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Ubinas: the evolution of the historically most active volcano in southern Peru

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Abstract Ubinas volcano has had 23 degassing and ashfall episodes since A.D. 1550, making it the historically most active volcano in southern Peru. Based on fieldwork, on interpretation of aerial photographs and satellite images, and on radiometric ages, the eruptive history of Ubinas is divided into two major periods. Ubinas I (Middle Pleistocene >376 ka) is characterized by lava flow activity that formed the lower part of the edifice. This edifice collapsed and resulted in a debris-ava-

lanche deposit distributed as far as 12 km downstream the Rio Ubinas. Non-welded ignimbrites were erupted subsequently and ponded to a thickness of 150 m as far as 7 km south of the summit. These eruptions probably left a small collapse caldera on the summit of Ubinas I. A 100-m-thick sequence of ash-and-pumice flow deposits followed, filling paleo-valleys 6 km from the summit. Ubinas II, 376 ky to present comprises several stages. The summit cone was built by andesite and dacite flows between 376 and 142 ky. A series of domes grew on the southern flank and the largest one was dated at 250 ky; block-and-ash flow deposits from these domes filled the upper Rio Ubinas valley 10 km to the south. The summit caldera was formed between 25 and 9.7 ky. Ash-flow deposits and two Plinian deposits reflect explosive eruptions of more differentiated magmas. A debris-avalanche deposit (about 1.2 km³) formed hummocks at the base of the 1,000-m-high, fractured and unstable south flank before 3.6 ka. Countless explosive events took place inside the summit caldera during the last 9.7 ky. The last Plinian eruption, dated A.D.1000–1160, produced an andesitic pumice-fall deposit, which achieved a thickness of 25 cm 40 km SE of the summit. Minor eruptions since then show phreatomagmatic characteristics and a wide range in composition (mafic to rhyolitic): the events reported since A.D. 1550 include many degassing episodes, four moderate (VEI 2–3) eruptions, and one VEI 3 eruption in A.D. 1667.

Ubinas erupted high-K, calc-alkaline magmas (SiO₂=56 to 71%). Magmatic processes include fractional crystallization and mixing of deeply derived mafic andesites in a shallow magma chamber. Parent magmas have been relatively homogeneous through time but reflect variable conditions of deep-crustal assimilation, as shown in the large variations in Sr/Y and LREE/HREE. Depleted HREE and Y values in some lavas, mostly late mafic rocks, suggest contamination of magmas near the base of the >60-km-thick continental crust. The most recently erupted products (mostly scoria) show a wide range in composition and a trend towards more mafic magmas.

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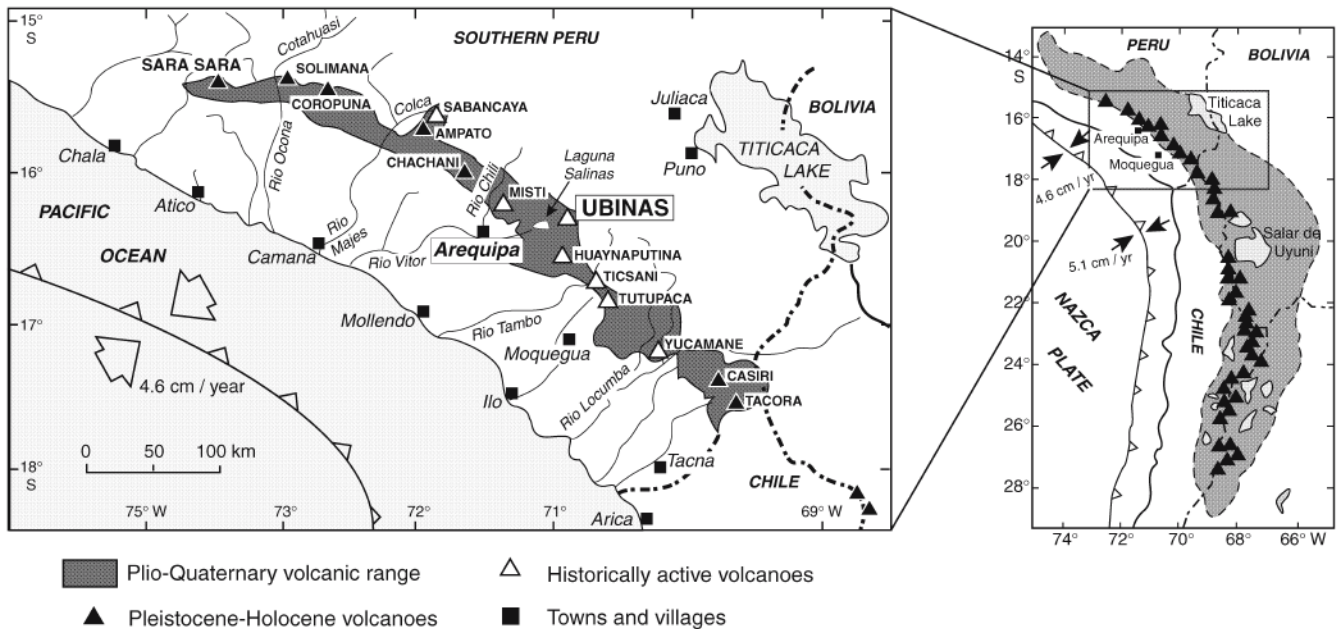


Fig. 1 Geologic setting of the present volcanic range in southern Peru, with emphasis on Ubinas volcano. *Inset:* Central Andean Volcanic Zone with study area (in box)

Recent eruptions indicate that Ubinas poses a severe threat to at least 5,000 people living in the valley of the Rio Ubinas, and within a 15-km radius of the summit. The threat includes thick tephra falls, phreatomagmatic ejecta, failure of the unstable south flank with subsequent debris avalanches, rain-triggered lahars, and pyroclastic flows. Should Plinian eruptions of the size of the Holocene events recur at Ubinas, tephra fall would affect about one million people living in the Arequipa area 60 km west of the summit.

Keywords Andes · Ubinas · Eruption history · Radiometric dating · Geochemistry · Fractional crystallization · Mafic magma · Hazards

Introduction

The Ubinas volcano (16° 22' S, 70° 54' W; 5,672 m a.s.l., Fig. 1) is located in the Quaternary volcanic range in southern Peru, which belongs to the Central Volcanic Zone (CVZ) of the Andes. Ubinas is 230 km to the east of the Peru-Chile trench and 120 to 150 km above the Benioff-Wadati plane (Barazangi and Isacks 1976). The Nazca plate is being subducted beneath the South American plate with a N80° trend, a subduction dip in the range of 20–30°, and an average velocity of 4.6 cm/year (Sébrier and Soler 1991).

The Miocene to Recent volcanic arc in southern Peru consists of composite cones, lava fields, domes, and ignimbrites. Of the Holocene volcanoes, seven have had historical eruptions (Nevado Sabancaya, El Misti, Ubinas, Huaynaputina, Ticsani, Tutupaca, and Yucamane), while others are dormant (Nevado Sara Sara, Nevado Coropuna,

Nevado Ampato, Chachani, and Casiri) (James 1982; de Silva and Francis 1991). Extinct volcanoes, such as Nevado Solimana, Pichu Pichu, Hualca Hualca and many other deeply glaciated volcanoes are of Late Miocene to Early Quaternary age and have not been active in the Holocene.

Central Andean composite volcanoes are built on exceptionally thick crust (ca. 60 km) and have lifetimes of more or less 1 million years. Several types of volcanic structures and evolutionary styles are observed. Two typical end-members are: (1) relatively short-lived (<0.5 Ma), andesite-dacite stratocones with symmetrical shape and central vent. The typical temporal evolution is characterized by rather continuous eruptions of largely similar lava composition. Evidence for frequent magma mixing is observed, either as a volcanic trigger event or, more often, in the petrographic record. (2) Long-lived clusters (>0.5 Ma) of dacitic domes with pyroclastic aprons. Lava compositions are thermally buffered, resulting in low-output volcanoes of rather monotonous compositions. Magma interaction is also recorded in minerals showing complex compositional textures.

In addition to these different evolutionary styles of composite volcanoes, distinct magmatic regimes are also observed. One prominent recorder of magma chamber depth, water content and degree of differentiation is amphibole. “Slower” systems tend to crystallize amphibole at a given SiO₂ content compared to the more dynamic and generally more mafic stratocone systems. A rapid change from one regime to another is not normally observed but, in certain cases, e.g., where gravitational collapse has unloaded the edifice and the magmatic system below, a change in regime can be immediate from a “slow” system to one with high magma input, high mix-

Table 1 Summary of the ^{40}Ar - ^{39}Ar ages of Ubinas rocks; see text for discussion, Figs. 6, 7, and repository data 1–3 for analytical data

Sample number Edifice	Location (UTM units, Fig. 2)	Material or mineral dated	Accepted Ar-Ar age ka, $\pm 2\sigma$	Comment
Ubi-120, Ubinas IIa	Block-lava flow, 3,600 m, E 298.5, N 8189.7	Biotite	168 \pm 30	Weighted mean from five single-grain laser fusions
Ubi-71, Ubinas IIa	Block-lava flow, San Miguel, 3,100 m, E 303.8, N 8185.3	Biotite	261 \pm 10	Plateau age, bulk sample
Ubi-46, Ubinas IIb	Lava dome, S flank, 4,100 m, above Querapi, E 298.1, N 8189.3	Biotite	250 \pm 26	Plateau age, bulk sample
Ubi-127, Ubinas Ic	Ignimbrite, 3,600 m, Anascapa, E 299.1, N 8185.0	Biotite	376 \pm 27	Weighted mean from eight single-grain laser fusions
Ubi-122, Ubinas IIa	Lava flow, SSE flank, 4,850 m, E 299.9, E 8190.1	Whole-rock Amphibole	142 \pm 3 <i>not available*</i>	Mini-plateau (58% of the total ^{39}Ar released) Bulk sample
Ubi-123, Ubinas II	Lava flow, summit area, 5,460 m, E 297.7, N 8193.4	Amphibole	<i>not available*</i>	Bulk sample (see text for data and method) *amphibole dates furnish only maximum ages (not accepted here; see discussion, Appendix 1)

Table 2 List of ^{14}C dates related to pyroclastic deposits around Ubinas

Sample and Lab number	Location UTM (Figs. 2, 6 and 9)	Material	Deposit	^{14}C age (yr B.P.)	Calibrated age (1 σ)
L.S.2, Lv-2183	Laguna Salinas S shore, 4,300 m, E271.5 N 8185.5	Peat	Peat 430–445 cm deep, above tephra LS3	14690 \pm 200	Non applicable
L.S.3, Lv-2106	Laguna Salinas S shore, 4,300 m, same site	Peat	Peat 190–200 cm, bottom of section	9700 \pm 190	8325–8802 cal B.C.
Ubi JCT97-3, GrA-9237	Road section near Anascapa, 3,400 m, E 298.7, N 8186.7	Charcoal	Ash layer between two pumice-fall deposits	7480 \pm 40	6700–7000 cal B.C.
Ubi JCT97-4, GrN-22820	Road section nearby Querapi, 3,800 m, E 298.9 N 8188.8	Organic matter	Peat and gyttja, base of a hummock	3670 \pm 60	1938–2136 cal B.C.
Ubi JCT97-1, GrN-23146	Tank water above Ubinas village, 3,800 m, E301.5 N 8188.9	Charcoal	Ash layer at the contact of the pumice-fall deposit	980 \pm 60	1000–1164 cal A.D.

(GrN and Lv numbers = conventional dates; GrA numbers = AMS dates; Lv University of Louvain; GrN, GrA: J. van der Plicht, Centre for Isotope Research, Rijksuniversiteit, Groningen)

ing and eruption rates (e.g., Volcan Parinacota, Wörner et al. 1988; Bourdon et al. 2000). However, what exactly causes the switch from one regime to another is largely unknown. It is therefore of particular interest to study the recent volcanoes, such as Ubinas, that show such changes in their volcanic and magmatic evolution and to consider how these may relate to the problem of assessing volcanic hazards.

Ubinas volcano in southern Peru is not only one of the historically most active volcanoes in the Central Andes, it has virtually been unstudied (Bullard 1962). Most importantly, Ubinas records a significant change in its eruptive style and magma composition during its recent eruptive history. In order to constrain models of volcano growth and destruction in the Central Andes, changes in eruptive style and magmatic regime, and how these relate to hazards, we aim to characterize the geological and petrological evolution of Ubinas, using geological and geophysical fieldwork, satellite images, major and trace element geochemistry, as well as radiometric datings (Tables 1 and 2). Since Ubinas is the historically most active volcano in southern Peru, its eruptive and magmatic history, the hazard-zone mapping, and geophysical measurements enable us to assess potential volcanic hazards. They are fourfold: fallout from vulcanian,

phreatomagmatic or Plinian eruptions; ash- or pumice-rich pyroclastic flows; a collapse of the southern flank and subsequent debris avalanches, and; lahars triggered by snowmelt, rainfall or by a debris avalanche. Should a Plinian eruption occur, ash fall may affect one million people living 60 km west of Ubinas in the area of the city of Arequipa.

Geological setting and structure of Ubinas

Ubinas is a composite cone with a roughly circular shape (Figs. 2 and 3), which is built on a high plateau formed by Oligo-Miocene ignimbrites of the Lllallhui Formation (Tacaza Group) and intrusive rocks of upper Tertiary age (Marocco and del Pino 1966). Late Miocene to Early Quaternary lavas of the Barroso Group form the immediate basement. With an area of 65 km², the 1,400-m-high cone has a volume of ca. 56 km³. The edifice has been built mainly in Lower-Middle to Late Pleistocene times but has been persistently active to the present. Ubinas is sitting on the NW margin of an erosional NNW–SSE-elongated depression (Fig. 2). Large landslides formed amphitheater scars on the high, steep slopes of the western side of the depression. The general trend of the de-

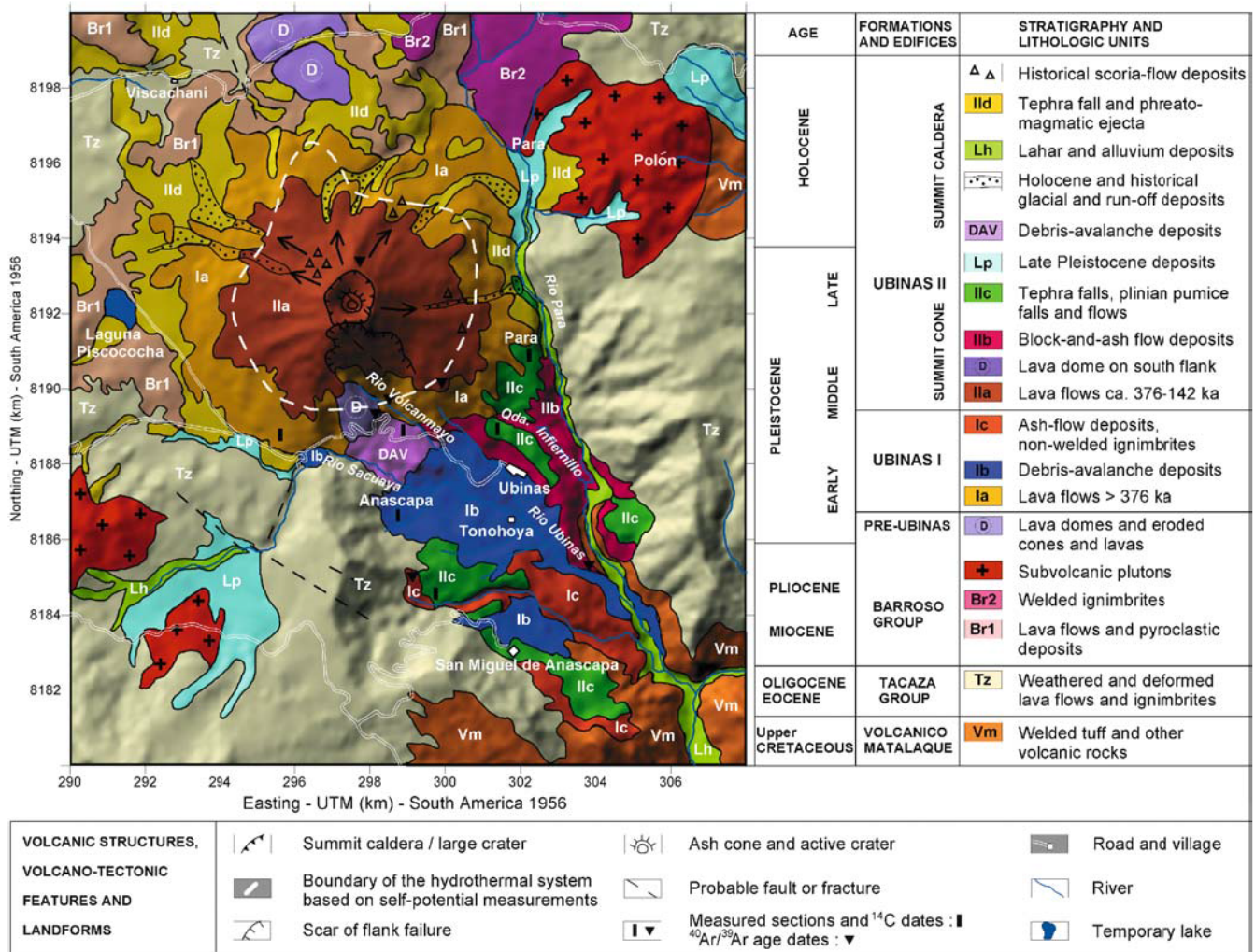


Fig. 2 Schematic geologic map of Ubinas volcano, superimposed on a Topographic Digital Elevation Model, based on field observations, aerial photographs, and on a SPOT satellite image. The

location of the measured sections and of the ¹⁴C and ⁴⁰Ar-³⁹Ar dated samples is also shown

pression also follows N170 regional fault pattern. Small fractures of similar trend cut the caldera floor and the south flank of the edifice (Figs. 2 and 3a). The digital elevation model (DEM, Fig. 2) shows the depression south of Ubinas, the observed faults, and the fractured amphitheater on the south flank (Fig. 3a).

The Ubinas composite cone comprises two edifices (Figs. 2–4): a lower volcano, Ubinas I, is less than 600 m high with a broad shield morphology overlain by a steeper cone, Ubinas II, more than 900 m high with slopes >30°. The lower flanks are mantled by thick layers of Late Pleistocene and Holocene tephra. In the summit area, the steeply deposited lava flows (5,672 m a.s.l.) are cut by a small summit caldera, 1.7 km² in area, with its present floor at about 5,380 m a.s.l.

The summit caldera has an elliptical shape with a maximum diameter of 1.4 km, which may have resulted from a limited amount of funnel-type collapse (after Lipman 1997) and from excavation by medium-scale (1–3 km³) Plinian eruptions. Such a summit caldera also

formed during the 1991 Pinatubo eruption. The Ubinas caldera walls are 80–300 m high and consist of hydrothermally altered lava flows. The caldera is flooded by lava flows and a 20-m-thick pile of lapilli and ash-fall layers, products of frequent, Late Holocene, phreatic and phreatomagmatic eruptions from the small, younger inner crater. The presently active inner crater, 400 m across and 300 m deep, has cut through two adjacent ash cones a few tens of meters high above the caldera floor (Fig. 3b). The N140-trending elongated shape parallels fractures crossing the hydrothermally altered wall of the caldera. The bottom of the crater shows persistent (at least since 1995), high-temperature fumaroles (440°C in 1998) fed by six vents. The inner crater, close to the south flank (Fig. 3b), which is <200 m high, shows a dense pattern of fractures, pervasive hydrothermal alteration, and must be considered gravitationally unstable.

Fig. 3 a South and SE flanks of Ubinas volcano showing the steep-sided lava flows of Ubinas II, truncated by the summit caldera 1.4 km across at ca. 5,400 m a.s.l. The fractured amphitheatre of the S flank overhangs thick ridges built up of pyroclastic-flow deposits. Ubinas village at 3,400 m, 6 km from the vent. b Southern wall of the summit caldera with fractured, hydrothermally altered lavas and young ash cone on the caldera floor with fumaroles escaping from the active crater (photographs by J.C. Thouret 1996–98)



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$^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ age data: results and interpretation

A summary of the $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ages is given in Table 1 and Fig. 5. Age spectra for the high-frequency furnace experiments are shown in Fig. 6. All errors are presented at 2σ . Details of sample preparation, dating method, and the full $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ data set are given in the Data Repository.

Amphibole separates (Ubi 122 and Ubi 123) show disturbed saddle shaped spectra (Fig. 6a, b) probably induced by excess argon. The minimum ages of 335 ± 50 and

378 ± 38 ka thus indicate a maximum age for the amphiboles Ubi 122 and Ubi 123, respectively. The $^{37}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}_K$ ratio of the amphiboles Ubi 122 and Ubi 123 is constant at intermediate and high temperatures indicating that the intermediate minimum age might represent the degassing of pure amphibole.

The additional experiment with the whole-rock sample of Ubi 122 shows a small “plateau area” of 4 steps from 750 to 900°C, representing 58% of the total ^{39}Ar released (Fig. 6c). The age of 142 ± 3 ka, which results from temperatures lower than the amphibole-degassing peak, may represent the best estimate of the age of the Ubi 122 lava flow. However, the steps included in the plateau calcu-

Fig. 4 Composite lithostratigraphic sections showing the geologic and volcanic evolution of Ubina volcano: **a** Pre-Ubina basement and Ubina I stratovolcano. **b** Ubina II summit cone

SYSTEM FORMATION	STAGES OF GROWTH AND DESTRUCTION	THICKNESS, in meters	LITHOLOGY	DEPOSIT AND FACIES	SAMPLE NUMBERS		
HOLOCENE	UBINAS COMPOSITE CONE II	HISTORIC	ii e	MODERATE PHREATIC AND PHREATO-MAGMATIC ACTIVITY SUBPLINIAN & PLINIAN ERUPTIONS	Ash-fall and scoria-flow deposits younger than AD 1677 Ash and lapilli-fall deposits and phreatomagmatic ejecta (< 980 yr B.P. - AD 1677) Plinian pumice-fall deposit ca. 980 yr B.P.	77, 19 17, 24, 30, 38 39, 40 16, 15, 9 08, 14, 12 05, 06, 05a	
			ii d	"SMALL" FAILURE OF SOUTH FLANK EXPLOSIVE ACTIVITY: HOLOCENE POST-CALDERA ERUPTIONS	Debris-avalanche deposit not much older than 3760 yr B.P. Ash- and pumice-fall deposits with lithics Pumice-fall deposits Plinian pumice-fall deposit (> 7480 yr B.P.) with lithics Pumice lapilli-fall deposit	8 04 03 02 26	
		ii c	FORMATION OF THE SUMMIT CALDERA	Plinian fall deposit: pumice lapilli with reversely graded lithics (<25 - > 9.7 ka) Pyroclastic-flow deposits; pumice lapilli and ash-fall	01 48 49		
		STRATIGRAPHIC GAP about 140 - 25 ka					
		MIDDLE PLEISTOCENE LATE	SUMMIT CONE	ii b	GROWTH OF UPPER CONE AND DOMES	Top lava flows of the summit cone (ca. 142 ka) Dome and block-and-ash flow deposits (ca. 250 ka)	122, 123 46, 69, 71
	ii a				CONSTRUCTION OF THE UPPER COMPOSITE CONE	Lava flows (andesites and dacites) > 250 ka - ca. 376 ka	18 29 20 31 33 34 35 22b,a

SYSTEM GROUP OR FORMATION	STAGES OF GROWTH AND DESTRUCTION	THICKNESS in meters	STRATIGRAPHY AND LITHOLOGY	DEPOSIT AND FACIES	Sample number
MIDDLE PLEISTOCENE	UBINAS CONE I	Ic	Opening of a small summit caldera	Non-welded ignimbrite (ash and pumice flows) and breccia	127
			Sector collapse to the south	Ubina I debris-avalanche deposit	120
		Ia	Construction of the base of the composite cone	Lava flows (andesites and dacites) Minor amount of breccias and pyroclastic deposits	42 43 82 79 36 1 10
MIO-PLIOCENE	BARROSO	Barroso Group Volcanic Arc Chila and Sencca Fms	Lava flows (andesites) and minor ignimbrites Lava flows and tuffs (rhyolite)		
	MAURE	Lake and volcanoclastic sedimentation	Lacustrine sediments and reworked tuffs		
EOCENE-OLIGOCENE	TACAZA GROUP		subvolcanic plutons (rhyolite and andesite)		
			Llallahui Fm. Volcanic Arc (deformed and faulted)	Lava flows Volcanic breccia Tuffs Lava flows (andesites)	
UPPER CRETACEOUS	MATALAQUE FORMATION	Volcanics (deformed and faulted) and volcanoclastic sedimentation	Lava flows (andesites) volcanoclastic deposits, continental sediments		

b

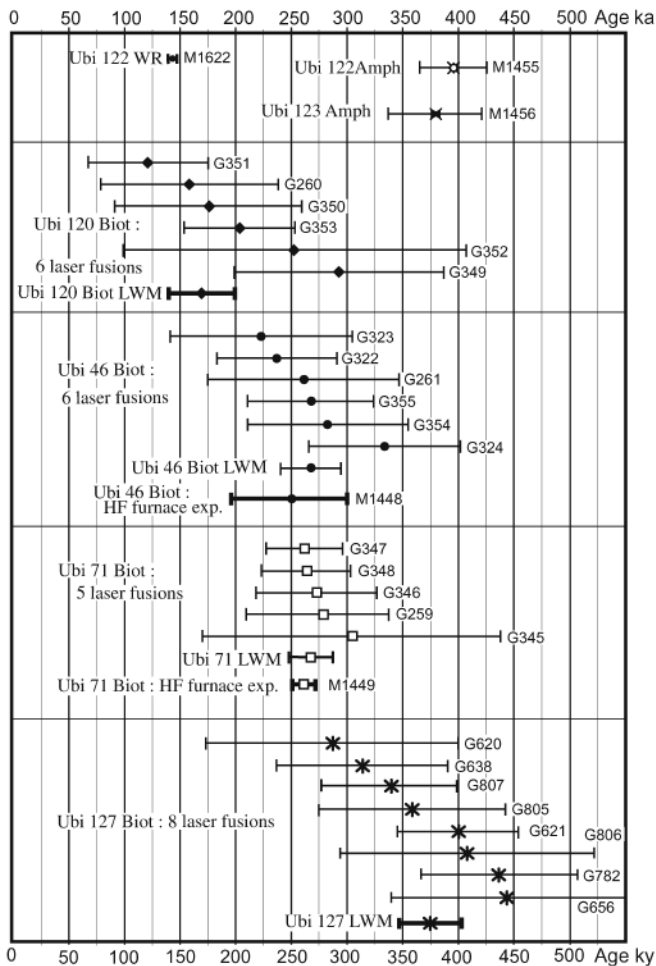


Fig. 5 Plot of the measured ages on Ubinas samples (error bar at the 2σ confidence level). Heading letter in the experiment number refers to laser experiment (G) or to HF furnace experiment (M). Preferred ages are based on HF furnace experiment for Ubi 123, Ubi 46 and Ubi 71, and on the weighed mean (LWM) of the laser experiments for Ubi 120 and Ubi 127. Note that the amphibole ages are maximum ages, which are not reliable when compared to the available stratigraphy

lation show a slight decrease of apparent ages with increasing temperatures, which may indicate that some recoil is present with excess argon at the higher ($>1,100^{\circ}\text{C}$) temperature steps (induced by the amphiboles?).

Biotite bulk sample Ubi 71 yields a plateau age of 261 ± 10 ka (Fig. 6d). The plateau includes six steps from $1,010$ to $1,250^{\circ}\text{C}$ representing 88% of the total ^{39}Ar released. This age is concordant with the age of 261 ± 8 ka calculated with the same steps plotted on an isotopic correlation diagram of $^{36}\text{Ar}/^{40}\text{Ar}$ vs. $^{39}\text{Ar}/^{40}\text{Ar}$. The data yield a linear correlation with a MSWD of 1.4 and an initial trapped atmospheric Ar with a $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ ratio of 294.9 ± 1.5 , indicating that no excess argon is present. This age is also concordant at the 2σ level with each fusion age of five single-grain laser experiments and the corresponding weighted mean of 269 ± 20 ka. The plateau age of 261 ± 10 ka is probably reliable.

Biotite from Ubi 46 yields a plateau age of 250 ± 26 ka (Fig. 6e). The plateau includes six steps from $1,100$ to $1,450^{\circ}\text{C}$ representing 85% of the total ^{39}Ar released. This age is concordant with the age of 251 ± 14 ka calculated from the same steps on a $^{36}\text{Ar}/^{40}\text{Ar}$ vs. $^{39}\text{Ar}/^{40}\text{Ar}$ diagram. The data yield a linear correlation with a MSWD of 1.1 and an initial trapped Ar with $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar} = 292.7 \pm 2.6$. This age is also concordant at the 2σ level with each fusion age of six single-grain laser experiments and with the corresponding weighted mean of 266 ± 28 ka. The plateau age of 250 ± 26 ka is probably reliable.

Eight biotite single-grain laser step-heating experiments were made on the sample Ubi 127. The atmospheric contamination remained above 90% for all the temperature steps. The ^{39}Ar degassing occurred during the low temperature steps and the fusion step represented only a small fraction of the total ^{39}Ar released. Thus, based on the experiments G638, G656, G782, and G805, a plateau age is used. During these experiments, isotopic correlation diagrams indicated initial $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ near atmospheric composition from 293.8 to 297.2. Ages ranging from 288 ± 114 to 444 ± 106 ka agree within the analytical uncertainty of 2σ level (Fig. 5). The weighed mean age of 376 ± 27 ka may represent a reliable age for Ubi 127.

Six biotite single-grain laser step-heating experiments were performed on the sample Ubi 120. The fusion step ages vary between 120 ± 27 and 292 ± 47 ka. Two age-data are not concordant (G351 and G349; when we reject the G349 experiment (which has a large error bar, probably due to alteration), the other five age data are concordant, with a weighted mean of 168 ± 30 ka that may represent the best age estimate for Ubi 120. This age is not very different from the weighted mean of the six grains, i.e., 180 ± 29 ka.

Growth and partial destruction of Ubinas I (Middle Pleistocene)

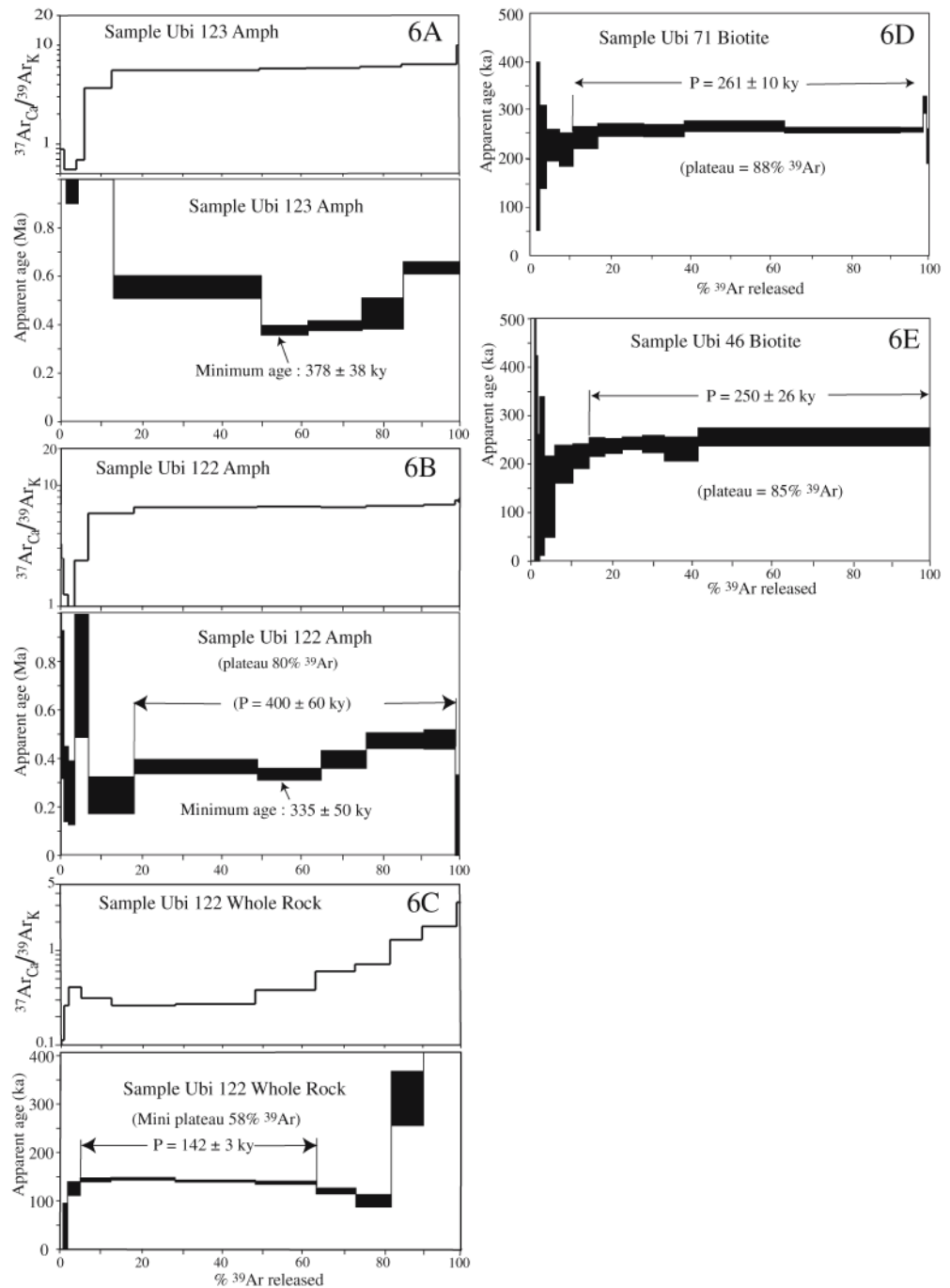
Stage Ia: Base of the stratovolcano

The Ubinas Ia period was essentially effusive and produced an estimated 600 to 700-m-high volcano, mainly built up by andesite to dacite block-lava flows that today cover an area of 65 km^2 (Figs. 2 and 4a). Based on geologic mapping and on the $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ age of one ignimbrite of stage Ic (Table 1, Figs. 5, 6), this period preceded 376 ± 27 ka.

Stage Ib: Sector collapse

During the second stage Ib, a sector collapse of the Ubinas I edifice has left a large horseshoe-shaped amphitheater open towards the SSE. Resulting debris-avalanche deposits of a volume of about 2.8 km^3 were channeled in the Rio Para and Ubinas valleys (Fig. 2). The thickness of the debris-avalanche deposits exceeds

Fig. 6 $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ages and $^{37}\text{Ar}_{\text{Ca}}/^{39}\text{Ar}_{\text{K}}$ ratio spectra obtained on HF furnace heating experiment for the Ubinas volcano. See text for discussion. P plateau age; *arrows* show the steps included in the plateau age calculation. Error on plateau age are given at $\pm 2\sigma$; the thickness of each apparent age is at 1σ level (analytical data are given in Data Repository 2, location of samples is shown in Data Repository 1)



220 m at a distance of 4 km to the SE but decreases to 30 m at 10 km SE of the summit. The debris-avalanche deposits comprise lava blocks several meters in size, often hydrothermally altered and showing jigsaw fractures. Very large blocks of lava (50–100×10–20 m) from Ubinas I and from the Barroso basement are included in the debris-avalanche deposit at ca. 3,600 m a.s.l. Although difficult to date with accuracy, the sector collapse may have occurred during the stage I (Middle Pleistocene), not long before 376 ka (Table 1).

Stage Ic: A collapse caldera?

A succession of non-welded, dacitic ash- and-pumice flow deposits with a total volume of ca. 1.8 km³ was emplaced during stage Ic. These deposits are 80–120 m thick at 5–8 km from the base of the south flank (Figs. 2 and 3a) and overlie the debris-avalanche deposits of stage Ib. The pyroclastic flows encompass at least five massive units, which are characterized by abundant cm- to dm-sized accidental andesite clasts. The voluminous, lithic-rich pyroclastic-flow deposits suggest the formation of a summit collapse caldera before the Ubinas II edifice, i.e.,

around 376 ± 27 ka, the age of Ubi 127 pumice flows (Table 1) and well before 261 ± 10 ka (Ubi 71 biotite), i.e., the age of the Ubinas IIa lava flows. Unconformities along with break in slopes at the contact of the lava flows of Ubinas I with those of Ubinas II are visible on the south and southeast flanks of the volcano at 4,800–5,200 m a.s.l.

Ubinas II (from Middle-Late Pleistocene to historical times)

Stage IIa: Summit cone and lava flows

A thick series of andesite and dacite block-lava flows forms the present summit cone from 4,800 to more than 5,600 m a.s.l. (Figs. 2 and 3). One lava flow at 5,500 m yielded a whole-rock age of 142 ± 3 ka (Ubi 122). The largest part of the summit cone Ubinas II may be comprised between <376 and 142 ka (Table 1, Data Rep. 1). Two ^{40}Ar - ^{39}Ar ages of 261 ± 10 ka and 168 ± 30 ka were obtained on block-lava flows (biotite, Ubi- 71 and 120: Table 1, Figs. 5, 6, Data Rep. 1, 2), which form a broad ridge between the valleys of Rio Ubinas and Rio Para. The steep ($>30^\circ$) lava flows are 20–40 m thick and have flowed 3–4 km around the crater on Ubinas I lava flows (Fig. 3a).

Stage IIb: Dome(s) on the south flank

A large dacitic lava dome 300 m high grew to a height of 4,100 m a.s.l. on the south flank of Ubinas and gave an age of 250 ± 20 ka (biotite of Ubi 46: Table 1, Figs. 5 and 6, Data Rep. 1). Block-and-ash flows filled up the Rio Ubinas valley to 60 m as far as 7 km to the SE of the volcano (Fig. 2). These deposits consist of decimeter-sized lava blocks in a gray ash matrix. The pyroclastic deposits of stage IIb reflect a period of dome growth and dome destruction at least on the south, SW and SE flanks of the Ubinas II edifice.

A gap in activity from <142 ka to about 25 ka?

The youngest block-lava flows of the Ubinas II summit cone were dated at 168 ± 30 (Ubi 120) and 142 ± 3 ky (Ubi-122; see Table 1, Figs. 5 and 6, Data Rep. 1, 2) indicating a gap in eruptive activity between <142 ky and ca. 25–14.7 ky (Fig. 4b), although rocks of that age can be there but not exposed. The lower limit of the gap is constrained by the ^{14}C age of the Ubinas pumice-fall deposits in the Laguna Salinas core (Fig. 8, Table 2).

We cannot entirely exclude that the gap is due to the lack of adequately dated deposits. However, lavas and pyroclastic deposits, which would span the gap, could not have been completely eroded away. Easily eroded Plinian deposits should at least have been preserved in distal stratigraphic sections, but this was not observed. The reason for such a long gap in eruptive activity remains

poorly understood. The summit caldera-forming Plinian eruptions, involving the most evolved rhyolitic magmas, occurred when the eruptive activity resumed some 25–14.7 ky ago.

Stage IIc: formation of the summit caldera

At least four ash-flow deposits underlie Holocene tephra at Quebrada Infernillo 6 km SE from the crater. These massive 2 to 4-m-thick ash-flow deposits are comprised of cm-sized dacite pumice and lithic clasts. The oldest ash-flow deposits should not be older than ca. 25–21 ky because they are preserved on steep slopes, in deep gullies (e.g., Qda. Infernillo), and on the flanks of the volcano above 3,800 m a.s.l., which have been, at least partly, eroded by glaciers during the most recent Last Glacial Maximum (before 21 ky, Seltzer 1990). The previous stage IIa summit cone was obviously ice clad because the volcano's flanks show glacially shaped headvalleys as well as cirques and moraines at the base of the cone at locations as low as 4,000 m a.s.l. These glacial features suggest that an ice cap existed large enough to feed glaciers down to the base of the cone.

Although the precise age of the formation of the summit caldera remains poorly constrained, it must have occurred between 25 ky and before 9.7 ky based on Plinian pumice-fall deposits and on tephra correlations (Figs. 7 and 8):

1. At the base of the thick Holocene tephra section 9 km south of the summit, a 3.8-m-thick coarse-grained Plinian pumice-fall deposit with reversely graded lithics is older than 7.5 ky. This is the ^{14}C age (GrA-9237, Table 2) of a pumice-fall layer in the section 1.20 m above it (Fig. 7). The lack of a soil within the tephra suggests that this deposit is probably Lateglacial in age.
2. At least four pumice-fall layers 3.1 m thick have been found 4 km W of Laguna Salinas and 30 km WSW of Ubinas (Fig. 8). These are older than 14.69 ± 0.29 ky (i.e., the age of the base of the peat cored in the Laguna Salinas, above the four pumice layers: Juvigné et al. 1997) and younger than the Last Glacial Maximum 25–21 ky ago (Seltzer 1990).
3. A pumice-fall layer, at least 1.2 m thick, consists of dacitic pumices and abundant, dense, juvenile lithic clasts. Non vesicular, vitreous clasts with radial fractures, curvilinear surfaces, and cauliflower shapes reflect the effects of phreatomagmatic explosions. The pumice fall has been correlated with a tephra layer (TP2) at Laguna Salinas, which is 45 cm thick, rich in lithics of similar texture, and slightly older than ca. 14.69 ky (Juvigné et al. 1997; Fig. 8).
4. A 1-m-thick tephra layer of white dacitic lapilli and coarse ash with very rare lithics is observed on top of the section and correlates with a tephra layer (LS3) in the peat core drilled in Laguna Salinas (Fig. 8). This tephra layer is slightly older than 9.7 ± 0.19 ky.

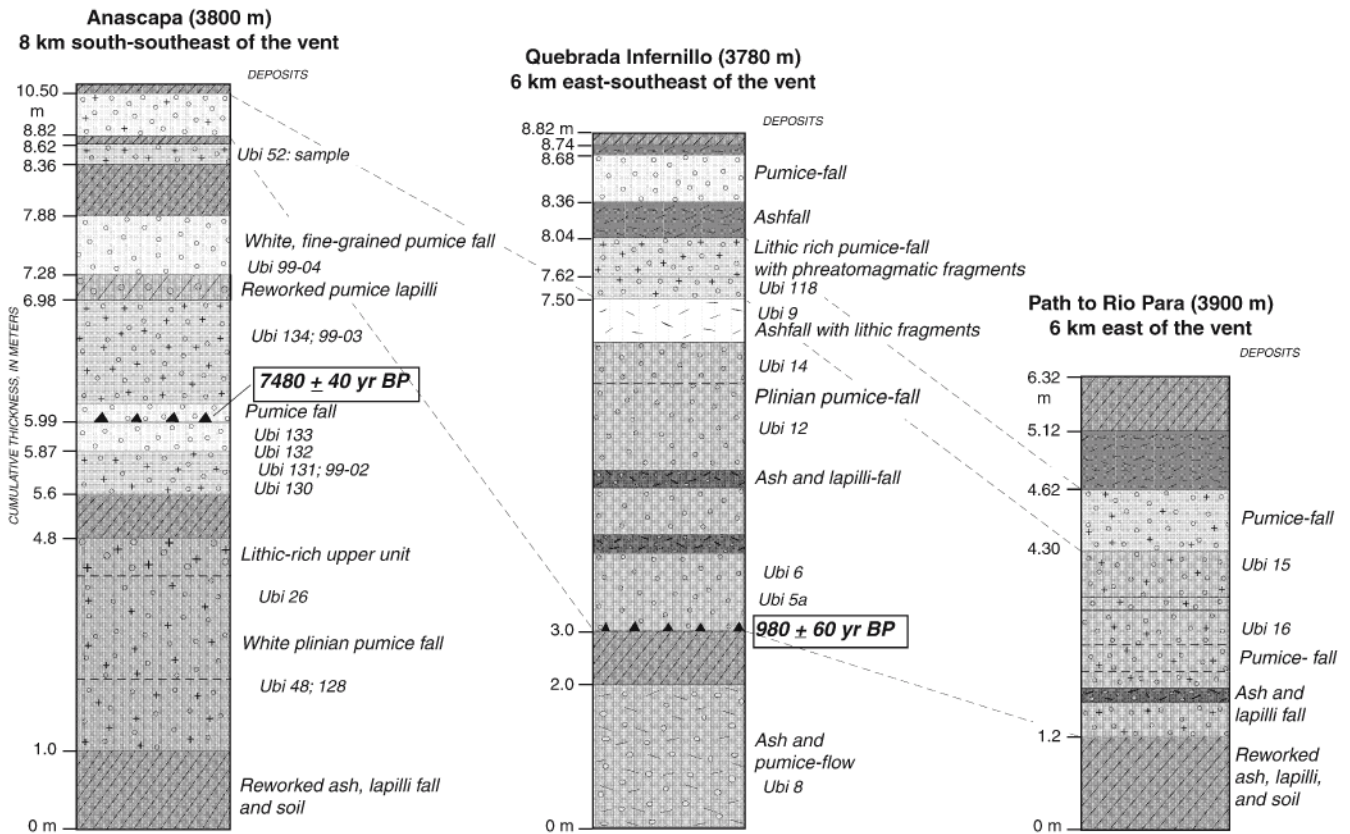


Fig. 7 Composite stratigraphic sections of Late Pleistocene (Late Glacial) and Holocene tephra-fall deposits around Ubinas

Thus, during its most recent history between ca. 25 and 9.7 ky, Ubinas produced a series of Plinian eruptions with a volume of 1 to 2 km³. The summit caldera was formed and truncated the Ubinas II cone above 5,380 m a.s.l. (Figs. 2 and 3a). The pumice-fall deposits can be correlated to locations as far as 35 km toward the SW, S and SE (Figs. 2, 7, and 8), and at least 15 km away NE of the summit.

Stage III: Post-caldera eruptions and unstable south flank

Over the past 7,500 years, the eruptive behavior of Ubinas volcano has consisted of small to medium-scale sub-Plinian, phreatomagmatic and vulcanian eruptions (Fig. 4b). Flank failures and rockslides occurred on the unstable, >45° steep southern flank during the Holocene (Fig. 3a). Hummocks which support the hamlet of Querapi at the base of the south flank as far as 4.5 km from the summit are witnesses to a debris avalanche event that left a deposit of ca. 1 km³ (Fig. 2). Hummocks, which are 40 to 80 m high, consist of fractured lava blocks 1 to 10 m in diameter, often hydrothermally altered and of diverse composition and texture, and cobbles in a coarse matrix. The flank failure occurred not long before 3,670 ± 60 yr B.P. (GrN-22820) based on the ¹⁴C age of a peat at

the base of the debris-avalanche deposit nearby Querapi at ca. 4,000 m a.s.l. (Table 2).

Stage II e: prehistoric and historic eruptions

One Plinian eruption, dated ca. 980 ± 60 year B.P. (A.D. 1000–1160, Table 2), produced ca. 1 km³ of pumice (Fig. 5). The tephra fall consists of reversely graded, cm- to dm-sized andesite pumice and cm-sized lithic clasts. Two layers with ash-coated lapilli and ash particles, intercalated between 60 and 100 cm above the base of the deposit, witness to two phreatic events during the Plinian eruption. The entire Plinian sequence, which is 4.5 m thick at 6 km and 25 cm thick at 40 km SE from the summit, has a volume of ca. 2.8 km³. It is overlain by two 60 and 80-cm-thick beds of pumice lapilli and lithic clasts at 6 km SE from the summit. The dense lithic juvenile clasts, with vitreous curvilinear surfaces and chilled margins with radial fractures, suggest phreatomagmatic events.

Ashfall deposits less than 0.1 km³ in volume were emplaced by abundant small (VEI ≤ 2) phreatic, phreatomagmatic, and vulcanian eruptions during the past 980 years. Many tephra layers on the caldera floor and in the crater walls consist of gray and yellowish ash, lithic clasts and scattered dm-sized blocks, sometimes hydrothermally altered, with few pumice lapilli (Fig. 3b). In

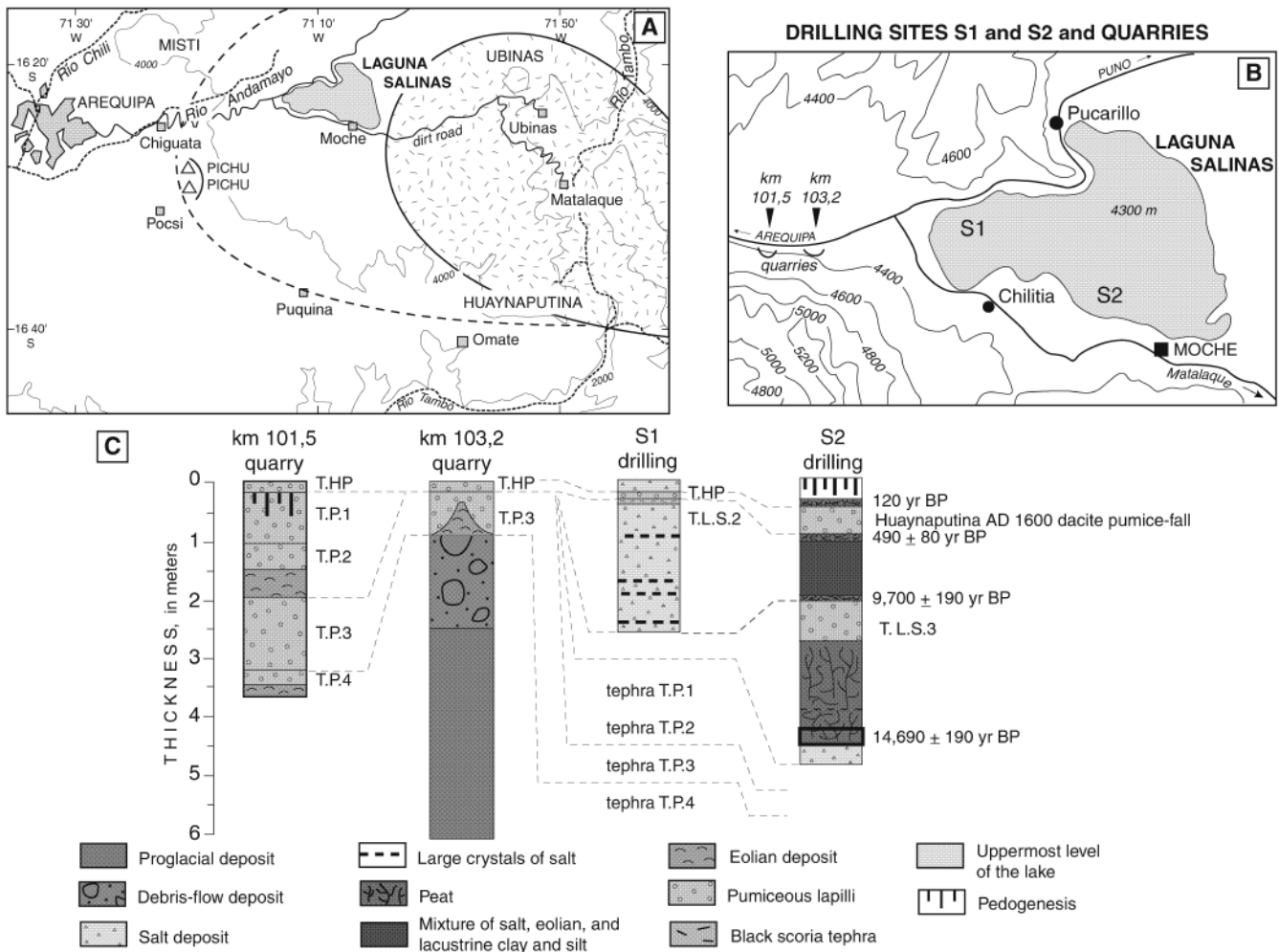


Fig. 8 A Laguna Salinas, a brine lake (*salar*) acts as a sediment trap at 4,300 m a.s.l. in a volcano-tectonic depression 35 km east of Arequipa. The *stippled area* was mantled by at least 50 cm of pumice lapilli-fall deposit during the Holocene. The *dashed line* west of Laguna Salinas shows the possible reach of a 10+ cm-thick Plinian pumice-fall deposit from Ubinas due to prevailing eastern

winds. **B** and **C** Two measured road sections and two drilling sites in the lake show seven tephra-fall deposits from Ubinas, Misti, and Huaynaputina, which encompass the past ca. 15,000 years (Juvigné et al. 1997). The uppermost tephrae are the andesitic ashfall layer LS2 from El Misti's 1400's event and the dacitic ashfall layer T.HP from the A.D. 1600 Huaynaputina Plinian eruption

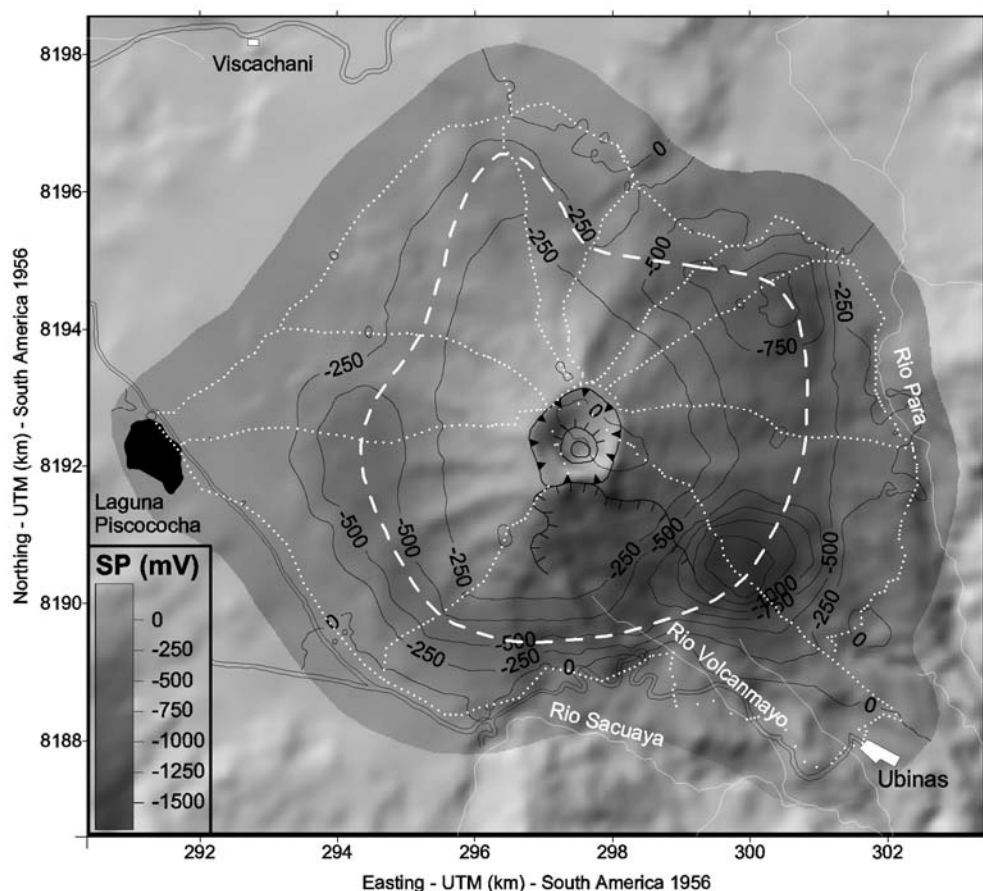
addition, yellowish-orange, hydrothermally-altered lithic and pumice lapilli cover Ubinas' flanks and the Altiplano surrounding the edifice as far as 15 km towards the west and NE (Figs. 2 and 3). Lapilli 1–2 cm in diameter mantle the volcano's flanks as far as 5 km around the summit.

Preserved deposits, chronicles, and witness accounts all indicate that no less than 23 eruptive events, including fumarolic episodes, have occurred since 1550. Therefore Ubinas is the most active volcano in southern Peru, with three to five events per century (Hantke and Parodi 1966; Simkin and Siebert 1994; Valdivia 1995; Rivera et al. 1998). Most of them were small events and even the dark gray, mafic ash- and scoria-flow deposits of A.D. 1677 (VEI 3: Simkin and Siebert 1994) are poorly preserved on the uppermost flanks of Ubinas II (Fig. 2). The scoria-rich flow is 1 m thick at 5,000 m a.s.l. and 1 km west of the crater where patches of ash and scattered scoria remain on Ubinas I. In the peat-bogs 9 km north of Ubinas (Vizcachani, Fig. 2), a similar gray, scoriaceous ash layer

overlies a few centimeters of peat on top of the whitish dacite ash from the 1600 A.D. eruption of Huaynaputina (Thouret et al. 2002). During the 20th century, six long fumarolic episodes and three ash emissions were linked to phreatic events, while the most recent, light ash fall occurred in 1969. Historical ash fall caused damage on cultivated areas and villages around Ubinas. Subsequent epidemics killed about 10 people and a great number of cattle (Rivera et al. 1998). On repeated occasions mud-flows eroded cultivated terraces in the lowermost Rio Ubinas.

The most recent degassing and seismic episode occurred between December 1995 and the end of 1996 (Thouret et al. 1996). Fifty to 70 seismic events per day were recorded by the Instituto Geofísico del Perú for a few months after April 1996. The fumaroles consisted mainly of water vapour and SO₂ and were expelled (at 440°C in July 1998) from six vents on the floor and in the walls of the crater. The fumaroles reached usually 100 to

Fig. 9 Self-potential map superimposed on a topographic Digital Elevation Model of the Ubinas volcano



600 m above the crater and steam clouds rose as much as 1.5 km above the caldera rim. The persistent fumaroles (since December 1995) are related to an active hydrothermal system (Finizola et al. 1998).

Tectonic features and volcano instability based on geophysical measurements

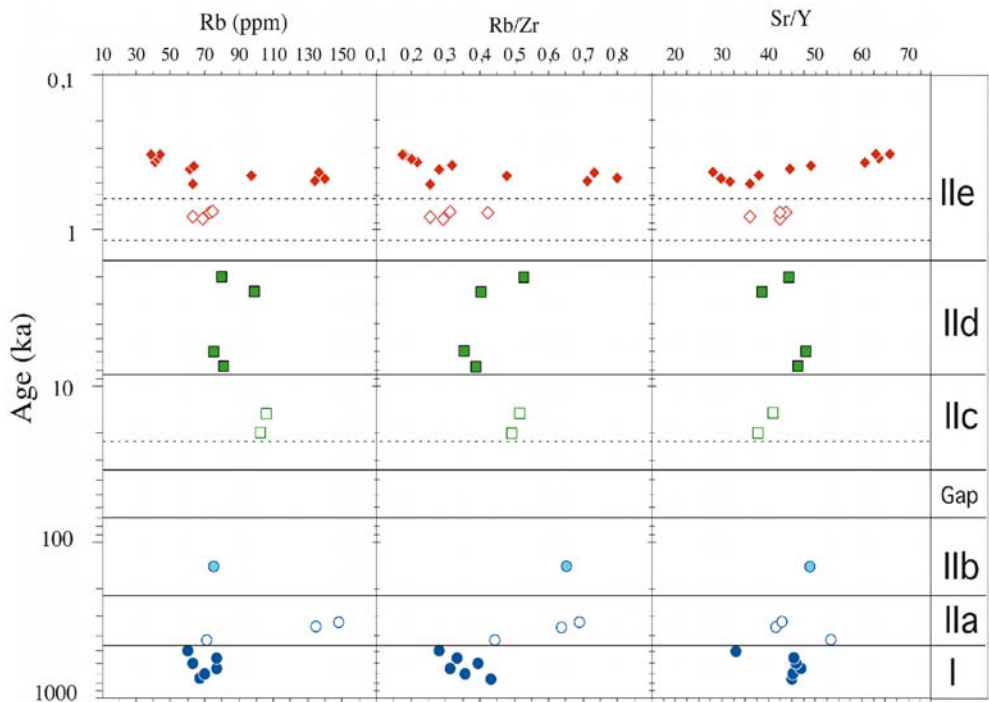
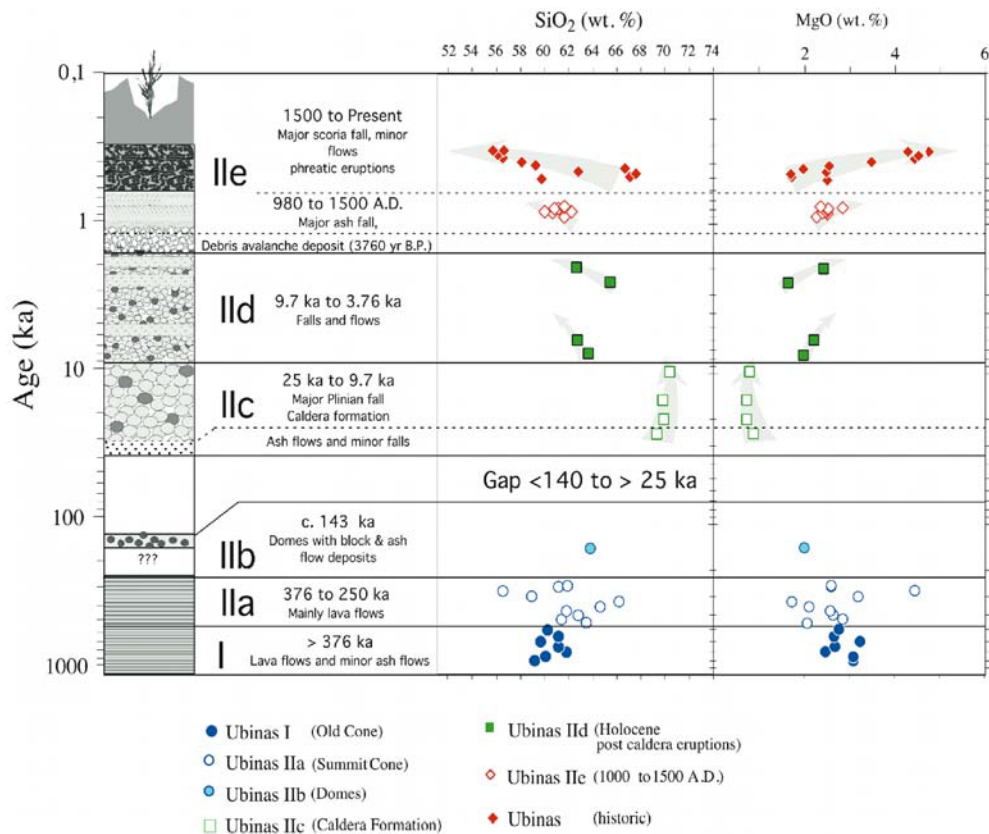
The self-potential (SP) method is frequently applied on active volcanoes to outline their hydrothermal system and structural control on fluid flow (e.g., Finizola et al. 2003). The SP method measures electric potential differences related to fluid circulation. Nine radial profiles from the summit to the base and also along a circular profile around the edifice have been measured (Fig. 9). Additional SP, ground temperature at 20 cm depth and CO₂ soil concentration have been measured on the summit caldera floor.

The SP map of Ubinas volcano superimposed on a digital elevation model (Fig. 9) shows a SP minimum (as low as 1,700 mV in magnitude) with a roughly circular shape 6 km in diameter. This SP minimum divides the edifice into (1) the lower half with a negative correlation between SP values and elevation, and (2) the upper half with a positive correlation. This pattern, common on active volcanoes, is thought to be the result of self potential produced by downward flow of vadose water on the lower

flanks and upward flow of hydrothermal fluids on the upper flanks. Hence, the cone shows two distinct areas: hydrogeologic and hydrothermal (Fig. 9). On several volcanoes such as Stromboli (Finizola et al. 2002), the lateral extent of the hydrothermal system is constrained by permeable structural boundaries such as caldera walls. In the case of Ubinas, the stratigraphy sequence does not display large-volume ignimbrites that could account for a caldera 6 km across. The boundary between the hydrogeologic and hydrothermal systems is probably not linked to a volcano-structural limit. However, the boundary of the hydrothermal system is also elongated toward the NNW at the north base of the edifice. The elongated shape toward the NNW suggests that the hot body (magma or hot fluid rising system) follows a regional NNW trend (Thouret et al. 2001). Similar NNW-SSE fractures have been observed across the summit caldera wall and the SSE flank of the volcano, which may act as a path for fluid circulation. Interestingly, the rims of the scar inside the south flank of Ubinas, as well as the scars of the landslides which bound the depression of Rio Ubinas, are NNW-SSE trending, a fact which suggests some tectonic control on hydrothermal pathways and edifice instability (Figs. 2 and 10).

Our SP measurements as well as the persistent fumarolic and phreatic activity clearly indicate that Ubinas hosts a large and vigorous hydrothermal system that is

Fig. 10 Compositional changes of Ubina lavas with age. Note that eruptive ages are approximated for the different eruptive stages according to representative dated samples. The age axis is non-linear to account for the higher sampling density and higher compositional variability in the younger eruptive products



partly controlled by faults parallel to a regional structural pattern. Thus we argue that Ubinas should be considered a volcano that is highly gravitationally unstable.

Petrography and geochemistry of lava flows and tephra

Petrography and mineralogy

Forty-five rock samples collected at Ubinas mainly consist of andesites and dacites and rare basaltic andesites and rhyolites (Table 3, Data Rep. 4). Andesitic lavas are found throughout the entire volcanic history at Ubinas, except the major Plinian eruption episode (Ubinas IIc). The andesitic tephra also comprise Holocene and historical bombs, scoria, and Plinian pumice. Dacitic lavas essentially form the summit cone of Ubinas II, while the dacitic pumices belong to pyroclastic-flow deposits and to some Early-Middle Holocene and historical tephra-fall deposits. Basaltic andesites (53–57 wt% SiO₂) are found in historical ash-and-scoria flow deposits. Rhyolitic pumices are only found in Early Holocene pyroclastic deposits.

The mineral assemblages as well as the mineral compositions evolve in a way which is compatible with differentiation. Nevertheless, zoning patterns in phenocrysts indicate a more complex evolution (Data Rep. 4).

For example, plagioclases in the historical pyroclastic rocks frequently show reverse stepped-zoning with normally zoned cores usually bound by a sharp resorption surface and mantled by 50- μ m large inclusion-rich rims with higher An contents. High-amplitude compositional shift (>10%) between cores and rims suggests that the phenocryst first nucleated in an evolved magma, and completed their growth in a more mafic magma. Large An-contrasts associated with resorption may be caused by inputs of more mafic magmas into the differentiating magma chamber rather than convection or boundary layer effects near the crystals, which would lead to low amplitude oscillatory changes (Ginibre et al. 2002; Allègre et al. 1981; Singer et al. 1995).

Olivines occur as phenocrysts and xenocrysts in Holocene pyroclastic rocks. Olivine xenocrysts in dacite (Ubi-39) show constant Fo contents (Fo₇₇₋₈₀), and reaction rims of small orthopyroxenes, oxide and plagioclase. Reaction rims indicate the chemical disequilibrium of olivine in the dacitic magma and may result of the incorporation as xenocrysts from a distinctly more mafic magma.

Whole-rock geochemistry

Samples were analysed by XRF, ICP-AES and ICPMS in laboratories at Göttingen University (Germany), Clermont-Ferrand, and Brest Universities (France). Duplicate analyses of selected samples were performed to check for consistency between the different laboratories. The concordance between labs was found to be within analytical

errors for the XRF method and thus the combined data set is presented here. All major element analyses were recalculated to 100 wt% on a volatile-free basis (Table 3). Selected rocks have been analysed for LOI to confirm totals between 98 and 100%. For the purpose of this study, we concentrate on the main processes operating in the magma chamber below Ubinas as well as the magma sources at depth. Special emphasis will be given to temporal variation of magma compositions with respect to the volcano evolution.

Ubinas rocks consist of high-K (2.1–3.91 wt% K₂O) calc-alkaline basaltic andesites, andesites, dacites, and rhyolites (55–71 wt% SiO₂, Fig. 11) and have trace element patterns with strong negative Nb and Ta anomalies typical for modern Andean subduction-related rocks (Fig. 12). Major elements such as CaO, MgO, Al₂O₃, Fe₂O₃, TiO₂, show negative correlations with increasing differentiation (SiO₂). In contrast, the K₂O contents increase with respect to SiO₂. Rb, Th, La, and Nb display incompatible behavior, whereas Sc, Sr, Sm, Ni, V, Cr, and Co are depleted during the differentiation. Thus major and trace elements are broadly consistent with differentiation by fractional crystallization of plagioclase, pyroxene and amphibole, with minor olivine.

Even though the overall major and trace elements suggest the range of compositions can be explained by simple differentiation by fractional crystallization, a closer inspection reveals complexities. For example, the rhyolitic pumice deposits (Ubi 48) of the large caldera-forming eruption between 25 ka and 14.7 ka, which represent the most evolved magma in terms of major element compositions, show the lowest to intermediate incompatible element contents (e.g., all REE, Fig. 12). Their REE patterns are not parallel to those of the more mafic rocks, being more depleted in HREE. Moreover, their Sr isotopic composition is more radiogenic and that of Nd less radiogenic (Table 3) than for all other rocks. Therefore, the most evolved magma is not a simple differentiation product of the intermediate andesites and dacites, and the influence of crustal melting and assimilation must be considered.

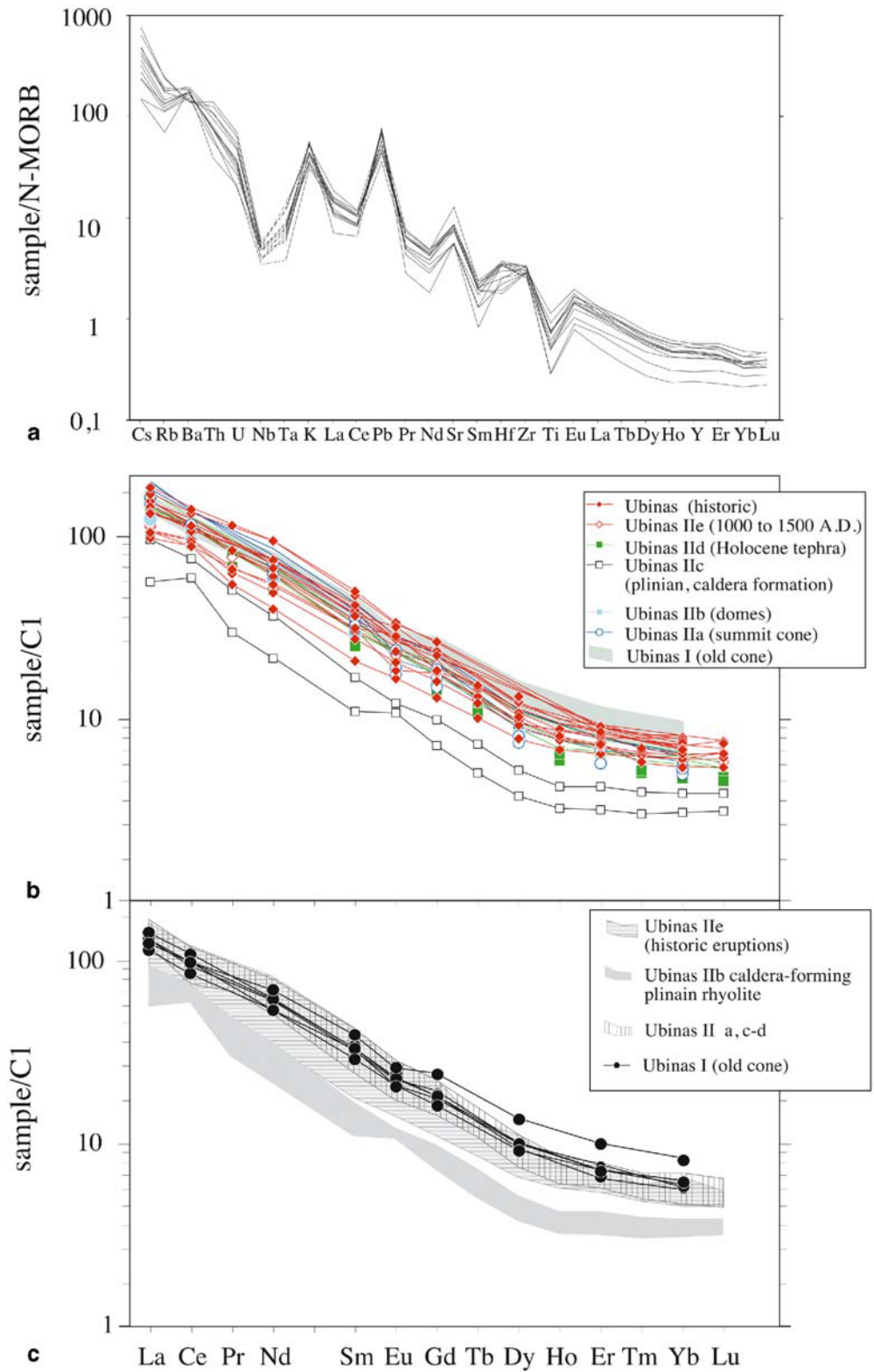
The trace element patterns of Ubinas rocks show that the suite is characterized by an increase in LILE (K, Rb, Ba, Th) and LREE with respect to HREE with increasing SiO₂ (Fig. 12). REE and trace element patterns are broadly parallel, consistent with fractional crystallization. In detail, however, we find three distinct patterns and magma types: andesites of Ubinas I cone have a relatively flat REE pattern while the bulk of andesites and dacites for Ubinas II are very coherent with a slightly steeper pattern. The most evolved Plinian pumice has the lowest REE, steepest LREE/HREE, and a flat HREE pattern (Fig. 12). Only a few rocks have a small Eu anomaly indicating that plagioclase was not strongly fractionating Eu even in the most evolved rocks. Sr contents decrease with MgO, however, the majority of compositions falls into a rather narrow range between 500 and 800 ppm. Only the most recent mafic andesites are distinct with ca. 1,100 ppm Sr.

Table 3 continued

Location	Ubi-40	Ubi-39	Ubi-38	Ubi-30	Ubi-28	Ubi-17	Ubi-31	Ubi-19	Ubi-77	Ubi-99-10
	Summit crater									
Age	1500-1677	1500-1677	1500-1677	1500-1677	1500-1677	1500-1677	1500-1677	1500-1677	1677 A.D	1677 A.D.
Unit	Ubinas Ile	Ubinas Ile	Ubinas Ile	Ubinas Ile	Ubinas Ile	Ubinas Ile	Ubinas Ile	Ubinas Ile	Ubinas Ile	Ubinas Ile
Rock type	Pumice	Pumice	Grey bombs	Blocks	Blocks	Ubinas Ile	Ubinas Ile	Ubinas Ile	Black scoria	Black scoria
SiO ₂	67.09	67.61	62.77	66.68	59.28	58.13	56.57	56.15	56.63	55.75
TiO ₂	0.67	0.61	0.99	0.66	1.19	1.17	1.30	1.42	1.38	1.44
Al ₂ O ₃	14.98	15.10	16.12	15.17	17.48	17.03	16.81	16.69	16.49	16.57
FeO	4.34	3.80	5.18	3.89	7.11	7.00	7.20	7.15	7.05	7.11
MnO	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.11
MgO	1.70	1.68	2.48	1.97	2.53	3.46	4.41	4.28	4.28	4.76
CaO	3.44	3.45	4.91	3.74	5.39	6.22	6.91	7.05	7.21	7.34
Na ₂ O	3.53	3.62	3.95	3.72	3.90	3.99	4.08	4.19	4.08	4.15
K ₂ O	3.93	3.85	3.18	3.89	2.56	2.49	2.13	2.21	2.21	2.23
P ₂ O ₅	0.25	0.20	0.33	0.22	0.47	0.39	0.48	0.54	0.56	0.54
Nb	13	10.8	12	13	12	10.2	9.5	10.3	11.1	8
Zr	189	175	203	186	219	200	188	215	245	223
Y	16	15.8	18	17	17	17.3	17	17.5	17.3	18
Sr	499	472	664	486	767	848	1,030	1,115	1,140	1,135
Rb	134	140	97	136	62	64	41	43	44	39
Ni	8	16	15	14	7	20	43	44	41	42
Co	88	9	92	32	34	20	28	32	80	25
Cr	32	32	24	34	7	22	103	108	98	106
V	81	73	117	82	146	164	183	166	182	180
Ba	884	920	913	883	971	960	1,000	1,150	1,150	1,156
Sc	8	6.1	10	9	12	11.6	14.7	13.7	14.6	16
Li	21.55	17.06	17.06	19.56	7.73	38.5	36	45	48.5	11.89
La	25.7	28.1	28.1	27.75	27.5	76.5	73.5	92	97	35.3
Ce	60.2	78	65.7	64.23	60.1	6.86	38	48	48	78.5
Pr	5.60	6.91	6.91	6.47	6.86	37	7	7.9	8.3	8.67
Nd	20.4	27.3	27.3	24.85	27.8	6.5	38	48	48	34.0
Sm	3.42	5.1	5.06	4.52	5.19	1.7	7	7.9	8.3	6.08
Eu	1.04	1.14	1.45	1.26	1.80	5.25	1.77	2.05	2.1	1.99
Gd	2.84	3.9	3.94	3.54	4.03	3.3	5.1	5.8	5.75	4.84
Tb	0.40	0.53	0.53	0.49	0.59	3.3	3.35	3.55	3.6	0.61
Dy	2.12	2.6	2.66	2.50	0.53	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.49
Ho	0.41	0.48	0.48	0.46	0.53	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.16
Er	1.15	1.4	1.25	1.26	1.45	1.36	1.3	1.22	1.2	0.96
Tm	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.19	1.36	1.3	1.22	1.2	0.15
Yb	1.08	1.39	1.06	1.13	1.13	8.7	4.2	5.1	5.6	4.62
Lu	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.890	0.906	0.926	0.929	0.98
Hf	6.95	7.07	7.07	6.82	7.12	0.890	0.906	0.926	0.929	1.124
Ta	1.56	1.78	1.78	1.60	1.11	0.890	0.906	0.926	0.929	0.706737
W	44.56	149.54	149.54	100.41	37.53	0.890	0.906	0.926	0.929	0.000011
Pb	24.3	18.4	18.4	20.62	12.4	8.7	4.2	5.1	5.6	0.512306
Th	16.76	23.8	23.8	15.14	6.69	0.890	0.906	0.926	0.929	0.000006
U	3.26	2.33	2.33	2.98	1.25	0.890	0.906	0.926	0.929	18.1899
Eu/Eu*	1.016	0.782	0.994	0.965	1.204	0.890	0.906	0.926	0.929	0.0007
⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr				0.706876						15.5665
±2σ error				0.000009						38.4197
¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd				0.512290						0.0020
±2σ error				0.000006						
²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb										
±2σ error										
²⁰⁷ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb										
±2σ error										
²⁰⁸ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb										
±2σ error										

Values are given as Fe tot = FeO, volatile-free and normalized to 100% Original LOI and analytical totals are given for reference. (n.d. not determined)

Fig. 11 Trace element patterns normalized to N-MORB (a) and REE-patterns normalized to C1 chondrites (b, c) (after Sun and McDonough 1989)



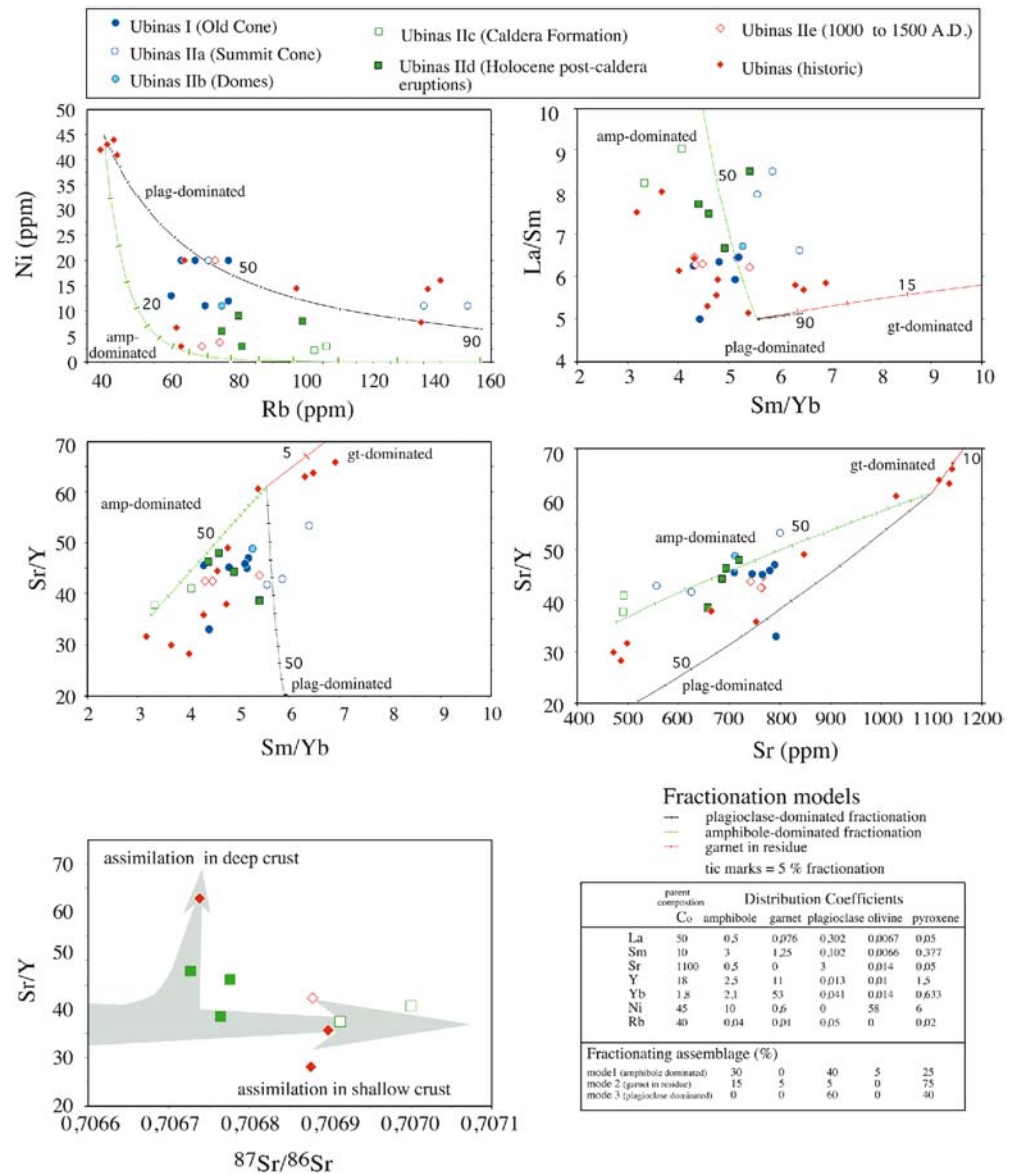
Variations of magma composition through time

Figure 11 plots selected oxides and trace element ratios against the stratigraphic sequence of the erupted products. As the sampling density and stratigraphic resolution is

much higher for younger events, a logarithmic age axis was chosen. With this (intended) bias in mind, the following observations can be made:

Major element ranges, in particular for MgO, tend to be higher in the younger historical and Holocene rocks of

Fig. 12 Trace element systematics for Ubina lavas and simple fractionation models; for discussion, see text



the summit caldera (II-d-e) compared to the older rocks of summit cone (II-a) or in particular to the old cone Ubina I. Even if older and more variable pyroclastic rocks may be underrepresented in the sampling of the older rocks (Ubina I), we are confident that these trends are real and not a sampling artifact.

Stage I lavas are thus relatively homogeneous intermediate andesites followed by a more heterogeneous stage II-a which formed the present cone. The sequence of domes and their block-and-ash flow deposits (II-b) was not extensively analyzed because of its relatively monotonous petrographic composition. Following a period of quiescence between 140 and 25 ka, pumice deposits represent the most evolved magma erupted from Ubina. Overall, there is an indication of successive cycles with an increased degree of differentiation (and assimilation) from stages I to II-c (Fig. 12). These cycles are also more compositionally variable with time. Incompatible trace

element ratios (e.g., Sr/Y, Rb/Zr) have remained approximately constant within each stage but vary slightly between stages.

Holocene eruptions, in particular the historical events, produced unusually variable compositions with MgO ranging from 1.7 to 4.8 wt%. At the same time, trace elements and trace element ratios also show a large range, Sr/Y for example varies in historical eruptions from <30 to 65. In these rocks, the absence of a correlation between the Eu anomaly and Sr indicates that simple plagioclase fractionation is not the reason for this change.

Discussion

Evolution and magma sources

The overall compositional evolution of Ubinas magmas is mainly controlled by fractional differentiation. However, it has also been clear from the mineralogical observations, the trace element and isotopic variations that magma mixing, variable parental magmas, and assimilation also need to be considered.

It has long been accepted that the calc-alkaline magmas of the CVZ result from partial melting of the mantle wedge metasomatized by fluids derived from the dehydration of the subducted oceanic crust. The partial melting is often followed by crustal contamination during the differentiation (James 1982). Recent studies carried out on volcanoes of the CVZ, such as Ollagüe, Parínacota and Tata Sabaya (Davidson et al. 1990; Feeley and Hacker 1995; de Silva et al. 1993), have found magmas poor in HREE and Y but having high Sr/Y ratios, similar to those of the Ubinas rocks (see also Mahlburg-Kay et al. 1999). In all geochemical aspects, including radiogenic isotope ratios (Table 3), the spectra of trace elements of Ubinas fall into the same field as other typical CVZ rocks. Sr and Nd isotopes in the Ubinas rocks show high values of $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ (0.706–0.707), and low values of ϵNd (–6.48). This and the depletion in Y and HREE in magmas from the CVZ is attributed to crustal assimilation in the presence of garnet at elevated pressures of the thickened continental crust (Davidson et al. 1990; Mahlburg-Kay et al. 1999).

The majority of lavas and pyroclastic rocks of Ubinas seem to have evolved under relatively high water pressure. Evidence for high $P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ includes the early occurrence of the opaque minerals, the ubiquitous presence of amphiboles, and the occurrence of clinopyroxene before plagioclase (Green 1972).

The most recent eruptive products show a large range in compositions (1.7 to 4.8 wt% MgO). Their variable trace element compositions (and ratios, see Fig. 12) do not support that the mafic members were parent to the evolved older rocks. The results of simple Rayleigh fractionation models with variable modes (amphibole-dominated and plagioclase dominated) are compared to the effects of residual garnet during assimilation (Fig. 12). The large variations in trace element ratios such as Sr/Y and Sm/Yb and high Rb can only be explained if very large degrees of differentiation (<90%) are assumed. This is clearly in conflict with major element evidence and the limited range in MgO between 1.5 and 5%. Garnet is the only mineral that can control both Sr/Y and Sm/Yb and thus could explain the positive correlation between these ratios. Amphibole, by contrast, has little effect on Sm/Yb but can, at least partly, explain the range in La/Sm (Figs. 11 and 12). There is also an anti-correlation between $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ and Sr/Y with higher Sr/Y and lower $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ in the younger erupted products (Fig. 12). At the same time, we observe a temporal change from amphibole-bearing lavas to amphibole-free lavas. This suggests clearly that

amphibole cannot be in control of higher Sr/Y and that, with time, there is a tendency towards contamination of deeper, i.e., less radiogenic, garnet-bearing crust. Therefore, the trace element systematics suggest that Ubinas parent magmas had a variable “garnet” signature (Sr/Y and Sm/Yb that cannot be explained by amphibole or plagioclase fractionation alone). These magmas then evolved to different degrees of fractionation of amphibole and plagioclase-rich phenocryst assemblages.

We conclude from this that after a long time of steady evolution and similar magma injection into the magma chamber, the recent eruptions record a change in the feeding system with more mafic and more heterogeneous magmas from distinct sources.

Reversely zoned plagioclase phenocrysts in particular in the historical deposits show wavy dissolution surfaces between core and rim and melt inclusions entrapment in the rim which suggest that the crystals underwent a resorption episode in response to physical and/or chemical changes in the magma reservoir. The associated major compositional jump (>10% An) indicates that this dissolution event is related to more mafic magma recharge and subsequent magma mixing (Singer et al. 1995; Ginibre et al. 2002). Experimental studies performed to reproduce such complex reverse zoning within plagioclase phenocrysts demonstrate that temperature and chemical compositions are the determinant parameters to form these disequilibrium textures (Nakamura and Shimakita 1998). Consequently, reversely zoned plagioclases are records of mafic magma inputs into the differentiating magma chamber of Ubinas and that it has been regularly recharged with new magma. The mixing process may have triggered violent eruptions, especially after 25 ky ago when the range in magma compositions was particularly large and the chamber periodically and partially emptied during eruptions. The change from rather quiet effusions of mostly andesite magmas (Ubinas I and IIa) to more violent Plinian eruptions with a large compositional spectrum of products suggests that the magma system below Ubinas was significantly modified with higher recharge rates beginning at ca. 25–14.7 ky ago.

Taken together, these observations indicate that the magmatic plumbing system below Ubinas has changed from a more steady state before the large-scale caldera-forming eruptions about 25–9.7 ka ago to an unsteady system with increased (?) injections since then. The mafic melts feeding the chamber and their large variability in their degree of differentiation suggests the existence of small and distinct magma batches. Abundant evidence for disequilibrium in the phenocryst assemblage for younger rocks also suggests increased rates of magma mixing at this later stage, which were enhanced by increasingly deeper assimilation. Similar abrupt changes have been observed in other Central Andean volcanoes (e.g., Parínacota volcano in Northern Chile, Wörner et al. 1988; Bourdon et al. 2000) and may be of general importance in the evolution of large arc magma systems on thick continental crust. However, what exactly controls these changes is still poorly understood. Changes in stress re-

gime of the volcano due to erosion and, more likely, catastrophic gravitational unloading may play a major role.

For the future, a replenished magma chamber may evolve again towards a steady state. Until then we can expect a continuation of small volume eruptions of diverse compositions. These may include small Plinian pumice eruptions as well as vulcanian scoria deposits. At present, there is no indication of a system maturing towards a large catastrophic Plinian explosion.

Volume versus time relationships at Ubinas

Ubinas volcano results from the growth and denudation of two edifices, Ubinas I and Ubinas II, from the Middle Pleistocene to Present times (Figs. 4–8, Tables 1 and 2). Ubinas II consists of five periods <376 ky. The preserved volume of the Ubinas II composite cone is approximately 56 km³ and the growth period (preceding the stratigraphic gap and the summit caldera-forming period) is estimated to be approximately 234 ky. Hence the eruption rate ranges between 0.17 and 0.22 km³/ky, i.e., three times less than the estimated rate at the younger and more voluminous Misti volcano (Thouret et al. 2001), but similar to the average eruption rate of the Tongariro composite cone of comparable size and activity (New Zealand, Davidson and de Silva 2000). However, the Ubinas edifice has collapsed twice towards the south: Ubinas I between ca. 376 and 250 ky (i.e., the age of the largest dome that grew inside the scar of the flank failure), and Ubinas II during the 140–25 ky stratigraphic gap. The collapse of the south flank is a continuing process, as the most recent debris avalanche is not much older than 3.6 ky. In addition, the preserved volume of lava and tephra does not account for glacial erosion during the stratigraphic gap.

Following a stratigraphic gap and the flank collapse which has unloaded the magma system below, the destruction by explosion of the summit cone (between 25 and 9.7 ky) may have lowered the volcano by up to 400 m, based on a reconstructed profile of the lava flows. Consequently, a rapid change in magmatic regime has been observed to one with high magma input, high mixing and eruption rates, as shown in the products of several km³ of the sustained large-scale (VEI > 4) Plinian explosive eruptions since ca. 25–14.7 ky.

Hazard assessment based on eruption history and on scenarios

Ubinas has been the most active volcano in southern Peru since A.D. 1550 although its eruptive activity has been moderate and restricted to ash fall, small mudflows due to snow melting, and degassing episodes, with the exception of the VEI 3 eruption in A.D. 1677. However, thick Plinian fall deposits and phreatomagmatic ejecta, dispersed as far as 35 km from the edifice, point to six large-scale eruptions (two of them with VEI > 4) and to the

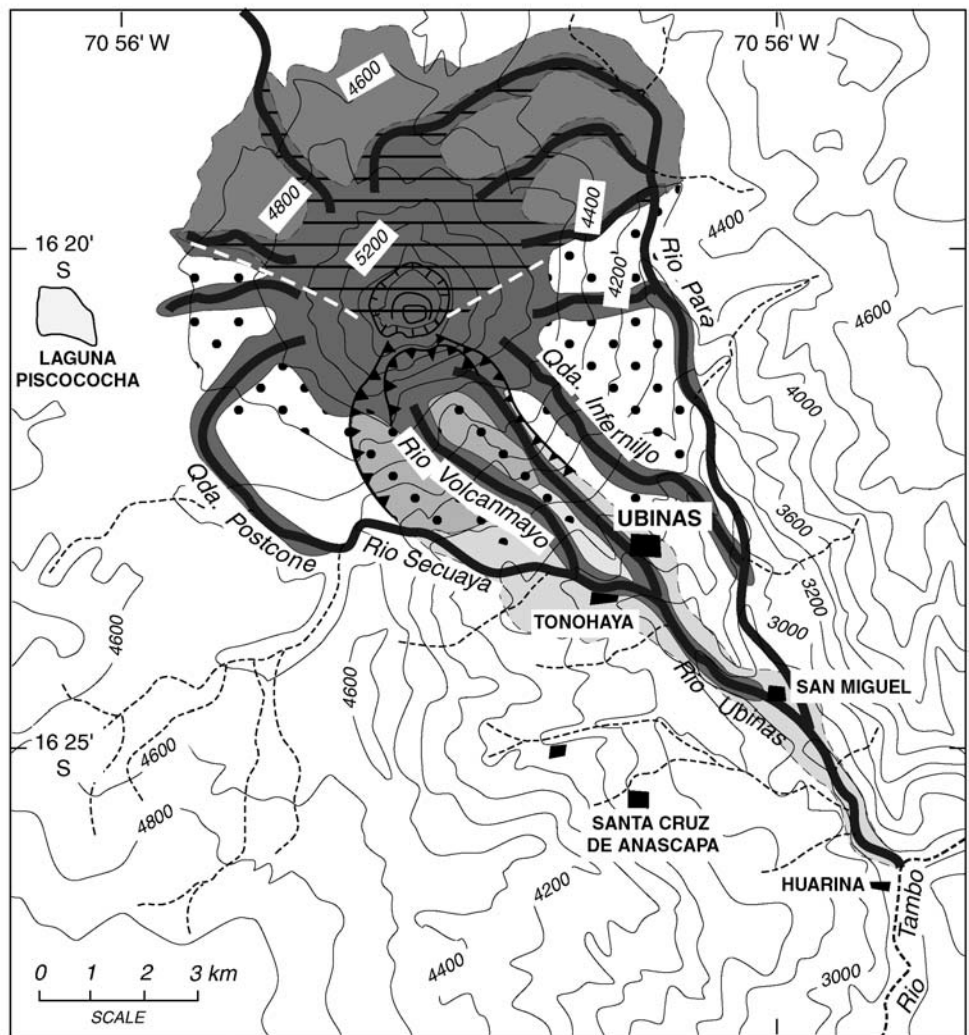
formation of a summit caldera between 25 and 9.7 ka. The most recent Plinian eruption A.D. 1000–1160 emplaced more than 1 km³ of pumice. Debris-avalanche deposits witness the south flank failures and subsequent avalanches before and during the Middle Holocene. A thick succession of block-and-ash flow deposits older than the Holocene points to the repeated growth and destruction of several domes on the south flank.






The hazard-zone map (Fig. 13) shows five areas likely to be affected by several processes, which would occur during three types of eruption scenarios, based on the available stratigraphy and chronology. These processes are ranked according to their frequency during the past 25,000 years.

- Ash fall (and phreatic and phreatomagmatic ejecta) can mantle an area of at least 6 km around the summit; pumice fall can mantle an area several tens of kilometers around the summit, especially towards the south-southeast and the west-southwest owing to prevailing winds (NCEP-NCAR, 1998; Fig. 8a).
- Lahars can sweep the Rio Ubinas valley and its tributaries as far as 15 km owing to a low height (3.7 km)/length (13.5 km) ratio of 0.207 from the summit (5,600 m a.s.l.) to the confluence of the Rio Tambo canyon downvalley at 1,900 m (Figs. 2 and 13).
- Flank failure leading to debris avalanches may occur on the steep-sided, fractured, and hydrothermally altered south flank of the edifice (Fig. 3a).
- In case of sub-Plinian or Plinian eruptions, pyroclastic flows can spill over the caldera rim and flow to all directions to the west, the northwest, the east, and the south. If domes fill the small summit caldera, block-and-ash flow deposits can also spill over the caldera walls and flow down the flanks to be channeled in the radial drainage to a distance of at least 8 km.
- Lava flows can fill the valleys on all flanks of the summit cone, after the summit depression has been filled, but will not commonly exceed distances of 5 km from the summit due to their high viscosity.
- Lava flows and pyroclastic flows may spill over the northern wall which is the lowest part of the summit caldera rim. More hazardous pyroclastic flows may also spill over the southern rim wall, the most hydrothermally altered and unstable part of the caldera.

According to the recent eruptive behavior, three eruptive scenarios may occur at Ubinas. The most probable scenario consists of small phreatic or phreatomagmatic events, moderate ash-fallout, and small lahars (e.g., similar to the 1906, 1951, and 1969 events, and to the 1990–1998 eruptive episode at Nevado Sabancaya; Gerbe and Thouret 2004), on a 33 to 100-year interval. The second probable scenario would include scoria-fall and flow-forming eruptions such as the A.D. 1677 event which may recur every 500 years on average. The third scenario is a sub-Plinian eruption with avalanches off the south flank and lahars. The recurrence time is 2,000–4,000 years. The worst-case scenario would be a Plinian eruption with

Fig. 13 Hazard map showing areas likely to be affected by pyroclastic flows and surges, lahars, debris avalanches, and lava flows from Ubinas volcano. The 50-cm isopach of a potential Plinian tephra fall, based on the voluminous pumice-fall deposits of Holocene age, is shown in Fig. 8a (stippled area). A 10+ cm-thick Plinian ashfall from Ubinas would mantle a wide area towards the west as shown in Fig. 8a, due to prevailing eastern winds. This was the case for the A.D. 1600 Huaynaputina eruption (Thouret et al. 2002)



-  Valleys potentially affected by channeled pyroclastic flows and slopes potentially affected by pyroclastic surges (dots)
-  Northwest, North, and Northeast flanks of the volcano most likely to be affected by pumice or scoria flows (based on historical scoria-flow deposits)
-  Valleys likely to be affected by lahars (volcanic debris flows)
-  Areas potentially affected by debris avalanches from a failure of the south flank
Two magnitudes are based on: a) debris-avalanche deposit of Holocene age
b) debris-avalanche deposit of middle Pleistocene age
-  Areas potentially affected by lava flows, based on the extent of late Pleistocene lavas that formed the summit cone and lava domes

large volumes of pumice falls and flows, lahars, and debris avalanches. Events of that size have occurred at least two times over the past ca. 25 ky. At present, the probability of the last scenario is fairly low.

Conclusions

Our study of Ubinas volcano has identified it to be the most active volcano in southern Peru in historical times. The detailed stratigraphic record and the new chronological data coupled with geophysical, mineralogical,

geochemical, and isotopic data allow to link the volcano evolution to its present hazard. This is done by tracing the volcano history with respect to growth and gravitational destruction, changing parental magma sources and recharge frequencies, and its present hydrothermal system.

Ubinas had two main periods of growth and two periods of destruction. Ubinas I was built by relatively monotonous andesite lavas prior to 376 ky ago. Ubinas I collapsed and a subsequent debris-avalanche deposit (2.8 km³) was emplaced in the Rio Ubinas valley. Ubinas II comprises andesitic to dacitic lava flows (376 to 142 ky) that built the summit cone. A large andesitic

dome was emplaced ca. 250 ky on the south flank accompanied by voluminous block-and-ash flows reaching as far as 7 km to the south of the summit. At the end of Ubinas II, a summit caldera formed between 25–9.7 ky, linked to large-scale Plinian eruptions. Failure of the south flank produced a debris-avalanche deposit that is not much older than 3.6 ky. The last Plinian eruption occurred ca. A.D. 1000–1160. Since then and to the present day, Ubinas is in persistent, fumarolic and phreatic activity.

Chemical characteristics of the Ubinas magmas mainly result from fractional crystallization and assimilation at various crustal levels. Magma mixing is obvious from the mineralogical and geochemical record and, in combination with shallow aquifers of the hydrothermal system, may have contributed to the triggering of the eruptions. Distinctive trace element and isotopic characteristics reflect different parent magmas that recharged the magma chamber. Ubinas I and early Ubinas II lavas are relatively similar in composition. However, towards the present, there is a trend towards increased rates of mixing and differentiation, deeper contamination and smaller individual magma volumes of single eruptive events. This change is observed since the large-scale caldera-forming eruptions that occurred after 25 ka ago. Therefore, Ubinas is presently in the process of changing its magmatic regime towards a higher recharge rate.

Surface geology and geophysical (self-potential and seismicity) measurements indicate that Ubinas volcano hosts a large over-pressurized hydrothermal system. The large-scale fluid circulation and related hydrothermal system inside the volcanic edifice are strongly influenced by regional NNW–SSE tectonic trends. These faults intersect the scar of the south flank sector collapse, increasing the weakening of the edifice towards the south. This situation has resulted in repeated gravitational failure of the unstable southern flank. Subsequent emplacement of debris-avalanche deposits is known to have occurred at least twice and as recently as the Middle Holocene. In addition, the over-pressurized hydrothermal system and the location of the crater close to the hydrothermally altered south flank may increase the hazard in case of magma-water interaction. Additional seismic activity, common in the Arequipa area, can trigger also rockslide avalanches off the unstable south flank without any eruption.

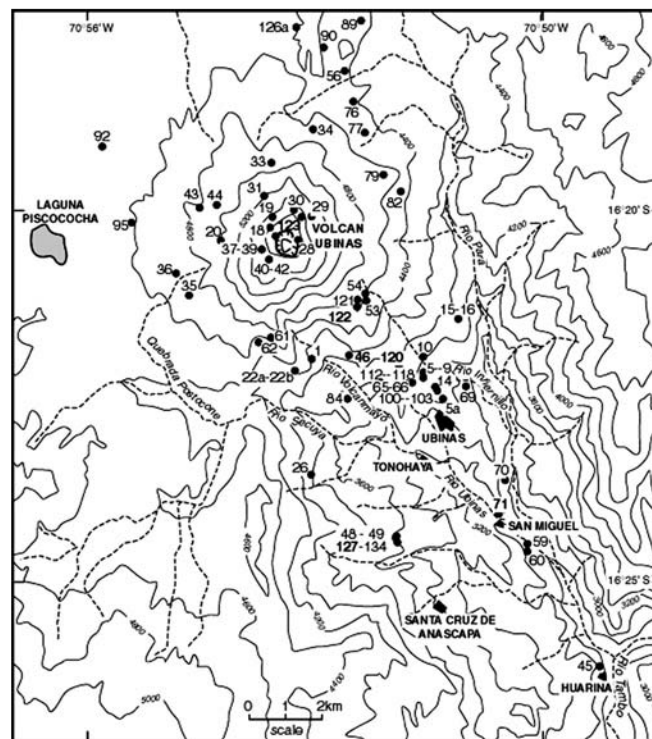
Ubinas therefore is not only the most active volcano in southern Peru. The changing magmatic regime coupled with the strong hydrothermal system and the oversteepened unstable southern flank suggest that it may also potentially be the most hazardous volcano in the area where 5,000 people live within a 15 km radius. In addition, strong Plinian eruptions as recorded from the recent past may result in ashfall that can be transported to the area of the city of Arequipa and Chiguata where 1,000,000 people live.

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List of data repository

Data Repository 1



Data Repository1

Sketch map of the Ubinas volcano and surroundings showing the location of the analysed lavas and tephra. In addition, dated $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ lavas (bold numbers) and tephra-fall deposits (^{14}C) are shown, as well as the sites of the drilled peat cores (see Fig. 2).

Data Repository 2:

sample preparation and $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ dating method

Four biotite (samples Ubi 46, Ubi 71, Ubi 120, and Ubi 127) and two amphibole (samples Ubi 122 and Ubi 123) concentrates and a whole rock (Ubi 122) were used (see Fig. 2 for location). In order to separate the mineral concentrates, the rocks were crushed and sieved through the 800–500 and 500–300 μm . The minerals were con-

centrated using bromoform and eventually selected under binocular microscope. The mineral concentrates were wrapped in copper-foil packets (furnace experiment) and in aluminum-foil (laser experiment) and irradiated in the 5C position at the nuclear reactor of McMaster University (Hamilton, Canada). Irradiation lasted for one hour with cadmium shielding except for the biotites of the sample Ubi 127, which were irradiated two hours. The samples were associated with the Fish Canyon sanidine (FCS) as a neutron flux monitor of the reactor (J-value determination) assuming a FCS age of 28.02 Ma (Renne et al. 1998). A whole-rock thin slab of 205 mg was also cut from the sample Ubi 122 and irradiated for two hours.

Age determination was performed in the Laboratory of Geochronology of UMR Géosciences Azur in the university of Nice, France. Step heating of individual grains of biotite were carried out using a 50-W Synrad CO₂ laser. Each step lasted 5 min, including 1 min for heating and 4 min for cleanup of the released gas, before introducing the gas in the spectrometer. Isotopes were measured statically with a VG3600 mass spectrometer working with a Daly detector system. The gas extractions for bulk samples (amphiboles and biotites) and whole rock were performed in double-vacuum, high frequency heated furnace, connected to a stainless steel purification line and analyzed with a mass spectrometer composed of a 120°M.A.S.S.E tube, a Bauer-Signer GS98 source, and a Balzers electron multiplier.

Ages were calculated from measured isotope ratios corrected for mass discrimination, system blanks, and interfering isotopes produced during irradiation. For the laser experiment, blanks routinely measured every three steps, were in the range 40–90, 2–10, 2–6×10⁻¹⁴ ccSTP for the masses 40, 39, and 36, respectively. The argon isotopes were on the order of up to 2000, 5–100, 2–100 times the blank levels, respectively, in part related to the weight of the analyzed mineral.

During the furnace experiments, heating lasted 20 min for each temperature step followed by 5 min for cleanup of the released gas, before introducing the gas in the spectrometer. Argon isotopes were of the order of 100–2,000, 100–1,000 and 2–200 times the blank levels for the masses 40, 39, 36, respectively. In some high temperature steps, measured ³⁶Ar was near the blank level. Mass discrimination was monitored by regularly analyzing air pipette volume and averaged 1.00721±0.19% over a 2-year period for the laser system and was ranging from 1.00740 to 1.00606 (±0.15%) for the HF furnace system.

The criteria used for a plateau age are: (1) the plateau should contain at least 70% of ³⁹Ar, (2) the plateau should include at least three following steps of temperature, and (3) the integrated age of the plateau should concur within 2 σ with each apparent age of the plateau.

For each biotite sample, single grains were fused with laser to check the possibility of heterogeneity of the sample. Each single grain of biotite was first moderately heated (one or two steps) before fusion in order to release part of the atmospheric contamination. The aim of this procedure was to reduce the atmospheric contamination

before the fusion step. However, this procedure was not very efficient and in most of the sample, all the steps include high level of atmospheric contamination. Generally, we retained the age of the fusion step, as it includes an important part of the total ³⁹Ar released but when the sample released ³⁹Ar in the lower temperature steps, we calculated a plateau age. Integrated (total gas) ages appear in the data table but were not used for the discussion.

Data Repository 3: ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar analytical data

Laser experiments: high-temperature (fusion) step ages are generally preferred but some plateau age are also used (see text for explanation).

³⁹Ar (%) = fraction of ³⁹Ar released for each step;
³⁷ArCa/³⁹ArK = Ar isotopes produced by Ca and K neutron interferences; ⁴⁰Ar* = radiogenic ⁴⁰Ar. The *error bar* is at the 1σ level and does not include the error of the J irradiation parameter (estimated at 0.2%). Corrections factor for the interfering isotopes produced by nuclear reactions on potassium and calcium in the McMaster reactor were (³⁹Ar/³⁷Ar)Ca = 7.06 × 10⁻⁴, (±4%), (³⁶Ar/³⁷Ar)Ca = 2.79 × 10⁻⁴ (±3%) and (⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar)K = 1 × 10⁻³ (±4%). Isotopic ratio were corrected for blank and mass discrimination (1.00721±0.19% for the laser system and 1.00740 to 1.00606 (±0.15%) for the HF furnace system. Ages were calculated using the decay constants proposed by Steiger and Jaeger (1977).

Representative electron microprobe analyses of phenocrysts in the Ubinas rocks. Fe₂O₃* calculated after Papike et al. (1974) and Tindle and Webb (1994); End-member components of “quadrilateral” pyroxenes (mol%) normalized to atomic Ca + Mg + ΣFe = 100 with ΣFe = Fe²⁺ + Fe³⁺ + Mn (Morimoto et al. 1988); Mg-no. = 100 Mg/(Mg + Fe), atomic; *mght* magnesio-hastingsite; *c* phenocryst core; *r* phenocryst rim.

Step	Laser power mW	Atmospheric contamination (%)	³⁹ Ar (%)	³⁷ ArCa/ ³⁹ ArK	⁴⁰ Ar*/ ³⁹ ArK	Age (Ma ± 1σ)
G260: Sample Ubi 120 biotite (0.16 mg) laser exp MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	280	100.00	0.65	0.370	—	—
2	400	100.00	4.22	0.046	—	—
Fuse	2,000	73.09	95.12	0.023	0.351	0.158±0.040
G349: Sample Ubi 120 biotite (0.08 mg) laser exp MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	250	90.79	0.61	9.124	11.078	4.083±5.138
Fuse	1,555	83.41	99.38	0.651	0.592	0.292±0.047
(Integrated age: 0.315±0.057)						
G350: Sample Ubi 120 biotite (0.07 mg) laser exp MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	250	94.83	1.37	9.124	1.342	0.601±3.827
Fuse	1,222	67.30	98.63	0.014	0.391	0.175±0.043
(Integrated age: 0.181±0.067)						
G351: Sample Ubi 120 biotite (0.15 mg) laser exp MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	335	100.00	1.29	0.185	—	—
Fuse	1,555	78.29	98.71	0.028	0.268	0.120±0.027
G352: Sample Ubi 120 biotite (0.10 mg) laser exp MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	300	99.60	6.24	0.154	0.302	0.135±0.733
Fuse	1,111	95.54	93.76	0.022	0.562	0.252±0.077
(Integrated age: 0.245±0.086)						
G353: Sample Ubi 120 biotite (0.08 mg) laser exp MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	300	100	2.63	0.154	—	—
Fuse	1,111	67.44	97.37	0.022	0.454	0.203±0.025
G261: Sample Ubi 46 biotite (0.19 mg) laser exp MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	260	100.00	8.52	0.021	—	—
2	320	82.18	16.74	0.017	0.792	0.355±0.124
Fuse	1,000	85.52	74.74	0.033	0.58	0.260±0.044
(Integrated age: 0.277±0.042)						
G322: Sample Ubi 46 biotite (0.19 mg) laser exp MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	250	97.55	3.94	0.066	1.662	0.745±0.836
2	360	88.49	23.76	0.020	0.513	0.230±0.092
Fuse	1,555	85.95	72.30	0.073	0.527	0.236±0.027
(Integrated age: 0.255±0.044)						
G323: Sample Ubi 46 biotite (0.10 mg) laser exp MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	285	100.00	2.74	0.067	—	—
2	370	91.21	18.25	0.025	0.385	0.173±0.155
Fuse	1,555	86.64	79.01	0.044	0.495	0.222±0.041
(Integrated age: 0.158±0.040)						
G324: Sample Ubi 46 biotite (0.20 mg) laser exp MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	280	91.79	2.6	0.021	4.083	1.829±1.202
2	445	71.73	23.23	0.009	0.919	0.412±0.108
Fuse	1,555	70.30	74.17	0.036	0.744	0.333±0.034
(Integrated age: 0.391±0.048)						
G354: Sample Ubi 46 biotite (0.13 mg) laser exp MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	290	83.23	8.64	0.022	1.895	0.849±0.414
Fuse	1,444	64.55	91.36	0.008	0.629	0.282±0.036
(Integrated age: 0.331±0.048)						
G355: Sample Ubi 46 biotite (0.18 mg) laser exp MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	230	99.22	13.23	0.022	0.095	0.042±0.19
Fuse	1,444	84.30	86.77	0.045	0.595	0.266±0.028
(Integrated age: 0.237±0.035)						
G259: Sample Ubi 71 Biotite (0.19 mg) laser exp. MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	230	96.58	1.02	0.034	4.724	2.116±2.329
2	350	89.02	21.25	0.026	0.663	0.297±0.078
Fuse	1,500	78.59	77.74	0.061	0.616	0.276±0.032
(Integrated age: 0.299±0.032)						
G345: sample Ubi 71 biotite (0.05 mg) laser exp. MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	270	99.14	2.66	0.107	0.43	0.193±1.826
Fuse	1,111	68.47	97.34	0.053	0.683	0.306±0.068
(Integrated age: 0.303±0.082)						
G346: sample Ubi 71 biotite (0.22 mg), laser exp. MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	250	91.54	4.84	0.147	2.865	1.284±0.449
Fuse	1,111	80.24	95.16	0.122	0.611	0.274±0.027
(Integrated age: 0.260±0.023)						
G347: sample Ubi 71 biotite (0.23 mg) laser exp. MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	300	96.56	11.06	0.056	0.515	0.231±0.16
Fuse	1,111	57.27	88.94	0.034	0.588	0.263±0.017
(Integrated age: 0.303±0.082)						

Step	Laser power mW	Atmospheric contamination (%)	³⁹ Ar (%)	³⁷ ArCa/ ³⁹ ArK	⁴⁰ Ar*/ ³⁹ ArK	Age (Ma ± 1σ)
G348: sample Ubi 71 biotite (0.27 mg) laser exp. MC28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63						
1	319	98.56	1.9	0.100	1.078	0.483±0.79
Fuse	2,200	80.14	74.84	0.039	0.592	0.265±0.020
(Integrated age: 0.271±0.028)						
G620: Ubi 127 biotite (0.27 mg) MC33, 2Hrs with Cd, J=35.6						
1	400	98.26	41.14	0.021	0.229	0.181±0.096
2	500	94.05	47.40	0.036	0.364	0.288±0.057
3	600	93.02	7.09	0.836	0.570	0.452±0.289
Fuse	1,110	100.00	4.38	0.982	–	–
(Integrated age: 0.255±0.054)						
G621: Ubi 127 biotite (0.27 mg) MC33, 2Hrs with Cd, J=35.6						
1	395	95.64	34.41	0.014	0.365	0.289±0.084
Fuse	1,000	89.60	65.59	0.114	0.505	0.400±0.027
(Integrated age: 0.362±0.034)						
G638: Ubi 127 biotite (0.32 mg) MC33, 2Hrs with Cd, J=35.6						
1	420	99.77	18.58	0.017	0.233	0.185±0.433
2	535	96.35	42.02	0.061	0.351	0.278±0.047
3	620	97.31	27.03	0.051	0.392	0.311±0.079
Fuse	1,100	95.72	12.37	0.651	0.548	0.435±0.097
(Integrated age: 0.289±0.086)						
Plateau age (steps 2–4) used 0.313±0.039						
G656: Ubi 127 biotite (0.71 mg) MC33, 2Hrs with Cd, J=35.6						
1	500	100.00	15.38	0.016	–	–
2	670	97.26	29.33	0.013	0.43	0.341±0.08
3	1,000	95.08	34.31	0.059	0.673	0.534±0.091
Fuse	2,000	95.98	20.97	0.171	0.519	0.412±0.087
(Integrated age: 0.345±0.119)						
Plateau age (steps 2–4) used 0.444±0.053						
G782 Ubi 127 biotite (0.59 mg) MC33, 2Hrs with Cd, J=35.6						
1	385	98.48	1.69	0.092	6.047	4.79±2.099
2	490	100.00	7.14	0.042	0.015	–
3	550	98.08	9.49	0.006	0.56	0.444±0.192
4	610	96.48	15.53	0.0003	0.476	0.377±0.079
5	700	92.93	24.38	0.004	0.553	0.438±0.052
6	790	92.40	18.14	0.03	0.52	0.412±0.067
7	950	96.73	17.3	0.238	0.647	0.513±0.092
Fuse	2,500	93.84	6.31	0.526	0.545	0.432±0.151
(Integrated age: 0.496±0.056)						
Plateau age (step 4–8) used 0.436±0.035						
G805 Ubi 127 biotite (0.20 mg) MC33, 2Hrs with Cd, J=35.6						
1	350	99.02	7.5	0.033	0.475	0.377±0.324
2	470	89.44	44.25	0.042	0.484	0.384±0.064
3	650	90.61	38.59	0.055	0.439	0.348±0.055
Fuse	1,666	93.38	9.67	1.099	0.352	0.279±0.166
(Integrated age: 0.360±0.046)						
Plateau age (steps 2–4) used 0.358±0.042						
G806 Ubi 127 biotite (0.35 mg) MC33, 2Hrs with Cd, J=35.6						
1	380	100.00	0.87	0.053	–	–
2	560	98.97	13.45	0.087	0.816	0.647±0.408
3	700	97.80	9.7	0.202	0.48	0.381±0.156
Fuse	2,000	95.23	75.97	0.067	0.515	0.408±0.057
(Integrated age: 0.447±0.082)						
G807 Ubi 127 biotite (0.32 mg) MC33, 2Hrs with Cd, J=35.6						
1	350	98.58	3.95	0.125	3.095	2.531±1.355
2	500	98.02	14.66	0.126	0.321	0.263±0.174
Fuse	1,800	91.43	81.40	0.073	0.415	0.339±0.032
(Integrated age: 0.403±0.063)						
HF furnace experiments						
Step	T°C	Atmospheric contamination (%)	³⁹ Ar (%)	³⁷ ArCa/ ³⁹ ArK	⁴⁰ Ar*/ ³⁹ ArK	Age (Ma ± 1σ)
M1455: sample Ubi 122 Amphibole (130 mg) HF furnace exp MC 28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63.1						
1	470	63.06	0.00	–	–	–
2	550	98.73	0.01	1.513	32.07	14.295±15.814
3	650	98.24	0.13	3.276	6.175	2.761±2.302
4	750	96.62	0.59	2.497	1.39	0.622±0.305

HF furnace experiments

Step	T°C	Atmospheric contamination (%)	³⁹ Ar (%)	³⁷ ArCa/ ³⁹ ArK	⁴⁰ Ar*/ ³⁹ ArK	Age (Ma ± 1σ)
5	850	96.48	1.12	1.253	0.658	0.295±0.155
6	950	96.53	1.6	0.802	0.578	0.259±0.132
7	1,050	94.05	3.38	2.402	1.657	0.741±0.254
8	1,100	97.46	11.47	5.857	0.554	0.248±0.076
9	1,150	89.90	30.93	6.572	0.819	0.366±0.029
10	1,160	86.30	15.93	6.675	0.749	0.335±0.025
11	1,200	88.11	11.36	6.584	0.885	0.396±0.036
12	1,220	84.78	14.53	6.75	1.059	0.474±0.032
13	1,250	83.92	7.82	6.918	1.069	0.479±0.039
14	1,300	99.01	0.86	7.513	0.078	0.035±0.297
15	1,350	100.00	0.21	7.28	–	–
Fuse	1,450	100.00	0.06	7.817	0.01	0.005±2.311
(Integrated age: 0.342±0.018)						
M1456 sample Ubi 123 Amphibole (282 mg) HF furnace exp MC 28, 1Hr with Cd, J=63.1						
1	550	100.00	0.00	0.001	–	–
2	650	97.64	0.15	1.487	30.993	13.817±6.276
3	750	96.29	1.09	0.880	5.277	2.360±0.657
4	850	88.69	3.02	0.550	2.213	0.990±0.089
5	950	73.08	2.04	0.688	4.418	1.976±0.064
6	1,050	87.77	6.81	3.669	3.002	1.343±0.105
7	1,100	88.01	37.02	5.559	1.242	0.556±0.047
8	1,150	76.26	11.78	5.784	0.844	0.378±0.019
9	1,180	78.92	13.46	5.847	0.886	0.396±0.020
10	1,220	92.41	10.43	6.026	0.999	0.447±0.064
11	1,260	73.47	13.86	6.374	1.419	0.635±0.025
12	1,300	42.06	0.22	14.748	13.068	5.839±0.404
13	1,350	82.91	0.08	28.973	4.188	1.873±0.958
Fuse	1,450	100.00	0.02	18.109	–	–
(Integrated age: 0.658±0.024)						
M1622: Ubi 122 whole rock, (205 mg) MC 33, 2Hrs with Cd, J=34.60						
1	400	67.37	0.00	0.021	151.609	119.68±204.6
2	450	100.00	0.00	0.020	–	–
3	550	100.00	0.09	0.000	–	–
4	600	100.00	0.70	0.113	–	–
5	650	98.05	1.12	0.262	0.059	0.048±0.047
6	700	89.14	3.16	0.409	0.154	0.126±0.014
7	750	71.70	7.58	0.314	0.176	0.144±0.004
8	800	56.65	15.99	0.262	0.179	0.146±0.003
9	850	53.37	19.95	0.272	0.173	0.141±0.002
10	900	68.08	15.08	0.383	0.169	0.138±0.003
11	950	85.05	9.93	0.602	0.148	0.121±0.006
12	1,050	94.68	8.79	0.715	0.123	0.101±0.013
13	1,180	96.39	8.03	1.300	0.382	0.312±0.056
14	1,300	93.36	8.63	1.801	0.722	0.589±0.086
15	1,500	92.07	0.90	3.219	0.954	0.779±0.188
Fuse	1,550	100.00	0.06	3.208	–	–
(Integrated age: 0.180±0.009)						
Mini plateau age (steps 7–10) used 0.142±0.003						
M1448, sample Ubi 46 Biotite (170 mg) HF furnace exp, MC 28, 1Hr with Cd J=63.1						
1	550	100.00	0.00	0.000	–	–
2	600	100.00	0.23	0.093	–	–
3	650	100.00	0.32	0.087	–	–
4	700	100.00	0.30	0.081	–	–
5	750	99.70	0.38	0.082	0.335	0.150±0.509
6	800	99.97	0.38	0.103	0.040	0.018±0.406
7	850	99.83	0.53	0.106	0.087	0.039±0.223
8	900	98.90	1.15	0.072	0.393	0.176±0.164
9	950	98.37	2.60	0.053	0.297	0.133±0.084
10	1,000	94.57	4.55	0.044	0.447	0.200±0.039
11	1,050	91.38	4.07	0.054	0.484	0.216±0.026
12	1,100	88.37	3.96	0.058	0.526	0.235±0.020
13	1,150	84.61	4.39	0.051	0.531	0.237±0.015
14	1,200	82.16	5.11	0.039	0.543	0.243±0.013
15	1,250	86.59	5.42	0.041	0.540	0.242±0.018
16	1,350	90.87	8.46	0.057	0.517	0.231±0.025

 HF furnace experiments

Step	T°C	Atmospheric contamination (%)	³⁹ Ar (%)	³⁷ ArCa/ ³⁹ ArK	⁴⁰ Ar*/ ³⁹ ArK	Age (Ma ± 1σ)
17	1,450	85.73	58.15	0.072	0.573	0.256±0.019
Fuse	1,550	100.00	0.02	0.472	–	–
(Integrated age: 0.231±0.013)						
Plateau age (steps 12-17) used 0.250±0.013						
M1449, sample Ubi 71 Biotite (160 mg) HF furnace exp MC 28, 1Hr with Cd, J=62.9						
1	470	100.00	0.00	0.000	–	–
2	550	99.74	0.01	0.483	11.077	4.966±21.028
3	600	100.00	0.28	0.157	–	–
4	650	99.95	0.38	0.149	0.065	0.029±0.453
5	700	99.93	0.55	0.150	0.041	0.018±0.254
6	750	100.00	0.61	0.175	–	–
7	800	98.54	0.72	0.212	0.524	0.235±0.182
8	850	97.03	1.67	0.139	0.501	0.225±0.086
9	900	92.94	3.26	0.095	0.510	0.229±0.033
10	950	93.27	3.42	0.111	0.489	0.219±0.034
11	1,010	89.18	6.20	0.074	0.545	0.245±0.023
12	1,050	81.79	11.55	0.055	0.580	0.260±0.013
13	1,100	81.52	10.11	0.085	0.577	0.259±0.013
13	1,150	77.96	25.20	0.084	0.596	0.268±0.011
15	1,200	64.75	28.98	0.078	0.579	0.260±0.006
16	1,250	54.92	5.76	0.034	0.580	0.260±0.005
17	1,280	61.82	0.91	0.047	0.695	0.312±0.017
18	1,340	77.52	0.37	0.079	0.505	0.227±0.036
19	1,400	100.00	0.02	0.564	–	–
Fuse	1,450	100.00	0.00	1.408	–	–
(Integrated age: 0.245±0.008)						
Plateau age (steps 11-16) used 0.261±0.005						

Clinopyroxene		Ubinas Ile (Historical)															
		Ubinas I				Ubinas IIa				Ubinas IIe							
		Ubinas I		Ubinas IIa		Ubinas IIe		Ubinas IIe		Ubinas IIe		Ubinas IIe					
Sample Nb	31	32	35	42	52	70	73	31	34	42	53	84	86	31	32	Ubi-17	
	c	r	m	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	r	c	c
SiO ₂	51.46	49.04	49.28	49.65	52.23	52.56	53.07	51.74	50.53	54.21	48.98	52.20	49.16	51.43	49.04	50.29	
Al ₂ O ₃	2.19	3.56	3.03	3.12	1.16	1.19	0.80	1.91	3.69	1.52	4.42	1.13	5.36	2.04	3.56	3.99	
FeO	7.09	3.90	4.85	4.24	5.89	6.81	5.77	8.64	7.10	9.67	3.20	8.28	5.45	5.77	3.90	5.48	
Fe ₂ O ₃ *	3.12	2.54	4.85	4.79	3.04	2.09	1.89	1.32	1.98	0.00	4.22	1.96	2.69	2.54	4.85	2.96	
MgO	14.28	15.67	15.72	14.85	14.98	14.51	15.32	13.64	14.68	13.28	15.74	14.19	14.02	16.26	15.67	15.23	
MnO	0.34	0.19	0.24	0.31	0.31	0.46	0.53	0.38	0.17	0.40	0.09	0.48	0.11	0.26	0.19	0.10	
TiO ₂	0.49	0.85	1.44	1.67	0.25	0.22	0.21	0.38	0.84	0.57	1.87	0.31	1.37	0.85	1.44	0.78	
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.00	0.03	0.06	0.00	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.18	0.03	0.06	0.14	
CaO	20.53	19.93	20.24	19.57	21.62	21.68	21.88	20.86	20.17	20.12	21.04	20.70	21.52	19.93	20.24	20.38	
Na ₂ O	0.60	0.43	0.48	0.55	0.44	0.43	0.43	0.47	0.41	0.32	0.42	0.46	0.40	0.36	0.43	0.41	
Sum	100.10	99.47	99.19	99.14	99.97	99.97	99.90	99.34	99.57	100.09	99.99	99.73	100.26	99.47	99.38	99.76	
Wo	42.4	40.7	40.4	42.9	43.7	44.2	44.2	43.6	42.3	43.3	43.4	42.6	45.5	40.7	41.6	42.5	
En	41.0	44.8	45.1	42.8	42.2	41.2	43.1	39.7	42.9	39.8	45.2	40.6	41.2	46.1	44.8	44.1	
Fs	16.6	13.2	14.5	14.3	14.1	14.6	12.7	16.7	14.8	17.0	11.4	16.9	13.2	13.2	13.6	13.4	
mg-no	78.2	83.4	85.2	86.2	81.9	79.1	82.5	73.7	78.7	71.0	89.7	75.4	82.1	83.4	87.7	83.2	

Orthopyroxene		Ubinas Ile (Holocene)															
		Ubinas Ia				Ubinas IIa				Ubinas IIe							
		Ubinas Ia		Ubinas IIa		Ubinas IIe		Ubinas IIe		Ubinas IIe		Ubinas IIe					
Sample Nb	10	13	41	47	51	48	49	49	48	49	5	71	71	73	73	Ubi-14	
	incl	c	c	c	incl	c	r	c	c	r	r	c	c	c	c	c	c
SiO ₂	51.89	53.29	52.98	53.21	53.36	52.82	53.71	53.60	52.82	53.60	54.04	53.48	53.47	53.47	53.47	53.47	
Al ₂ O ₃	0.96	1.17	0.45	1.67	0.71	0.74	1.44	0.56	0.74	1.44	0.73	1.05	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.77	
FeO	19.59	15.66	17.82	13.26	17.38	19.90	16.07	17.84	19.90	16.07	17.59	16.24	16.69	16.69	16.69	16.69	
Fe ₂ O ₃ *	2.32	1.92	1.71	1.92	0.99	0.57	0.30	0.44	0.57	0.30	0.30	1.59	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	
MgO	22.58	25.62	24.42	27.21	25.02	23.09	25.88	24.76	23.09	25.88	25.26	25.62	25.22	25.22	25.22	25.22	
MnO	0.81	0.76	0.83	0.54	0.47	0.79	0.51	0.86	0.79	0.51	0.76	0.75	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	
TiO ₂	0.23	0.34	0.13	0.44	0.16	0.27	0.29	0.12	0.27	0.29	0.12	0.21	0.09	0.21	0.09	0.09	
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.06	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.05	
CaO	1.00	1.32	0.83	1.11	1.08	1.05	1.18	0.99	1.05	1.18	1.04	1.08	1.03	1.08	1.03	1.03	
Na ₂ O	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.04	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	
Sum	99.45	100.12	99.25	99.42	99.25	99.29	99.43	99.19	99.29	99.43	99.84	100.02	99.60	100.02	99.60	99.60	
Wo	2.0	2.6	1.6	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	
En	62.9	69.7	67.2	74.1	68.9	64.6	71.5	68.4	64.6	71.5	69.3	69.7	69.0	69.7	69.0	69.0	
Fs	35.1	27.7	31.2	23.7	29.0	33.3	26.1	29.6	33.3	26.1	28.7	28.1	28.9	28.1	28.9	28.9	
mg-no	67.3	74.5	71.0	78.5	72.0	67.4	74.2	71.2	67.4	74.2	71.9	73.8	72.9	73.8	72.9	72.9	

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Sample Nb	Ubinas I			Ubinas IIb				Ubinas IIc	Ubinas IID		Ubinas IIe	
	Ubi-82		Ubi-10	Ubi-46		Ubi-69		Ubi-48	Ubi-8		Ubi-38	
	45	59	34	87	91	15	9	84	86	93	30	31
	c	c	C	c	c	c	r	c	c	c	c	r
SiO ₂	36.58	36.66	36.96	37.11	37.00	36.91	36.91	36.49	36.93	37.16	36.50	36.93
Al ₂ O ₃	13.87	13.46	14.11	13.74	13.63	13.79	13.79	13.97	14.05	14.49	13.52	13.65
FeO	11.87	14.19	12.95	13.89	13.75	13.46	13.45	14.69	12.74	13.08	14.19	13.93
MgO	16.78	15.61	16.20	14.52	15.11	15.74	15.72	14.74	15.66	15.29	14.95	15.35
MnO	0.05	0.09	0.09	0.19	0.20	0.18	0.15	0.21	0.16	0.14	0.23	0.11
TiO ₂	6.10	5.74	4.95	4.98	4.83	4.92	4.80	4.51	4.85	5.12	6.02	5.92
K ₂ O	8.58	8.66	8.92	8.95	8.82	8.47	8.70	8.75	8.80	8.78	9.24	9.04
Na ₂ O	0.81	0.76	0.66	0.94	0.87	0.89	0.77	0.69	0.87	0.81	0.67	0.78
CaO	0.23	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.04
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sum	94.9	95.2	94.9	94.4	94.2	94.3	94.3	94.2	94.1	94.9	95.3	95.8

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