

# Neapolitan Volcanoes

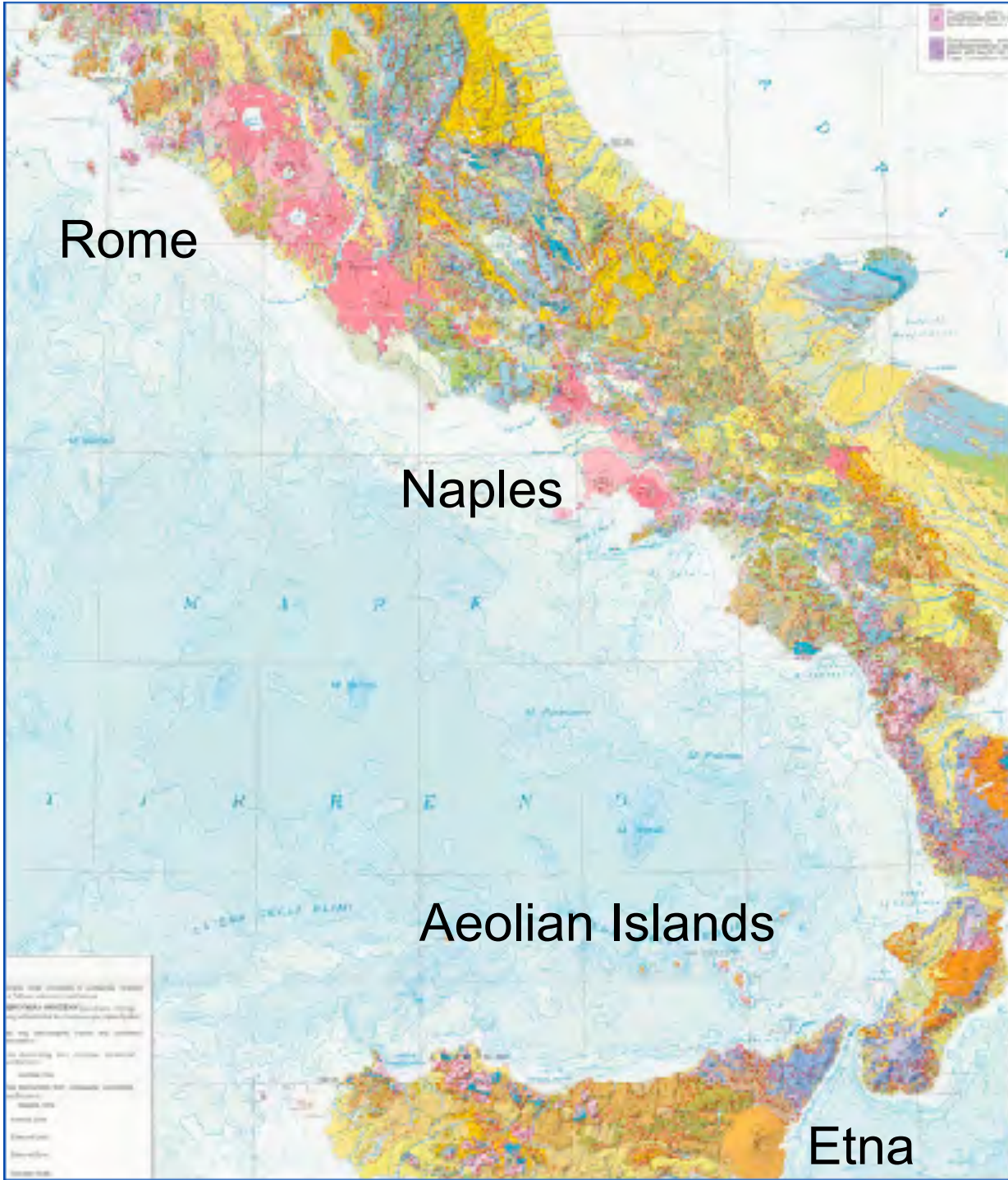


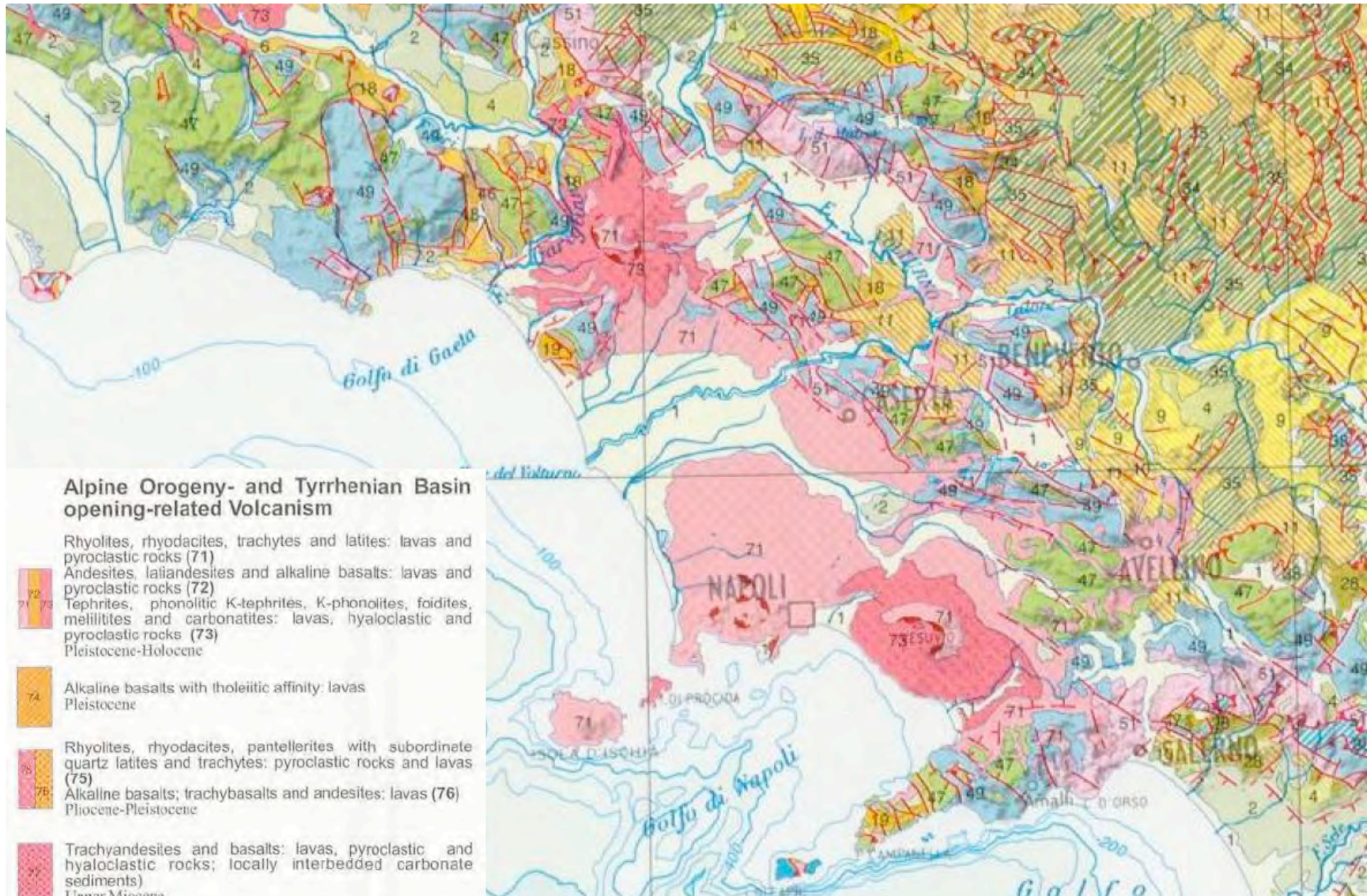
# GEOLOGICAL MAP OF ITALY

1:250 000 Scale



# Three Volcanic Regions





### Alpine Orogeny- and Tyrrhenian Basin opening-related Volcanism

Rhyolites, rhyodacites, trachytes and latites: lavas and pyroclastic rocks (71)

Andesites, laianandesites and alkaline basalts: lavas and pyroclastic rocks (72)

Tephrites, phonolitic K-tephrites, K-phonolites, foidites, melilitites and carbonatites: lavas, hyaloclastic and pyroclastic rocks (73)  
Pleistocene-Holocene

Alkaline basalts with tholeiitic affinity: lavas  
Pleistocene

Rhyolites, rhyodacites, pantellerites with subordinate quartz latites and trachytes: pyroclastic rocks and lavas (75)

Alkaline basalts; trachybasalts and andesites: lavas (76)  
Pliocene-Pleistocene

Trachyandesites and basalts: lavas, pyroclastic and hyaloclastic rocks; locally interbedded carbonate sediments)  
Upper Miocene

Rhyolites and calcalkaline rhyodacites: pyroclastic rocks (78)

Andesites and calcalkaline-to-shoshonitic basalts: lavas and pyroclastic rocks (79)  
Upper Oligocene-Middle Miocene





Somma/Vesuvius

Campi  
Flegri

Ischia

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Bay of Naples

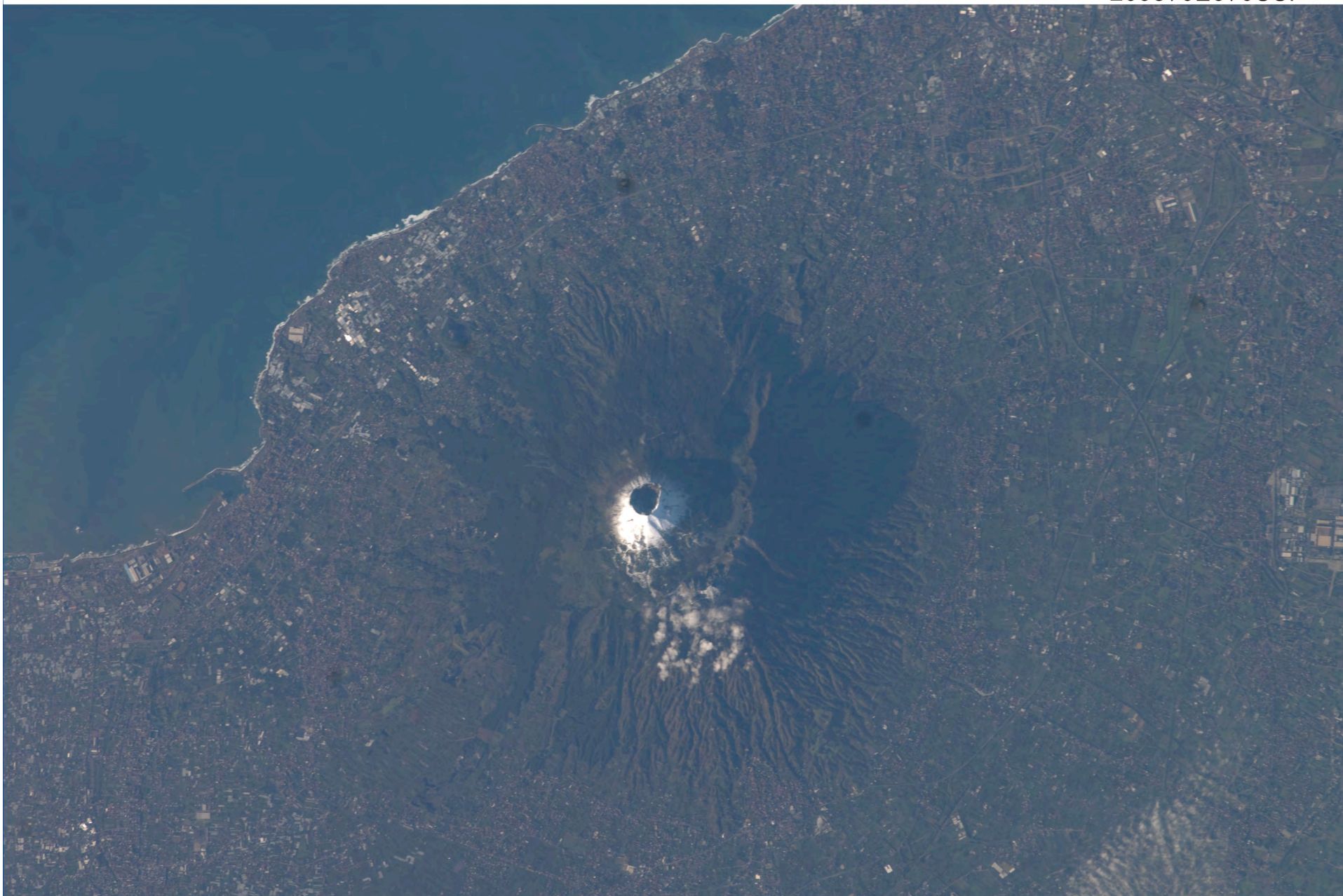
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Vesuvius



Monte Somma and Vesuvius from Naples





Monte Somma from Observatorio Vesuvio



Summit Crater Monte Somma



1943 Crater Vesuvius



1943 North Crater Wall, Vesuvius



Bay of Naples from Vesuvius rim, Herculeneum in middle distance



Herculeneum



Palestra, Herculeneum



Pyroclastic flow deposit, Herculeneum





Seaside arcades at Herculeneum nb central arcade



Pliny the Younger described the eruption cloud as a “pine tree”



What's wrong with this image?



Campi Flegri



Lago Avenno, Campi Flegri



Solfaterra, Campi Flegri



Ischia, Bay of Naples



Ischia: lavas and dike, Bay of Naples





Somma and Vesuvius from Ischia, Bay of Naples

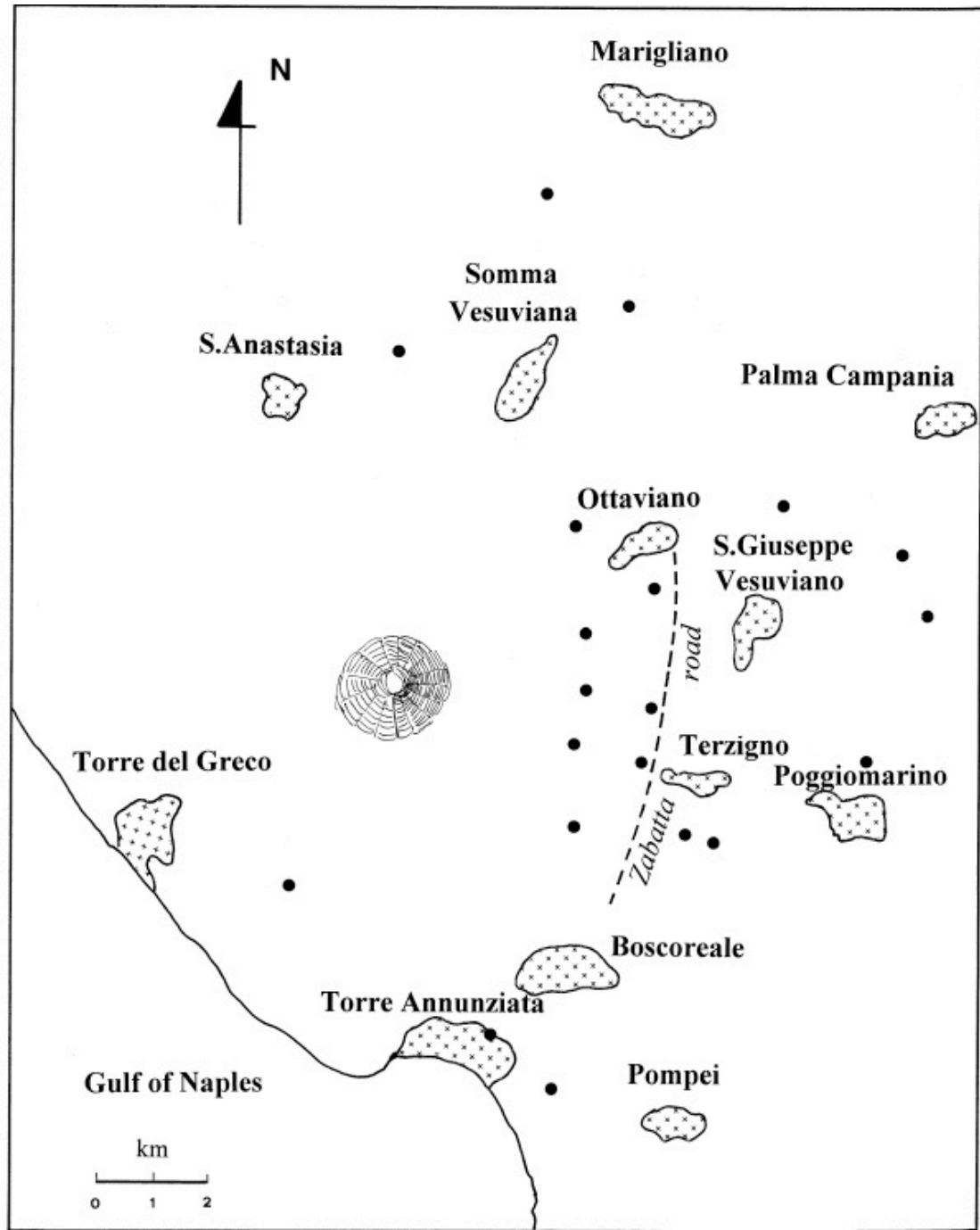


Fig. 1. Location map of investigated sites (●).

# Somma-Vesuvius

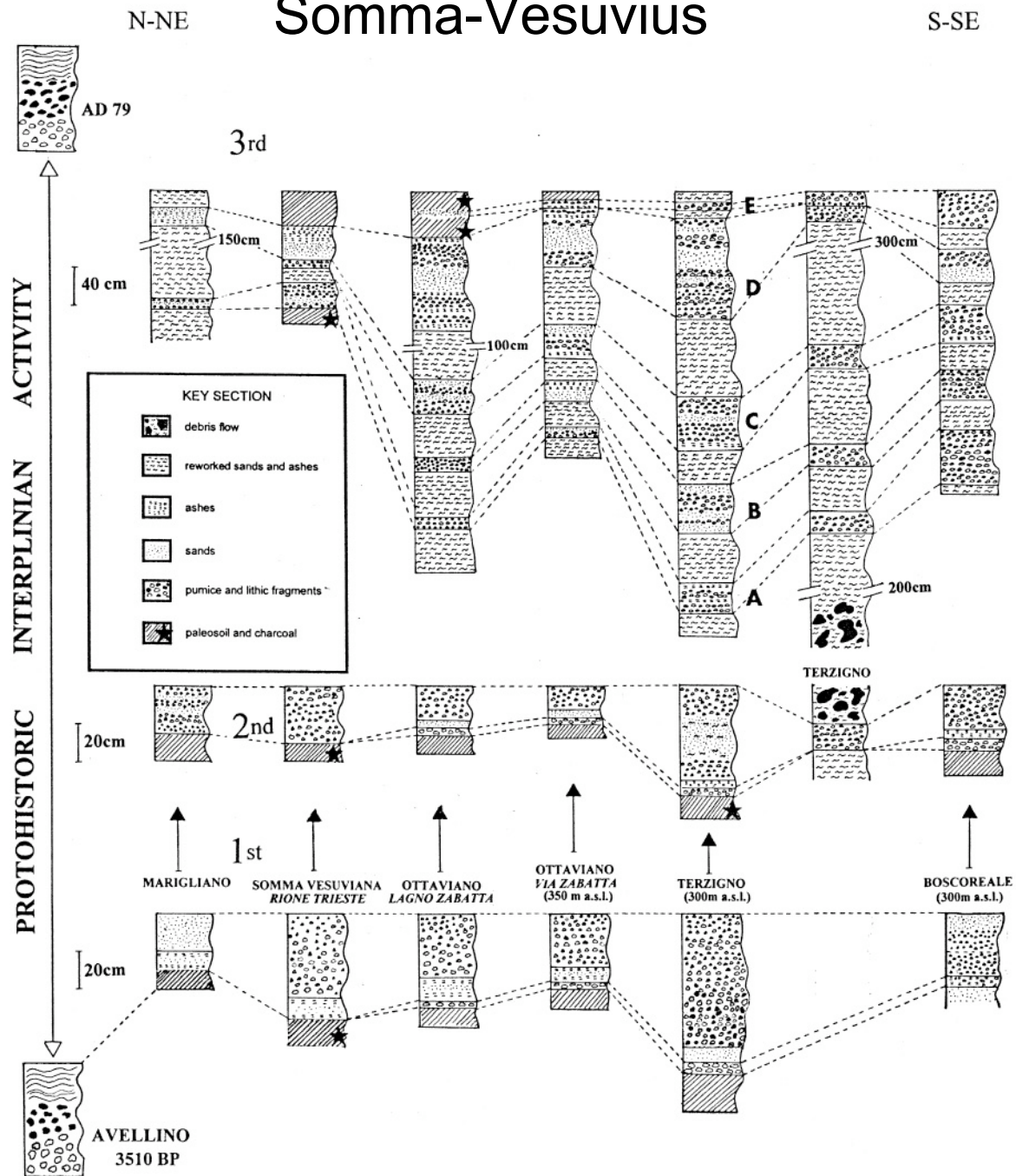


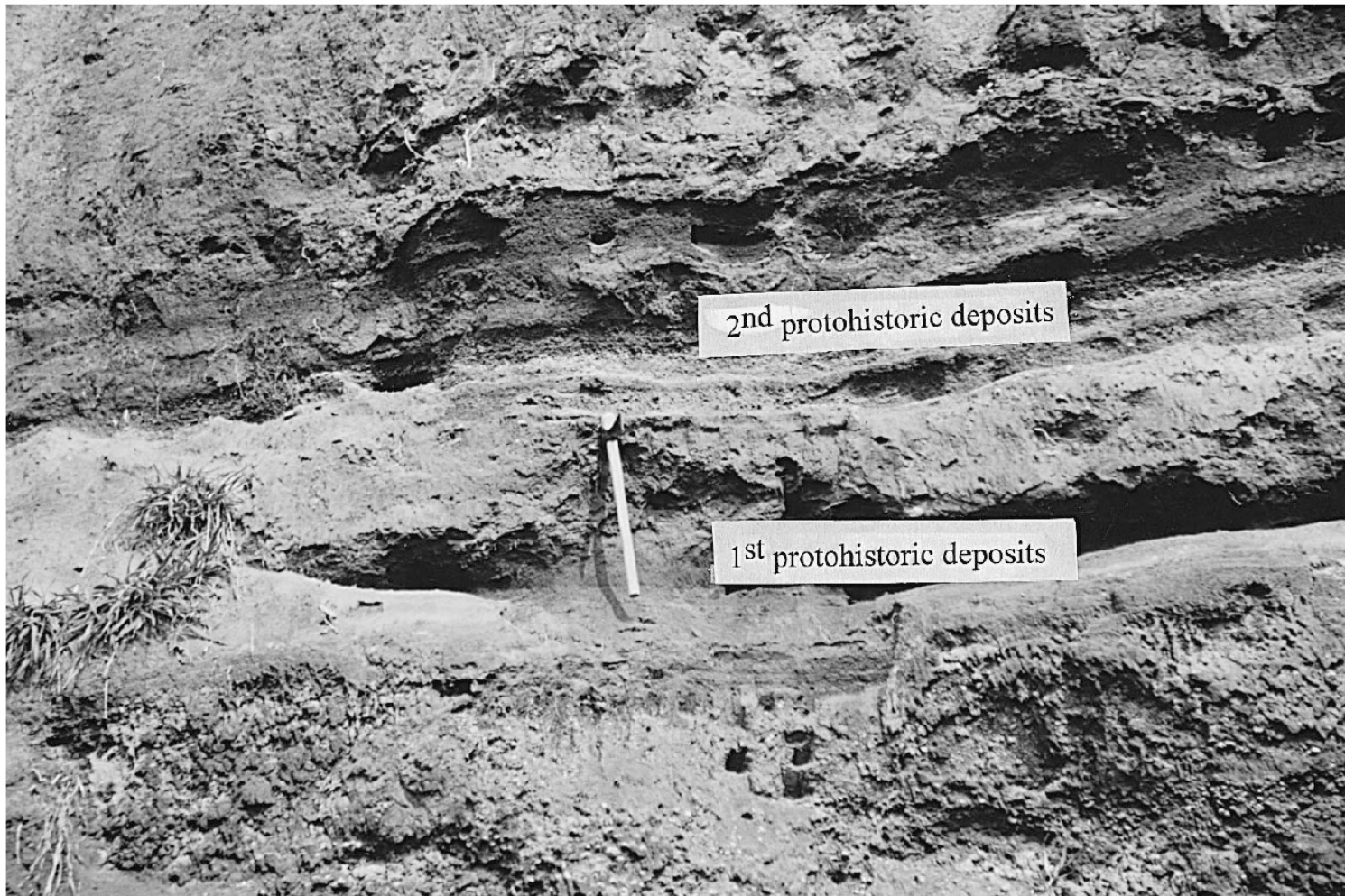
Fig. 2. Stratigraphic correlations in the proximal area among the investigated sections for protohistoric eruptions.

# Somma-Vesuvius

Table 1  
Summarized features of layers forming the type sections of protohistoric tephra deposits

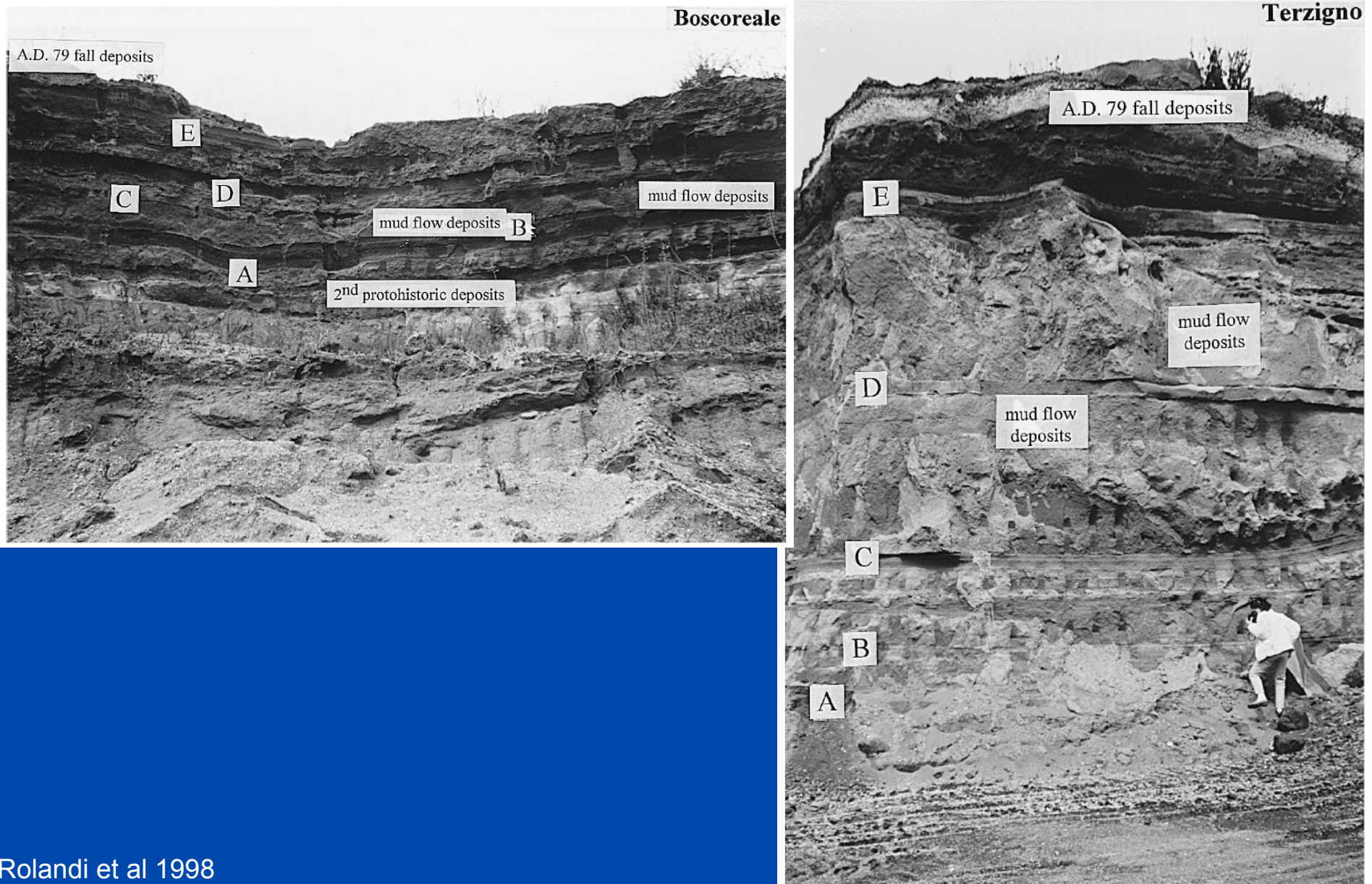
Unit	Maximum thickness (cm)	Locality	Sub-unit (from base to top)	Color	Grain size	Components	Grading	$Md_{\phi}$			$\sigma_{\phi}$				
								base	middle	top	base	middle	top		
<i>First protohistoric eruption</i>															
a	11	Terzigno (300 m a.s.l.)	—	white	lapilli	pumice (vesiculated)	reverse to normal		-2.2				2.03		
b	10	Terzigno (300 m a.s.l.)	—	grey	ash	compacted pisolitic ash	ungraded			2.21			2.22		
c	60	Terzigno (300 m a.s.l.)	c <sub>1</sub> (42 cm)	dark	lapilli	dark unvesiculated pumice	normal		-0.39		0.78	1.347	1.731		
			c <sub>2</sub> (18 cm)	dark	lapilli	in black sandy matrix	normal		0.278		0.50	1.371	1.817		
<i>Second protohistoric eruption</i>															
a	6	Terzigno (300 m a.s.l.)	—	white	lapilli	pumice (vesiculated)	ungraded		-2.182				2.082		
b	4	Terzigno (300 m a.s.l.)	—	grey	ash	compacted ash	ungraded			1.952			1.861		
c	45	Terzigno (300 m a.s.l.)	—	dark grey	lapilli	dark pumice in black sandy matrix	normal to reverse	-1.15	-0.037	-1.556	1.578	1.8	1.534		
d	41	Terzigno (300 m a.s.l.)	—	dark grey	lapilli	compacted sand	ungraded			1.091			2.224		
<i>Third protohistoric eruption</i>															
A	32	Boscoreale (300 m a.s.l.)	A <sub>1</sub> (6 cm)	black	lapilli	pumice in sandy matrix	normal			0.511			1.095		
			A <sub>2</sub> (3 cm)	black	lapilli	sand	ungraded			—			—		
			A <sub>3</sub> (23 cm)	black	lapilli	pumice in sandy matrix	normal to reverse			0.109				1.635	
B	47	Terzigno (300 m a.s.l.)	B <sub>1</sub> (46 cm)	black	lapilli	medium to coarse sand	reverse to normal	0.28	-1.042		1.407	1.946	1.697		
C	70	Ottaviano Lagno Zabatta (300 m a.s.l.)	B <sub>2</sub> (1 cm)	white	lapilli	pumice	ungraded			-0.313				2.576	
			C <sub>1</sub> (15 cm)	black	ash	compacted ash	ungraded				3.25			1.759	
			C <sub>2</sub> (29 cm)	black	lapilli	pumice in sandy matrix	reverse to normal				-0.4			1.527	
			C <sub>3</sub> (2 cm)	black	lapilli	compacted sand	ungraded					1.9			2.019
			C <sub>4</sub> (12 cm)	black-red	lapilli	sand	reverse graded			-1.297			0.767	1.218	
D	113	Ottaviano Lagno Zabatta (300 m a.s.l.)	C <sub>5</sub> (12 cm)	black	lapilli	sand	laminated		2.267	0.107	4.07	2.168	1.626		
			D <sub>1</sub> (51 cm)	black	lapilli-ash	pumice-ash	laminated			-0.219				1.207	
			D <sub>2</sub> (3 cm)	black	lapilli	fine sand	ungraded				0.571			1.442	
			D <sub>3</sub> (23 cm)	black-red	lapilli	scoria-lithic fragments	reverse to normal		-0.615			-1.515	1.73		
			D <sub>4</sub> (3 cm)	ochre	lapilli	pumice	ungraded				0.65			2.654	
			D <sub>5</sub> (11 cm)	black-red	lapilli	sand	ungraded				0.57			1.44	
			D <sub>6</sub> (10 cm)	white	lapilli	vesiculated pumice	normal				-3.18			1.57	
			D <sub>7</sub> (10 cm)	leaden	lapilli	scoria-lithic fragments	ungraded				-0.857			1.37	
E	45	Ottaviano Lagno Zabatta (300 m a.s.l.)	D <sub>8</sub> (2 cm)	leaden	ash	compacted ash	ungraded						—		
			E <sub>1</sub> (7 cm)	black	ash	compacted ash	laminated						—		
			E <sub>2</sub> (9 cm)	black	lapilli	fine sand	ungraded						—		
			E <sub>3</sub> (29 cm)	black	lapilli	scoria-lithics	reverse graded			0.296			1.524		

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Products of the first and second protohistoric eruption products at Marigliano (northeast of the vent). Note in this site the absence of ash layers (a), spread towards the southeast.

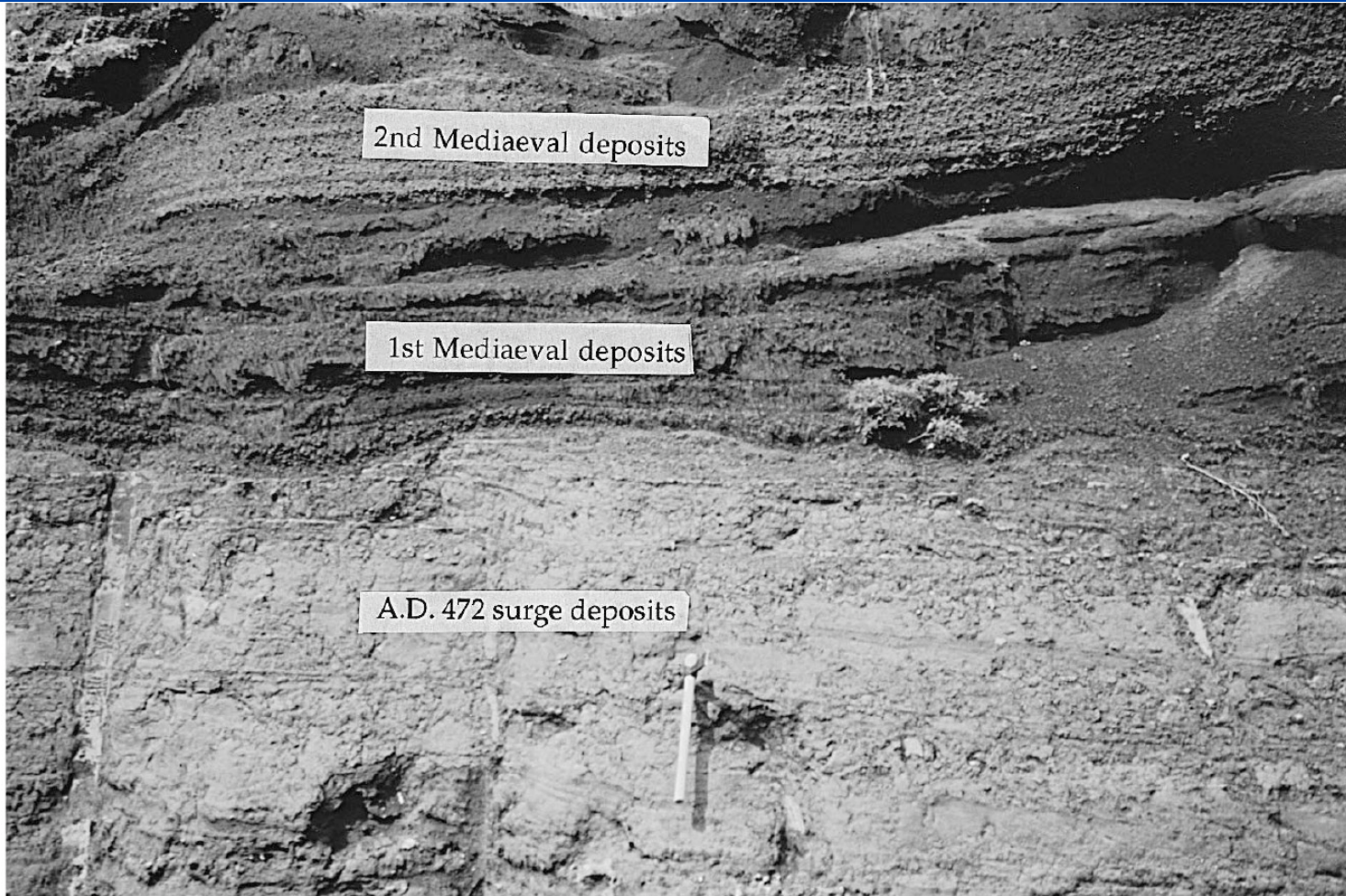
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Fig. 8. Products of the third protohistoric eruption at Boscoreale (300 m a.s.l.) and at Terzigno (50 m a.s.l.). Note that thicknesses of mud-flow deposits increase in the plain.

# Somma-Vesuvius



6. Products of first and second medieval eruptions at Terzigno (300 m a.s.l.). Note the U-shaped erosional surface of A.D. 472 surge

# Somma-Vesuvius

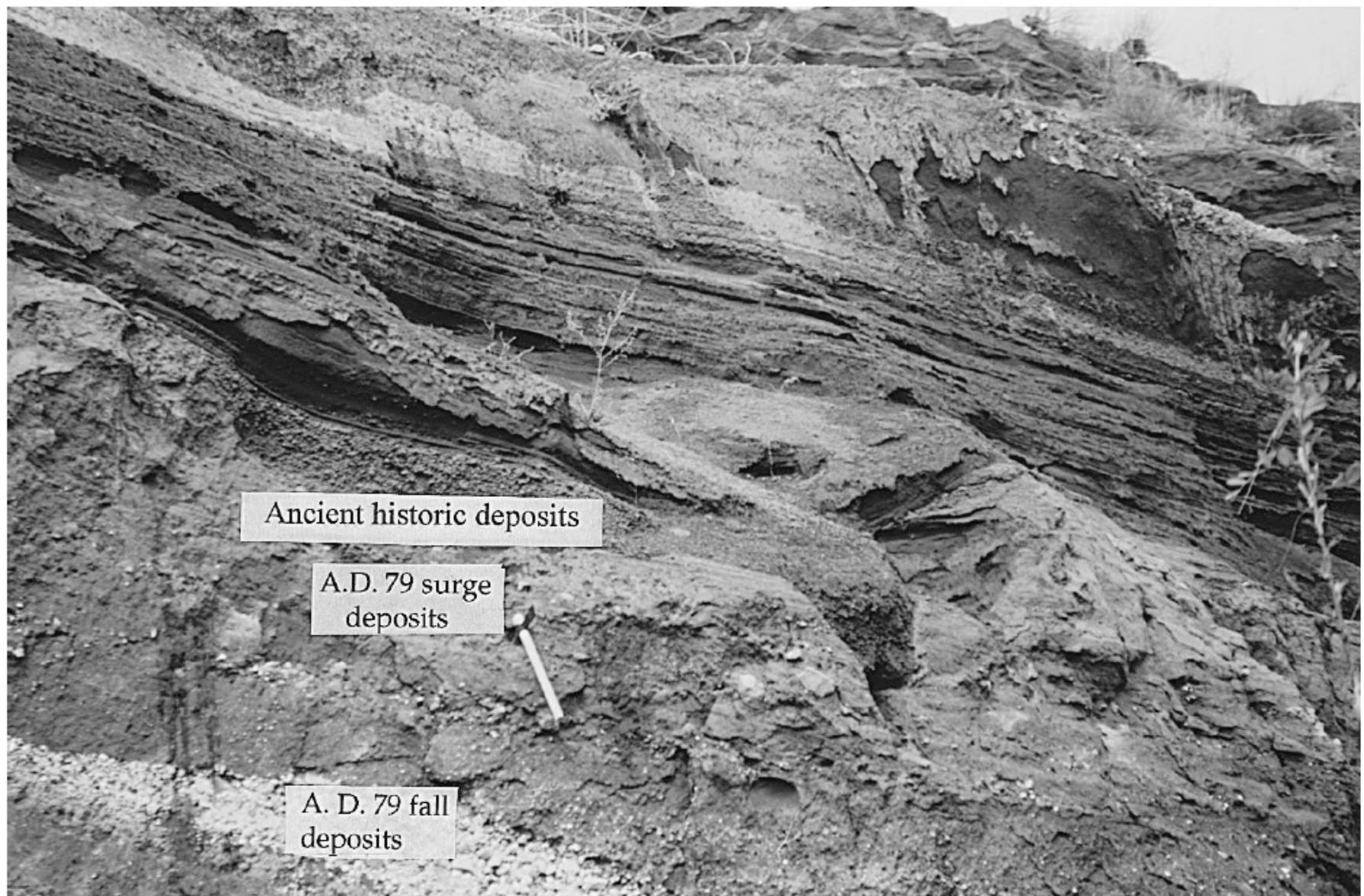
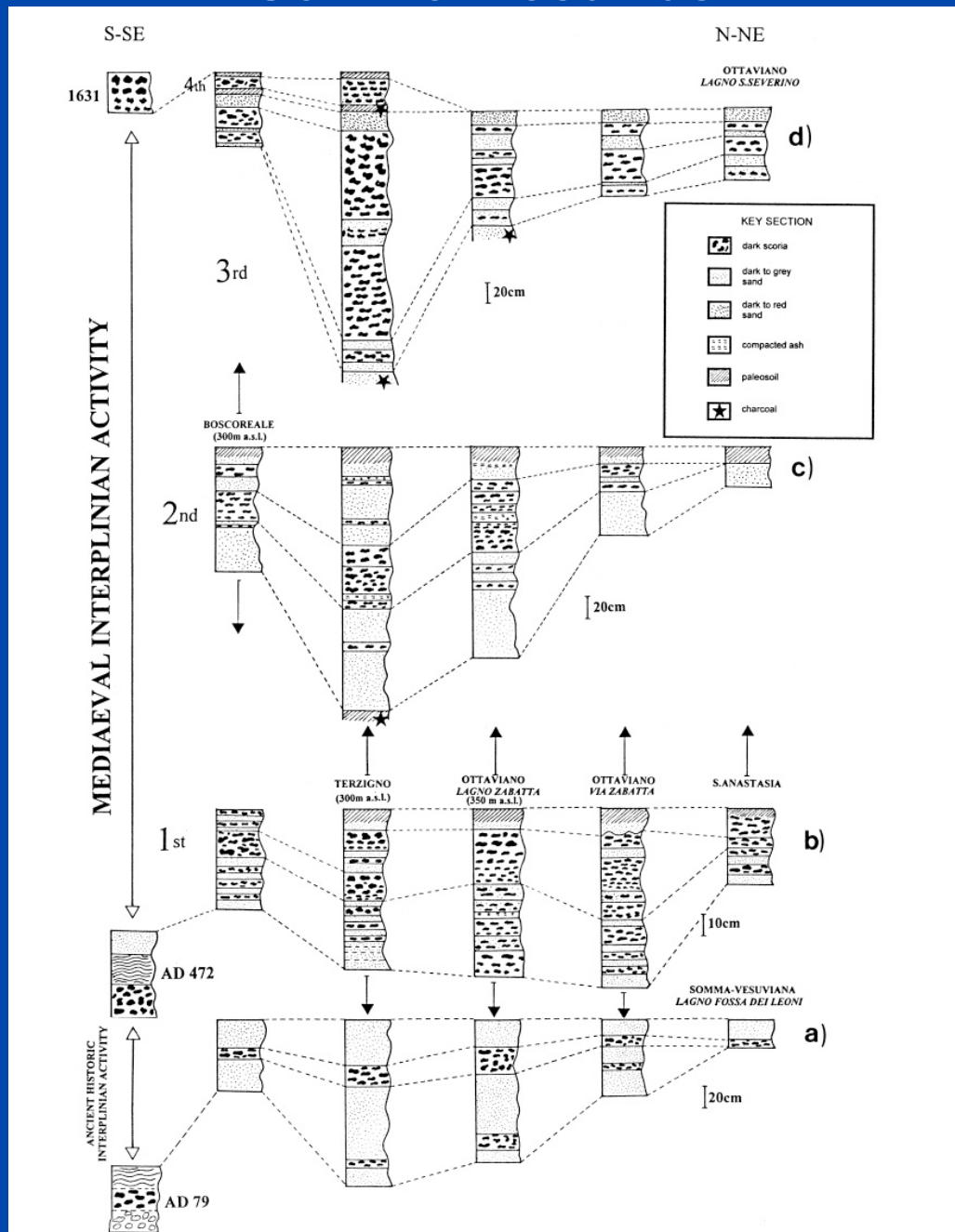


Fig. 9. Products of the ancient historic eruption at Terzigno (300 m a.s.l.).



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10. Stratigraphic correlations in the proximal area among the investigated sections for ancient historic (a) and mediaeval eruptions (b-d).

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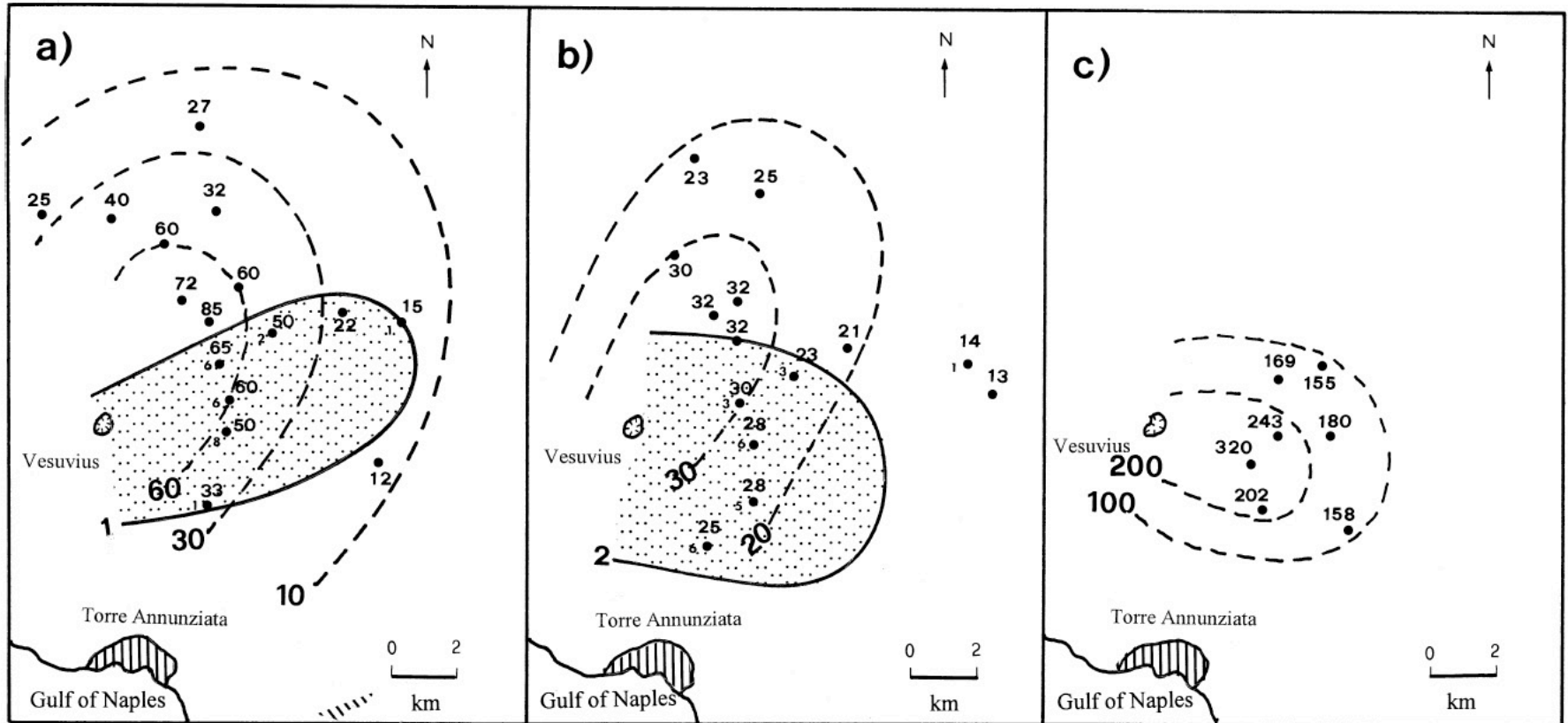


Fig. 5. (a) Isopach map of the first protohistoric eruption products. Dotted area and smaller numbers refer to layer a. (b) Isopach map of the second protohistoric eruption products. Dotted area and smaller numbers refer to layer a. (c) Isopach map of the third protohistoric eruption products. Thicknesses in cm.

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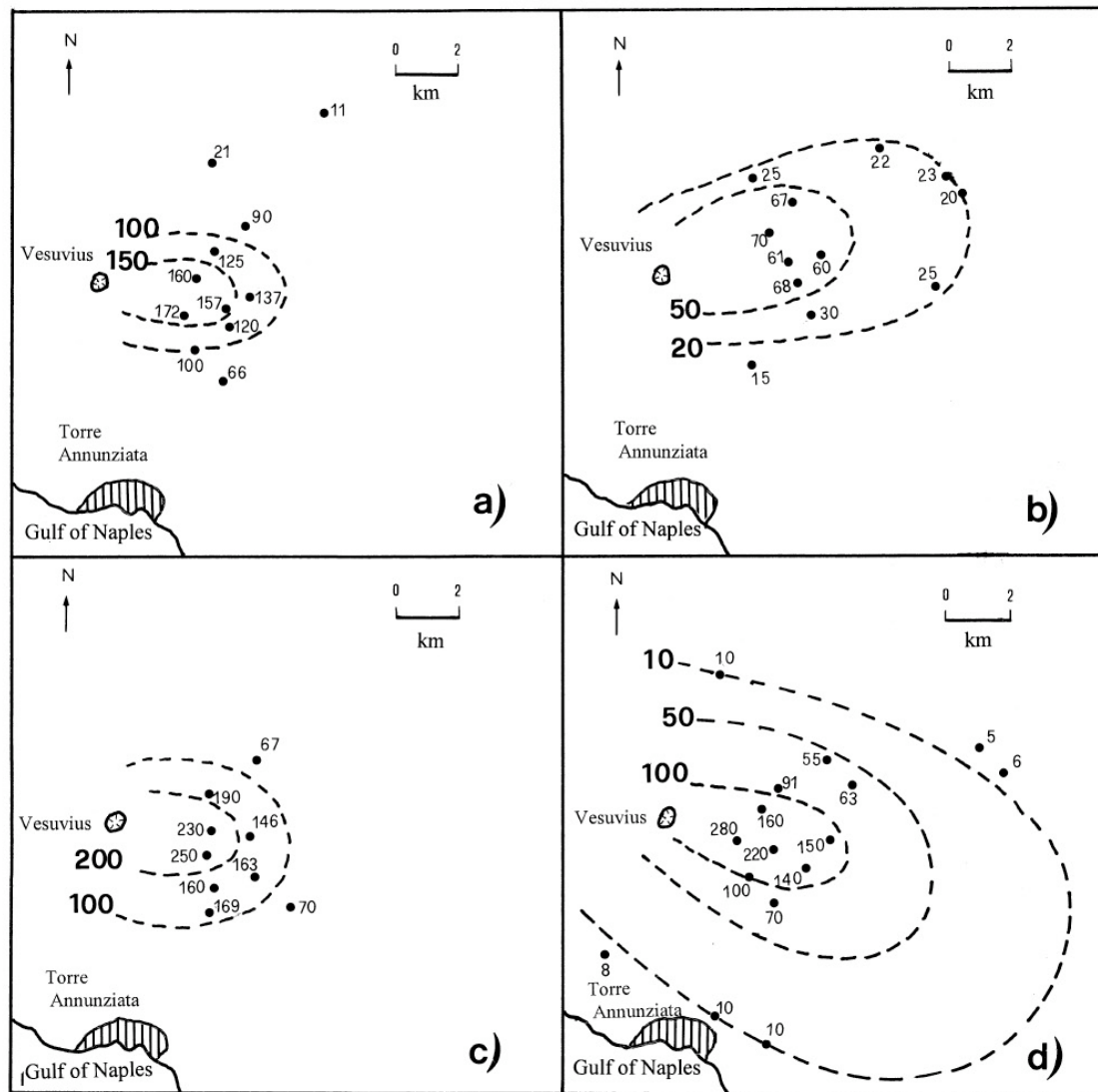


Fig. 12. (a) Isopach map of the ancient historic eruption products. (b) Isopach map of the first medieval eruption products. (c) Isopach map of the second medieval eruption products. (d) Isopach map of the third medieval eruption products. Thicknesses in cm.

# Somma-Vesuvius

<sup>14</sup>C dating of investigated products

Eruption	Locality	Age (yr B.P.)	Calibrated age <sup>a</sup>	Material	Source	Sample
<i>Prehistoric – protohistoric eruptions</i>						
Avellino	Ottaviano	3548 ± 129	B.C. 2272 (1884) 1524	charcoal	Teledyne	
Avellino	Ottaviano	3240 ± 10	B.C. 1740 (1513) 1276	organic material <sup>b</sup>	Teledyne	
First protohistoric	Somma–Vesuviana	3500 ± 60	B.C. 1967 (1868, 1843, 1776) 1676	charcoal <sup>c</sup>	USGS	WW-255
First protohistoric	Somma–Vesuviana	3480 ± 60	B.C. 1938 (1758) 1631	charcoal <sup>c</sup>	USGS	WW-517
First protohistoric	Somma–Vesuviana	3279 ± 60	B.C. 1938 (1758) 1631	charcoal <sup>c</sup>	Teledyne	
Second protohistoric	Somma–Vesuviana	3150 ± 100	B.C. 1626 (1414) 1129	charcoal <sup>c</sup>	USGS	W-6329
Second protohistoric	Somma–Vesuviana	3250 ± 70	B.C. 1681 (1516) 1395	charcoal <sup>c</sup>	USGS	WW-256
Second protohistoric	Somma–Vesuviana	3280 ± 70	B.C. 1734 (1522) 1409	charcoal <sup>c</sup>	USGS	WW-257
Third protohistoric phase A	Somma–Vesuviana	2710 ± 60	B.C. 989 (832) 794	charcoal <sup>c</sup>	USGS	WW-519
Third protohistoric phase B	Terzigno	3280 ± 70	B.C. 1620 (1522) 1461	charcoal <sup>d</sup>	USGS	WW-518
Third protohistoric phase C	Terzigno	3470 ± 70	B.C. 1945 (1748) 1611	charcoal <sup>d</sup>	USGS	WW-516
Third protohistoric phase E	Ottaviano	3120 ± 60	B.C. 1518 (1404) 1170	charcoal <sup>d</sup>	USGS	WW-259
A.D. 79	Ottaviano	2120 ± 60	B.C. 361 (157, 137, 125) A.D. 13	charcoal <sup>c</sup>	USGS	WW-260
<i>Medieval eruptions</i>						
A.D. 472	Terzigno	1590 ± 190	A.D. 59 (445) 861	charcoal <sup>e</sup>	Teledyne	
Second eruption	Ottaviano	1290 ± 40	A.D. 661 (771, 746, 755) 863	charcoal <sup>c</sup>	USGS	WW-6327
Second eruption	Terzigno	1440 ± 60	A.D. 537 (635) 692	charcoal <sup>c</sup>	USGS	WW-595
Third eruption	Terzigno	1140 ± 60	A.D. 775 (893) 1017	charcoal <sup>e</sup>	USGS	WW-596
Fourth eruption	Terzigno	950 ± 50	A.D. 1003 (1041, 1150) 1279	charcoal <sup>c</sup>	USGS	WW-597
Fourth eruption	Boscoreale	950 ± 90	A.D. 895 (1041, 1150) 1279	charcoal <sup>e</sup>	Teledyne	

<sup>a</sup>Numbers in parentheses represent calendar years where <sup>14</sup>C age B.P. intercept calibrated tree ring curve. Numbers to left and right of parentheses represent 2 sigma range of calibrated calendar years (Stuiver and Pearson, 1993; Stuiver and Reimer, 1993).

<sup>b</sup>In prehistoric vase interbedded in the Avellino pumice-fall deposit.

<sup>c</sup>Charcoal interbedded in the products of the eruptions or in the underlying paleosol.

<sup>d</sup>Charcoal interbedded in reworked material underlying the products of the eruption.

# Ischia

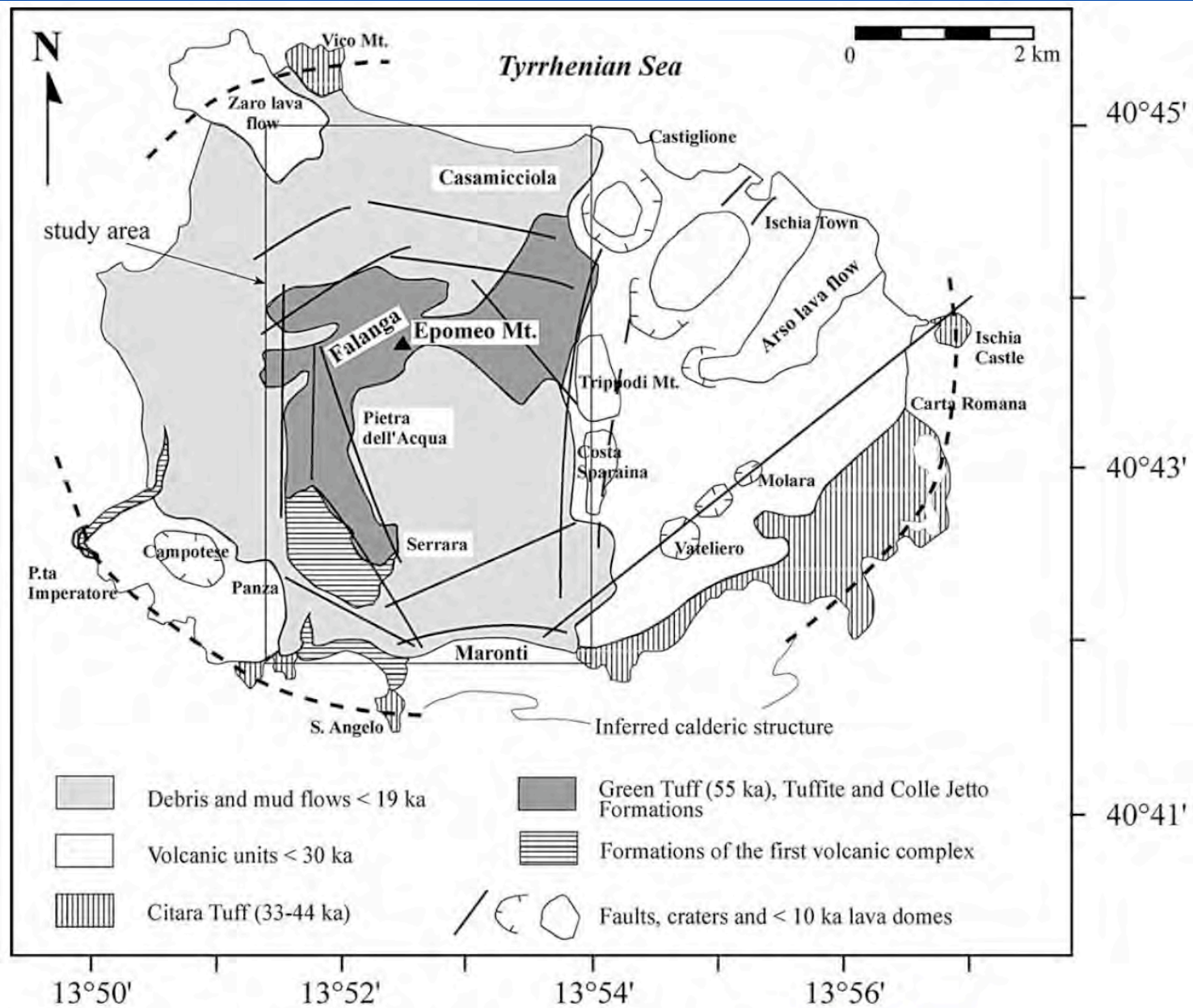
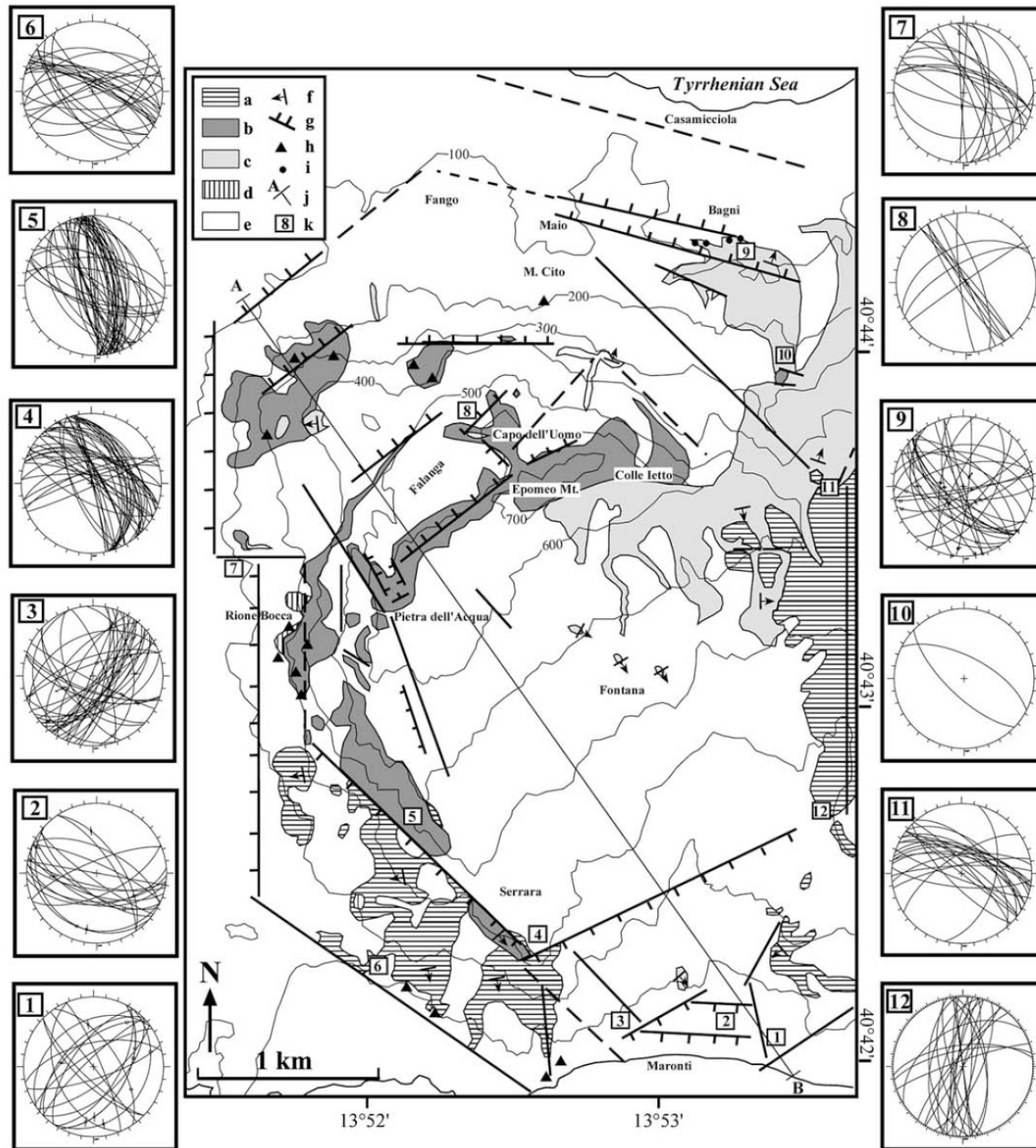


Fig. 2. Geological Map of Ischia Island, modified after Gillot et al. (1982).

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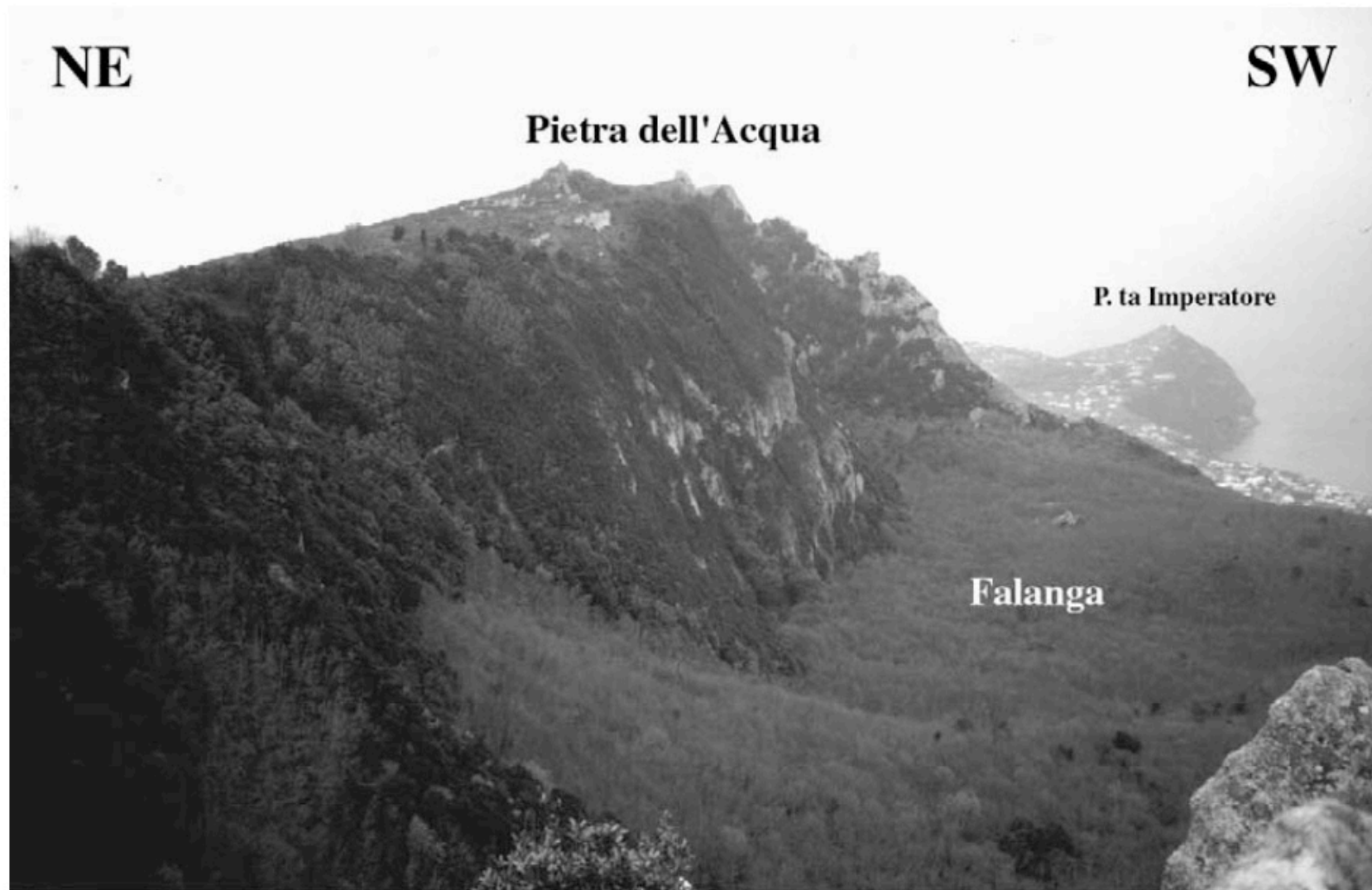


Fig. 4. View of the NE–SW-trending 200-m-high scarp at Falanga; the picture is taken from the NE.

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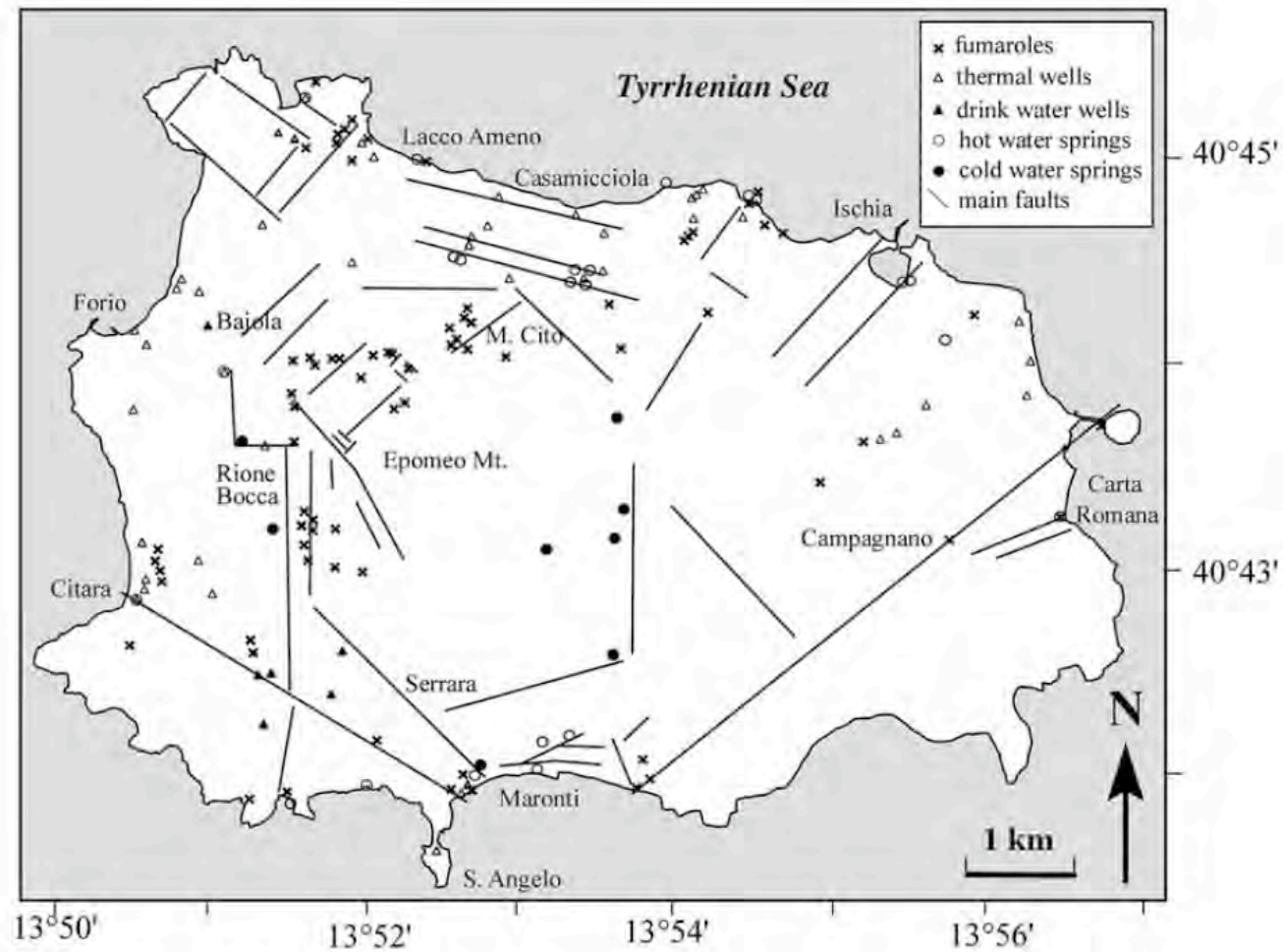


Fig. 6. Location of the fumarole fields, the cold and hot springs, the thermal and potable water wells, and the main tectonic structures at Ischia. These data are taken from the field survey, historical sources and, subordinately, from [Santi \(1955\)](#) and [Vezzoli \(1988\)](#).



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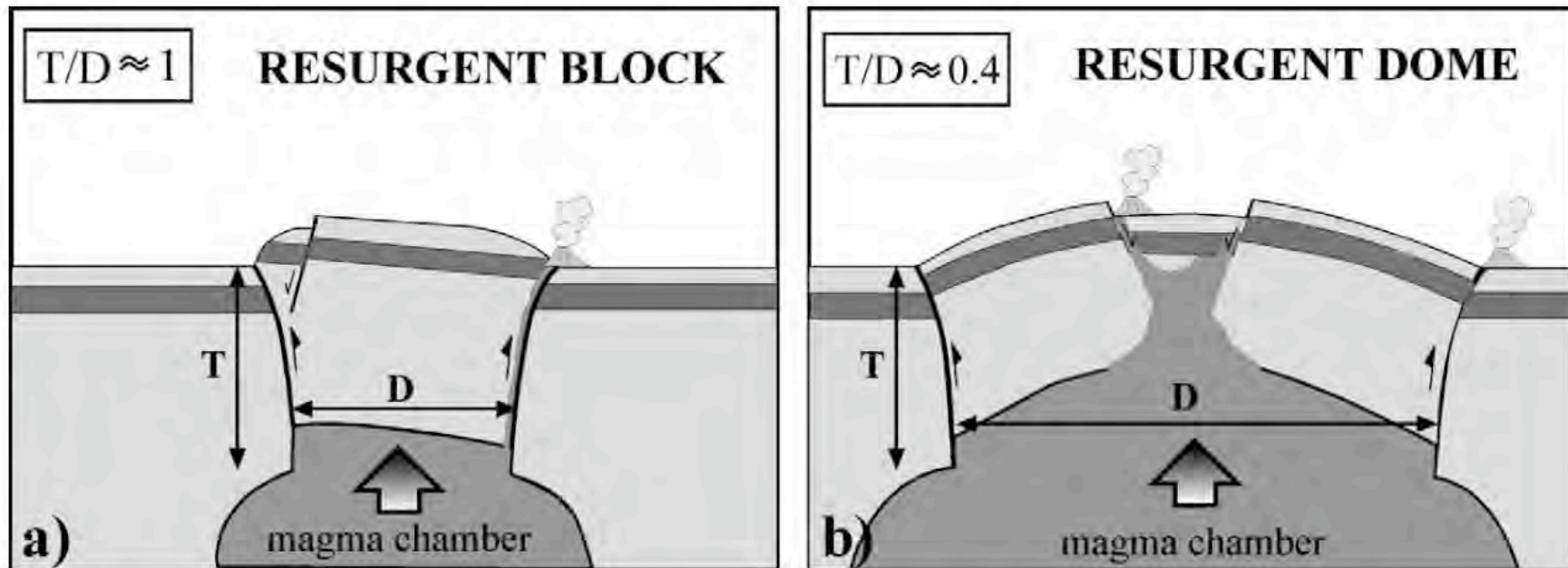


Fig. 1. Resurgence modalities observed in experiments and in nature as a function of the aspect ratio  $A$  ( $T/D$ ) of the crust overlying the magma chamber. (a) A crust with higher  $A$  develops a resurgent block with uniformly-dipping layers within, and volcanic activity along the borders (Ischia and Pantelleria type). (b) A crust with lower  $A$  develops a resurgent dome with domed layers, a central depression and volcanic activity at the borders and within the dome (Valles and Long Valley type). (Modified after [Accella et al., 2001](#)).

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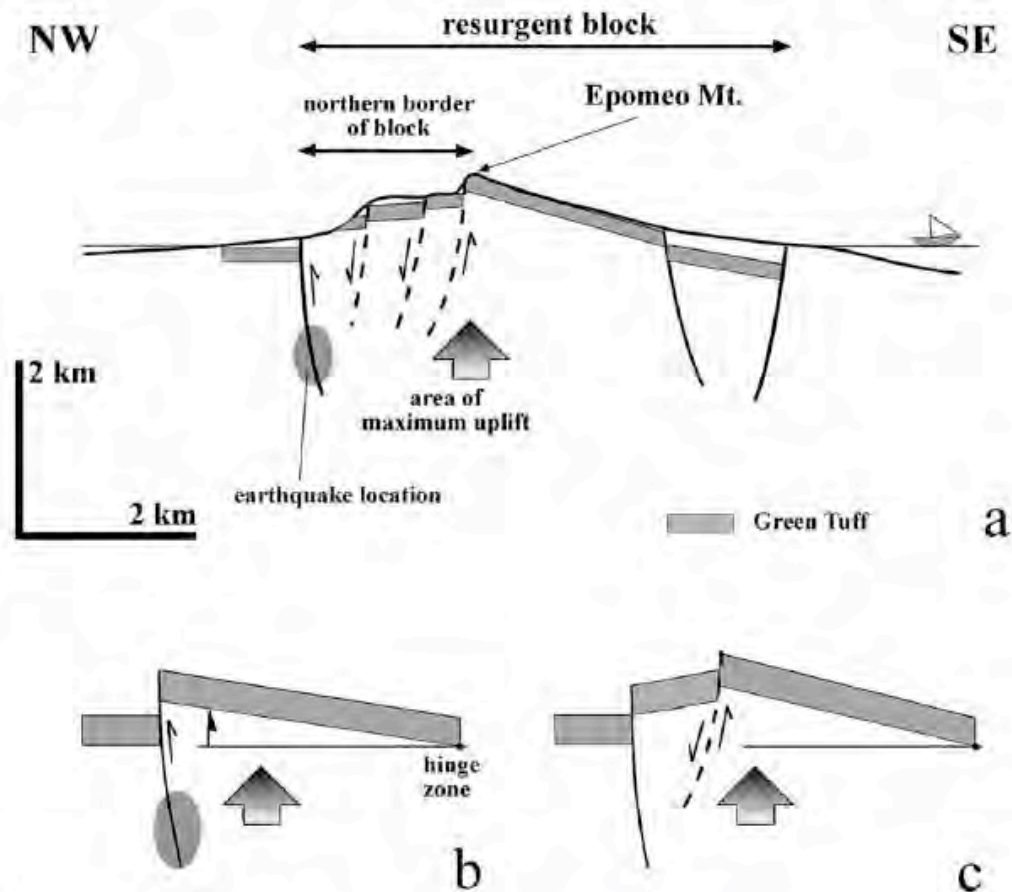


Fig. 8. Model for the rise of the resurgent block at Ischia. (a) Present situation. The asymmetric block is bordered by high-angle inward-dipping reverse faults. Outward-dipping normal faults are present in the innermost part, along the periphery of the block. As suggested by the interpretation of the macroseismic field (Cubellis, 1985; Cubellis and Luongo, 1998), seismic activity (shaded area) is located on the northern side of the block, in correspondence with the reverse faults, at a depth of 1–1.6 km. (b) Evolutionary model of the intermittent trapdoor uplift: seismic activity is triggered by the reverse faults on the most strained side of the block. (c) Evolutionary model of the intermittent trapdoor uplift: the activity of the reverse fault induces the collapse of the periphery of the block, forming the outward-dipping normal faults. The further reactivation of the outermost reverse faults triggers a new cycle of trapdoor uplift of the block. The combined activity of the reverse and normal faults along the periphery of the block is able to accommodate the space created by the resurgence.

# Campo Flegrei

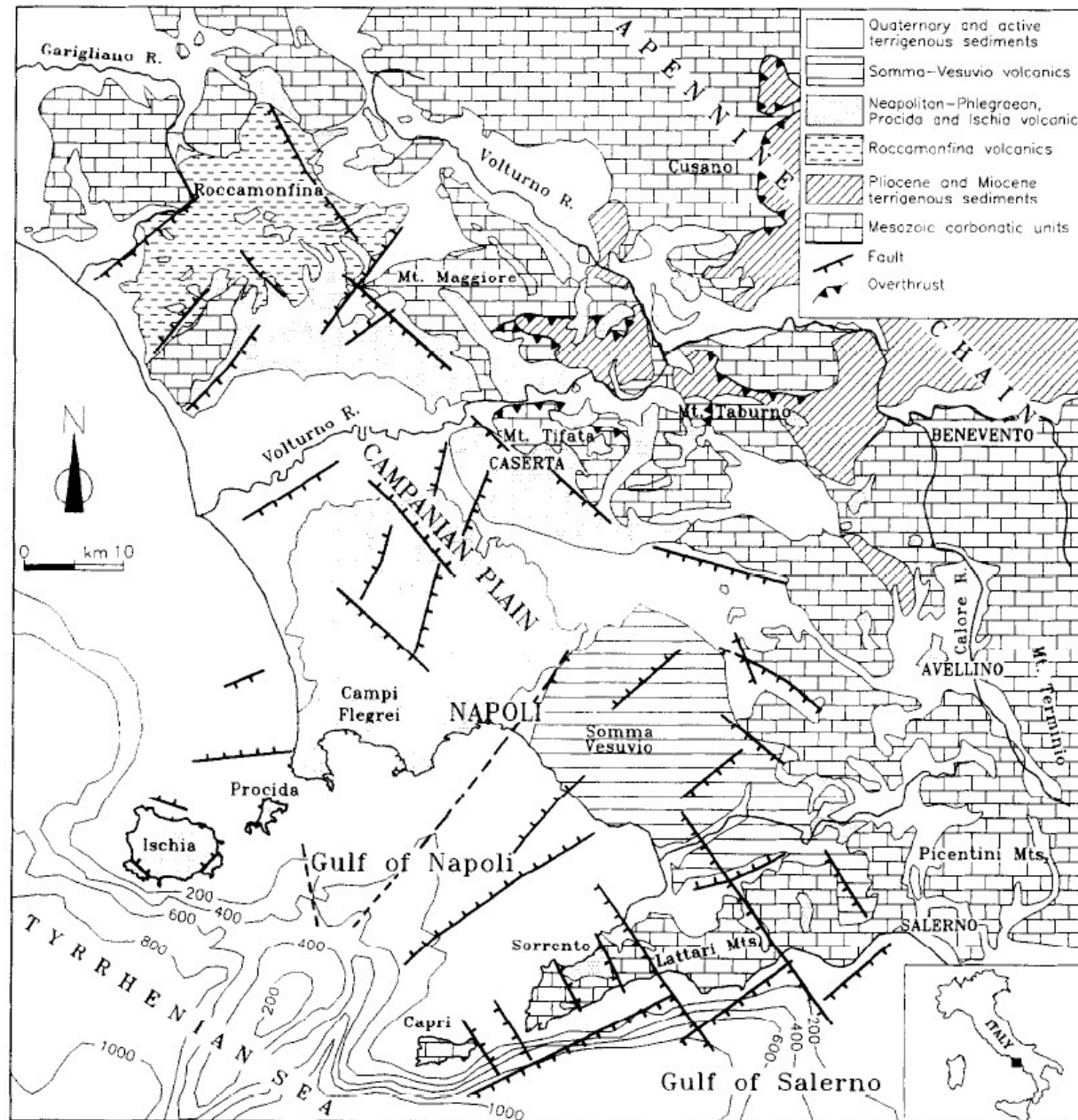


Fig. 1. Geological sketch map of the Campanian Plain and surroundings.

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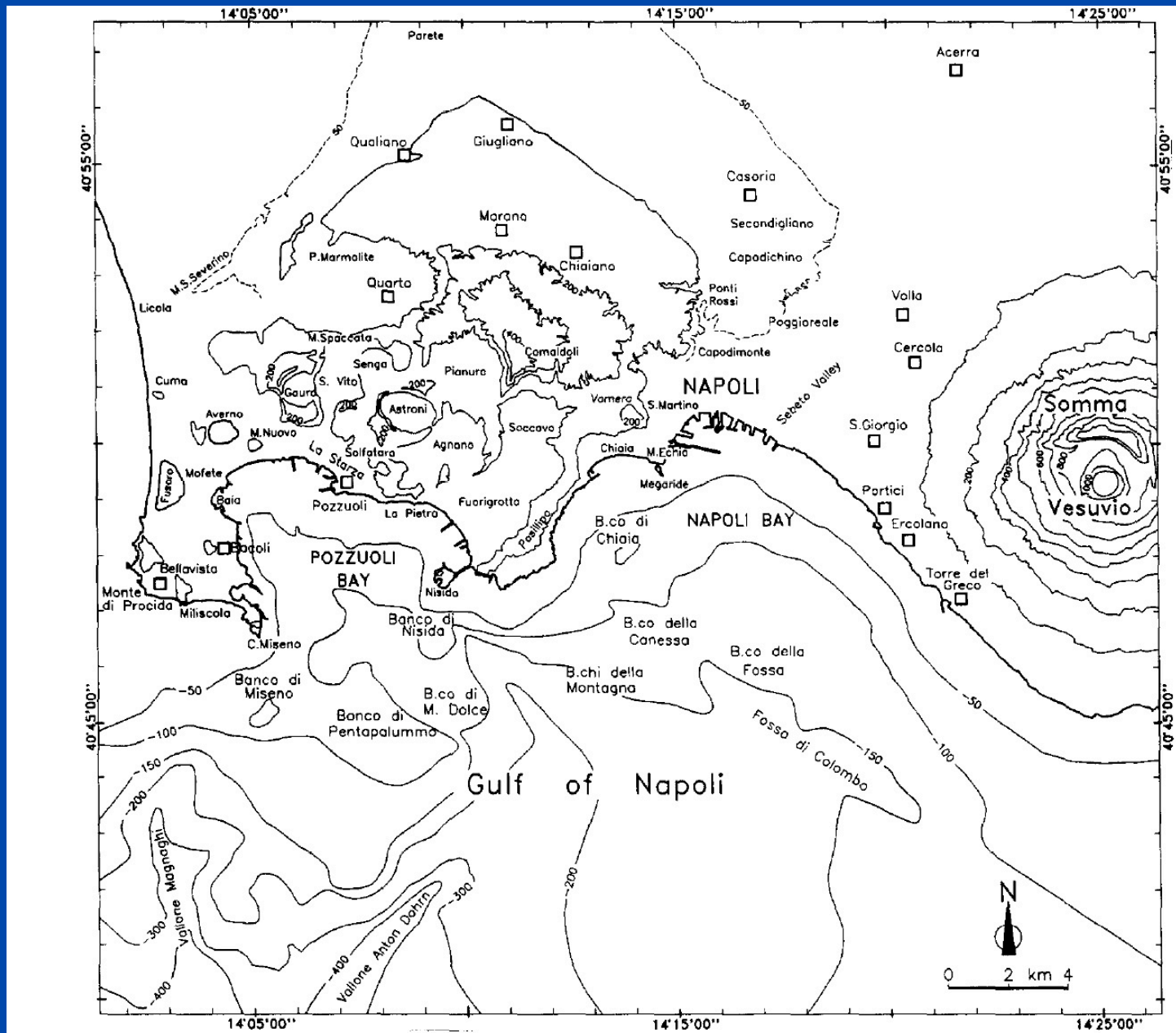


Fig. 2. Morphological map of the Neapolitan-Phlegrean area.

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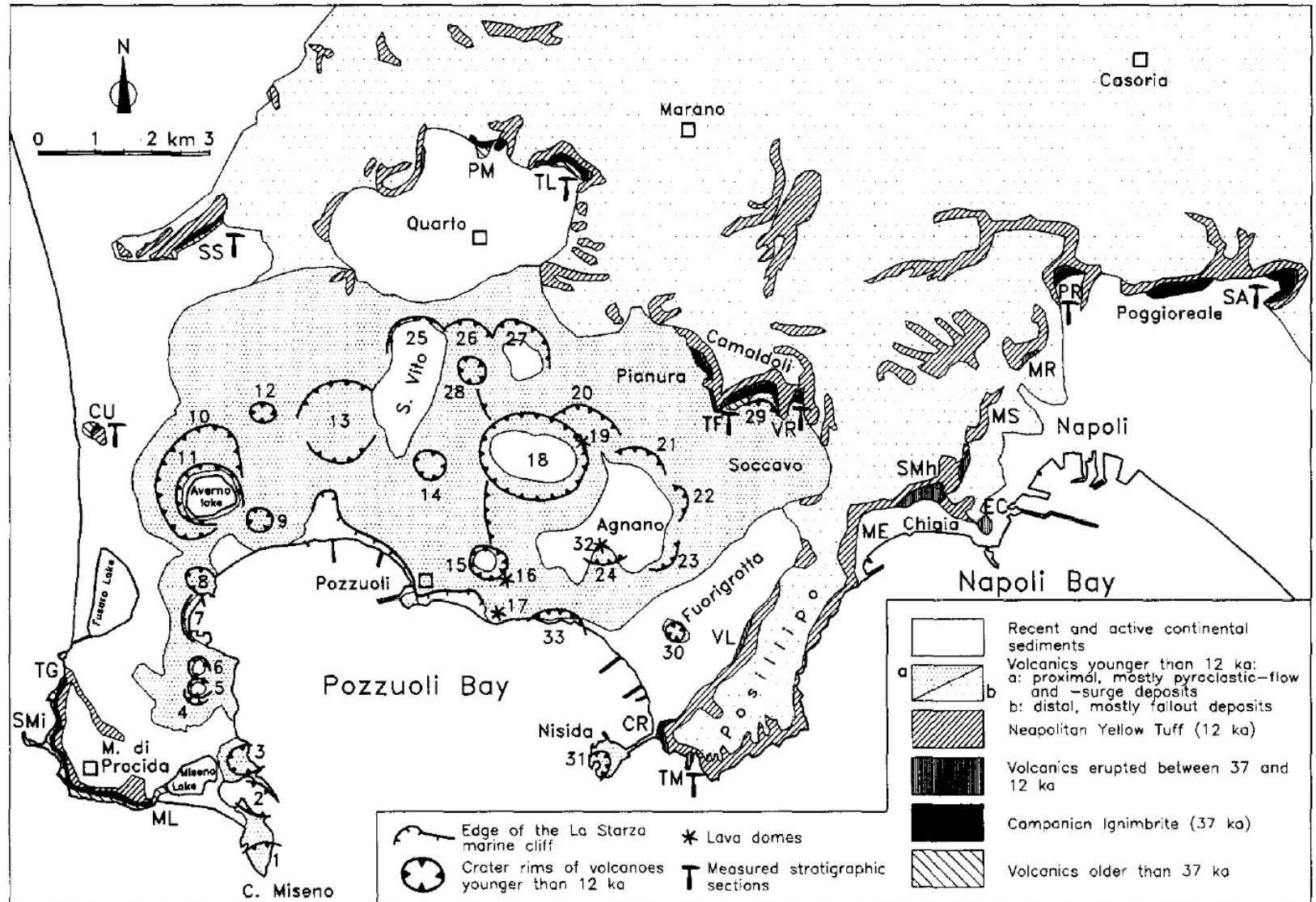


Fig. 3. Geological sketch map of the Neapolitan-Phlegraean area. *ML* = Miliscola; *SMi* = San Martino islet; *TG* = Torregaveta; *CU* = Cuma; *SS* = San Severino; *PM* = Punta Marmolite; *TL* = Trefola; *TF* = Torre di Franco; *VR* = Verdolino; *PR* = Ponti Rossi; *SA* = Sant'Arpino; *MR* = Moiarriello; *MS* = Montesanto; *ME* = Mergellino; *SMh* = San Martino hill; *EC* = Monte Echia; *TM* = Trentaremi; *CR* = Coroglio; *VL* = Villanova. Location of vents is indicated by numerals on the map: 1 = Capo Miseno; 2 = Punta Pennata; 3 = Bacoli; 4 = Bellavista; 5 = Fondi di Baia I; 6 = Fondi di Baia II; 7 = Baia; 8 = Mofete; 9 = Monte Nuovo; 10 = Archiaverno; 11 = Averno; 12 = Fondo Riccio; 13 = Gauro; 14 = Cigliano; 15 = Solfatara; 16 = Accademia; 17 = Monte Olibano; 18 = Astroni; 19 = Caprara; 20 = Sartania; 21 = Pigna San Nicola; 22 = Monte Sant'Angelo; 23 = Grotta del Cane; 24 = Agnano-Monte Spina; 25 = Montagna Spaccata; 26 = Pisani; 27 = San Martino; 28 = Senga; 29 = Minopoli; 30 = Santa Teresa; 31 = Nisida; 32 = Cupola di Monte Spina; 33 = La Pietra.

Trefola quarry (TL)



Fig. 6. Stratigraphic section measured at Trefola. For location see Fig. 3.

## Verdolino valley (VR) – Torre di Franco (TF)

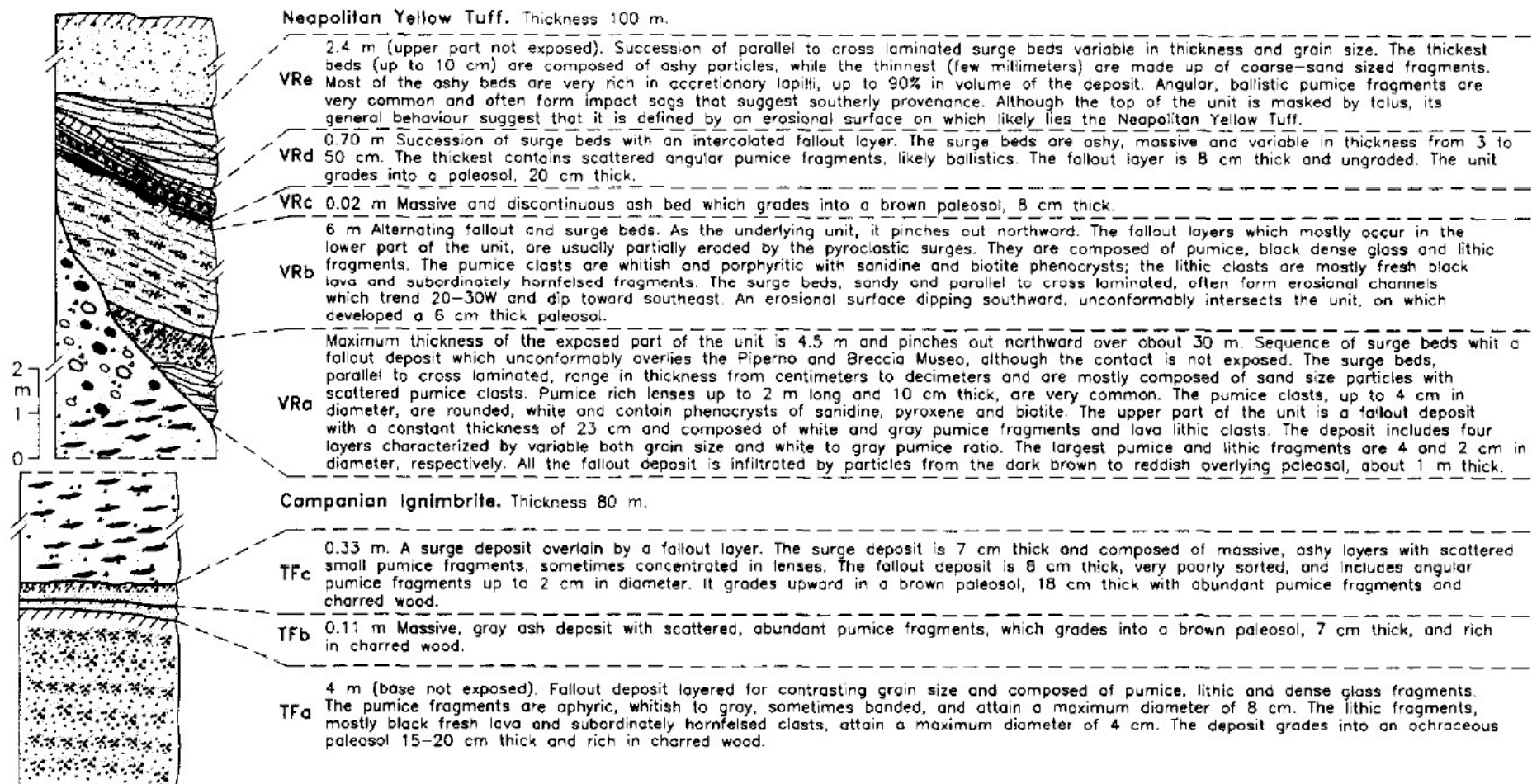


Fig. 7. Stratigraphic section measured at Verdolino and Torre di Franco. For location see Fig. 3.

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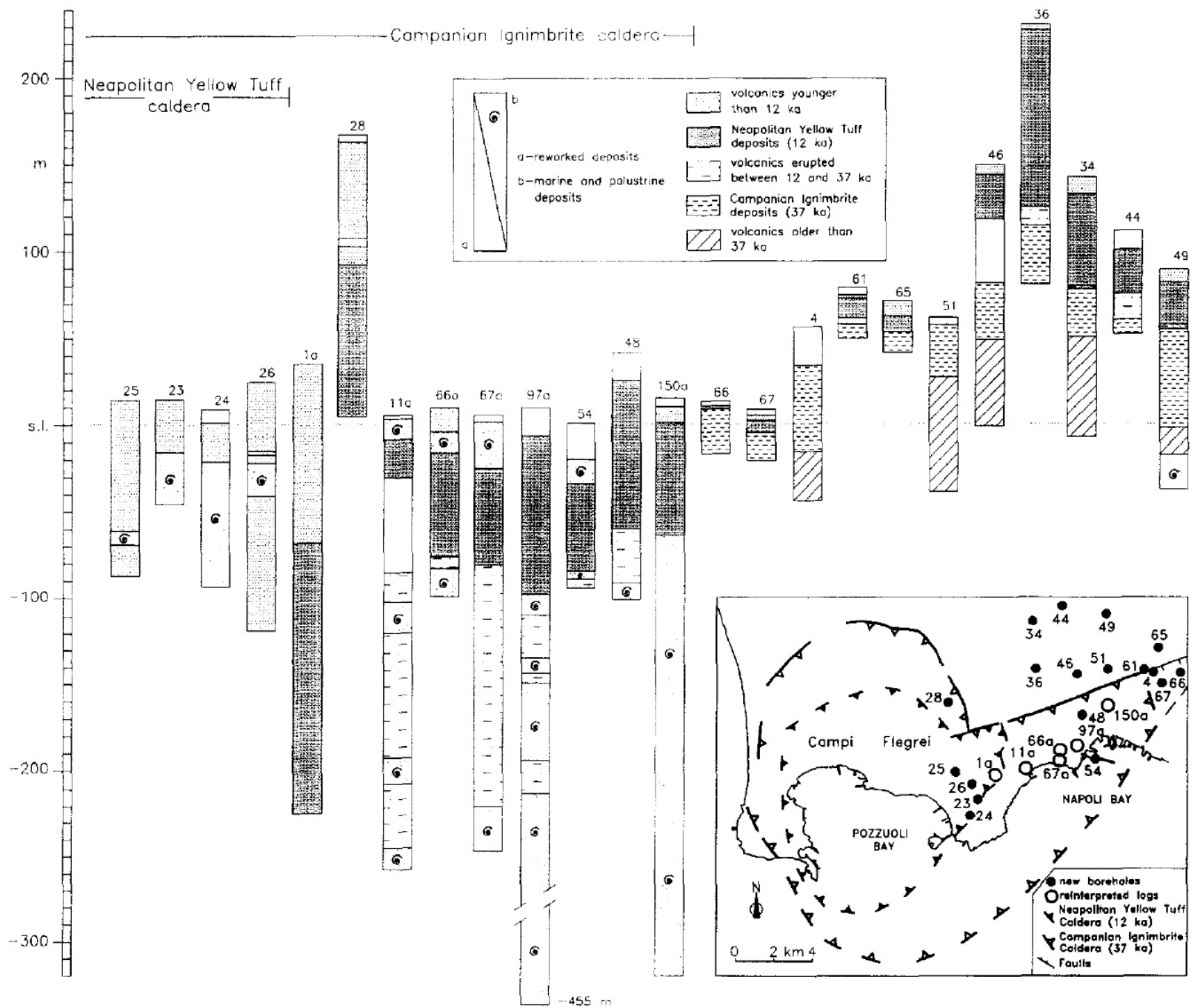


Fig. 11. Stratigraphic columns of selected boreholes.



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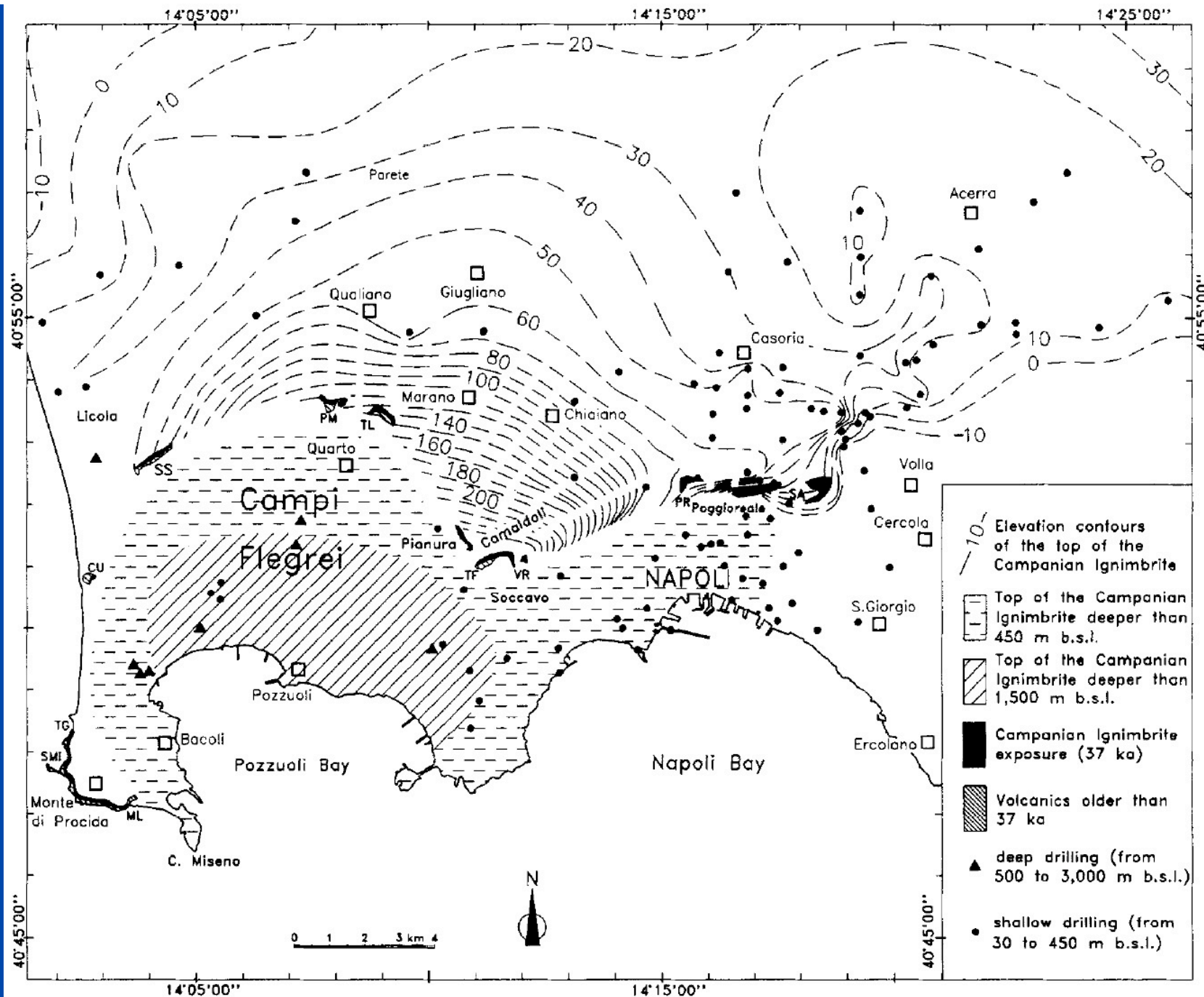


Fig. 12. Distribution of the top of the Campanian Ignimbrite.

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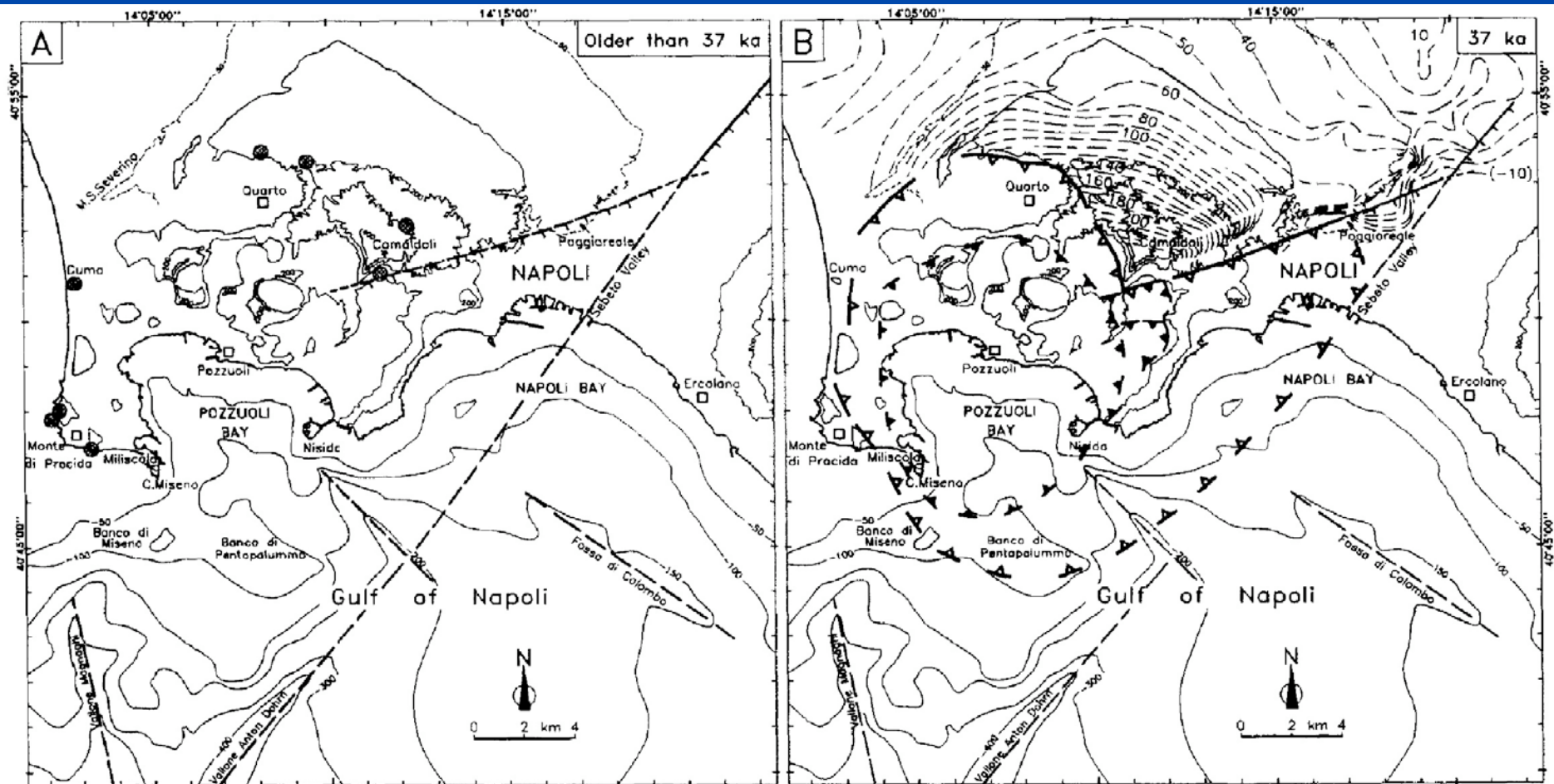


Fig. 14. Structural sketch maps of the Neapolitan-Phlegraean area showing time-space evolution of volcanism and deformations between 37 and 12 ka.

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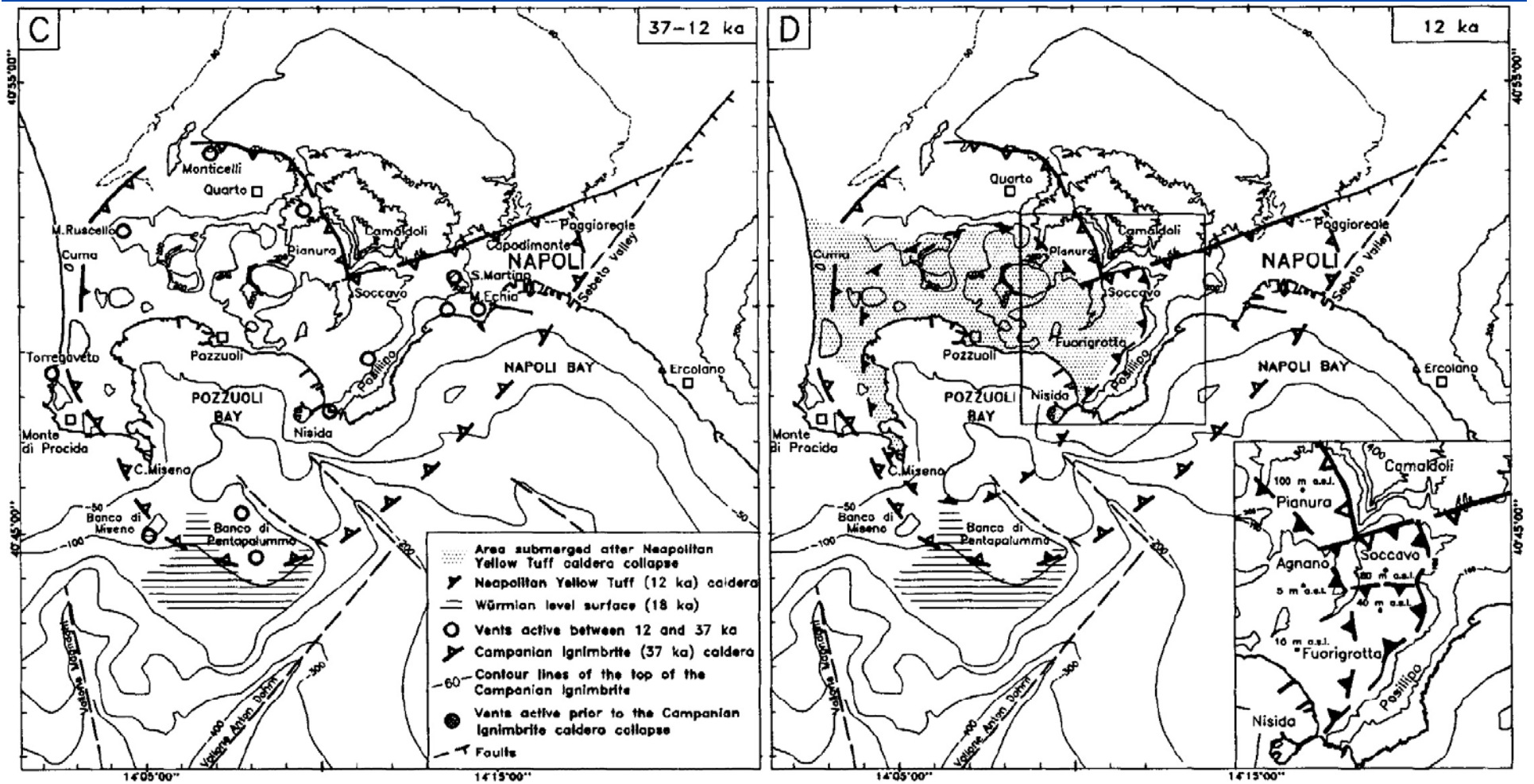


Fig. 14 (continued).

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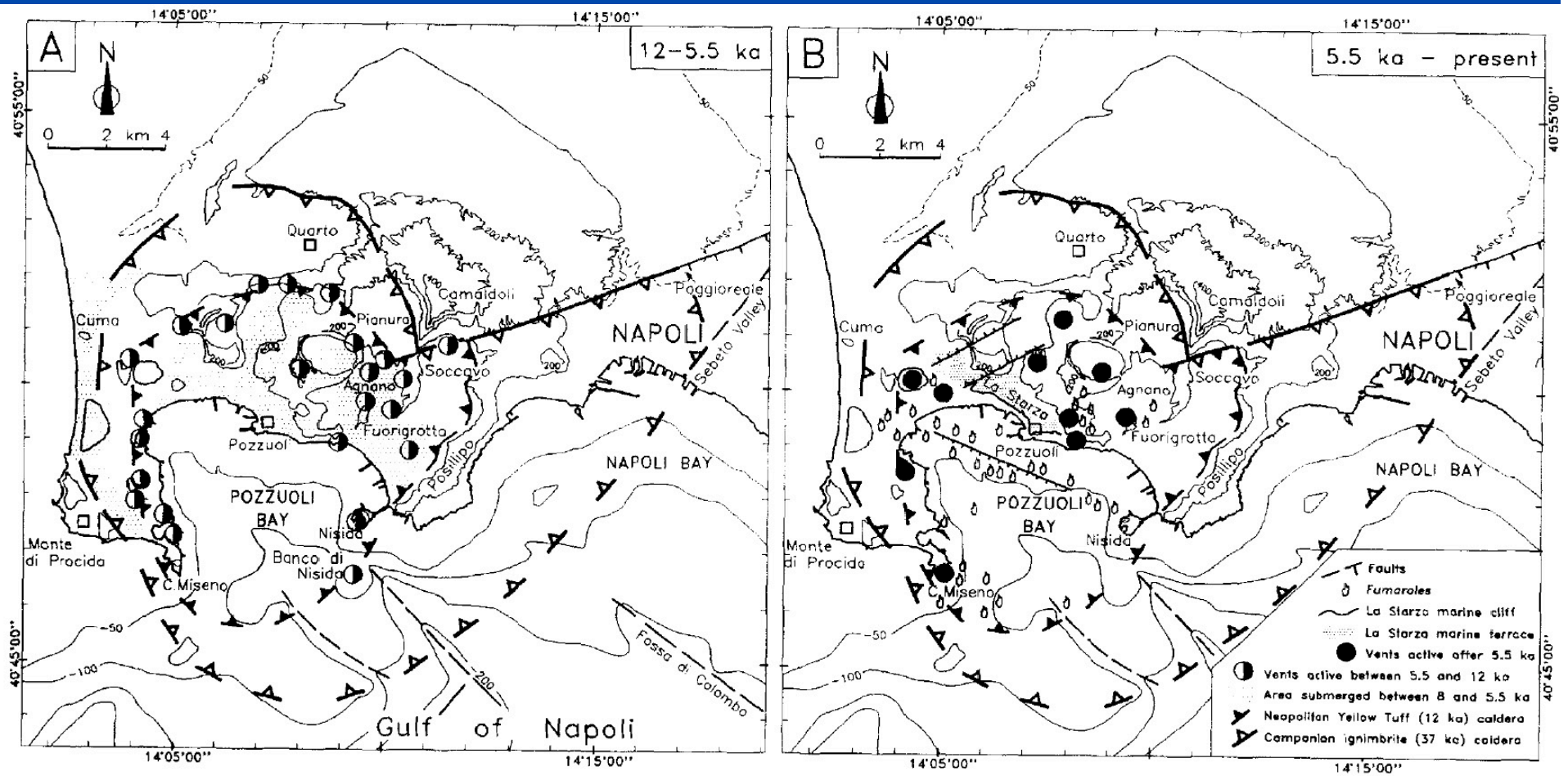


Fig. 15. Structural sketch maps of the Neapolitan-Phlegraean area showing time-space evolution of volcanism and deformations between 12 ka and present.

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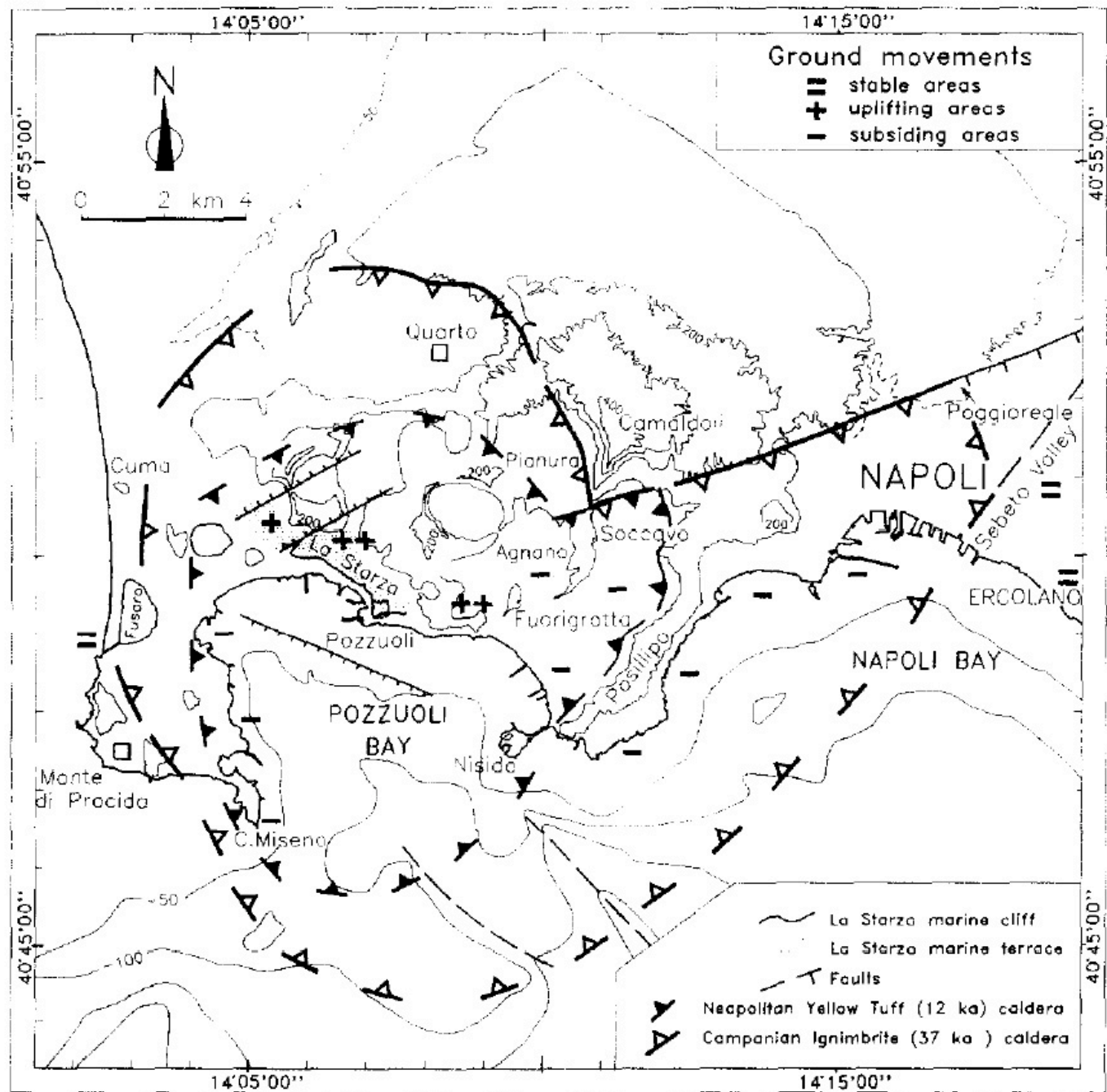


Fig. 17. Structural sketch map of the Campi Flegrei caldera.

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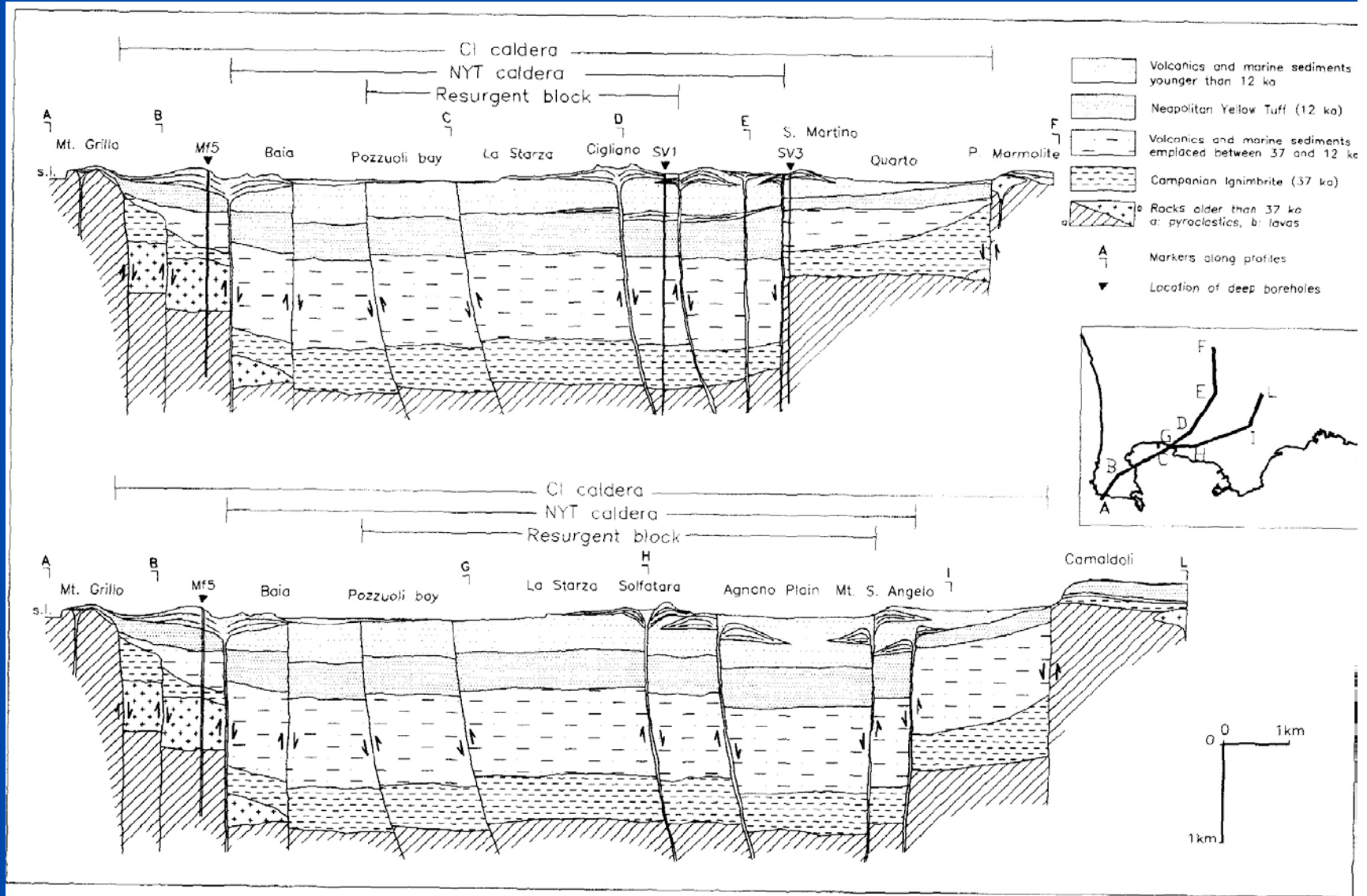


Fig. 19. Geological cross sections of the Campi Flegrei caldera; their location is reported in insert.