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\section*{ABSTRACT}

Isopach maps and structural contour maps of the eastern mare basins \(\left(30^{\circ} \mathrm{N}\right.\) to \(30^{\circ} \mathrm{S} ; 0^{\circ}\) to \(\left.100^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\right)\) are constructed from measurements of partially buried craters. The data, which are sufficiently scattered to yield gross thickness variations, are restricted to shallow maria with less than 1500-2000 m of mare basalts. The average thickness of basalt in the irregular maria is between 200 and 400 m.

Multiringed mascon basins are filled to various levels. The Serenitatis and Crisium basins have deeply flooded interiors and extensively flooded shelves. Mare basalts in the Nectaris basin fill only the innermost basin, and mare basalts in the Smythii basin occupy a small portion of the basin floor. Sinus Amoris, Mare Spumans, and Mare Undarum are partially filled troughs concentric to large circular basins. The Tranquillitatis and Fecunditatis are composite depressions containing basalts which flood degraded circular basins and adjacent terrain modified by the formation of nearby circular basins.

Correlations between surface topography, basalt thickness, and basin floor structure are apparent in most basins. The mare surface is commonly depressed in regions of thick mare basalts; mare ridges are typically

Tocated in regions of pronounced thickness changes; and arcuate mare rilles are confined to thin mare basalts. Most surface structures are attributed to shallow stresses developed within the mare basalts during consolidation and volume reduction.

\section*{INTRODUCTION}

\section*{Purpose and Scope}

The mare basalts and the basins which contain them exhibit a diversity of surface shapes, sizes, and forms. Designation of maria as circular, multiringed, or irregular has important implications for the origin of the basins and the 7 unar processes operating to modify them after formation. Isopach maps of the mare basalts and reconstructions of the paleotopography prior to emplacement of the basalt provide important data bases for the description and study of mare materials and the basins in which they are emplaced.

This paper presents a three-fold study of mare basalts. The major objectives are:
1. To estimate the thickness of mare basalts in the eastern maria and to construct isopach maps of the basalts.
2. To determine sub-basalt basin floor topography; hence, the configuration of the basins in which basalts have collected.
3. To identify and correlate topographic variations - of the "surface (large and small scale) with variations in basalt thickness or basin floor topography.

The area of investigation is limited to the eastern maria \(\left(30^{\circ} \mathrm{N}-30^{\circ} \mathrm{S} ; 0^{\circ}-100^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\right)\). Within these limits there is a maximum of photographic and topographic data derived from the Apollo program. Further, the eastern maria provide a variety of surface features and basinal types with a limited size range.

The method of estimating thickness is restricted to crater geometric techniques. Other photogeojogic or remote sensing methods may provide thickness data, but these methods are not, at this time, fully developed or they yield data distribution insufficient to be used alone. The addition of data from multiple sources will eventually provide a more refined description of mare basalt thickness.

\section*{Background}

Baldwin (1949, 1963) demonstrated that for fresh terrestrial explosion craters, known meteor impact craters, and fresh lunar craters, there is an inter dependency of rim height and interior depth with crater. diameter. Baldwin's (7963) data for Tunar ray. craters. take the-form of a curvilinear. ploton log-log coordinates. .. Pike (1967, 1-972)-re-evaluated. the data-from new --crater measurements as two linear expressions.on fog-fog- coordinates.(Fig.. 1). . The equations for externall-rim- - -
heights of fresh lunar craters are:
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\begin{array}{ll}
h=0.053 D^{0.94} & D<17.5 \mathrm{~km} \\
h=0.270 D^{0.34} & D>17.5 \mathrm{~km}
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where \(h\) is the height of the rim above the surrounding surface in \(k m\) and \(D\) is the crater rim crest diameter in km.

Craters partially buried by mare basalts are recognized as rings or incomplete rings of non-mare material protruding above the mare basalt plains: Complete shallow burial results in "ghost rings" or "ghost craters" (Cruikshank et al., 1973) with mare material draped over the submerged crater rim. Marshall (1963) and Eggelton (1963) used Baldwin's ratios of rim height to crater diameter to estimate the thickness of mare materials of 0ceanus Procellarum in the Lansberg region of the Moon. DeHon (1974, 1975a) used Pike's data to construct isopach maps of Mare Tranquillitatis, Mare Nectaris, Mare Spumans, and Mare Undarum.

\section*{Method}

Thickriess estimates of mare basaldts are based on the average depth of buriat of pre-mare craters. The height average diameter and rimpof partially buried craters within mare basins is determined from tunar-Topographic. Orthophotographs=--For"partially-buried-craters., the - --
exposed rim height minus the original pre-burial rim height (determined from rim height to diameter ratios of fresh craters) is assumed to be the thickness of basalt in the area of the crater (Fig. 2). For complete-. ly buried craters, observed as ghost rings, the thickness is assumed to be equal to the calculated rim height. of the buried crater. This estimate ignores local lensing of the crater interior and wedging around the crater rim. The result is that of obtaining a thickness estimate in the area of the crater with the local relief of the crater removed.

If a sufficient population and aerial distribution of buried craters exist throughout-a basin, it is possible to obtain lateral variations in thickness and to construct an isopach map. The data distribution is necessarily scattered (Fig. 3), but it is sufficiently random to yield an overall thickness distribution except in areas where the thickness exceeds \(1.5-2.0 \mathrm{~km}\). For most buried craters the thickness estimate is plotted at the center of the crater-(to the nearest \(0.1^{0}\) long. and lat.). For some-large craters as many as three. thickness estimates are plotted at rim crest locations. For a crater located near the edge of the maria, the thickness--is determined and plot.ted for the rim crest projecting-into .the maria...-Since-craters-occupy-large- =-
areas (5-50 km diameter) the thickness estimate at any one crater represents an average over a large area. . Abrupt variations in thickness can not be detected.

Isopach maps are produced using a contouring program 'on disk at the University of Arkansas Data Processing Center. Data points are identifịed by longitude, latitude, thickness of mare basalt, and average surface elevation (Append.). The data are used to generate a grid of thickness values, surface elevations or basin floor elevations (surface minus thickness). Contour or isopach lines were interpolated from the grid by second degree polynomial fitting. The grid interval and the number of data points used in the interpolation varied from basin to basin depending on the spacing of data points. Figures 4,5 , and 6 are composite maps of all eastern mare basins.

Topographic information used in this study is derived primarily from Lunar Topographic Orthophotographs. Where Apollo -sterographic coverage is not avaitable, relative heights were taken from Lunar Aeronautic Charts =- - In western and southern Mare-Tranqui-ititatis . (Fig..-4) -surface \(=\) topography="is-derived from radartopographic charts (.Zisk. et-al:-.. . 1.974.).-

\section*{Limitations and Accuracy}

Data points used in the construction of the isopach maps are necessarily limited to the uneven and scattered distribution of partially buried craters preserved within the mare basins. The contact between mare materials. and terra materials defines the zero isopach line, provides constraint to possibie models and provides control for thickness projections. A total of 622 data points (422 basin edge and 200 interior) are used in constrúction of the isopach map (Fig. 3). The distribution is roughly one sampling point per two square degrees. Data within the circular mascon basins is limited to the relatively shallow shelf areas. Craters are obscured as basalt thickness exceeds \(1.5-2.0 \mathrm{~km}\).

One check on the overall accuracy of the isopach map is provided by surface contouring. Surface topographic maps are constructed using only the elevation data at each thickness sampling point. The extent to which the reconstructed surface topography matches the topography of the LTO series provides a'check on the ability of the 1 imited data spacing toneproduce the surface-topo-: graphy or-thickness distribution. The-generalizedsurface maps -do provide- a reasonable .reproduction of.... - the gross-surface-features., however, the rather wide .
spacing of sampling points does not allow retention of small surface features.

A second, and presently unevaluated, consideration in the accuracy of the isopach map is the state of preservation of buried craters and the extent to which they vary from the trend of the rim height-diameter equations. A number of processes modify craters (Head, 1974) including impact or ballistic erosion, slumping, isostatic adjustments, tectonism, and volcanism. Most of the processes of crater modification tend to increase the apparent diameter of the crater and decrease the rim height. As a result, the estimates of depth of burial tend to overestimate the actual thickness in the area. of modified craters. Underestimation of basalt thickness may occur at localities of ghost craters with mare basalts draped over the buried rim. The extent to which a crater may be completely buried yet maintain surface expression is an unknown factor. In most basins, the buried craters are known to have formed after some major crater destruction event(i.e. deposition of ejecta derived from nearby circular mare); hence, the craters formed within rather discrete time intervals and may not have suffered severe degradation before deposition of mare basalts.

\section*{Alternate Methods}

Several techniques could be applied to provide checks on existing thickness models, to add refinement to data distribution, or to serve as an alternate means of estimating basalt thickness. Not all of the techniques are necessarily developed to their fullest potential at this time. Methods which either are now applicable, or might be in the near future are reviewed in three major classes: stratigraphic-structural, geophysical, and remote sensing geochemical.

Stratigraphic-structural techniques - Some surface features of the mare basalts may be of structural origin and may provide thickness information. Spacial correlation of mare ridges and rilles indicates that the thickness of mare basalts or the configuration of the basin floor is a controlling factor in the location of these features. If certain restrictions are assumed for the mode of formation of these features, then quanitative estimates can be applied. If lunar arcuate rilles are analoguous to:some terrestrial graben - (Baidwin., 1949 ; MCGill, 7970 ), the width of the rille may be a function-of the thickness of the mare basalts. If rilles in mare basalts_form in response to tension in the basalt.which.
is essentially decoupled from the underlying rocks then the width of the graben formed is a function of the depth to the decollement zone. Similarly the geometry of con-". centric folding is related to the thickness of layers undergoing folding (DeSitter, 1956). If mare ridges are compressional fold features, their elevation and crustal shortening can be used to estimate the thickness of the layer being folded.

Crater statistical methods are not restricted to rim height-diameter relationships used in the present study. Partial burial of a crater results in a change in the rim crest to rim width ratio. A multivariant function of rim width, rim height, and crater diameter. can be employed to determine depth of burial (Baldwin, . 1970; Egg.leton et al., 1974). This method provides a readily available means of estimating basalt thickness in regions where sterophotography or optimum sun angles do not allow accurate measurement of rim height. The data relating rim width to diameter display considerable scatter (Pike, 1974; McGetchin et al., 1974; Settle and Head, 1975); hence, a wider range of error is introduced into the estimates. Nevertheless, this technique-will be-important in the large- areas of mare surfaces.. which do not contain adequate elevation data.

Geophysical techniques - Geophysical methods which provide information as to the thickness of mare basalts include lunar gravimetric measurements, seismic studies, and sounder profiling. Variations in the lunar gravity field as measured from changes in velocities of satellites in orbit allow structural and density modeling of the larger features of the Moon (Muller and Sjogren, 1968; Sjogren et al., 1972, 1974, 1975). A large variety of near surface structural and stratigraphic models have been proposed to account for the gravity anamolies (Baldwin, 1968; Kaula, 1969; Stripe, 1968; Urey, 1968; Wise and Yates, 1970; Howard, 1970; Scott, 1974; Scott. et al., 1975). Continued tracking of lunar satellites in low orbits will greatly enhance the gravimetric data, and realistic models of mare basalt distribution may.be tested and refined. Similarly, gross structure of the moon can be determined by passive seismometry (Latham et al., 1970; Toksoz, 1973; Kovach et al., 1973). However, detailed seismic profiling"on the scale required" for basin structures is not possible without a large number-of-surface stations.. Structural information for the upper:unar_crust is limited to generalized data or very localized_thickness-determinations \(=:-\) The- Tunar... \(=\) sounder experiment-(Phiflips-et at: 1973)-provides a capabili.t.y of...yietding-continuous'surface and.
subsurface profiles to a depth of approximately 1000 meters. Data reduction and systematic noise make subsurface profiling difficult, but a subsurface profile of the eastern shelf of Mare Serentitas has been obtained.

Remote sensing geochemical techniques - Remote sensing, whether by earth-based telescopic or satellite experiments have been employed to detect compositional variations in exposed lunar materials (McCord et al., 1972; Peters et al., 1975; Alder et al., 1973). These methods provide useful indirect data in thickness studies when combined with dimensional characteristics of craters. Remote geochemical sensing techniques are able to differentiate terra or upland materials from mare basalts. Where sufficient resolution exists, it is possible to recognize the signature of terra material in the rims of craters within mare basalts. Two possible uses of the data are suggested:
1. For pre-mare craters - Detection of terra materials in the exposed rim of partially buried craters would verify-that the-craters-formed on a prebasalt surface and would yield proper values for the thickness of the basalts Partially buried craters with only mare materials in-the rim would be excluded from the thickness data, as
these craters have formed within the mare basalt sequence.
2. For post-mare craters - Any crater yielding a terra signature would indicate that the crater penetrates the mare basalts. The depth of the crater floor below surface level-for the smallest crater to yield terra material would be an indication of basalt thickness.
Unfortunately, the present limitations of resolution will not allow detection of the small areas involved in crater rims nor of small craters.

\section*{BASIN DESCRIPTIONS}

Mare Serentatis

Mare Serenitatis is a well defined, 700 km diameter, multiringed basin with a prominent mascon (Muller and' Sjogren, 1968). The basin is probably the site of two or more overlapping impact basins (Scott, 1974; Maxwell et al., 1975). The mare surface averages 4500 m elevation in the southern half of the basin with a well developed trough which is less than 4500 m elevation in the eastern portion of the mare.

The mare ridge and arch pattern of Mare Serenitatis is described by Howard and Muehlberger, (1973) and by Maxwell et al., (1975). In the southern half of the basin, the ridge pattern can be described as three nested rings which overlap or coincide in the south (Fig. 7). The 7 argest ring ( 750 km diameter) is defined by arcurate ridges parallel and close to the mare/terra contact. The next ring ( 350 km . diameter) forms an almost complete circle marking mid-basin. The third'ring (200 km diameter) is centered on the southeastern mare surface. The eastern trough lies between the outer.ring and the coincident. second -and-third-rings. - Prominent families -of-rilles are . located along the southwestern, southern, and southeastern borders.of the basin. (Fig. 7). As. in_most basins, the
rilles occur parallel to sub-parallel to the basin edge. In the southeastern region near Littrow the rilles are traced into the surrounding terra.

The isopach map and the map of the basin floor are based on only six data points in southeastern Serenitatis (Fig. 8). The results are necessarily problematical and indicative. Nevertheless, the development of a trough in the southeastern part of the basin is apparently real. The trough is probably low lying terrain between the buried inner raised ring and the next outward ring. The lack of buried craters within this region suggest that this rimmed shelf is buried by moderate to thick mare basalts. The central part of the basin is not measured, but estimates of 3.5 km depth (Hartman and Wood, 1971) are not unreasonable.

\section*{Mare Tranquillitatis}

Mare Tranquillitatis occupies an extensive shallow mare basin near the lunar equator \({ }^{-1}\) (Fig. 5 and 9). The surface is approximately 750 km by 525 km and çovers an area of \(430,000 \cdot \mathrm{~km}^{2}\). . The \(=\) basin has-been -various \(7 y^{-}\)-classified as a degraded multiringed impact basin (Wilhelms and McCauley, 1971; Head., 1975); a multipleimpact basin (Stuart-Alexander and Howard, 1971); and a shallow, irregular basin (DeHon, 1974).." Sinus*Amoris is
a 200 km long embayment extending northward from north east Mare Tranquillitatis.

The contact of mare and terra materials in the Tranquillitatis basin is 6000 m in the west and 62006500 m in the east. The mare surface slopes gently to a minimum elevation along a north-south line through the midwestern portion of the basin (Fig. 4). The lowest elevation (less than 5000 m ) is reached in the area of the circular feature Lamont. Sinus Amoris exhibits a northward slope from 6200 m in the south to \(5200-5400 \mathrm{~m}\) in the north.

Surface features at Mare Tranquillitatis (Fig. 9) include rilles, mare ridges, and mare domes. Prominent arcuate rilles occur in northern Tranquilitatis in the opening between Mare Tranquillitatis and Mare Fecunditatis; as sets or families of rilles parallel to the western and southwestern edge of the basin; and as a set of rilles and scarps in northeastern Tranquillitatis. Mare ridges form a conspicuous circular and radial. pattern in the southwestern part of the basin. The innermost ring of ridges defines the feature Lamont. Low domes, circular to irregular in plan view, are found on the northeastern . portion of the basin; in an alined series north.of .. the crater. Arago; and as sca.ttered. domes. in \(n=\) the \(w o u t h-\cdots-\) eastern part of the basin.

The thickness of mare basalts in the Tranquillitatis
and Sinus Amoris basins (Fig. 10) averages 500 m thick. The thickest basalts in Sinus Amoris are siightly over 750 m thick in the southern end of the embayment. Basalt thicknesses in excess of 750 m in the Tranquillitatis basin occur in a large mid-basin area and in smaller peripherial lenses to the north and east. The thickest basalts (greater than 1250 m ) are located in the region of Lamont.

A map of the basin floor (Fig. 6) gives a generalized picutre of the basin configuration beneath the basalt fill. In general, the basin floor maintains the trends observed in the surface topography. Sinus Amoris occupies a well-defined trough which slopes northward, and a shallow rill separates the two basins. The floor of Tranquillitatis reaches its lowest elevation southeast of Lamont.

The Tranquillitatis basin structure is probably a composite of several overlapping and superposed structural trends. The depression in the region of Lamont may represent the remanents of a multiringed impact basin, but if it is an impact basin, it has been highly degraded. Any other impact basins within the Tranquilititatis region as suggested by Head (1975) or Stuart-Alexander and Howard (197J) are similarly degraded to near unrecognizable form. . The tranquillitatis region is crossed by several structures peripherial to
younger circular basins. The northern portion of Tranquillitatis is within a circum-Serenitatis bett of low lying terrain which includes Sinus Amoris. The southern part of the basin includes a circum-Nectaris trough, and the southeastern part of the basin is included in a possible trough concentric to the central Fecunditatis basin.

\section*{Mare Nectaris}

Mare Nectaris is a 350 km diameter mascon multiringed basin (Wilhelms and McCautey, 1971; Hartmann and Woods, 1971). The mare surface extends northward through a 150 km wide trough to connect with Mare Tranquillitatis (Fig. 5 and 11): A broad positive gravity anamoly occurs over the trough-in the vicinity of the crater Torricelli


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Surface features are sparse (Fig. 11). A northsouth trending series of ridges extends from southern Tranquillitatis into the central part of the trough where the trend changes to coincide with the northern rim of the buried crater Torricelị R. A few scattered ridges occur around the edges of the Nectaris disk. One arcuate rille parallels the northeastern edge of the basin, and a few scattered domes are identified in the northern part of the basin.

The isopach and basin floor maps (Fig. \(12 b\) and 13) are constructed from data points occurring within the trough and in the northern part of the Nectaris basin. Ejecta from the large Copernican-aged crater Theophillus masks a large portion of surface, and as in all deep circular maria the thicker interior cannot be measured by buried craters. Hence, the thickening trend observed at the edges of the basin have been projected toward the area of maximum gravity anomaly. A projected thickness of 3000-4000 m is indicated, but the actual thickness is dependent on the real slopes and mid-basin configuration. The thickening trend of mare basal.ts_in the basin suggests that the basalts-do_noteflood a. shelf-as observed in most-other circular:=basins=-(Wi-7helms and McCautey;-19.71; -DeHon-- 1-9.7-4):- Within=the-trough-to =the-north the \(=\) thickness is measured -in excess of 1000 m along much -of -its.
length, and a maximum in excess of 1250 m occurs in the region of Torricelli \(R\) coincident with the gravity high in the region. Scott (1974) derives a thickness of 1800 m in the region by gravity modeling.

\section*{Mare Crisium}

Mare Crisium (Figs. 5 and 14) is a 475 km diameter multiringed basin (01son and Wilhelms,->1974). • The mare basalts occupy the deep central basin and flood a shelf of variable width. Flooding extends beyond the most prominent raised ring to the east to give the basin an overall elliptical outline (Wilhelms, 1973). A well defined mascon occurs in the western part of the basin (Sjogren, 1974).

Topographic coverage is available for the southern half of the mare (Fig. 15). The mare surface is approximately \(3750-4000 \mathrm{~m}\) along the basin edge, and it is terraced downward toward the interior. The interior of the basin is relatively level at 3250 m elevation. Prominent mare ridge trends form a circumferential pattern near the basin edge and two interior patterns which traverse mid-basin (Fig. 14). .

As in other circular maria, partially buried craters are limited to the shallow shelf areas. The isopach and basin floor maps. (Fig. 15b and 76) are.based on a
a small number of exposed craters on the southern shelf. The data project an increasing thickness of basalt to the southwestern portion of the basin north of the crater Picard in the vicinity of the high gravity anomaly.

The basin related structures in the crisium region are more or less typical of all multiringed basins. Four raised rings are delineated (Wilhelms, 1973) approximately \(210,250,340\), and 485 km from the basin center. The spars, thickness data suggest that the flooded portion of the basin is similar to that of the Serenitatis basin. A deep inner basin is probably outlined by the mare ridge pattern roughty 210 km in diameter centered at \(17^{\circ} \mathrm{N} ; 56^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\). A deep crescent shaped shelf probably exist between \(60^{\circ}\) and \(65^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\) (Fig. 15). The overall eliptical outline of the basin is caused by the flooding of basalts over the second raised rim into the peripheral low lying terrain to the east.

\section*{Mare Fecunditatis}

Mare Fecunditatis is an irregularly shaped basin 600 km by 900 km across (Fig. 15 and 17). In the north mare deposits may occupy a circular basin (StuartAlexander and Howard, 1970; Hartmann and Wood, 1971 ; Wilhelms and McCauley, 1971) or a highly degraded circular basin (Head, 1975; DeHon, 1975b). Mare materials
in the south flood low lying cratered terrain. A weak gravity anomaly is centered on the northern part of the basin (Sjogren, 1974).

The mare surface slopes from about 6000 m elevation in the west to 5250 m along the eastern margin (Fig. 18). A broad trough trends northwesterly in the northeastern portion of the mare surface, and the mare surface is terraced downward to a broad low area (less than 5250 m elevation) near the center of the basin.

The mare ridge pattern is analyzed by Waskom and DeHon (in prep.). The most prominent trends are associated with the family of ridges which trend north-northeast through the central mare and form an arc around the western and northern edges of the central mare low. (Fig.l7). Other ridges are radial to the central mare depression or nearly parallel to the basin edge. Rilles display two prominent patterns. Most rilles are parallel to the basin edge, but a few project into the mare perpendicular to the mare shoreline.

The isopach map (Fig. 19) reveals local thickening of mare basalts in excess of 500 m at the northern end of the basin; within a small eastern embayment; and ina large area-of the western and. central-=part of the basin. . A basalt thickness in excess of. 1000 m.in-the centra- -. .
basin is modeled by using the arc of the ridge trend in this region as the diameter of buried crater. The reconstructed basin floor. (Fig. 20) is characterized by broad depressions which are located in the same positions as surface depressions. Data in southern Fecunditatis are insufficient to complete an isopach map with certainty, but the region is probably shallow.

The present configuration of the Fecunditatis basin is probably a composite of over lapping structures (Naskom and DeHon, in prep.). The central deep portion may be a localized depression or an extensively modified multiringed basin (DeHon, 1975b). The northeastern portion of the basin lies on an arc of lowlying terrain concentric to Mare Crisium which includes Mare Undarum, Mare Spumans, and mare basalts near the crater Macrobius. The western half of the basin lies on an arc concentric to Mare Nectaris which includes southern Tranquillitatis and low lying terrain beyond the Atlai scarp.

\section*{Mare Spumans and Mare Undarum}

Mare Spumans and Mare Undarum are small irregular patches of mare materiail southeast of Mare Crisium and east of northern Mare Fecunditatis =(Fig.: 5).. The basins.. . are located along the axis of a trough concentric to - Mare Crisium (DeHon, 1975a). The mare surface-covers
approximately \(55,000 \mathrm{~km}^{2}\). The regional topography consist of a broad irregular trough trending northeast-southwest sloping toward Mare Fecunditatis to the southwest (Fig. 21). The smoothness of the mare surface is broken by many isolated massifs of highland terrain which project through the mare T avas and irregular benches of mare material standing at different levels. Rilles and mare ridges are absent.

Three crater populations in the Spumans and Undarum region are recognized by DeHon (1975a). The oldest. craters, older than the Crisium basin., are degraded and partially filled by Crisium ejecta; hence, they cannot be used in thickness estimates. Craters formed after the emplacement of Crisium ejecta blanket and prior to flooding by mare basalts are used to estimate basalt thicknesses. Craters superimposed on the mare surface cannot be used to estimate basalt thickness. An average of 200 m of basalt is obtained throughout the basins with a 900 m maximum in the southern end of the materials (Fig. 22). - Local lenses in excess of 600 m are scattered throughout-the basins - Most-local -lensing-reflect the influence of: the older \(\rightarrow\) degraded craters flooded by mare basalts. The reconstructed.basin-floor. (Fig.-23) -maintains =the trough-like configuration observed in the \(\because=-\ldots\) surface--topography-which.-is attributed to the formattion.....
of a circum-mare trough between the third and fourth raised rings of the Crisium basin (DeHon, 1975a).

\section*{Mare Smythii}

The Smythii basin is a degraded circular basin 370 km in diameter (Stuart-Alexander and Howard, 1970); Stewart, Waskom and DeHon, 1975; Brennan, 1975). Mare material is limited to an area approximately 200 km diameter (Fig. 24) and isolated lenses within some of the larger craters. The mare deposits is classed as an incipient basin fill (Type IB2 of Head, 1975). A well defined mascon is centered over the mare basalt lens (Sjogren, 1974).

The floor of the Smythii basin consists of smooth plains and mare material in the northern part of the basin and a more cratered and hummocky material of a crescent-shaped shelf occupies the western and southern two-thirds of the basin (Fig. 24). The hummocky material is generally level at the 500 m contour interval with a regional slope toward the mare materials. The surface of the mare basalts is smooth with a few mare ridges along the northern and eastern edges of the basin. The .. lowest elevation on the floor of the basin (less than 3500•m-occurs within the mare basalts (Fig.--25a). . -

An isopach-map (Fig.- 25b-) of the combined-floor materials (Stewart, Waskom, and DeHon, 1975) indicates a
a probable thickness of materials averaging 500 m with local lensing in excess of 750 m . The mare basalts, however, reach a total thickness of only 500-600 m in the northern floor of the basin. The reconstructed basin floor (Fig. 25c) shows the mare basalts filling a shallow eccentric inner basin on the floor of the Smythii basin. Isolated patches of basalt occur within large craters formed on the crescent shelf that floors the basin.

\section*{CORRELATIONS}

\section*{Surface Topography}

The basalt surface of the lunar maria is lower than the surrounding terra by several hundreds of meters. Within the maria there is a close correlation between the local mare surface elevation and the thickness of basalt. The mare surface is invariably depressed in the region of thick basalts (Table I). In the circular maria ( such as Mare Serenitatis, Mare Nectaris, and Mare Crisium) the surface is terraced or slopes down to the area of maximum positive gravity anomaly which is assumed to be the zone of maximum thickness. In the shallow irregular basins, local depressions of the mare surface coincide with lenses of thickest basalt (such as the region of Lamont in Mare Tranquillitatis, Torricelli, and the multiple lenses in Mare Fecunditatis).

The correlation between surface elevation and basaft thickness could-arise from either isostatic sinking in response to the-toad placed on the surface by the mare basalts or from volume reduction of the basal-ts during cooling and consolidation- Distinguishing between these two factors-is importante in def-in-ing-the-internal strength of the moon and reconstruction of the prebasalt topography.... If the moon=.-is capab.je-offitsosta-tic..
deformation in response to the relatively thin basalts, then the reconstructed basin floor reflects this modification. If, to the contrary, the moon's surface is rigid, then the reconstructed basin floor reflects paleotopography existing prior to emplacement of the mare basalts.

Further, this observation emphasizes the fact that the geometry of the mare surface provides insight into the relative thickness of mare basalts and corresponding configuration of the basin floor. Regional topographic maps (based on stereophotography, laser altimetry, or radar methods) can provide guides to sub-basin structure.

Mascōn and Basalt Thickness

Gravity measurements derived from Lunar Orbiter spacecraft accelerations resolved positive gravity anomalies associated with the major multiringed basins (Muller and-Sjogren, 1968). Subsequent measurements from Apollo orbits provide-improved resolution andreveal smaller mascons-within - irregular-and- degraded mare basins (Sjogren et al:, 1972; Sjogren et al., 1974). Models of the mascons have included deeply buried spherical iron meteorites (Stripe, -7968;-Urey, :1968);-" thin surface-disks- (Conel=and-Holstrom, .1968; Baldwin.... 1968; Wood, 1970), and relief on the lunar mantle (Wise
and Yeats, 1970). A composite structure of mantle plug and surface disk is suggested by Phillips et al., (1972), Head (1975) and Sean (1975).

Mascons are associated with areas of increased basalt thickness (Table II) within both multiringed basins and irregular maria. Positive gravity anomalies of the major multiringed basins match the central basin as defined by the mare ridge pattern (Phillips, et al., 1972). Smaller "mini-mascons"are associated with local thick lenses within irregular and degraded basins (Sjogren, 1975). In general, positive gravity anomalies occur over areas where basalt thickness exceeds 1000 m. One striking exception to the rule is the gravity high associated with the Mare Smythii basalts which are less than 750 m thick. The thin basalts and positive anomaly in the Nectaris basin (Head, 1975) and the similar occurence in Smythii (DeHon, 1975b; Stewart, Waskom, and DeHon, 1975) would tend to support a combination of mantle plug and surface disk origin for at least some mascons.

The basalt lenses at Lamont, Torricelli R, and ... central- Fecunditatis are modeled on the assumption that mare ridge-rings-represent the diameter of a buried. crater \(\because\) and that-the-average basalt thickness-in the . region is represented.by the calculated rim height. of ..
the buried crater. The interior depth of the crater or possible deformation from a fresh crater form is not considered. The thickness shown in the isopach map, therefore, provides a generalized construction for gravity modeling, but absolute thickness may be greater than that shown.

\section*{Mare Ridges...}

Mare ridges are prominent surface features of almost all larger maria, but they are sparse or lacking in the smaller irregular and thin patches of maria material. The general distribution of ridges within mare basins has been depicted by (Baldwin, 1949 and 1963; Hackman and Mason, 1961; Scott et al., 1975). A multitude of hypotheses have been used to explain the origin of mare ridges. These include 1) draped subjacent topography (Baldwin, 1963; Maxwell et al., 1975); 2) intrusive or extrusive volcanism including autoinstursion (Whitaker, 1966; Strom, 1972; Hodges, 1973; Scott et al., 1975) 3) tectonic deformation resulting from shrinkage and isostatic subsidence of mare lava flows (Bryan, 1973); 4) tectonic formation due to crustal compression accompanied by thrusting (Schaber, 1973; Howard and Muehlberger, 1973; Muehlberger, 1974). A combination of processes are favored by-Tjial (1970); Hartmann and

Wood (1971), Colton et al. (1972).
Four patterns of mare ridge distribution are apparent in regional distributions (Fig. 26). Basin concentric systems are associated with the major circular mare basins and mark the outer ridge of the gravity high.. Interbasinal concentric and radial patterns are usually. found associated with small, local gravity highs. Roughly linear or arcuate ridge patterns occur in mid-basin of some maria. Finally, small arcs and circles of ridges are observed marking the buried edges of partially buried craters or the entire rim crest of completely buried craters.. The outer ring of ridges in Mare Serenitatis, Mare Nectaris, and Mare Crisium serve as examples of the large basin concentric patterns. Radial patterns are best developed in Mare Tranquillitatis. Transverse ridge patterns are present in mid-Serenitatis, mid-Crisium, and Mare Fecunditatis. Smaller arcs and circles associated with buried craters are prominent in most basins.

Mare ridge patterns follow a close correlation with other-features of the maria.-. The basin concentric ridge systems correspond to the edges of the mascon withitn=major=circular mare-such as. Serenitatis (Phillips
 Nectaris.- Interbasinal conceñtric ridge_ patiterns mark
the location of small gravity highs at Lamont, Toricelli \(R\), and central Mare Fecunditatis. Within concentric ridge patterns the mare surface is normally depressed. Some ridges mark the edges of a downard terraced mare surface. Locally, ridges develop nearly monoclinat structure with the lower side toward the basin intertor.

When ridge patterns are compared with the isopach map (Fig. 5) or the basin floor map (Fig. 6) a close correlation is found between changes in basalt thickness and ridge location. Mare ridges are localized in areas of increasing basalt thickness or significant changes. in the slope of the basin floor. Ridges are not found in regions of uniformly thin basalt nor are they found on the surface over uniformly thick basalts.

Mare ridges are largely surface compressional features localized by the configuration of the basin floor. As the mare lavas undergo volume reduction upon consolidation, the surface sags, developing tension at the edges, but away from the edges the surface is subjected to compressional stress. The slope of the basin floor tends to localize the compressive stress; hence, buckling of the-surface-occurs.: Similar.effects are noted-in Hawai-ian= lava crust which-bury pre-existing-craters (Cruikshank-et:a1., 1973).... Draping of. Tavas over loca: positive basement relief.is also part of the process, inasmuchas most of the changes in slope are also
sites of crater rims or buried basin rims. The disruption of the basin floor slopes would also tend to localize autointrusion (Hodges, 1973). Thus, while ridges are compressive surface features, they may also be the site of other processes including autointrusion, thrusting or extrusion.

\section*{Mare Domes}

Mare domes are smooth low features with gentle convex upward profiles. They are circular to elliptical and are generally less than 15 km in diameter. Small summit craters may or may not be present. Isolated domes may be found in almost all maria, but significant concentrations occur in the Stadius region and in Mare Tranquillitatis.

The domes are commonly interpreted as shield volcanoes (Pickering, 1908; Wilhelms and McCauley, 1971) or laccoliths (Marshall, 1943; Spur, 1945; Baldwin, 1963, Wilhelms and McCauley, 1971). Head (1975) has proposed that the domes might be more analogous to basalt -p1ains= domes-as described by-MacDonald (1972).

The-location of domes (Fig. 26_) compared_ to basalt thickness \(=(\) Fi-g.. 5) or basin floor-topography=(Fig. 6) exhibits a wider range of scatter than other surface features.:- Two domes in Mare Crisium-appear .to be.. associated with the transverse ridge system. Two domes
in Mare Nectaris occur along the edge of the basalts in the region of mare ridges and one dome is found over the deeper interior of the mare basalts. Mare Tranquillitatis contains the most prominent collection of domes of the eastern maria(Fig. 9 and Fig. 26). Domes occur on the northeastern surface, east of Jansen and on the west central surface, north of Arago. The domes of the western surface form a chain radial to Lamont and are localized along the northwest thickening zone of basalts. The domes of the eastern surface display three associations: 1) on the thinner basalts over the sill between Mare Tranquillitatis and Sinus Amoris; 2) irregular scatter around the thick basalt lens east of Jansen; and 3) over moderately thick basalts (500-750 m thick) southeast of Jansen parallel to the Cauchy rille trend.

Mare domes are not shield volcanoes in the classic sense as they lack many of the features common to shields (Head, 1975; Baldwin, 1963). The domes may be laccolith-like structures or basalt plains domes. They may not be of deep crustal origin, but rather intrusions or extrusions escaping from local lava pockets along zones of \({ }^{-}\)deformed \({ }^{-}\)or fractured mare basalts.

\section*{Arcuate Mare Rilles}

Graben-like arcuate mare rilles are common features in all but the smallest mare basins. The distribution of rilles has been mapped by numerous investigators including Baldwin (1949, 1963), Hackman and Mason (1961), and Scott et al. (1975). They form gently curving or arcuate patterns often in enechelon series parallel or sub-parallel to basin edge (Fig. 26). Most arcuate rilles are confined to the mare basalts, but a few are continuous into the nearby terra. There is a concensus of opinion that the rilles are fault graben developed in response to tension in the mare basalts at the edges of the basins-(Baldwin, 1963; Quaide, 1966; Smith, 1966; McGill, 1971). Similar tensional zones are common in the subsidence surface over buried volcanic craters (Swanson and Peterson, 1972).

All rilles are restricted to thin mare basalts (less than 500 m thick) and are parallel or sub-parallel to zones. of equal thickness. The data is consistent with a model of rilles of shallow tensional stress origin in which the stress is decoupled or loosely coupled with the underlying basement. The shallow stress field probably results from basalt consolidation and volume reduction or settling. Those rilles which are continuous into the surrounding terra are probably localized along fractures existing before mare-filling.

\section*{IMPLICATIONS}

Estimates of volumes of basalts erupted during the mare filling stage of lunar history are based on estimates of average basalt thickness ranging in excess of 20 km (Toksoz, 1973); to 1000-2000 meters (Moore et al:, 1974). The total volume of basalt in the mare basins is relatively small based on the thicknesses derived in this study (Table III), and may be less than one percent of the total crustal volume (Head, 1975). The relatively thin layer of basalts provides important limits to various modes of lünar crustal structure and past lunar processes.

As the total volume of mare basalt is reduced so also is internal heat needed to generate the basalts by partial melting within the moon. The somewhat complex restraint of a late period (late Imbrian) of high heat flux'is reduced. The magma source regions represent an extremely small portion of the total volume of the zone capable of melting and melting was not wide spread (Head, 1975).

Isostasy, which may have been an important process in early-lunar history, was not -a-major operational internal process by mid-Imbrian time. The large gravity anamolies are-, -in part,-"explained_by-mantie. plugs. (Wise .. and Yeats-1969) and, in part, by superisostatic loads
of mare basalts on the lunar crust. Isostatic compensation may have played a more important role in early lunar history. The mechanisms by which originally deep circular basins are degraded include multiple impact, infilling by throwout from other large basins, volcanic flooding and isostasy. Young basins such as Orientalis, Imbrium, and Serenitatis contain well developed mascons. 01d basins such as Mare Nubrium do not contain extensive mascons. The deeper interiors of Mare Tranquillitatis and Mare Fecunditatis do not have the form or gravity anamoly of younger multiringed basins. If these basins originated in the same manner as the younger basins, they may have Tost much of the multiring characteristics by isostatic compensation.

The general form of the multiring circular basins is agreed upon by most lunar investigators (Baldwin, 1949; Hartmann and Kuiper, 1962; Shoemaker and Hackman, 1962; Stuart-Alexander and Howard, 1970). The analysis of partially buried craters provide a slight refinement of the structure of circular basins in the region of the shallow shelf. Within the central-.part of the basins-the basalts are. too thick to reveat-any craters on the basin floor. The correlations of mare ridges with-floor structure does provide some"insight into-the inner-basin structure-(DeHon, - 1975b; Waskom and.DeHon,

1975 ; Maxwell et al., 1975). The structure of shallow maria is revealed by analysis of partially buried craters. Relatively deep sub-basins and troughing trends are detected as well as broad rises of the basin floors. Much of the intra-basinal structure can be related to circum-mare structures formed in response to younger. multiringed mascon basins (DeHon, 1974, 1975a; Naskom and DeHon, 1975).

The relative thinness of mare basalts has important implications for 1 unar gravity anomalies. Young deep basins with thick mare basalts have well defined mascons. Shallow maria with thin basalts exhibit little positive gravity anomaly. Moderately deep fill in Lamont and mid-Fecunditatis, exhibit small anomalies. Relatively thin basalts in Mare Smythii are associated with a positive mascon. It seems unlikely that the thin disk of mare materials in Mare Smythii can account for the mascon. It is probable that the mascon in all basins is produced by two components; a mantle plug and surface disk of basalts.

The isopach maps, basin_floor maps, and_their.-
correlations with surface features. provide. some implications"to the mode of emplacement of mare basalts: Most surface features can be explained in terms of modification of the:-basalt surface by primarily passive forces asso-
iated with the emplacement of basalts on a rigid surface. Surface features of the basalts formed in response to stresses developed within the basalts and not external to the basalts. The basins filled as a consequence of their low elevation from source vents covered by their own effluent. The sources cannot be uniquely identified; however, the basin floor topography provides some insight into limitations. Some, if not all, basalts were extruded along fractures related to the multiringed basins: Filling of the flooded craters and basins is primarily hydrostatic (Scott et al., 1975). Mare basalts were apparently emplaced in a manner similar to terrestrial plateau flood basalts (Greely, 1975). Therefore, the lunar maria can be expected to yield similar. histories, structures, resevoirs and rates of production at plateau basalts rather than features common to shield-type basalts.

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\section*{TABLES}

TABLE I. Average. surface elevation (in meters) of mare basin edge and interior based on control points used in construction of the isopach maps. The interior of mare surface is almost always depressed relative to, the outer edge.

TABLE II. Comparison of surface depressions with basalt thickness and gravity anomalies. The basalt surface is usually depressed in areas of thick basalts. Gravity increases are associated wi.th basalt thickness greater than 1000 m .

TABLE III. Average thickness of mare basalt in the shallow mare basins.

\section*{TABLE I}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline BASIN & AVERAGE BASIN EDGE & AVERAGE INTERIOR \\
\hline SERENITATIS & 4850 & 4627 \\
\hline SINUS AMORIS & 5945 & 5978 \\
\hline TRANQUILLITATIS & 6155 & 5852 \\
\hline TORRICELLI REGION & 5244 & 5125 \\
\hline NECTARIS & 5717 & 4950 \\
\hline CRISIUM & 3905 & 3730 \\
\hline FECUNDITATIS & 5452 & 5290 \\
\hline UNDARUM & 6550 & 4815 \\
\hline SPUMANS & 5936 & 5739 \\
\hline SMYTHII & 3650 & 3617 \\
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\end{tabular}

TABLE II
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline BASIN & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{SURFACE DEPRESSION} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{BASALT THICKNESS} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{GRAVITY} \\
\hline & Location & Local Relief & Total & Local Express & Location & Anomaly \\
\hline Serenitatis &  & \[
\begin{aligned}
& 200 \mathrm{~m} \\
& 125
\end{aligned}
\] & \[
\begin{aligned}
& >1.5 \mathrm{~km} \\
& >7.0
\end{aligned}
\] & \[
\begin{array}{r}
>1.5 \mathrm{~km} \\
0.5
\end{array}
\] & \[
\begin{aligned}
23^{\circ} \mathrm{N} ; & 18^{\circ} \mathrm{E} \\
& \text {-None }
\end{aligned}
\] & - 160 \\
\hline Sinus Amoris & \(16^{\circ} \mathrm{N} ; 37^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\) & 150 & 0.75 & 0.5 & - None & - \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Tranqui.llitatis} & \[
\begin{aligned}
13^{\circ} \mathrm{N} ; & 31^{\circ} \mathrm{E} \\
70 \mathrm{~N} ; & 39^{\circ} \mathrm{E} \\
50 \mathrm{~N} ; & 220 \mathrm{E}
\end{aligned}
\] & 300 & \[
\begin{aligned}
& 1.0 \\
& 0.75 \\
& 1.25
\end{aligned}
\] & \[
\begin{aligned}
& 0.75 \\
& 0.50 \\
& 0.50
\end{aligned}
\] & \[
\begin{array}{r}
\text {-None } \\
\text { - None } \\
50 \mathrm{~N} ; 230 \mathrm{E}
\end{array}
\] & - \\
\hline & \(5^{\circ} \mathrm{S} ;{ }^{\frac{1}{1}} 0^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\) & 300 & 1.25 & 0.50 & \(7^{\circ} \mathrm{S} ; 27^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\) & 40 \\
\hline Nectaris & - Not Measur & & \(>1.5\) & \(>7.5\) s & \(14^{\circ} \mathrm{S} ; 33^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\) & 100 \\
\hline Crisium & 180 \({ }^{\circ}\); 540 E & 300 & \(>1.5\) & \(>7.5\) & \(17^{\circ} \mathrm{N} ; 55^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\) & 120 \\
\hline \multirow[t]{4}{*}{Fecunditatis} & \(40 \mathrm{~N} ; 49{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\)
\(20 \mathrm{~N} ;\) \(8^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\) & 200
150 & 0.5
0.5 & 0.25
0.25 & - None & - \\
\hline & \(0^{\circ}\); \(54{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\) & 250 & 0.25 & 0 & - None & - \\
\hline & \(3^{\circ} \mathrm{S} ; 520 \mathrm{E}\) & 300 & \(>7.5\) & 0.75. & \(2^{\circ} \mathrm{S} ; 52^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\) & 40 \\
\hline & \(5^{\circ} \mathrm{S} ; 60^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\) & 400 & 0.5 & 0.5 & - None & \\
\hline Smythii & \(2^{\circ} \mathrm{N} ; 85^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\) & 300 & 0.5 & 0.5 & \(2^{\circ} \mathrm{S} ; 84^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\) & 80 \\
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\section*{TABLE III}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline BASIN & \[
\left(x \frac{\text { AREA }}{10^{4} \mathrm{~km}^{2}}\right)
\] & \[
\left(x \frac{\text { VOLUME }}{10^{3} \mathrm{~km}^{3}}\right)
\] & \[
\frac{\text { AVERAGE THICKNESS }}{\text { (in meters) }}
\] \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{Serenitatis} \\
\hline Sinus Amoris. & 4.1 & 816 & 210 \\
\hline Tranquillitatis & 43 & 199 & 460 \\
\hline Nectaris* & \(25^{-}\) & 120 & 470 \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{Crisium} \\
\hline Fecunditatis & 40 & 127 & 320. \\
\hline Undarum & 34 & 6.6 & 190 \\
\hline Spumans & 18.6 & 3.9 & 210 \\
\hline Smythii & 39 & 9 & 230 \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{*Nectaris data includes trough between \(2^{0}-10^{\circ} \mathrm{S}\).} \\
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Figure 1. Crater depth of rim height relations for fresh appearing 1 unar craters (Pike, 1972).

Figure 2. Estimation of mare basalt thickness in the vicinity of a flooded crater. The thickness determined does not include the thick interior lens.
Figure 3. Location of interior data points used in the construction of the isopach map.

Figure 4. Surface topography of the maria. Contour interval is 500 m . Highland areas between basins are not contoured.

Figure 5. Isopach map of the eastern mare basalts. Isopach interval is 250 m . Stippled areas are outside the area of topographic coverage.

Figure 6. Structural map of the basins' floors. Contour interval is 500 m . Interbasinal highlands are not contoured.

Figure 7. Surface features of Mare Serenitatis. Mare ridges are shown by line with double barb; rilles by line and dot.

Figure 8. TOP (a) Generalized surface topography of the Serenitatis basin. Contour interval is 250 m . MIDDLE (b) Isopach map of Mare Serenitatis basalts. Isopach lines are at 250 m intervals. Crosses mark location of thickness estimates.

BOTTOM (c) Structural contours on the floor of the Serenitatis basin. Contour interval is 250 m . Data is insufficient to construct midbasin configuration.

Figure 9. Surface features of Mare Tranquillitatis. Mare ridges are shown by line with double barb; rilles by line and dot; mare domes by ellipses.

Figure 10. Isopach map of Mare Tranquillitatis and Sinus Amoris. Isopach interval is 250 m . Thickest basalts occur in the region of Lamont.

Figure.ll. Surface features of Mare Nectaris. Mare ridges are shown by line with double barb; rilles by line and dot; mare domes by ellipses, large buried craters by closed dash and dot line.

Figure 12. TOP (a) Generalized surface topography in trough between Mare Nectaris and Mare Tranquillitatis. Contour interval is 250 m . Surface elevations are not available for the surface of Mare Nectaris. BOTTOM (b) Structural contours beneath mare basalts in region depicted in (a) above. Contour interval.is 250 m .

Figure 13. Isopach map of the Mare Nectaris region. Isopach lines are at 250 m interval. Thick basalts within the trough coincide with the region of Torricelli R. The thick lens within the Nectaris
basin is constructed by projecting thicknesses toward the region of maximum gravity anomaly.

Figure 14. Surface features of Mare Crisium. Mare ridges are shown by line with double barb; mare domes by ellipses.

Figure 15. TOP (a) Generalized'surface topography of southern Mare Crisium. Contour interval is 250 m . Central Mare Crisium is essentially flat at this contour interval.

BOTTOM (b) Structural contours on the floor of the Crisium basin. Contour interval is 250 m . Figure 16. Isopach map of southern Mare Crisium basin. Isopach lines are at 250 m intervals. Crosses mark the location of thickness estimates. Thickest basalts (greater than 1000 m ) are determined by projection.

Figure 17. Surface features of Mare Fecunditatis. Mare ridges are shown by line with double barb; rilles by line and dot. Note pattern of mare ridges and location of the central Fecunditatis gravity anomaly.

Figure 18. Generalized surface topography of northern Mare Fecunditatis. Contour interval is 250 m . Surface elevation data is not available for the southern part of the basin.

Figure 19. Isopach map of Mare Fecunditatis. Isopach lines are at 250 m interval. Crosses mark locations of interior data points used in the construction of the map.

Figure 20. Structural contours on the floor of the Fecunditatis basin. Contour interval is 250 m .

Figure 27. Generalized surface topography of the Mare Spumans and Mare Undarum region. Contour interval is 500 m with 250 m supplementary contours.

Figure 22. Isopach map of mare basalts in Mare Undarum (northeast) and Mare Spumans (southwest). Isopach lines are at 200 m intervals. Crosses mark locations of data points used in the construction of the isopach map.

Figure 23. Structural contours on the floors of the Undarum and Spumans basins. Contour interval is 500 m with 250 m supplementary contours.

Figure 24. Surface features of Mare Smythii. Mare ridges are shown by line with double barb. The basin floor is outlined with broken line. The . mare basalts, enclosed in a solid line, are restricte.d to the northeastern portion of the basin.

Figure 25. TOP (a) Surface topography of northeastern Mare Smythii. Contour interval is 100 m .

MIDDLE (b) Isopach map of mare basalts in the Smythii basin. Isopach lines are at 2.50 m intervals.

BOTTOM (c) Structural contours beneath mare basalts in the Smythii basin. Contour interval is 250 m.

Figure 26. Generalized composite map of the surface features of the eastern mare basins. Mare ridges are shown by line with double barb; rilles by line with dot; mare domes by solid ellipses.


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APPENDIX
Data Points used in Map Construction
Column 1 Latitude
Column 2 . Longitude
Column 3 Basalt thickness
Column 4 Surface elevation (LTO base map)
Basin ..... Page
Mare Serenitatis ..... 2
Mare Tranquillitatis and ..... 3
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Mare Nectaris ..... 5
Mare Crisium ..... 6
Mare Fecunditatis ..... 7
Mare Spumans ..... 9
Mare Undarum ..... 10
Mare Smythii ..... 11

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\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\(2.0{ }^{\text {MARF }}\)} & \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Tranduillitatis} & \(1 \times .7\) & 38.5 & 627. & 6400. \\
\hline & 23．f & 829. & & 14．0． & 37.0 & jonn． & 6200． \\
\hline \(-2.5\) & 29.5 & 946. & & & & & \\
\hline －2． 5 & 27.0 & 1145. & & 20．a & 28.25 & n．n & 45 nm ． \\
\hline 22.5 & 35.0 & 9 m & 590n． & 20.5 & 41.25 & n．0 & 63nn． \\
\hline 14.5 & 36.75 & 750. & 6050. & 16．f1 & 28．75 & 0.0 & 5min． \\
\hline 1.12 & 37.5 & 576. & 620. & 18.75 & 3n， 0 & \(\bigcirc\) & 5400． \\
\hline 17.25 & 31．r． & 50. & 58n0． & 17.25 & 4 n .5 & 0.0 & 610 m ． \\
\hline 16.25 & 29.25 & 225. & 57 n ． & 17．n & 37． \(25^{\circ}\) & rior & 6inn． \\
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\hline 15.25 & 28.75 & 807. & \(570 n\). & 16．r． & 32．75 & \(n \cdot n\) & 64mn． \\
\hline 15.8 & 32.0 & \(57 n\). & 62 nn ． & 15.5 & 34.5 & O．f & 7rans． \\
\hline 14.75 & 29.25 & 350. & 600n． & 15.25 & 33.0 & \(\bigcirc \cdot 0\) & 64 nn ． \\
\hline 14.25 & 39.5 & 290． & 6100. & 15.0 & 33.75 & \(n .0\) & 63 nm. \\
\hline 14.25 & 20.75 & 205. & 5950. & 15.0 & 21.12 & n．0 & 62 nn ． \\
\hline 14.25 & 36．75 & 184. & 6350. & 14.75 & 2 c .0 & \(n \cdot 6\) & 620n． \\
\hline 14.25 & 32.5 & 150. & \(62^{\text {ne．}}\) & 14.0 & 39.75 & n．n & 620n． \\
\hline 14.0 & 26.25 & 160. & 5300. & 14．0 & 10.25 & n．0 & 59m． \\
\hline 13.6 & 3 n .7 & \(97^{\prime \prime}\) & 620n． & 13.5 & 4 n .0 & n．n & 605n． \\
\hline 13.5 & 28.5 & 168.0 & 610n． & 13.25 & 17.5 &  & 6100. \\
\hline 13.5 & 10.75 & 69.0 & 56 nn ． & 13.5 & \(4 r .5\) & n．n & 61 nn ． \\
\hline 13.25 & 19.75 & 240． & 56 no ． & 13.0 & 18.75 & \(n .0\) & 590n． \\
\hline 12.25 & 29.75 & 467 ． & \(625 r\) 。 & 12.75 & 16．r & n． & 690n． \\
\hline 12.8 & 37.75 & 418. & 64 mm ． & 12.5 & 41.0 & non & 62m． \\
\hline 11.6 & 21.8 & 4 nr ． & 5600. & 12.25 & 17.0 & 0.0 & 6400． \\
\hline 11.5 & 41.0 & 624. & 6175. & 12.25 & 16.1 & 0.0 & 6800． \\
\hline 11.7 & 41． 0 & 472. & 625 ． & 12.25 & 42.25 & 0.5 & 620n． \\
\hline 10.5 & 48.25 & 330. & 6400. & 12.01 & 41.75 & n．t & 610n． \\
\hline 10.0 & 49.25 & 25. & 6500. & 12.0 & 42.75 & ก．0 & 6200. \\
\hline 10.0 & 39.5 & 140 ： & 6550． & 12．0 & 43.5 & \(\cdots .0\) & 62 mm ． \\
\hline 6.8 & 40.5 & 400 ． & 6500. & 13.0 & 17.00 & \(\bigcirc\) & \\
\hline 4.3 & 39.3 & 450. & 6200. & 11.0 & 16.75 & ก． & \\
\hline 11.0 & 27.8 & 1037. & & 10.0 & 17.50 & r． & \\
\hline 10．\％ & 27.2 & 700. & & 9.0 & 42.25 & \(\cdots\) ． & \\
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\hline 8.5 & 29.6 & 817. & & 8.0 & 17.75 & \(n\) ． & \\
\hline 7.2 & 39.6 & 860. & 6， & 7.0 & 17.75 & \(n\) 。 & \\
\hline 6.7 & 34.6 & 886. & \(8{ }^{8}\) & 6.0 & 18.50 & \(n\) 。 & \\
\hline 6.1 & 35.5 & 436. & \(\bigcirc\) & 5.0 & 17.50 & \(n\) ． & \\
\hline 5.0 & 37.8 & 946. & 5 & 4.0 & 43.50 & \(n\) 。 & \\
\hline 4.2 & 35.3 & 367. & \％ & 4.0 & 17.00 & \(n \cdot\) & \\
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\hline 5.0 & 2？．8 & 1135. & 35 & 3.0 & 41.50 & \(\cdots\). & \\
\hline 3.8 & 23.0 & 1135. & & 11.25 & 44.0 & 5.0 & \(625 r\). \\
\hline 3.5 & 25.0 & －858． & & 11.9 & 45.0 & 0.0 & 625\％． \\
\hline 3.0 ． & 31．3－ & 50 n ． & & 10.6 & 45.5 & 9.0 & 6300. \\
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\hline 23.3 & 35.7 & 108．－ & 5600. & 10.5 & 43.0 ． & 0.2 & 61 nn ． \\
\hline 27.9 & 35.7 & 150．： & 56 no ． & 10.0 & 43.0 & 0.0 & 64ns． \\
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\hline 21.6 & 39.4 & 54. & 5900. & 8.0 & 43.75 & 0.0 & 65 mm. \\
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\hline 2.8 & 65.3 & 195. & 540 m & 0.5 & 66.5 & n.0 & 580 n . \\
\hline 2.7 & 67.7 & 259. & 6500. & 0.5 & 63.4 & 0.0 & 550 . \\
\hline 2.5 & 66.4 & 340. & 5400. & 0.5 & 68.0 & 0.0 & 5750. \\
\hline 2.4 & 67.8 & 303. & 6500. & 0.5 & 68.3 & 0.0 & 5800. \\
\hline 2.2 & 67.0 & 425. & 6400. & & & & \\
\hline 1.5 & 67.2 & 286. & 5550. & 3.0 & 63.0 & 0.0 & 6300. \\
\hline 1.5 & 65.5 & \(15 n\). & 5400. & 2.0 & 63.0 & n.0 & \(550 n\). \\
\hline 1.4 & 64.7 & 294. & 5500. & 1.0 & 62.0 & 0.0 & 5300. \\
\hline 1.0 & 66.7 & 377. & 5500. & 0.1 & 6 6. 9 & 0.0 & 8400. \\
\hline 0.8 & 64.1 & 453. & 5700. & 0.0 & -67.5 & 0.0 & 575. \\
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\hline -0.6 & 64.0 & 810. & \(537 n\). & -2.5 & 63.5 & 0.0 & 6ron. \\
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\hline -1.5 & 65.5 & 0.0 & & & & & \\
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\hline -2.0 & 65.6 & 0.0 & & & & & \\
\hline -2.2 & 64.5 & 0.0 & 5900. & & & & \\
\hline -2.4 & 64.0 & 0.0 & 5500. & & & & \\
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\hline 2.0 & 85.75 & \(55 \%\). & 3400. \\
\hline 1.0 & 89.25 & 375. & 360n. \\
\hline -0. 25 & 89.75 & 275. & \(36 \%\). \\
\hline -0. 5 & 86.0 & 635. & 3600. \\
\hline -1.0 & 9 9.? 5 & 330. & 3700. \\
\hline -1.25 & 87.50 & 265. & 3800. \\
\hline -1. 50 & 88.50 & 355. & 37 no \\
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\hline 4.4 & 87.0 & ก.0 & 3500. \\
\hline 4.2 & 91.0 & O.0 & 3650. \\
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