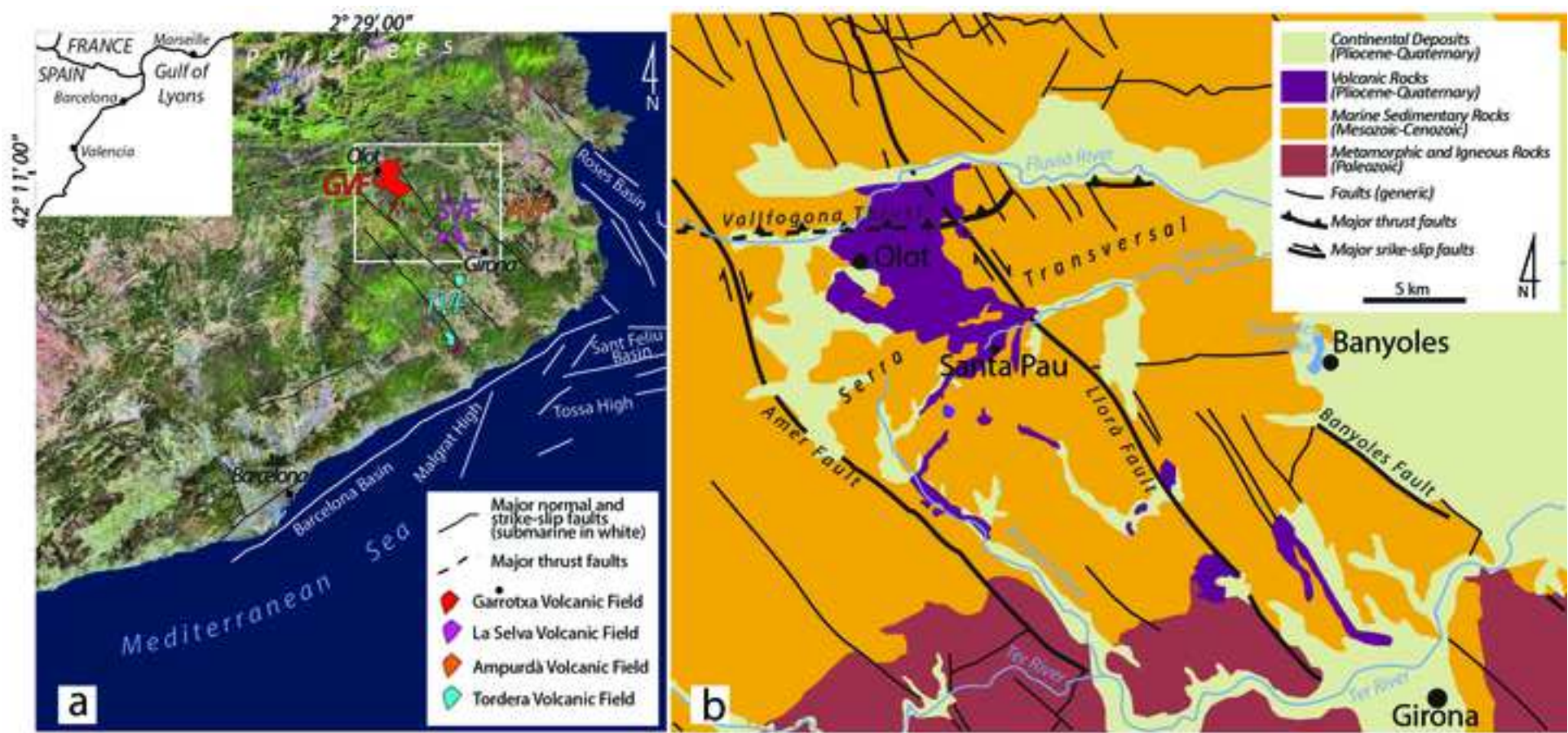


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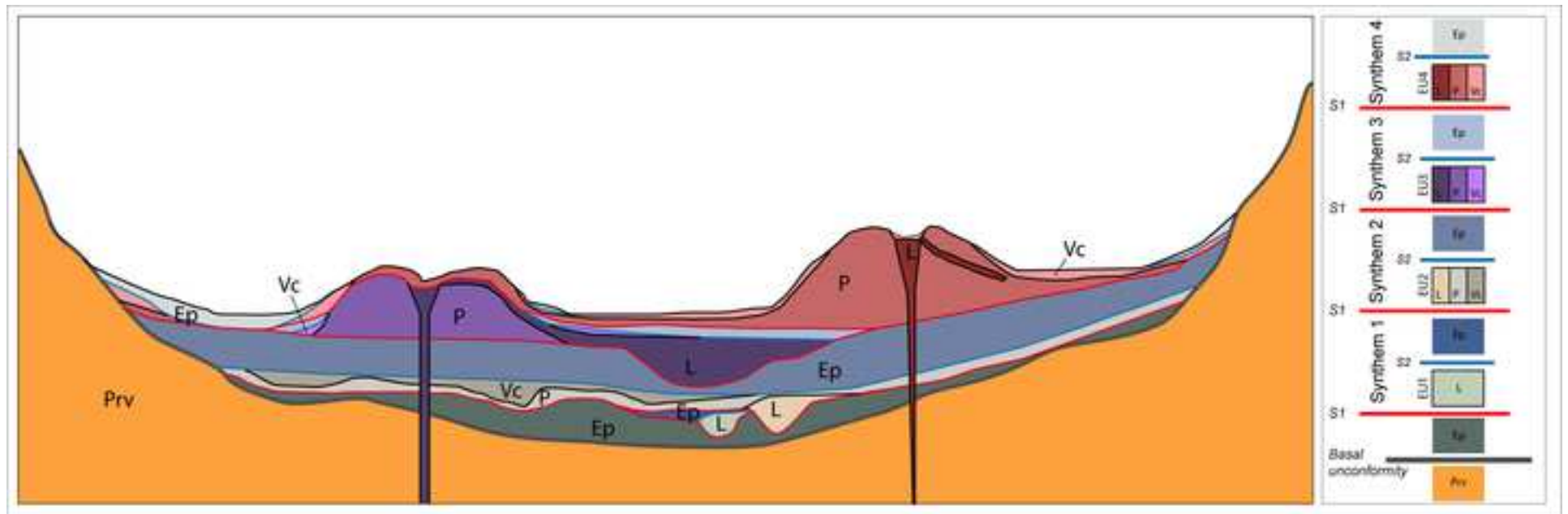


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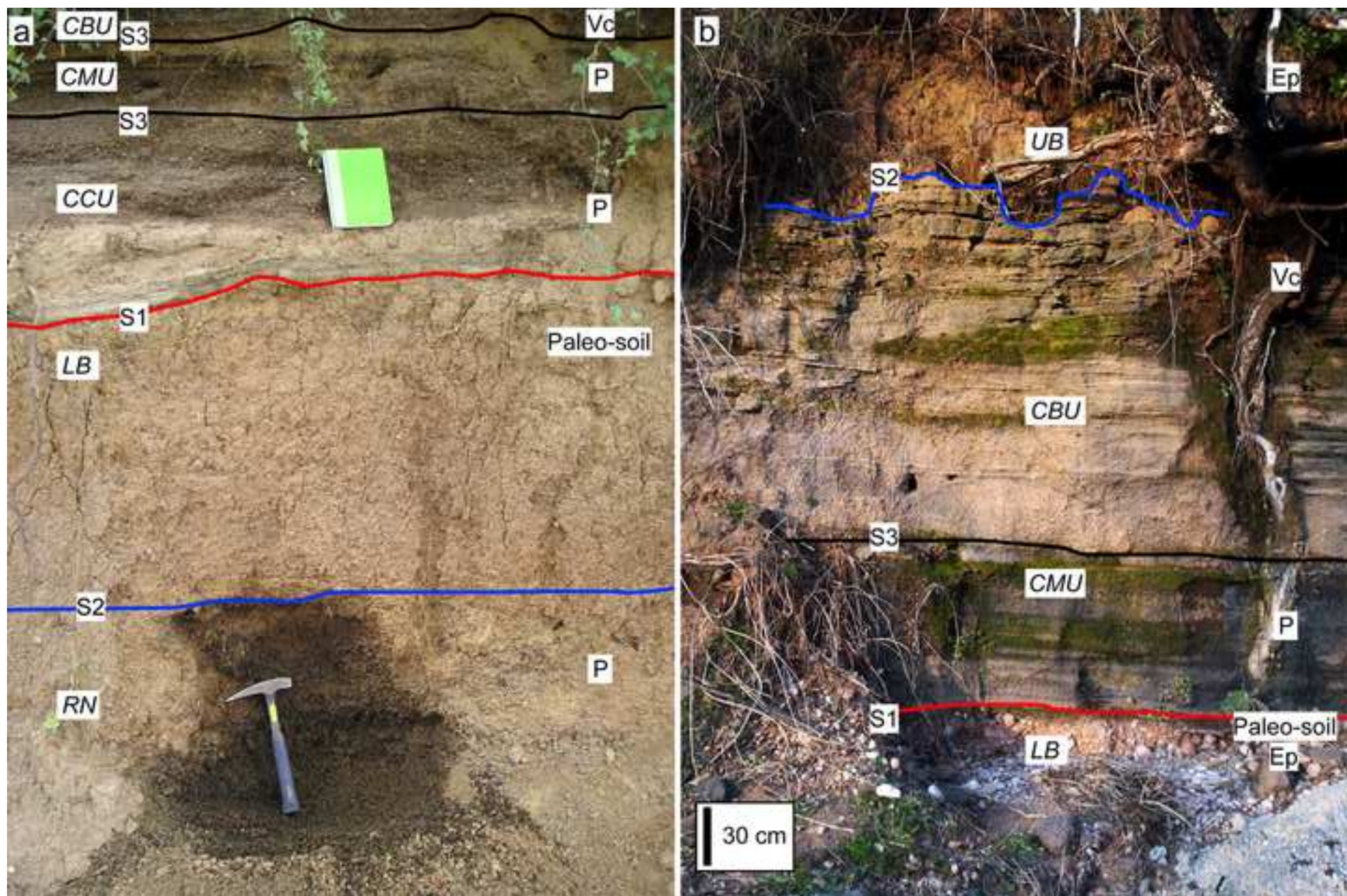


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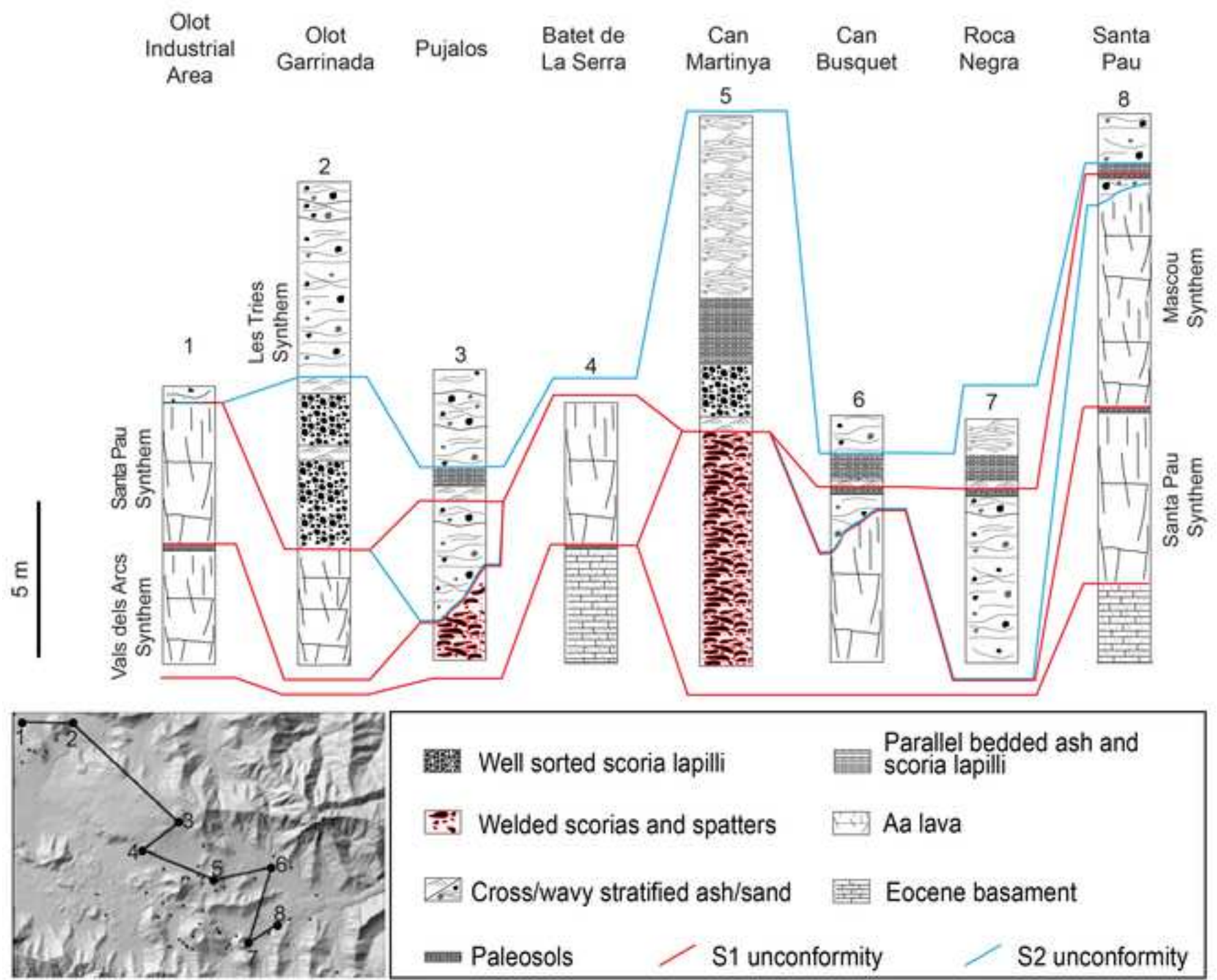
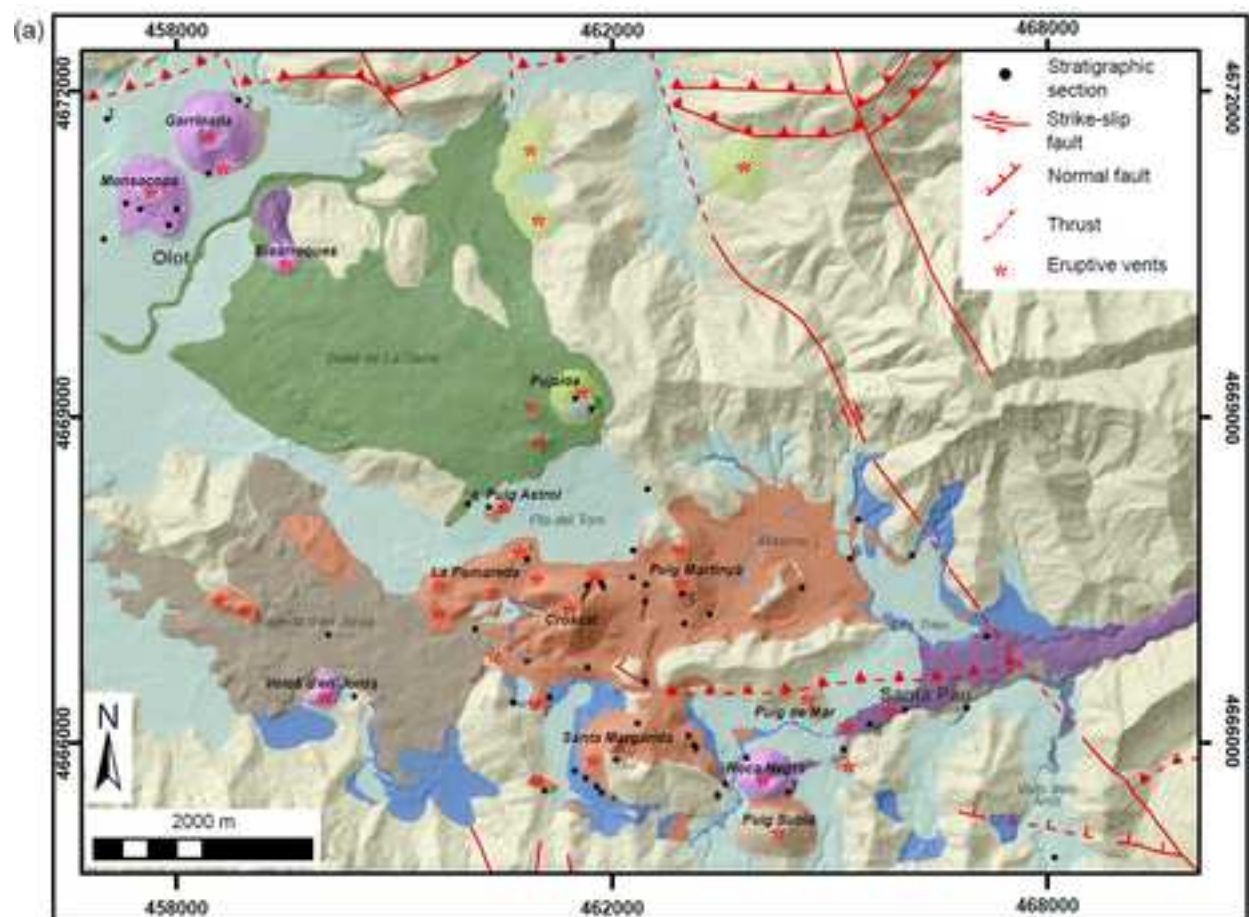


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(b)

Synthems	Eruptive units	Epiclastic units	Eruptive centres	Lavas	Age	
Les Tries	Crosat	Upper Bosquet	Crosat Pomareda Puig Astrol Santa Margarida	Can Xel F d'en Jordà	11.5±1.1 ka	
		Lower Bosquet				13.16/15.71 ky BP (*)
Mascou	Roca Negra		Roca Negra Volcà d'en Jordà Garrinada Monsacopa Bisarroques	Upp. Santa Pau	28.1±2.6 ka	
					Bisarroques	
Santa Pau	Puig de Mar		Puig de Mar Puig Martinyà Puig Subià	Lower Santa Pau	110±30 ka	
					Les Tries	121±9.1 ka
					Garrinada	132±12 ka
Valls dels Arcs	Batet de La Serra	Valls dels Arcs	Pujalós			
					Batet de La Serra	247±17 ka
		Pre-volcanic Basement			Paleocene - Eocene	

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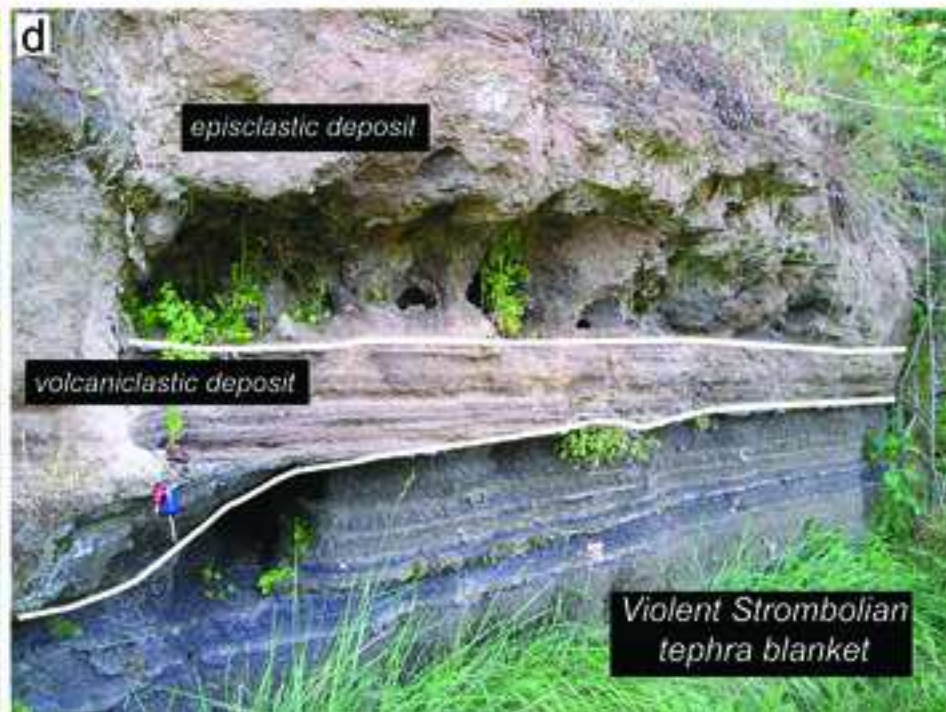


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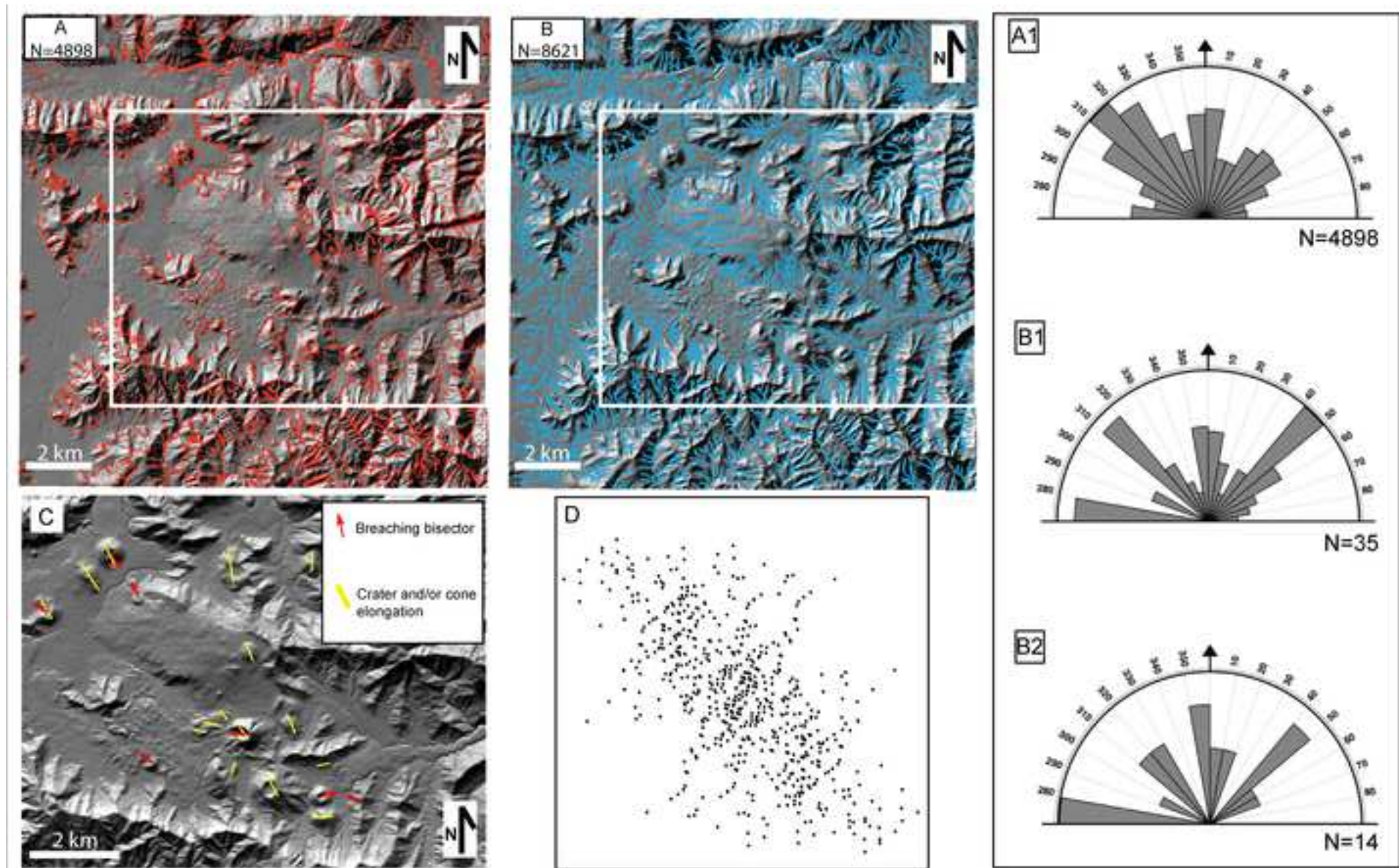


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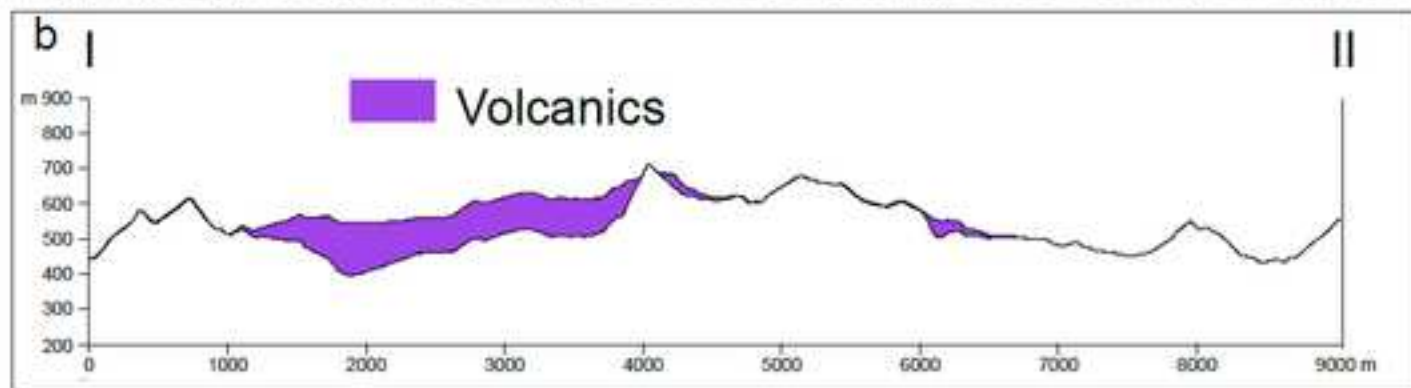
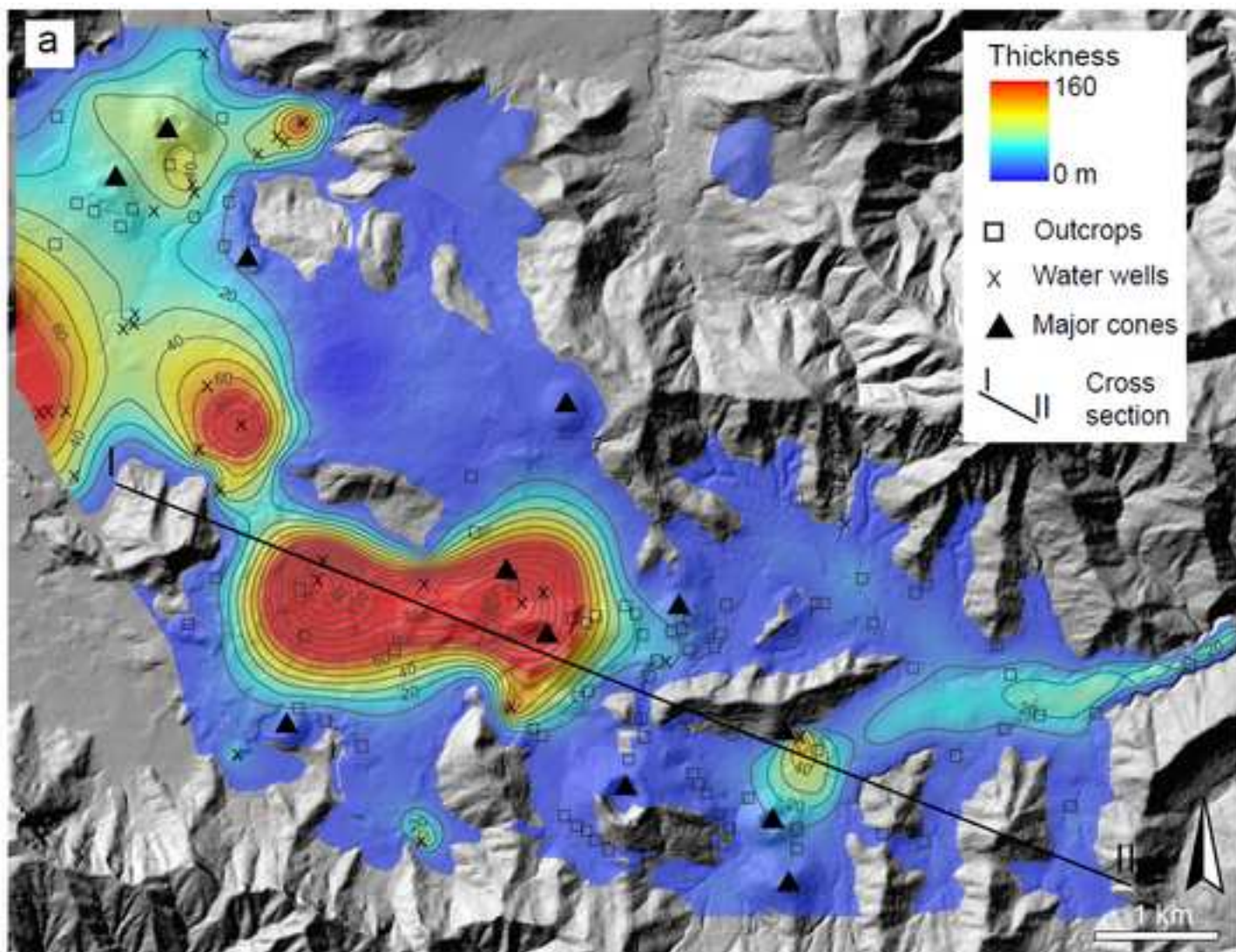


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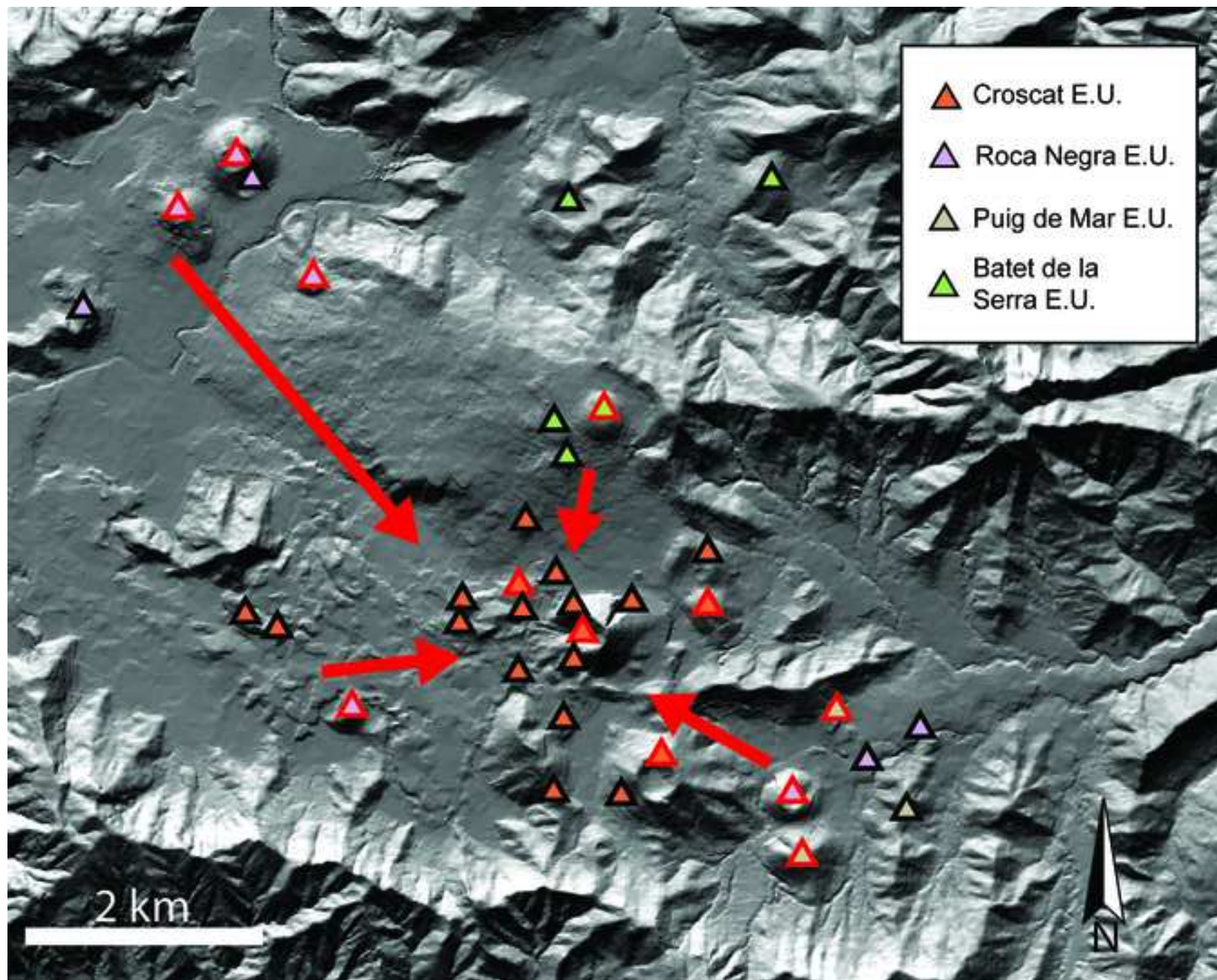


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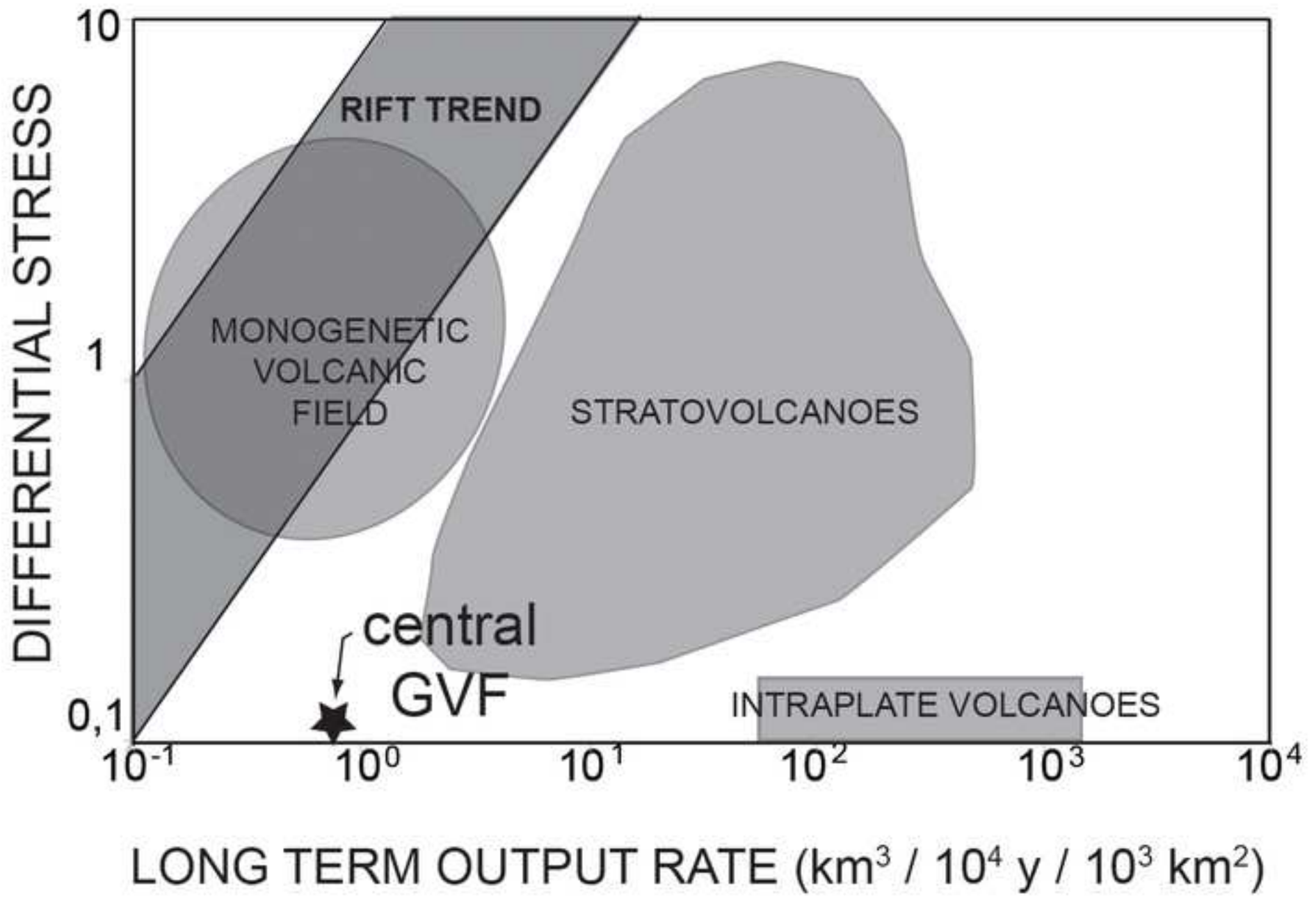


Table1

Units	Description	Eruptive vents or source	Interpretation
Clot Sagalla Unit	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Absent <i>Texture and Grading:</i> Massive, chaotic, matrix supported <i>Clast size:</i> sandy matrix (40%); pebble clasts (60%) <i>Clast type:</i> altered volcanic ashy-matrix; lava lithics and red spatter – type scoria. <i>Clast Shape:</i> Sub – angular and platy shaped. <i>Welding:</i> Absent <i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Absent</p>		Deposits of the Croscat CSC western flank
Can Xel Lava	<p><i>Structure:</i> Massive to brecciated <i>Texture:</i> low porphyritic <i>Phenocrysts:</i> ol, cpx and plg</p>	Croscat CSC	Effusive activity
Can Barrca Unit	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Planar or low angle cross-bedded, 100 mm-thick beds (proximal phreatomagmatic); cross and planar-bedded, 10 to 50 mm-thick beds (medial and distal CMU reworked) <i>Texture and Grading:</i> Each bed is normal graded in proximal phreatomagmatic deposits) to reverse graded (medial and distal reworked CMU deposits) <i>Clast size:</i> Fine to coarse ash (both in proximal and in distal deposits) <i>Clast type:</i> Moderate to high vesicular scoriae <i>Clast Shape:</i> Blocky to high-stretched clasts <i>Welding:</i> Absent <i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Lava lithics</p>	Croscat CSC	Deposits of pulsatory phreatomagmatic explosions and syn- CMU reworked material
Can Martinyà Unit	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Planar, locally lenticular (proximal); planar (distal) <i>Texture and Grading:</i> Reverse to normal graded (both in proximal and in distal deposits) <i>Clast size:</i> Lapilli, with bomb lenses (proximal); Lapilli to coarse ash (distal) <i>Clast type:</i> Moderate to high vesicular scoriae: dense bomb are also present <i>Clast Shape:</i> Irregular to high-stretched clasts <i>Welding:</i> Absent <i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> High-silica glass-bearing xenoliths (Buchites)</p>	Croscat CSC	Fall-out deposits from violent Strombolian explosions
Upper Quesito Unit	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Mainly lenticular. Stratified, 20 mm-thick beds <i>Texture and Grading:</i> Multiple reverse grading <i>Clast size:</i> Lapilli, Bomb to lapilli <i>Clast type:</i> Moderate vesicular scoriae <i>Clast Shape:</i> Aerodynamic shape of bomb clasts, irregular shape of lapilli clasts <i>Welding:</i> Local moderate welding <i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Rare eocene calcarenitic xenoliths</p>	Croscat CSC	Fall-out deposits from Strombolian explosions

Lower Quesito Unit	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Mainly lenticular. Crudely stratified</p> <p><i>Texture and Grading:</i> Massive to reverse grading</p> <p><i>Clast size:</i> Bomb, with minor lapilli</p> <p><i>Clast type:</i> Moderate vesicular scoriae and low vesicular spatter-type clasts</p> <p><i>Clast Shape:</i> Aereodynamic and fluidal shape, wrapping around underlying clasts</p> <p><i>Welding:</i> Partially welded over much of deposit extent</p> <p><i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Rare sanidine xenocrysts</p>	Croscat CSC; Pomareda SpC; Santa Margarida SpC; Puig Astrol SpC; Undistinguished SpCs	Fall-out deposits from Hawaiian-fountaining explosions
Can Caselles Unit	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Planar, Cross-bedded, 10 to 100 mm-thick beds (proximal); cross-bedded to planar-bedded, 1 to 10 mm-thick beds (distal)</p> <p><i>Texture and Grading:</i> Each bed is normal graded (both in proximal and in distal deposits)</p> <p><i>Clast size:</i> Lapilli, Fine to coarse ash (proximal); Fine ash (distal)</p> <p><i>Clast type:</i> Moderate to high vesicular scoriae</p> <p><i>Clast Shape:</i> Blocky to high-stretched clasts</p> <p><i>Welding:</i> Absent</p> <p><i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Aboundant sandstones, marls and clacarenitics; lava lithics are also present</p>	Santa Margarida SpC	Dilute pyroclastic density current deposits from intermittent phreatomagmatic explosions
Upper Santa Pau Lava	<p><i>Structure:</i> massive to columnar jointed, sometimes pseudo-hyaloclastc. The base is brecciated</p> <p><i>Texture:</i> low porphiritic</p> <p><i>Phenocrysts:</i> ol, cpx and plg</p> <p><i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> gabbroid, pyroxenitic and amphibolitic</p>	Roca Negra SC	Effusive activity
Roca Negra Unit	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Mainly lenticular; stratified, 200-500 mm-thick beds</p> <p><i>Texture and Grading:</i> Multiple reverse grading</p> <p><i>Clast size:</i> Lapilli, Bomb to lapilli</p> <p><i>Clast type:</i> Moderate to dense vesicular scoriae</p> <p><i>Clast Shape:</i> Aerodynamic shape of bomb clasts, irregular shape of lapilli clasts</p> <p><i>Welding:</i> Absent</p> <p><i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> gabbroid, pyroxenitic and amphibolitic</p>	Roca Negra SC	Fall-out deposits from Strombolian explosions
Volcà d'en Jordà	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Mainly lenticular; stratified, 200-300 mm-thick beds</p> <p><i>Texture and Grading:</i> Multiple reverse grading</p> <p><i>Clast size:</i> Lapilli, Bomb to lapilli</p> <p><i>Clast type:</i> Moderate vesicular scoriae</p> <p><i>Clast Shape:</i> Aerodynamic shape of bomb clasts, irregular shape of lapilli clasts</p> <p><i>Welding:</i> Local moderate welding</p> <p><i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Absent</p>	Volcà d'en Jordà SC	Fall-out deposits from Strombolian explosions

La Cambrafosca	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Mainly lenticular; stratified, 100-200 mm-thick beds</p> <p><i>Texture and Grading:</i> Multiple reverse grading</p> <p><i>Clast size:</i> Lapilli, Bomb to lapilli</p> <p><i>Clast type:</i> Moderate vesicular scoriae</p> <p><i>Clast Shape:</i> Aerodynamic shape of bomb clasts, irregular shape of lapilli clasts</p> <p><i>Welding:</i> Local moderate welding</p> <p><i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Eocene sedimentary blocks</p>	La Cambrafosca eruptive vents	Fall-out deposits from Strombolian explosions
Upper Garrinada	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Mainly lenticular; massive to broadly stratified, 100-200 mm-thick beds</p> <p><i>Texture and Grading:</i> Massive, mainly chaotic</p> <p><i>Clast size:</i> ashy matrix (60% - 20%); lapilli clasts</p> <p><i>Clast type:</i> Low vesicular scoriae</p> <p><i>Clast Shape:</i> angular clasts</p> <p><i>Welding:</i> no welding, cohesive</p> <p><i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> crystal-rich ash matrix; very abundant cm-sized black lava, grey altered lava and calcarenitic clasts</p>	La Garrinada CSC	Pyroclastic density current and fall-out deposit from phreatomagmatic/phreatic explosions
Lower Garrinada	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Mainly lenticular; stratified, 300-500 mm-thick beds (LGU1); planar to cross-bedded, 10-100 mm-thick beds (LGU2)</p> <p><i>Texture and Grading:</i> Multiple reverse grading (LGU1); alternate (LGU2)</p> <p><i>Clast size:</i> Bomb to lapilli (LGU1); lapilli and ash (LGU2)</p> <p><i>Clast type:</i> Moderate to vesicular scoriae (both LGU1 and LGU2)</p> <p><i>Clast Shape:</i> Irregular shape clasts (LGU1); irregular to blocky shaped particles, with frequent palagonization (LGU2)</p> <p><i>Welding:</i> Absent</p> <p><i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Lava lithics</p>	La Garrinada CSC	Fall-out deposits from Strombolian explosions (LGU1); fall-out and dilute pyroclastic density current from phreatomagmatic explosions
Upper Monsacopa	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Cross-bedded, 50 to 200 mm-thick beds (proximal); Cross-bedded to planar-bedded, 10 to 50 mm-thick beds (distal)</p> <p><i>Texture and Grading:</i> Each bed is normal graded (both in proximal and in distal deposits)</p> <p><i>Clast size:</i> Lapilli to coarse ash (proximal); fine to coarse ash (distal)</p> <p><i>Clast type:</i> Moderate to high vesicular scoriae</p> <p><i>Clast Shape:</i> Blocky to high-stretched clasts</p> <p><i>Welding:</i> Absent</p> <p><i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Lava lithics</p>	Monsacopa CSC	
Lower Monsacopa	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Mainly lenticular; stratified, 200-500 mm-thick beds</p> <p><i>Texture and Grading:</i> Multiple reverse grading</p> <p><i>Clast size:</i> Lapilli, Bomb to lapilli</p> <p><i>Clast type:</i> Moderate to dense vesicular scoriae</p> <p><i>Clast Shape:</i> Aerodynamic shape of bomb clasts, irregular shape of lapilli clasts</p> <p><i>Welding:</i> Absent</p>	Monsacopa CSC	Fall-out deposits from Strombolian explosions

	<i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> gabbroid, pyroxenitic and amphibolitic		
Bisarroques Lava	<i>Structure:</i> clastogenic <i>Texture:</i> low porphyritic <i>Phenocrysts:</i> ol, cpx and plg <i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Absent	Bisarroques SpC	agglutination and flow of hot juvenile fragments from Hawaiian fountaining
Bisarroques Unit	<i>Bedding:</i> Mainly lenticular. Crudely stratified <i>Texture and Grading:</i> Massive to reverse grading <i>Clast size:</i> Bomb, with minor lapilli <i>Clast type:</i> Moderate vesicular scoriae and low vesicular spatter-type clasts <i>Clast Shape:</i> Aereodynamic and fluidal shape, wrapping around underlying clasts <i>Welding:</i> Partially welded over much of deposit extent <i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Absent	Bisarroques SpC	Fall-out deposits from Hawaiian-fountaining explosions
Fageda d'en Jordà Phase	<i>Structure:</i> lava mounds, massive to jointed, with columnar and radial jointing <i>Texture:</i> low porphyritic <i>Phenocrysts:</i> ol, cpx and plg <i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Absent	Eruptive fissures in the Fageda d'en Jordà area	Large effusive activity
Lower Santa Pau Lava	<i>Structure:</i> massive to columnar jointed; the base is brecciated <i>Texture:</i> low porphyritic <i>Phenocrysts:</i> ol, cpx and plg <i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Absent	Eruptive fissures between Puig the Mar SpC and Volcà d'en Simò SpC	Effusive activity
Les Tries Lava	<i>Structure:</i> massive to columnar jointed; the base is brecciated <i>Texture:</i> low porphyritic <i>Phenocrysts:</i> ol, cpx and plg <i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Absent	Eruptive fissures near Puig de Martinyà area	Effusive activity
Garrinada Lava	<i>Structure:</i> massive to columnar jointed; the base is brecciated <i>Texture:</i> low porphyritic <i>Phenocrysts:</i> ol, cpx and plg <i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Absent	Eruptive fissure in the Monsacopa – Garrinada area	Effusive activity
Les Cases Noves Unit	<i>Bedding:</i> Mainly lenticular <i>Texture and Grading:</i> Massive, mainly chaotic <i>Clast size:</i> ashy matrix (90% - 60%); lapilli clasts <i>Clast type:</i> Moderate vesicular scoriae <i>Clast Shape:</i> angular to irregular clasts <i>Welding:</i> Absent, cohesive <i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> cm-sized black lava, grey altered lava, calcarenitic and marl clasts	Source in the Puig de Mar – Volcà d'en Simò area	Syn-eruptive reworked deposits

Puig de Mar Phase	<p><i>Bedding: Mainly lenticular.</i> Crudely stratified <i>Texture and Grading:</i> Massive to reverse grading <i>Clast size:</i> Bomb, with minor lapilli <i>Clast type:</i> Moderate vesicular scoriae and low vesicular spatter-type clasts <i>Clast Shape:</i> Aereodynamic and fluidal shape, wrapping around underlying clasts <i>Welding:</i> Partially welded over much of deposit extent <i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Rare sanidine xenocrysts</p>	Puig de Mar SpC; Puig de Martinyà SpC; Volcà d'en Simò SpC; Puig Subià SpC; Undistinguished SpCs	Fall-out deposits from Hawaiian-fountaining explosions
<p>Pujalos Phase</p> <p>Batet de La Serra Lava</p>	<p><i>Bedding: Mainly lenticular.</i> Crudely stratified <i>Texture and Grading:</i> Massive to reverse grading <i>Clast size:</i> Bomb, with minor lapilli <i>Clast type:</i> Moderate vesicular scoriae and low vesicular spatter-type clasts <i>Clast Shape:</i> Aereodynamic and fluidal shape, wrapping around underlying clasts <i>Welding:</i> Partially welded over much of deposit extent <i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Absent</p> <p><i>Structure:</i> massive to columnar jointed; the base is brecciated <i>Texture:</i> low porphyritic <i>Phenocrysts:</i> ol, cpx and plg <i>Lithics/xenoliths:</i> Absent</p>	<p>Pujalos SpC; Undistinguished SpCs</p> <p>Eruptive fissures in the Batet de La Serra high-plain, near Pujalos SpC</p>	<p>Fall-out deposits from Hawaiian-fountaining explosions</p> <p>Large effusive activity</p>

Table2

Type of reworked deposit	Facies description
Syn-eruptive	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Lenticular <i>Texture and Grading:</i> Massive, chaotic to reverse graded, clast-supported <i>Clast size:</i> ash to bombs and blocks <i>Clast type:</i> fresh to altered juvenile clasts (monomictic); lava lithics; crystals <i>Clast Shape:</i> Sub – angular.</p>
Early post-eruptive	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Lenticular to low angle cross-bedded (proximal to the source), planar to low-angle cross bedded (medial to distal from the source) <i>Texture and Grading:</i> Massive to reverse graded, clast- to matrix-supported <i>Clast size:</i> ash to lapilli <i>Clast type:</i> altered to fresh juvenile clasts (monomictic); lava lithics; crystals <i>Clast Shape:</i> Sub – angular.</p>
Late post-eruptive	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Lenticular to low angle cross-bedded (proximal to the source), planar to low-angle cross bedded (medial to distal from the source) <i>Texture and Grading:</i> Massive to reverse graded, clast- to matrix-supported <i>Clast size:</i> sand and pebbles <i>Clast type:</i> altered juvenile clasts (polimictic); lava lithics; Eocene sedimentary clasts (rare or concentrated in lenses) <i>Clast Shape:</i> Sub – angular to sub-rounded.</p>
Inter-eruptive	<p><i>Bedding:</i> Not bedded, lenticular to low angle cross-bedded <i>Texture and Grading:</i> Massive, chaotic or reverse to normal graded, clast- to matrix-supported <i>Clast size:</i> sand and pebbles (near the source), sand and silt (plain facies) <i>Clast type:</i> Eocene sedimentary clasts, altered juvenile clasts (polimictic); lava lithics <i>Clast Shape:</i> Sub-rounded to sub – angular.</p>

Table3

<i>Cone Name</i>	Croscat	Garrinada	Monsacopa	Puig Subià	Roca Negra	Puig Jordà	Pomareda
<i>Cone Volume (x 10⁶ m³) DRE</i>	10,22	12	7,11	8,44	4,89	0,89	10,67
<i>Tephra Blancket Volume (x 10⁶ m³) DRE</i>	13,66	none	0,8	none	none	none	none
<i>Related Lava Flow Volume (x 10⁶ m³)</i>	10	none	none	none	5,2	none	0
<i>Total Volume (x 10⁶ m³) DRE</i>	33,88	12	7,91	8,44	10,09	0,89	10,67
<i>Cone Basal Area (km²)</i>	0,74	0,53	0,35	0,3	0,2	0,6	0,55
<i>Tephra Dispersal Area (km²)</i>	8	0,53	0,41	none	none	none	none
<i>Related Lava Flow Area (km²)</i>	0,05	none	none	none	1,04	none	0
<i>Cone Hight (m)</i>	189,04	128,03	97,17	144,35	110,2	63,42	31,38
<i>Outer Slope Angle</i>	25	26	23	23	28	25	20
<i>Basament dip angle</i>	0	0	0	<10	<10	<10	0
<i>Max elong. Axis lenght (m)</i>		798	778	670			1255
<i>Max elong. Axis azimuth</i>		N154	N135	N088			N057
<i>Crater rim depressed point allignment</i>		N334	N315				
<i>Breaching direction</i>	N267				N055	N295	

<i>Cone Name</i>	Pujalos	Santa Margarida	Puig Astrol	Puig de Mar	Bisarroques	Sant Miquel Sacot	Puig Simò
<i>Cone Volume (x 10⁶ m³) DRE</i>	1,78	1,78	0,04	1,69	0,27	0,22	0,18
<i>Tephra Blancket Volume (x 10⁶ m³) DRE</i>	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
<i>Related Lava Flow Volume (x 10⁶ m³)</i>	13,34	none	none	5,85	0,24	none	none
<i>Total Volume (x 10⁶ m³) DRE</i>	15,12	1,78	0,04	7,54	0,51	0,22	0,18
<i>Cone Basal Area (km²)</i>	0,13	0,11	0,01	0,12	0,04	0,02	0,02
<i>Tephra Dispersal Area (km²)</i>	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
<i>Related Lava Flow Area (km²)</i>	6,67	none	none	1,17	0,12		none
<i>Cone Hight (m)</i>	59,51	80,78	30,93	77,41	49,33	48,55	39,77
<i>Outer Slope Angle</i>	18	24	20	25	19	20	15
<i>Basament dip angle</i>	<10	>10	10	<10	>10	>10	>10
<i>Max elong. Axis lenght (m)</i>	516			581			
<i>Max elong. Axis azimuth</i>	N167			73			
<i>Crater rim depressed point allignment</i>	N000						
<i>Breaching direction</i>					N347		N124