

# *Tectonic evolution of the Ankara Mélange and associated Eldivan ophiolite near Hançili, central Turkey*

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## ABSTRACT

Structural field studies and geochemical and age analyses of the Eldivan ophiolite, which is dismembered within the Ankara Mélange, indicates that it developed as a supra-subduction zone basin within the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean, which later subducted to form the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone through continental block collision. Whole-rock and mineral geochemical evidence show a supra-subduction zone tectonomagmatic affinity for the ophiolitic crust and mantle, revealing that this basin formed in the upper plate of an intra-oceanic subduction zone. Structural restoration of the sheeted dike complex reveals that the supra-subduction zone spreading ridge of the Eldivan ophiolite was nearly parallel to the Sakarya-Pontide continental margin. U/Pb age analyses of detrital zircon in sandstone within the mélange and in the unconformably overlying Karadağ Formation indicate maximum depositional ages for the units of  $143.2 \pm 2$  Ma, and  $105.2 \pm 5$  Ma, respectively. Thus, thrust imbrication of the ophiolite and the development of serpentinite mélange were mostly complete by 105 Ma, as indicated by an angular unconformity between the ophiolitic units and the overlying Karadağ Formation.

These results reveal how and when the Eldivan ophiolite was constructed, destructed, and incorporated into the serpentinite Ankara Mélange and İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone. The tectonic evolution of the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean is similar to that of the Philippine Sea and Banda Sea ocean basins.

## INTRODUCTION

Suture zones provide some of the most important evidence of how continents form and evolve. Since the discovery of plate tectonics, suture zones have mostly been characterized as remnants of large mid-ocean ridge basalt (MORB)-like ocean basins that were destroyed by subduction and modified by collision

of rafted continental blocks of different affinities. The Indus-Tsangpo suture zone of the Himalayan collision provides a type example (Gansser, 1964; Dewey and Bird, 1970). Its interpretation traditionally involves subduction of huge tracts of MORB-like oceanic crust beneath a continental arc system mounted on the southern edge of Asia. The subducting plate rafted India from thousands of kilometers to the south, eventually bringing

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it northward into continental collision with the Asian continent, which formed the Himalaya and the Tibetan Plateau. New evidence from Himalayan sutures, including the Indus-Tsangpo suture (Yin and Harrison, 2000), and other modern convergent boundaries (Harris, 2003), reveal that this classic model of suture zone development is one end member of diverse types of sutures that involve a variety of tectonic processes that lead to stitching continents together.

This study uses the Ankara Mélange within the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone of Turkey to reconstruct tectonic processes and events associated with continental accretion of the eastern Mediterranean region and the origin of its narrow bands of serpentinite mélangé. Despite previous studies of the Ankara Mélange, its age, origin, and relations to other tectonic events in the Mediterranean region are still poorly understood. This study uses crustal and mantle geochemistry and petrography of ophiolitic blocks in the Ankara Mélange, U/Pb age analyses of detrital zircon in mélangé and overlying sandstone,

and structural reconstructions from near Hançili in central Turkey to present a view that differs from the classical or Himalayan model of suture zone development. This model not only provides important constraints for the tectonic evolution of the central İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean, and significance of the Ankara Mélange, but also advances our understanding of suture zone diversity.

## GEOLOGIC EVOLUTION OF THE İZMİR-ANKARA-ERZINCAN SUTURE ZONE

The İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone in northern Turkey is a remnant of the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean branch of the Neo-Tethys that formed during collision of Gondwana-derived micro-continents (Kırşehir block and Tauride-Anatolide platform) with the Sakarya-Pontide terrane of northern Turkey (Şengör and Yılmaz, 1981) (Fig. 1). The suture zone is made up of ophiolitic material and forms the Ankara Mélange, in the

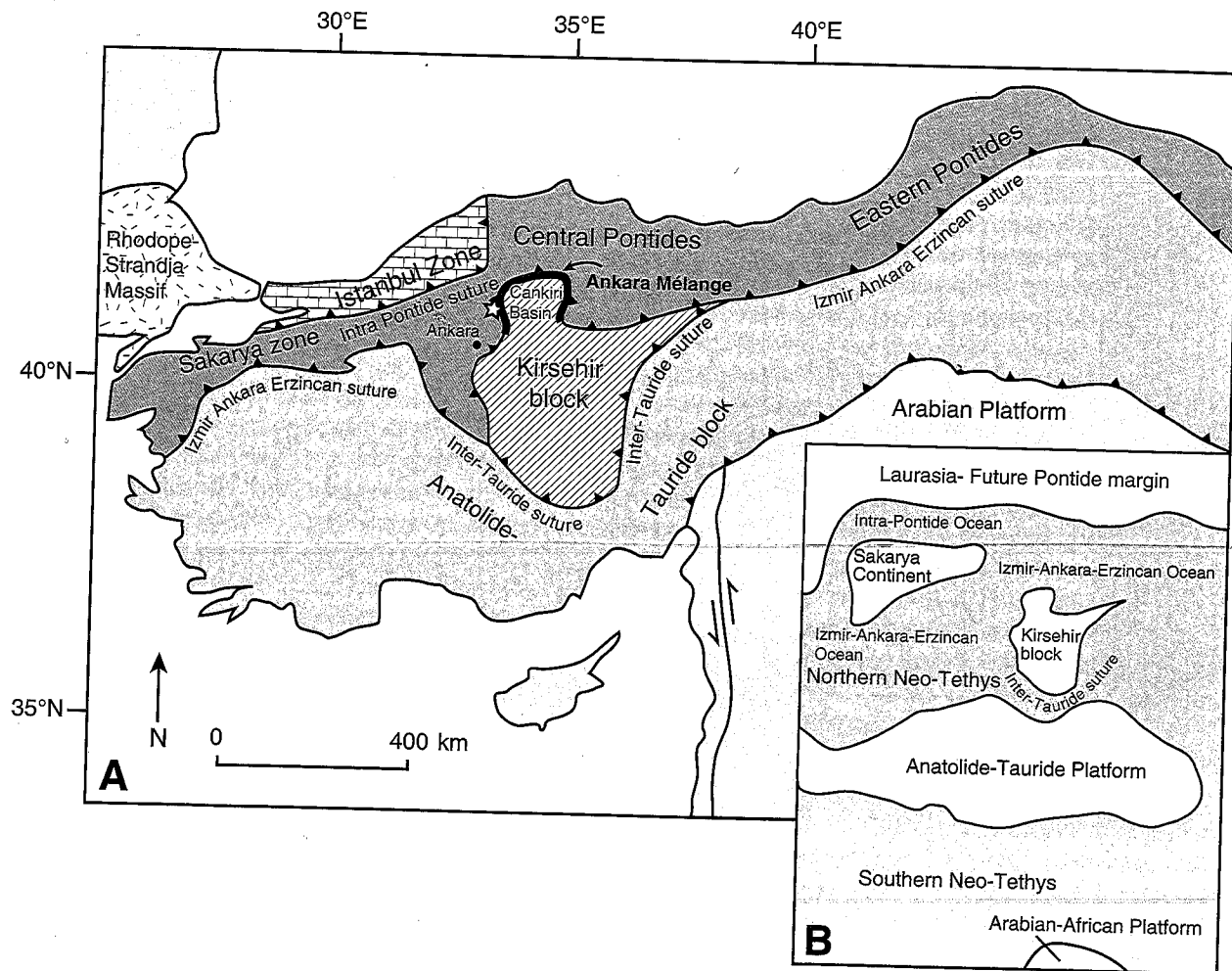


Figure 1. (A) Map of the major tectonic units discussed in this chapter (after Okay and Tüysüz, 1999). The star shows the location of the Eldivan ophiolite and the study area. (B) Reconstruction of the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone (after Şengör and Yılmaz, 1981), showing the relationship between ocean branches and continental blocks discussed in this paper.

center of the suture zone between the Kırşehir block and the Sakarya-Pontide terrane.

The Ankara Mélange was first named by Bailey and McCaillien (1950) and consists of three major tectonic units. Structurally from top to bottom these units are (1) a metamorphic block mélange, also called the Karakaya Formation (Koçyiğit, 1991) and Karakaya Group (Floyd, 1993); (2) a limestone block mélange; and (3) an ophiolitic mélange (Norman, 1984; Koçyiğit, 1991; Tüysüz et al., 1995; Dilek and Thy, 2006). The tectonically lowest ophiolitic mélange unit consists of blocks of basaltic and rhyolitic volcanic rocks, pillow basalt, serpentinized peridotite and ultramafic rocks, and radiolarian-bearing limestone and chert, with minor shale and sandstone in a serpentinite or tuffaceous matrix (Norman, 1984; Tankut et al., 1998). Dike complexes, where present, are commonly doleritic, cutting sequences of serpentinized peridotite and isotropic gabbro, and including plagiogranite (Dilek and Thy, 2006). During convergence, the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean crust was imbricated along northward-dipping thrust faults (Şengör and Yılmaz, 1981) and overlain by flyschoidal (Norman, 1984) and forearc basin (Koçyiğit, 1991) deposits that were subsequently imbricated with the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean crust during the collision of the Kırşehir block and the Sakarya-Pontide continent.

The geodynamic history of the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean is threefold, beginning with rifting, transitioning to subduction, and finally ending with continental collision. It opened in the Triassic as a MORB-type ocean basin, as determined by geochemical results from basalt and associated Triassic radiolarian limestone found along the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone (Tankut, 1984; Tankut et al., 1998; Floyd et al., 2000; Göncüoğlu et al., 2006). Jurassic and Cretaceous alkali basalt is also found in this suture zone and is interpreted as seamount fragments accreted to an accretionary wedge (Tüysüz et al., 1995; Floyd et al., 2000; Rojay et al., 2001; Göncüoğlu et al., 2006), possibly in the form of hot-spot-generated volcanic ridge systems (Floyd, 1993; Tankut et al., 1998). Also documented along the suture are island arc tholeiites (Göncüoğlu et al., 2006; Sarıfakioğlu, 2006) and calc-alkaline volcanics (Tankut, 1984; Tüysüz et al., 1995; Göncüoğlu et al., 2006), suggesting subduction-related magmatism. The subduction influence is seen in the western and central parts of the suture zone where supra-subduction zone basalt has been documented, indicating intra-oceanic subduction with upper plate extension (Yalınz et al., 1996; Floyd et al., 1998, 2000; Yalınz et al., 2000b; Dilek and Thy, 2006; Sarıfakioğlu, 2006; Sarıfakioğlu et al., 2009). This supra-subduction zone signature is similar to other Cretaceous eastern Mediterranean ophiolites (i.e., Pindos, Troodos, Antalya, Hatay (Kızıldağ), Baer-Bassit, and Semail) and has led to correlations of the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone with the Vardar suture in Greece (Yalınz et al., 2000b; Göncüoğlu et al., 2006; Sarıfakioğlu et al., 2009). Granitoids and exhumation in the Kırşehir block and indentation of the Sakarya-Pontide terrane document collisional closure of the basin (Okay et al., 2006; Önen, 2003; Kaymakci et al., 2003).

Although evolutionary phases of the ocean basin are known, their ages, particularly the transition between rifting and subduction leading to closure, are poorly understood. The oldest ages from the basin come from Carnian (Tekin et al., 2002) and Norian (Bragin and Tekin, 1996) radiolarians in limestone and chert blocks that indicate the ocean had rifted open by the Late Triassic Period. Post-collisional granitoid ages in the Kırşehir block suggest that continental collision began in the Late Cretaceous Period (Boztuğ et al., 2007), finally closing the ocean basin. Between these events the transition from rift construction to subduction closure is interpreted to have begun as early as 179 Ma, based on ages of plagiogranite with supra-subduction zone characteristics in the ophiolitic mélange by Dilek and Thy (2006), and as late as ca. 85 Ma by Göncüoğlu et al. (2006), using a compilation of metamorphic sole and radiolarian ages. Thus, although the general range of construction of the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean is established as Late Triassic to Late Cretaceous Periods, individual events of its geodynamic history are weakly constrained.

## COMPOSITION AND GEOCHEMISTRY OF THE ELDIVAN OPHIOLITE

The Eldivan ophiolite is part of the ophiolitic mélange of the Ankara Mélange and lies on the mélange's western side, south of the city of Eldivan (Fig. 1). It is mostly dismembered and exists as imbricated fragments of ophiolitic components within a serpentinite mélange matrix (Fig. 2). There is little continental clastic material within the mélange. Ophiolitic units present are serpentinized mantle peridotite, massive gabbro, sheeted dikes, pillow basalt, and sheet flows, and epi-ophiolitic limestone and chert. The units are hydrothermally altered but are otherwise unmetamorphosed. Unconformably overlying this imbricated ophiolitic mélange is the younger Karadağ Formation, composed of radiolarian-bearing limestone and chert. In the mapped area the Karadağ Formation tectonically overlies the ophiolitic mélange, but outside the mapped area an angular unconformity is present between the Karadağ Formation and the underlying mélange, suggesting a multiphase structural history.

Serpentinized peridotite, volcanic rocks, diabase dikes, and gabbro were analyzed for whole rock major, trace, and rare-earth elements (REE) and mineral chemistry. Major and selected trace element X-ray fluorescence (XRF) analysis was conducted at Brigham Young University. Trace and rare earth elements were analyzed by inductively coupled-plasma mass spectrometer (ICP-MS) at ALS Chemex Laboratories, Vancouver, British Columbia (method ME-MS81). Mineral chemistry analysis was conducted using a Cameca SX-50 Electron Microprobe at Brigham Young University. Results of analyses are given in Tables A1 and A2 in the Appendix. Owing to the high degree of alteration indicated by widespread secondary mineralization, most samples are hydrous, resulting in elevated LOI (loss on ignition) values (up to 5% for mafic rocks and 12% for ultramafic rocks). Calcined samples were thus used for analyses,

and only relatively immobile elements (Ti, Zr, Y, Hf, Th, Ta, Cr, Ni, and REE) were used for discrimination of tectonomagmatic setting (Pearce and Cann, 1971, 1973; Pearce and Norry, 1979; Wood, 1980; Pearce et al., 1981 1984a; Pearce, 1982; Shervais, 1982; Mullen, 1983; Meschede and Casey, 1986; Cabanis and Lecomte, 1989; Floyd et al., 1991).

### Mantle Sequence

Serpentinized peridotite forms the matrix of the Eldivan ophiolite. There are small coherent blocks of less altered ultramafic rock, but they are found within a much more massive and

indistinct serpentine groundmass that occupies fault zones and separates various crustal fragments of the Eldivan ophiolite. These include blocks of basalt, silicic volcanic rocks, limestone, chert, and gabbro, which range in size from a few meters to hundreds of meters, basalt blocks being the largest found. Much of the serpentinite matrix exhibits a scaly shear fabric with anastomosing slickensides.

Less altered parts of the peridotite consist of (1) 80%–90% serpentinized olivine, (2) up to 5% spinel in the form of primary chromite and secondary magnetite, and (3) 5%–10% pyroxene that is altered to serpentine but still displays low birefringence and mostly parallel extinction.

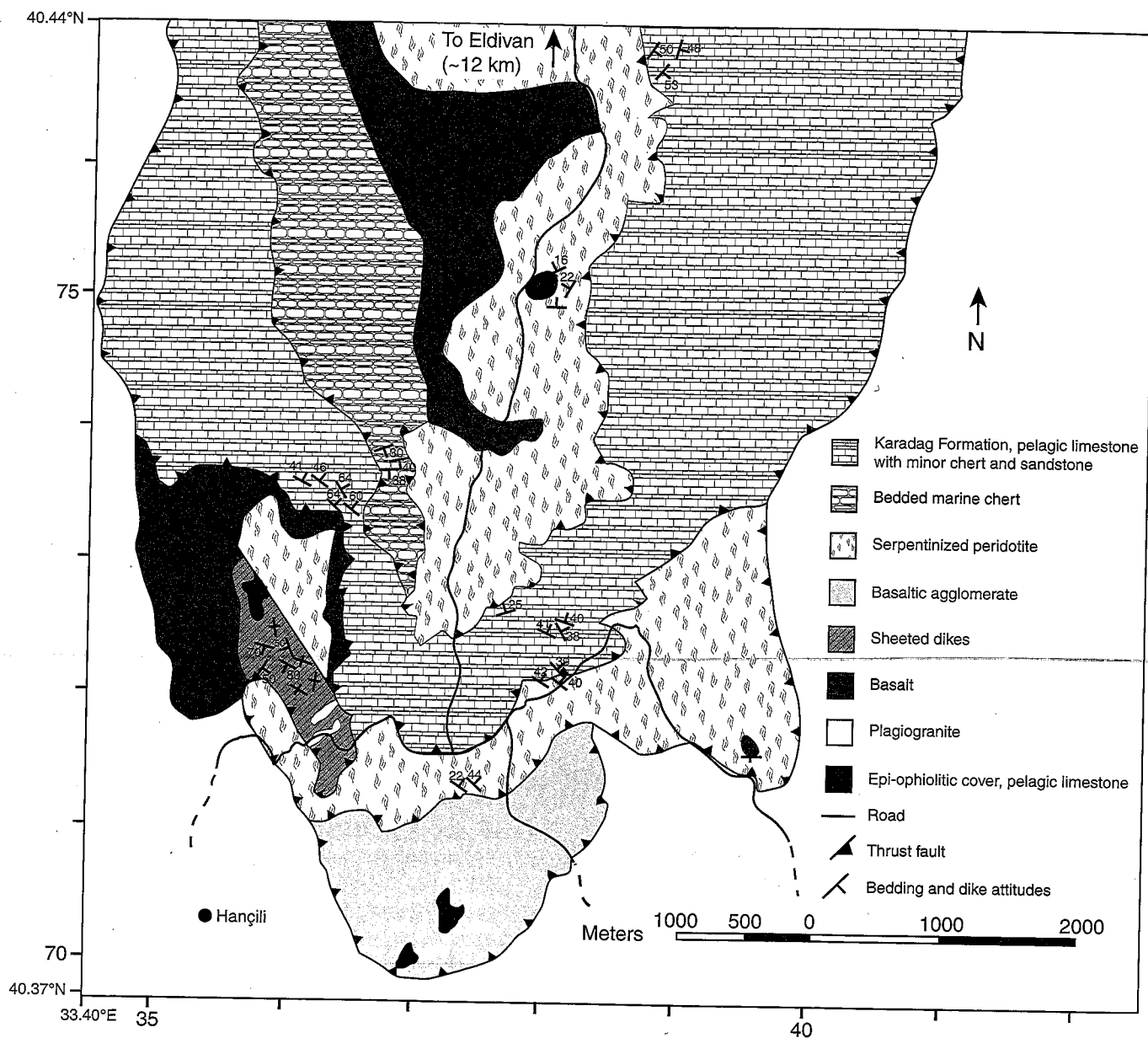


Figure 2. Geologic map of the Çankırı H30-b2 quadrangle (1:25,000 scale), universal transverse Mercator (UTM) zone 36. See star in Figure 1 for location. Latitude, longitude, and UTM coordinates are included. Dashed lines are inferred contacts.

Serpentinized peridotite is characterized by low abundances of Si, Al, Ca, Na, K, and Ti and high abundances of Mg, Cr, and Ni. Light rare-earth element (LREE) concentrations are low, indicating that serpentinization has not affected the original peridotite geochemistry. High degrees of serpentinization, especially where the fluid/rock ratio is large, mobilize LREEs in the serpentinizing fluid, resulting in U-shaped REE patterns that obscure the original igneous chemistry (Paulick et al., 2006). Li and Lee (2006) show that primary  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  wt% is still preserved in peridotite, with >90% serpentinization and no enrichment in LREE. Peridotites from the Eldivan ophiolite are extensively serpentinized but still show low LREE abundances and are therefore interpreted to have primary  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  weight percentages. This is important, as these percentages are a proxy for degree of partial melting, as  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  wt% decreases with high degrees of melt extraction, such as above a subduction zone (Bonatti and Michael, 1989). Eldivan ophiolitic mantle has  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  weight percentages that range from 0.78% to 2.45%, consistent with values from modern ocean floor and subduction-related mantle (Fisher and Engel, 1969; Ishii, 1985; Shibata and Thompson, 1986; Ishii et al., 1992; Seifert and Brunotte, 1996; Paulick et al., 2006) (Fig. 3).

Chromian spinel accessory minerals are also excellent indicators for degree of mantle extraction (Dick and Bullen, 1984). In Eldivan serpentinized peridotite, Cr numbers (#) ( $\text{Cr}/(\text{Cr}+\text{Al})$ ) of Cr-spinel range from 0.47 to 0.70, which are in the range of type 2 and type 3 peridotites (Dick and Bullen, 1984). Cr#s >0.6 (type 3) are categorized as arc peridotites and show the most depletion, whereas type 2 are transitional between arc and MORB mantle. Eldivan mantle Cr-spinels overlap arc and MORB fields in Dick and Bullen's diagram for Cr-spinel Cr# versus Mg# (Fig. 4A). They also plot in the supra-subduction zone mantle field defined by Kamenetsky et al. (2001) in a  $\text{TiO}_2$  wt% versus  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  diagram, with some points in the overlap between supra-subduction zone and MORB mantle fields (Fig. 4B).

## Crustal Sequence

### Massive-Gabbro-and-Plagiogranite

Massive gabbro occurs in screens within sheeted dikes and is intruded by plagiogranite. Some bodies of plagiogranite are up to several decimeters in diameter. Plagiogranite dikes mostly lack chilled margins, tentatively suggesting they could be an immiscible liquid phase within a gabbroic magma chamber or intrusions into a non-solidified gabbro.

Gabbro contains 50% mostly albitized plagioclase and 30%–50% clinopyroxene. Rocks show typical hydrothermal metamorphism with actinolite, chlorite, and epidote as common replacement phases of clinopyroxene and plagioclase. Fe-Ti oxides, mostly composed of secondary magnetite, make up ~5% of the rock.

Most gabbro samples are 45–54 wt%  $\text{SiO}_2$  and are chemically classified as the plutonic equivalents of basalt and basaltic andesite (Fig. 5). A few samples have higher concentrations of alkalis, which could be a reflection of secondary albitization

of plagioclase. Gabbro has the lowest abundances of rare earth and trace elements of the crustal sequence, with elemental concentrations 1.5–5 times below normal mid-ocean ridge basalt (N-MORB). REE patterns (Fig. 6A1) show lower LREE relative to heavy rare-earth elements (HREE), similar to N-MORB. Additionally,  $\text{Th}/\text{Ta} = 1.25\text{--}4.80$ ,  $\text{La}/\text{Nb} = 0.54\text{--}1.91$ , and  $\text{La}/\text{Yb} = 0.52\text{--}1.18$  element ratios are generally low, similar to N-MORB. Sample 126a (Fig. 6A1, bold line) is the exception, with higher LREE abundances relative to HREE, perhaps from a subduction source, and high  $\text{Th}/\text{Ta} = 9.10$ ,  $\text{La}/\text{Nb} = 3.00$ , and  $\text{La}/\text{Yb} = 2.38$  ratios. A few samples show flat REE patterns that could be a result of differentiation within the magma chamber.

Trace elements (Fig. 6A2) show scatter in mobile elements, particularly Rb, Ba, K, and Sr, mostly likely due to secondary hydrothermal alteration. Most samples show the similar trace element pattern of large ion lithophile elements (LILE) depleted

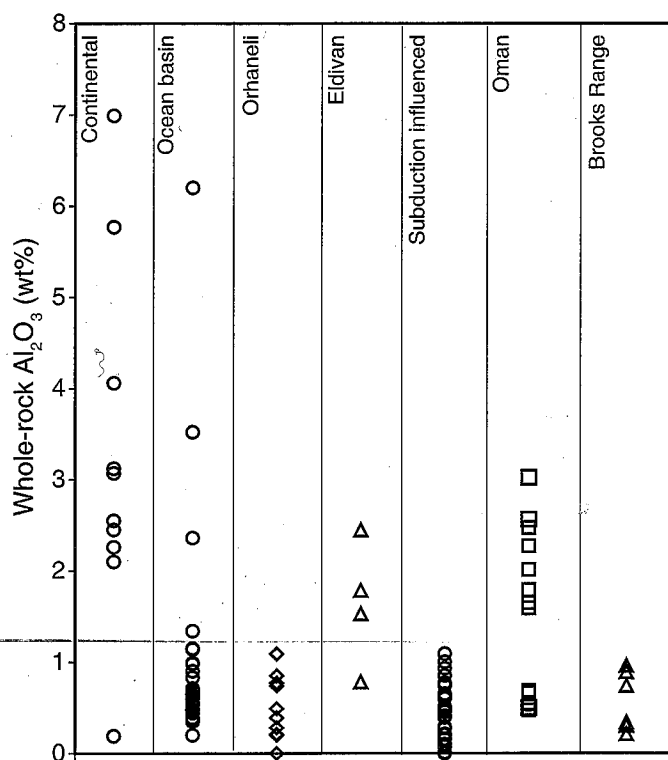


Figure 3. Whole rock  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  weight percentages for mantle rocks from continental, ocean-floor, and subduction-trench settings compared with the Eldivan ophiolite mantle. The range in  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  weight percentages in the Eldivan ophiolite spans the range of ocean-floor and subduction-trench mantle. It is also similar to that seen in the Oman ophiolite and somewhat higher than in the Orhanelli ophiolite in the western İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone and the Brooks Range ophiolite in Alaska, interpreted to have formed in supra-subduction zone settings. Data sources for other mantle compositions are as follows: continental (Carter, 1970; Frey and Prinz, 1978); ocean floor (Shibata and Thompson, 1986; Paulick et al., 2006; Seifert and Brunotte, 1996); subduction trench (Fisher and Engel, 1969; Ishii, 1985; Ishii et al., 1992); Oman (Takazawa et al., 2003); Brooks Range (Harris, 1995); Orhanelli ophiolite (Sarrafkioğlu et al., 2009).

N-MORB, except for sample 126a (Fig. 6A2, bold line), which has a negative Nb anomaly, again suggesting a subduction influence.

### Diabase Dikes

Diabase dikes are found mostly in parallel or sheeted arrays that cut screens of massive gabbro. Many dikes show chilled margins, and some preserve flow fabrics. Shear fractures within the dikes have gouge zones filled with epidote and chlorite, which are common seafloor hydrothermal alteration minerals, indicating that the fractures probably formed during seafloor metamorphism. Dikes show two primary orientations, NNW-SSE and E-W, with dips from 40° to 90°. In one locality, horizontal sheeted dikes feed vertical pillow basalts and sheet flows, indicating a 90° rotation of the units about a horizontal axis.

Dikes are primarily basaltic andesite to andesite with an SiO<sub>2</sub> range of ~56–58 wt% (Fig. 5). Element concentrations are most similar to N-MORB (2 times above and below N-MORB concentrations) compared with other units in the Eldivan ophiolite, with

REE patterns also similar to N-MORB (Fig. 6B1). Low ratios of Th/Ta = 0.82–4.40, La/Nb = 1.22–1.93, and La/Yb are similar to massive gabbro values and again near N-MORB. One exception is sample 203 (Fig. 6B1, bold line), which shows a slight elevation in LREE with no depletion in the high field strength elements (HFSE), similar to enriched MORB (E-MORB) (Sun and McDonough, 1989). Th/Ta and La/Nb ratios in this sample are similar to those in the other dikes, although La/Yb = 2.42 is higher, reflecting the higher LREE concentrations.

Trace element patterns (Fig. 6B2) show characteristic N-MORB and low LILE abundances compared with the HREE, with hydrothermal alteration reflected in varying concentrations of mobile Rb, Ba, Th, U, K, and Sr. As seen in the REE, sample 203 (Fig. 6B2, bold line), shows higher concentrations of LILE, beginning with Nb and sloping downward to HREE, with a slight increase in Hf and Zr. The absence of a negative Nb-Ta anomaly suggests that higher values of LILE are not due to a subduction component but perhaps to a less depleted mantle source.

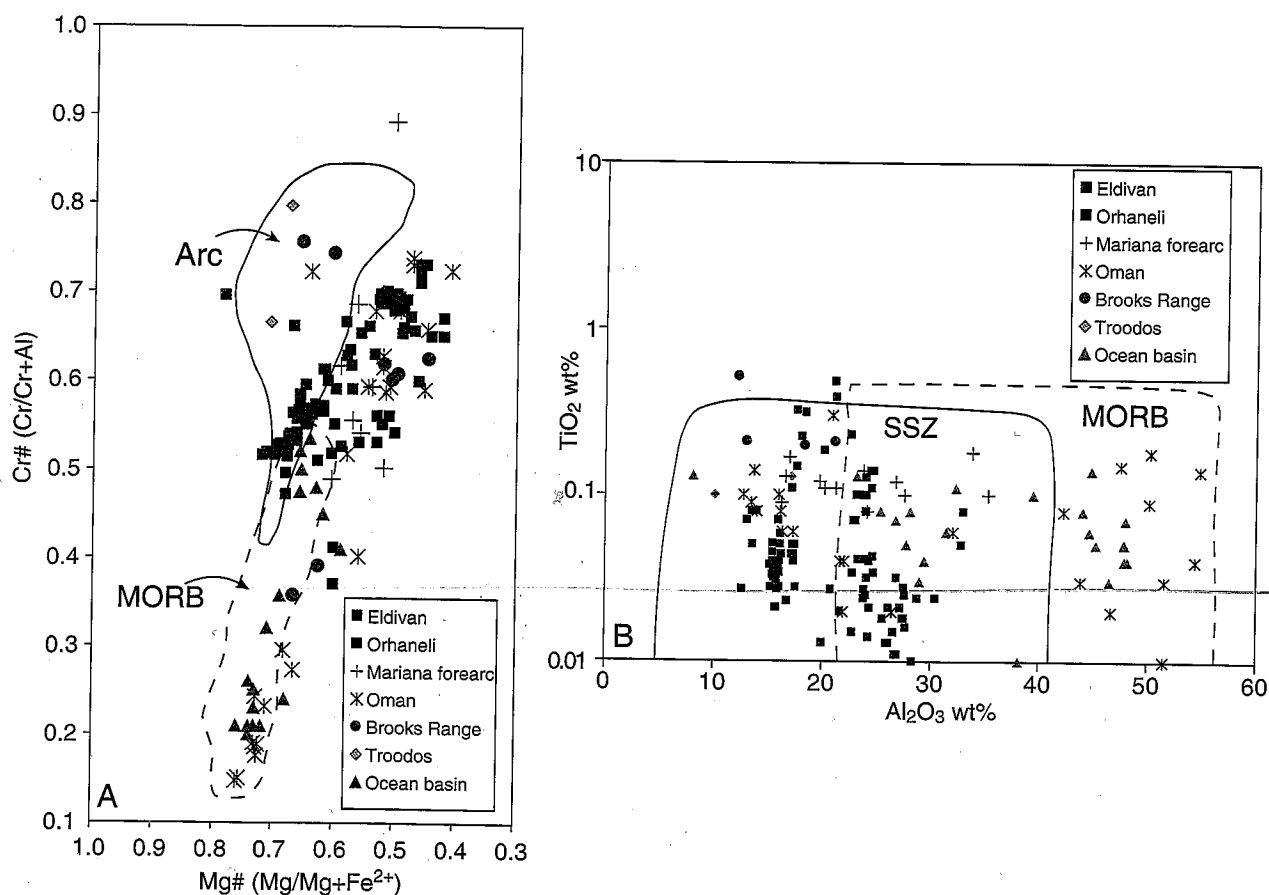


Figure 4. (A) Cr# (Cr/(Cr+Al))/Mg# (Mg/(Mg+Fe<sup>2+</sup>)) of Cr-spinel, the Eldivan serpentinized peridotite. Fields of abyssal (dashed line) and arc peridotites (solid line) are taken from Dick and Bullen (1984). (B) TiO<sub>2</sub> wt% vs. Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> wt% in Cr-spinel of the Eldivan ophiolite. Fields of supra-subduction zone (SSZ; solid line) and MORB (dashed line) are from Kamenetsky et al. (2001). Data are plotted with Cr-spinel data from the Orhaneli ophiolite (Sarifakoglu, 2009), Brooks Range ophiolite (Harris, 1995), ocean basin peridotites (Shibata and Thompson, 1986; Morishita et al., 2007), Troodos and Oman ophiolites (Augé and Johan, 1988; Takazawa et al., 2003; Tamura and Arai, 2006), and Mariana peridotites (Ishii et al., 1992) for comparison. The Eldivan ophiolite plots mostly within the field of arc peridotites (A) and supra-subduction zone peridotites (B), indicating its subduction influenced character.

In tectonic discriminant diagrams, dike rocks plot in fields of supra-subduction zones (Figs. 7A, 7F), island-arc tholeiites (IAT) (Figs. 7B, 7C, 7G) and backarc basin basalts (BABB) (Figs. 7D, 7E), and with some values plotting in the overlap of subduction zone influenced and MORB fields (Figs. 7B, 7D, 7G). Dikes plot consistently in the supra-subduction zone and backarc basin field in diagrams E and F (Fig. 7), which use the most immobile trace elements of La, Nb, and Yb to infer a tectono-magmatic setting. Additional ternary discriminant diagrams (Fig. 8) also plot dikes in subduction related fields. In diagrams B and C, dikes plot almost entirely as island arc basalt and island arc tholeiites, respectively. Diagram D has scatter between the BABB and MORB fields, whereas A and E do not discriminate between subduction and MORB basaltic rocks.

### Volcanic Rocks

Volcanic rocks include both basaltic and rhyolitic units as blocks and broken thrust sheets within a serpentinized matrix. Basalt occurs as pillows, sheet flows, and brecciated units up to tens of square meters in area. Large blocks of basalt hundreds of meters in diameter protrude up through serpentinite to form a hummocky landscape typical of eroded mélange units. Silicic volcanic units are found only as small blocks on the meter to decimeter scale.

Major element chemistry reveals a compositional range of volcanic rocks from basalt and andesite to dacite and rhyolite. Basaltic rocks contain 45–53 wt%  $\text{SiO}_2$  and plot mainly in the basalt field in the total-alkali silica diagram with some overlap into the basaltic andesite field (Fig. 5). Rhyolitic rocks contain 63–74 wt%  $\text{SiO}_2$  and fall into rhyolite and dacite fields (Fig. 5). Basalts show three distinct geochemical signatures:

1. The most dominant pattern shows LREE depletion characteristic of N-MORB (Fig. 6C1), with low ratios of  $\text{Th/La} = 0.33\text{--}2.05$ ,  $\text{La/Nb} = 0.56\text{--}2.10$ , and  $\text{La/Yb} = 0.49\text{--}1.29$ . Element concentrations are equal to and up to 3.5 times more than N-MORB concentrations, giving these basaltic rocks the highest elemental concentrations when compared to the massive gabbros and sheeted dikes. The trace element diagrams for these basaltic volcanics (Fig. 6C2) show a large amount of variation, particularly with mobile elements of Rb, Ba, K, and Sr, which reflect their alteration. However, patterns still show the low LILE abundance (compared with HREE) that is typical of N-MORB. Discriminant diagrams for N-MORB-like basaltic rocks show more scatter than dike rocks but plot in fields of MORB more often than subduction-influenced fields (Figs. 7A–7G). In diagrams B, C, and E, basaltic rocks plot almost entirely within the MORB field, whereas some samples plot close but somewhat outside MORB fields in B, D, and G. In diagrams E and F, which use the

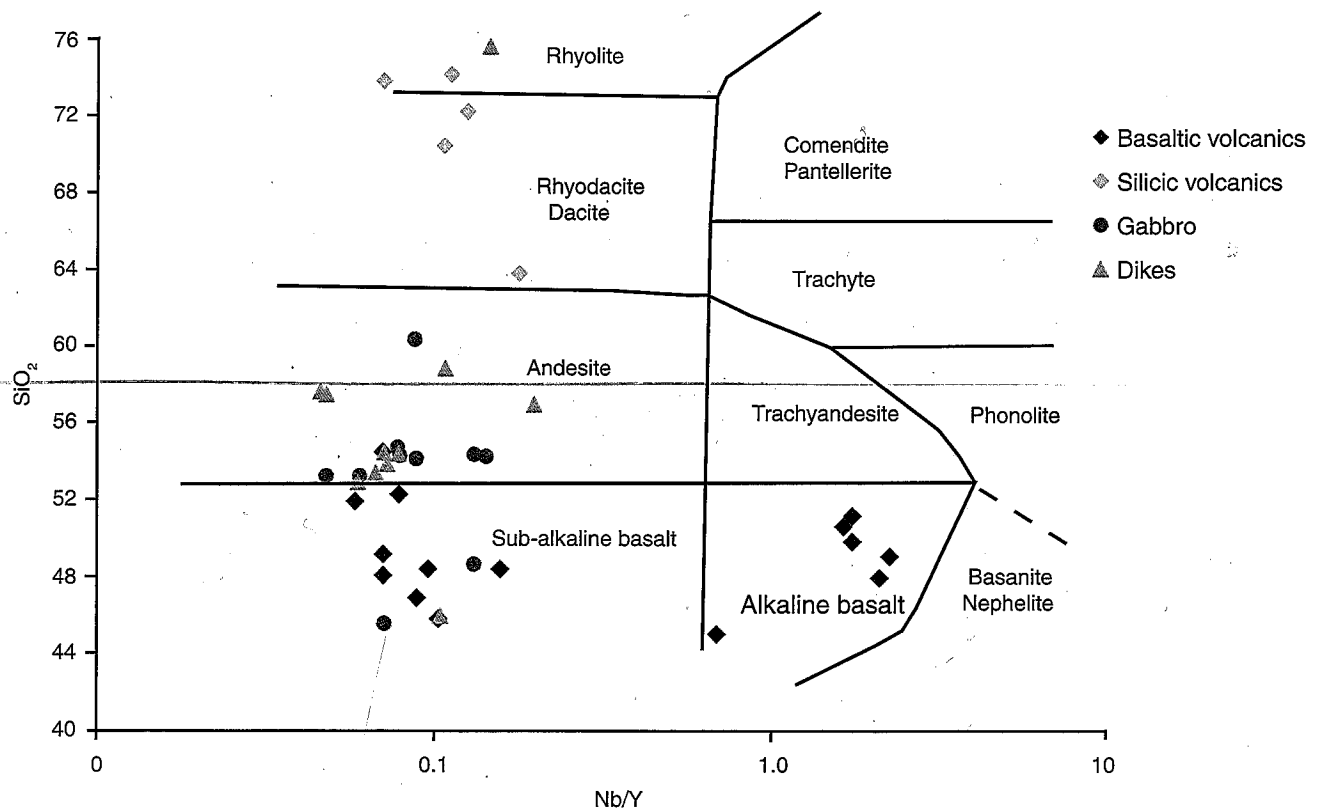


Figure 5. International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) total alkali silica classification diagram, illustrating the distribution of rock types in the Eldivan ophiolite. Volcanic rocks are basaltic and rhyolitic, whereas dike rocks plot between the two in the basaltic andesite and andesite fields.

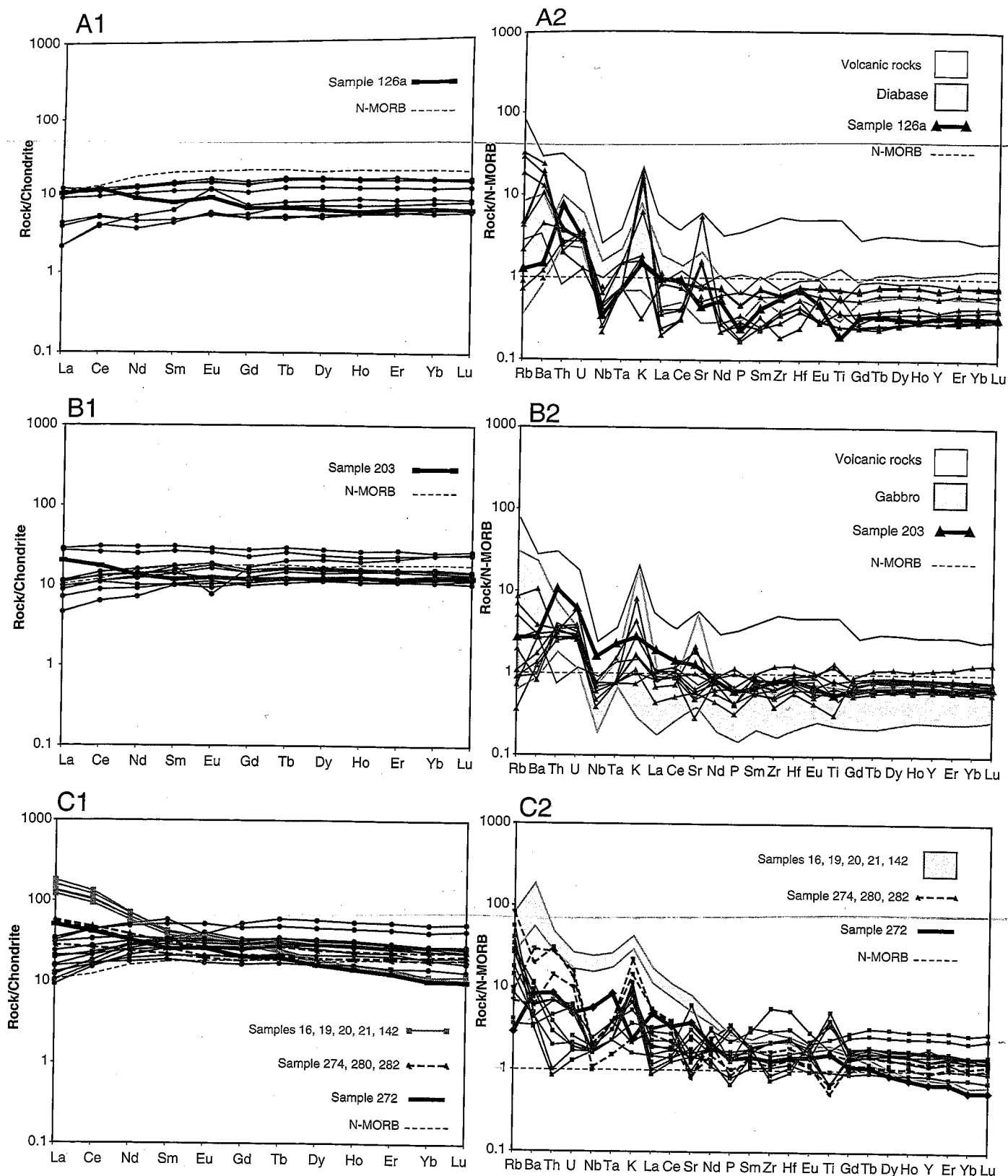


Figure 6. REE (1) and incompatible element (2) diagrams for (A) gabbro, (B) diabase dikes, and (C) volcanic rocks. REE elements were normalized to chondritic meteorite compositions (McDonough and Sun, 1995). Normal mid-oceanic-ridge basalt (N-MORB) reference line (Sun and McDonough, 1989) is marked by a thin dotted line on all diagrams. For comparison of the different rock types within the Eldivan ophiolite, white and gray fields are plotted in each trace element diagram: volcanic rocks in white (A2, B2), gabbro and diabase dikes in gray (A2, B2), and alkaline rocks in gray (C2). Special samples mentioned in the text are distinguished by bold solid or dashed lines.

most immobile elements, most basalt samples plot in the MORB field. Ternary discriminant diagrams have similar results (Fig. 8), with basalts falling clearly into the MORB fields in diagrams B, C, and D. Diagrams A and E do not distinguish between MORB and subduction-related basaltic rocks.

2. Contrastingly, the geochemistry of samples 16, 19, 20, 21, and 142 (Fig. 6C1, light gray lines) shows highly elevated immobile LREE up to 17 times that of N-MORB and HREE below N-MORB concentrations, giving steeply sloping patterns typical of alkaline ocean island basalts (OIB) (Fig. 6C), but reflect alteration in high K abundance. Element ratios of La/Yb are correspondingly high (La/Yb = 16.21–22.47). Sample 272 (Fig. 6C1, bold line) is subparallel to these samples, showing low abundances in HREE but only a moderate LREE elevation. Trace element patterns for samples 16, 19, 20, 21, and 142 (Fig. 6C2, gray field) show the same elevation in the LILE as seen in the LREE, with some variation in mobile elements, most notably Ba and K. Sample 272 (Fig. 6C2, bold line) has LILE abundances more elevated than the N-MORB-type basalts but less than the alkaline samples. The absence of a Nb anomaly, combined with the low HREE concentrations, suggests that this sample source was not modified by subduction but perhaps was derived from a more heterogeneous source transitional between those that produce N-MORB and OIB basalts. These rocks consistently plot in fields for OIB, WPB, and alkaline basalt on discriminant diagrams (Figs. 7A, 7B, 7D, 7F). In diagrams where alkaline fields are not present, these rocks plot outside all fields (G) or overlap both the IAT and MORB fields (C), and cannot be discriminated. In diagram E, these samples plot in the E-MORB field. Similar results are seen with additional ternary discriminant diagrams (Fig. 8). In all diagrams, these rocks plot as within plate alkali (A, B, D), ocean island tholeiite (C), and WPB (E).

3. The third geochemical signature is seen in basaltic sample 274 (Fig. 6C1 and 2, bold dashed line), which shows LILE enrichment and HFSE (Nb, Ta) depletion relative to N-MORB, suggesting a subduction-influenced source (Fig. 6C2). A subduction-influenced source is also reflected in a slight LREE enrichment and high ratios of Th/La (6.48), La/Nb (2.85), and La/Yb (3.66) (Fig. 6C1).

Rhyolitic samples have two separate trace and REE signatures. Most samples are similar to N-MORB in their lower LREE concentrations compared with HREE (Fig. 6C1) but have overall flatter patterns that could reflect higher degrees of differentiation in the magma chamber. This same pattern is also seen in the trace elements (Fig. 6C2), with LILE slightly lower in concentration than HREE, with the exception of Zr and Hf, which show higher abundances. The effects of secondary alteration are seen in the scatter of mobile elements, especially Ba, U, Th, K, and Sr.

Alternatively, rhyolitic samples 280 and 282 (Fig. 6C2, bold dashed line) closely match basaltic sample 274. LREE abundances are elevated, reflected in Th/La, La/Nb, and La/Yb ratios similar to sample 274 (Fig. 6C1). LILE (Fig. 6C2) are also more abundant except for negative concentrations of Nb, Ta, and Ti,

characteristic of subduction zones. Some scatter is still seen in the mobile elements, particularly Rb, K, and Sr.

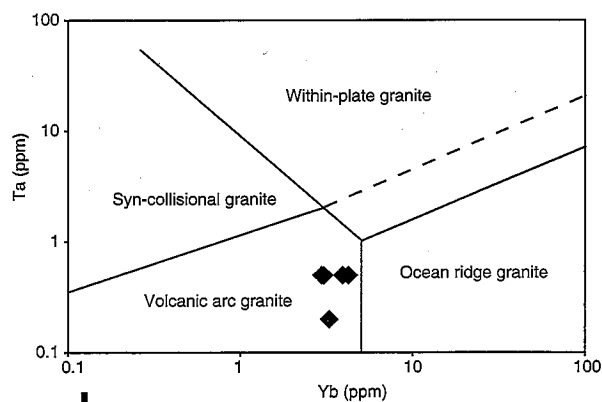
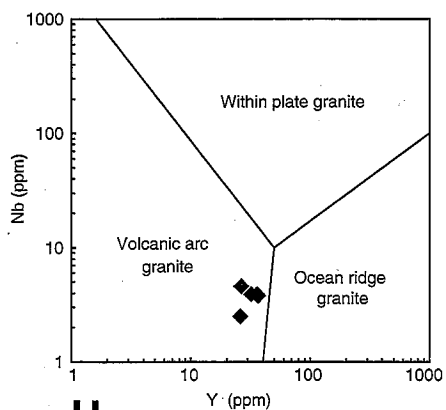
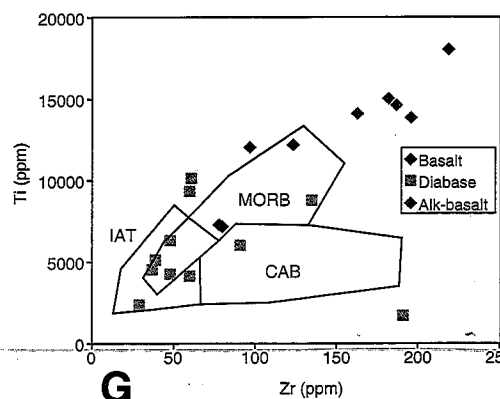
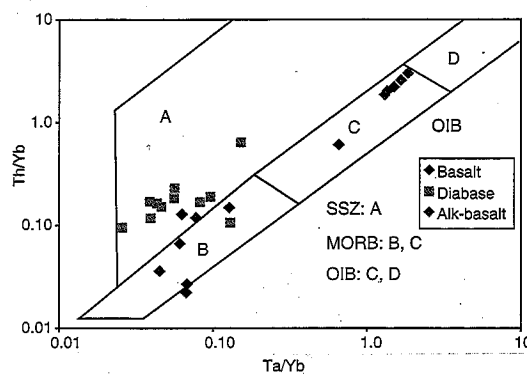
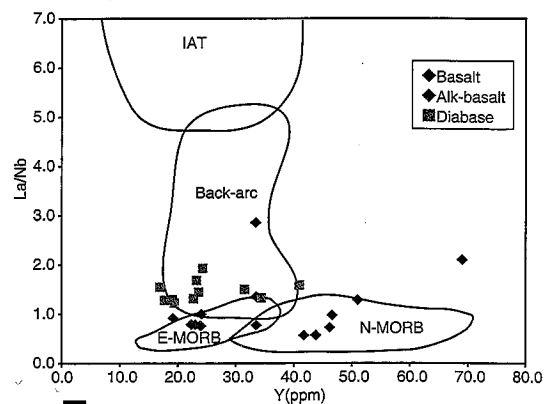
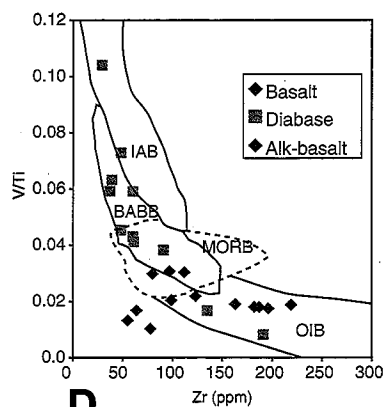
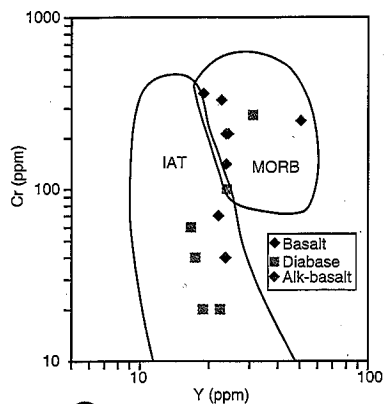
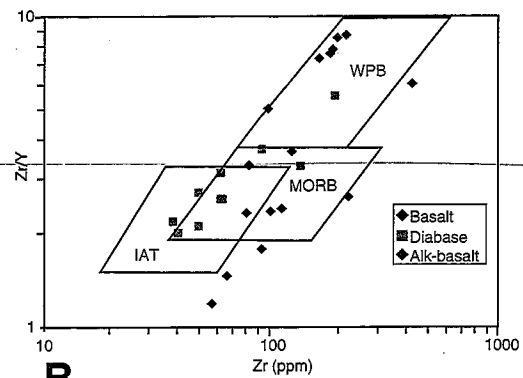
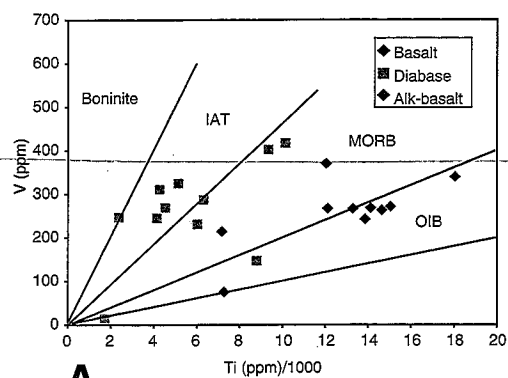
Despite the two signatures seen in REE and trace elements, all of the rhyolitic samples plot in fields for volcanic arc granite (Fig. 7, H, I) in discriminant diagrams of Pearce et al. (1984a) that are based on immobile elements of Nb, Ta, and Yb.

### Interpretation of Whole-Rock and Mineral Chemistry

Three different magma affinities are present in the Eldivan ophiolite: N-MORB, alkaline (OIB), and supra-subduction zone. The occurrence of three distinct geochemical signatures in this small area of exposure (~20 km<sup>2</sup>) implies a high degree of mixing of either (1) upper and lower plate blocks during tectonic emplacement or (2) magma sources during seafloor formation.

Mixing of upper and lower plate units is plausible, considering the current imbricated structure of the ophiolite in the mélange. This has been suggested to account for alkaline rocks within the mélange that are interpreted as seamounts accreted into the serpentine mélange from the downgoing plate (Floyd, 1993; Tüysüz et al., 1995; Tankut et al., 1998). Accretionary mixing of an N-MORB downgoing plate, which included seamounts, with a supra-subduction zone upper plate could explain the geochemical variation in the Eldivan ophiolite, although few modern analogues of this process exist.

Similar chemical variations to those seen in the Eldivan ophiolite are found in modern backarc supra-subduction zone basins due to mixing different magma sources rather than upper and lower plate components. Such supra-subduction zones or backarc ocean basins are extensional upper plate basins that form above subduction zones owing to lower plate movement away from the upper plate through slab rollback. The combination of extension and subduction in supra-subduction zone backarc settings creates conditions of both mantle depletion and enrichment, which result in basalts of different compositions (Sinton and Fryer, 1987; Price et al., 1990; Stern et al., 1990; Eissen et al., 1994; Hawkins and Melchior, 1985; Dril et al., 1997; Fretzdorff et al., 2002; Sinton et al., 2003). Basalts in the North Fiji, Lau, Mariana, Manus, and East Scotia backarc basins show an overprint of LILE enrichment on N-MORB geochemical patterns, which increase with proximity to the subducting slab. Compositional zoning in the Lau basin, with LILE enriched basalt on the west edge near the arc and N-MORB types in the young central spreading center, show that LILE enrichment decreases as rifting continues, owing to decreased subduction influence from slab rollback (Hawkins and Melchior, 1985; Pearce et al., 1984b). Likewise, initial rifts in the Mariana trough erupt basalts similar to those of the Mariana arc, where older rift zones erupt N-MORB (Stern et al., 1990). North Fiji and East Scotia spreading ridges erupt basalt transitional between N-MORB and alkaline basalt owing to influence from hotspot volcanism (Price et al., 1990; Eissen et al., 1994; Fretzdorff et al., 2002). This chemical array is similar to that seen in the Eldivan ophiolite and occurs entirely in the upper plate, caused by mixing of variably depleted



and enriched mantle sources or melts (Sinton and Fryer, 1987; Price et al., 1990; Stern et al., 1990; Dril et al., 1997).

In this study the backarc basin or supra-subduction zone mixing is favored for the Eldivan ophiolite. Although incompatible and REE diagrams are dominated by N-MORB patterns, there are noticeable subduction and alkaline influences (samples 126a, 203, 280, and 272), as seen in modern backarc and intra-arc settings. Additionally, basalt mostly plots as N-MORB, with some scatter into other fields (Figs. 7 and 8), but dike rocks plot consistently within subduction-influenced fields, including IAT, backarc basin, and supra-subduction zone, with minor overlap into N-MORB fields (Figs. 7 and 8). These dike compositional patterns provide direct evidence that the Eldivan ophiolite was at one time in a supra-subduction setting, as the sheeted dike complex represents ocean floor construction. Additionally, rhyolitic volcanics also plot in volcanic arc fields (Fig. 7), giving more evidence for a significant subduction influence.

Evidence for a supra-subduction zone setting is also found in the mantle sequence of the Eldivan ophiolite. Cr-spinel (Cr#s 0.47–0.70) plots within fields for mantle more depleted than ocean rift mantle and closer to transitional supra-subduction settings (Fig. 4) similar to Oman-type ophiolites as defined by Harris (1992). This is also supported in whole-rock  $Al_2O_3$  wt% of the Eldivan ophiolite, which indicates the degree of partial melt extraction, and could be expected for ocean crust in the complex melting regime of a backarc basin. It also closely matches  $Al_2O_3$  wt% concentrations from the Oman ophiolite but is slightly higher than the Brooks Range ophiolite and Orhaneli ophiolite (western İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone), all thought to have formed in supra-subduction zone settings (Fig. 3).

Finally, a supra-subduction zone interpretation is consistent with other studies along the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone in the Ankara Mélange, Dağkumlu Mélange, and Kırşehir block ophiolitic massifs. Other areas of the Ankara Mélange contain alkaline basalts (Çapan and Floyd, 1985, 1993; Tankut et al., 1998), N-MORBs (Tankut, 1984; Tankut et al., 1998), and IAT basalts (Tankut, 1984; Tankut et al., 1998; Tüysüz et al., 1995) similar to the Eldivan ophiolite. Our discovery of supra-subduction zone dikes is consistent with the discovery of supra-

subduction zone plagiogranite in the Ankara Mélange (Dilek and Thy, 2006). Similarly, the Dağkumlu Mélange in the western İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone shows the same variety of alkaline, N-MORB, and supra-subduction zone geochemistry (Göncüoğlu et al., 2006; Sarıfakıoğlu, 2006; Sarıfakıoğlu et al., 2009). Supra-subduction geochemistry also characterizes Cretaceous ophiolites from the Kırşehir block (Çiçekdağ and Sarıkarıman massifs) (Yalınz et al., 1996, 2000a; Floyd et al., 2000).

Most of these previous studies use geochemistry of crustal volcanic rocks, cumulate sequences, dike complexes, and massive gabbros for their interpretation without data from associated mantle peridotite. Including analyses of the peridotite provides additional evidence for high degrees of melt extraction inconsistent with a MORB tectonic model for the Eldivan ophiolite. Sarıfakıoğlu et al. (2009) used both mineral and whole-rock geochemistry of crust and mantle rocks to interpret the Orhaneli ophiolite in the western İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone as a supra-subduction zone ophiolite. Cr-spinel data from lherzolite and harzburgite of the Orhaneli mantle sequence closely match the Eldivan ophiolite (Fig. 4). Whole-rock  $Al_2O_3$  from the Orhaneli ophiolite is generally lower but is still within the range of the Eldivan ophiolite (Fig. 3). These results show the same continuity in mantle composition as seen in the crustal-sequence geochemical data that argue for some supra-subduction influence from the western to central İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean.

## EPI-OPHIOLITIC SEDIMENTARY COVER UNITS

Epi-ophiolitic sediment occurs as blocks, intercalated sediment in pillow lobes, and layered sediments depositionally overlying pillow basalts. Blocks are generally meter to decimeter sized blocks of pelagic, radiolarian-bearing limestone and minor chert within the serpentinized matrix of the mélange but not in direct contact with ophiolitic units. Some radiolarian-bearing red chert is intercalated within pillow basalt lobes. Layered sediments overlying the ophiolite consist of interbedded chert and limestone, and chert interbedded with pillow basalt and volcanic breccia. Individual beds are centimeters thick, but sediment sequences can reach 10 m. In one locality, shale and minor sandstone turbidites were found within the epi-ophiolitic cover.

## Karadağ Formation

The Karadağ Formation overlies the Ankara Mélange along an angular unconformity and, because of multiple deformation phases, also overlies the mélange tectonically as a result of later thrust faulting. It is made up of intercalated volcanic and coarse siliciclastics at its base that grade upward into finer sandstones and mudstones and finally clay-rich limestone (Akyürek et al., 1980; Hakyemez et al., 1986). It is interpreted as flysch deposited in a foredeep setting near a continental margin during the onset of collision. The Kursunluduz Member of the Karadağ Formation contains chert bands alternating with red pelagic limestone (Akyürek et al., 1980; Hakyemez et al., 1986). The presence of

Figure 7. Nine discriminant diagrams for basaltic rocks of the Eldivan ophiolite. In diagrams A–G, basaltic rocks generally plot in MORB fields, although some show too much scatter to be conclusive. Dikes mostly fall into island arc tholeiite (IAT) fields with some overlap in MORB fields. Alkaline basalts plot consistently in ocean island basalt (OIB) or within plate basalt (WPB) fields. Diagrams H and I are for granitic rocks. Samples from the Eldivan ophiolite all plot in volcanic-arc granite fields. These diagrams are from (A) Shervais (1982); (B) Pearce and Norry (1979); (C) Pearce (1982); (D) Woodhead et al. (1993) and Floyd et al. (2000); (E) Floyd et al. (1991); (F) Pearce et al. (1981); (G) Pearce and Cann (1973); (H) Pearce et al. (1984a); (I) Pearce et al. (1984a). BABB—backarc basin basalt; E-MORB—enriched MORB; N-MORB—normal MORB; SSZ—supra-subduction zone; CAB—continental arc basalt.

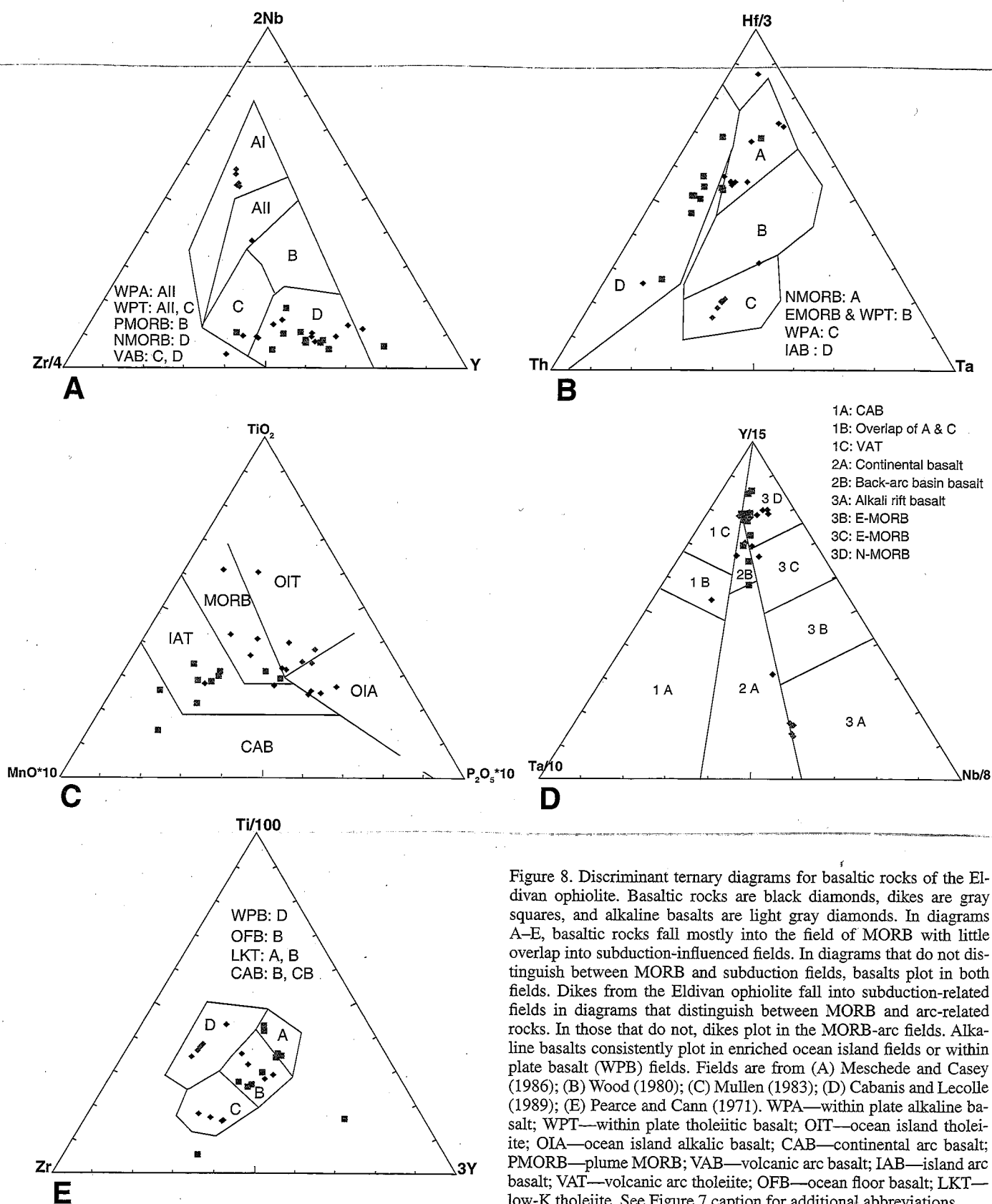


Figure 8. Discriminant ternary diagrams for basaltic rocks of the Eldivan ophiolite. Basaltic rocks are black diamonds, dikes are gray squares, and alkaline basalts are light gray diamonds. In diagrams A–E, basaltic rocks fall mostly into the field of MORB with little overlap into subduction-influenced fields. In diagrams that do not distinguish between MORB and subduction fields, basalts plot in both fields. Dikes from the Eldivan ophiolite fall into subduction-related fields in diagrams that distinguish between MORB and arc-related rocks. In those that do not, dikes plot in the MORB-arc fields. Alkaline basalts consistently plot in enriched ocean island fields or within plate basalt (WPB) fields. Fields are from (A) Meschede and Casey (1986); (B) Wood (1980); (C) Mullen (1983); (D) Cabanis and Lecolle (1989); (E) Pearce and Cann (1971). WPA—within plate alkaline basalt; WPT—within plate tholeiitic basalt; OIT—ocean island tholeiite; OIA—ocean island alkalic basalt; CAB—continental arc basalt; PMORB—plume MORB; VAB—volcanic arc basalt; IAB—volcanic arc basalt; VAT—volcanic arc tholeiite; OFB—ocean floor basalt; LKT—low-K tholeiite. See Figure 7 caption for additional abbreviations.

*Praegglotruncana stephani*, *Rotaliapora apenninica*, *Hedbergella* sp., *Ticinella* sp., *Globigerina* sp., *Textulariella* sp., *Cuneolina* sp., and *Valvulamina* sp. radiolarians suggests the age of the Karadağ is Cenomanian to Campanian (Akyürek et al., 1980).

Near the Eldivan ophiolite, the Karadağ Formation consists mostly of pelagic limestone and chert, and some clastic material, including sandstone lenses with graded and cross-beds. The angular unconformity between the Karadağ Formation and the underlying imbricated ophiolitic material of the Ankara Mélange suggests that the Karadağ Formation was deposited after or during imbrication of the ophiolite, and is in part correlative with the overlying Maastrichtian flysch of Norman (1984).

#### U/Pb Age Analysis of Detrital Zircon in Sandstone Units

Sandstone samples were collected from a block within the Ankara Mélange directly adjacent to basalt and from the Karadağ Formation, which unconformably overlies the mélange. The age and tectonic source region for sandstone samples from the mélange and overlying Karadağ Formation were investigated through detrital zircon and sandstone petrography. Siliciclastic material was scarce, and these two samples represent the only sandstones found within the study area. The entire sample collected was processed for detrital zircons. The error introduced by the limited sample size and small number of zircons found within each sample is recognized, however the results are consistent with age data obtained by other methods throughout the suture zone.

Zircon U-Pb age analyses were conducted by laser-ablation multicollector inductively coupled-plasma mass spectrometry (LA-MC-ICPMS) at the Arizona LaserChron Center. Analytical methods follow those described in Gehrels (2000) and Gehrels et

al. (2006). Single point analyses were taken with a 35  $\mu\text{m}$  and a 25  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter beam according to grain size. Common Pb corrections are for  $^{204}\text{Pb}$ , using an initial Pb composition from Stacey and Kramers (1975). Uncertainties are 1.0 for  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ , 0.3 for  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ , and 2.0 for  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ . Detrital zircon age extractor and ISOPLOT 3.00 (Ludwig, 2003) were used to determine and sort reliable age data. This detrital zircon age extractor extracts significant peak ages based on at least three grain analyses and the number of grains constituting each peak age. Results are listed in Table A3.

#### Zircon Age Populations

Detrital zircon age populations from sandstone in the mélange and the Karadağ Formation have different minimum, maximum, and peak ages, suggesting that they were sourced from different terranes (Fig. 9). Detailed analysis of the mélange sandstone shows an age distribution from  $143.2 \pm 2$  Ma to  $164.1 \pm 1$  Ma with a peak age of 153 Ma. The Karadağ sandstone shows an age distribution from  $105.2 \pm 5$  Ma to  $166 \pm 3$  Ma, with a peak age of 130 Ma. The youngest peak age is used here as a proxy for the maximum age of deposition, which is consistent with the stratigraphic positions of the sandstones. The maximum age of the mélange sandstone, and Eldivan ophiolite, is  $143.2 \pm 2$  Ma, whereas the maximum age of the Karadağ sandstone is  $105.2 \pm 5$  Ma. Peak ages here are interpreted to represent the average age of the terrane dominantly being eroded at the time of deposition.

An inherited fraction of zircon from the Neoproterozoic to Paleoproterozoic is present in both the mélange and the Karadağ sandstones (Fig. 9). Detrital zircons of similar age from the Tauride block in southwestern Turkey were documented by Kröner and Şengör (1990), who attributed them to the southern Angara

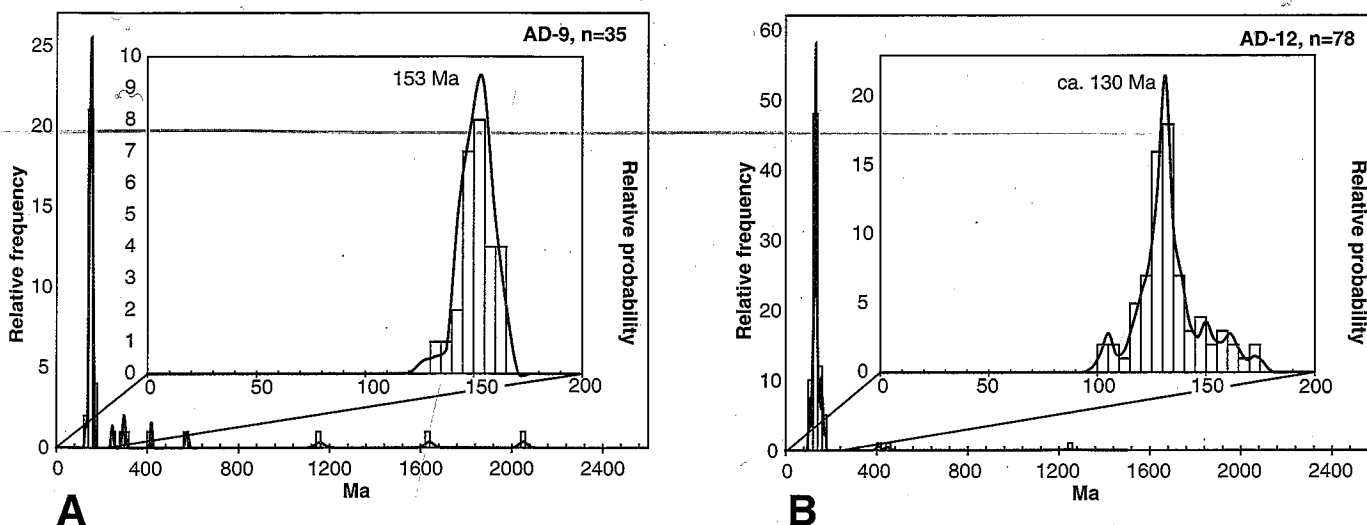


Figure 9. Detrital zircon age populations for sandstones within the mélange (A) and the Karadağ Formation (B), indicating different source terranes for the two units. The larger graphs show the entire zircon population, including those that have Precambrian ages. The inset graph shows the detail of the peak ages. For the ophiolitic sandstone, the distribution of ages is narrow, with a peak age of ca. 153 Ma. The Karadağ sandstone has a larger range in ages, and a peak age of ca. 130 Ma.

craton of Siberia. Dilek and Thy (2006) also found Proterozoic zircon in plagiogranite from the ophiolite near Ankara and interpreted them as a subduction recycled component from the Rhodope-Strandja-Massif in northwestern Turkey and southeastern Bulgaria. These terranes may also have supplied the Paleoproterozoic to Neoproterozoic zircon grains in the mélangé and Karadağ sandstones.

### Sandstone Petrography

Sandstone from both formations is compositionally and texturally immature, with low percentages of quartz and angular to subangular clasts. Despite alteration and secondary authigenic growth, the sandstone samples yielded two very different petrographic provenance results. The mélangé sandstone is dominated by volcanic lithic fragments (52.33%) and plagioclase (25.33%), with minor quartz (8.66%), K-feldspar (2.00%), and clay minerals (11.66%). In contrast, the overlying Karadağ sandstone is made up of carbonate mud clasts (with some authigenic clay) (45.33%), plagioclase (28.00%), bioclastic grains (15.00%), and quartz (11.33%), with minor volcanic lithic material (0.33%).

The composition of the mélangé sandstone with its high percentage of volcanic lithic fragments implies that it was sourced from a nearby volcanic terrane. This idea agrees with the tectonic discriminant diagrams of Dickinson et al. (1983) (not shown). There are a number of sources for lithic fragments in the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean, including seamounts, island arcs (Tankut, 1984; Tankut et al., 1998; Tüysüz et al., 1995), and the Pontide continental arc to the north. However, the Pontide arc is younger (Turonian) than detrital zircon grains found in the mélangé sandstone, suggesting that it is not the source for volcanic lithics. The other plausible volcanic sources are oceanic, giving more evidence for intra-oceanic subduction away from the continental margin. Sandstone from the Karadağ Formation contains virtually no volcanic lithics, bioclastic grains, carbonate mud, or plagioclase grains. The bioclastic material in this sample is a mix of echinoderm, bryozoan, brachiopod, bivalve, and foraminiferan grains, a compositional variation that suggests a well-developed but relatively shallow carbonate system.

No deep water fauna are recorded. These data suggest that the Karadağ sandstone was derived from the carbonate system of a continental margin and was deposited in a nearby marginal basin. This is consistent with the interpretation of the Karadağ Formation as flysch deposited on the imbricated ophiolite, most likely in a foredeep setting near the continental margin, created as continuing subduction brought the Kırşehir and Sakarya-Pontide terranes together.

### STRUCTURE OF THE ELDIVAN OPHIOLITE

The angular unconformity between the Karadağ Formation and the underlying imbricated mélangé, and the subsequent shortening of both, imply multiple phases of deformation (Fig. 10). The first phase involved dismemberment of the Eldivan ophiolite and serpentinite mélangé development (Fig. 10A). Where paleohorizontal indicators exist, they show predominantly steep dips. Elongated blocks are also commonly vertical, with gaps between them filled with serpentinite. If the mélangé is associated with an accretionary wedge, it is likely the sections investigated formed near the backstop region, the area where accreted thrust sheets are progressively rotated to steeper dips by accretion of new material beneath them.

Accretionary wedge development commonly produces isoclinally folded units with mostly sub-horizontal fold hinge lines. Although horizontal fold hinge lines are found within the serpentinite matrix and in overlying Karadağ Formation units, no hinge lines were found in the several blocks we investigated. Another way to explain the mostly steep dips in mélangé blocks is by strike-slip deformation, which would produce steeply plunging hinge lines. There is no evidence of these in any part of the field area.

The second phase of deformation occurred after the Karadağ Formation was deposited above the Ankara Mélangé. During this second phase, the Karadağ Formation and underlying ophiolite and serpentinite were thrust along southward-verging thrust faults (Fig. 10B). Some age constraints for these events are provided by detrital zircon populations from the mélangé and Karadağ sandstones.

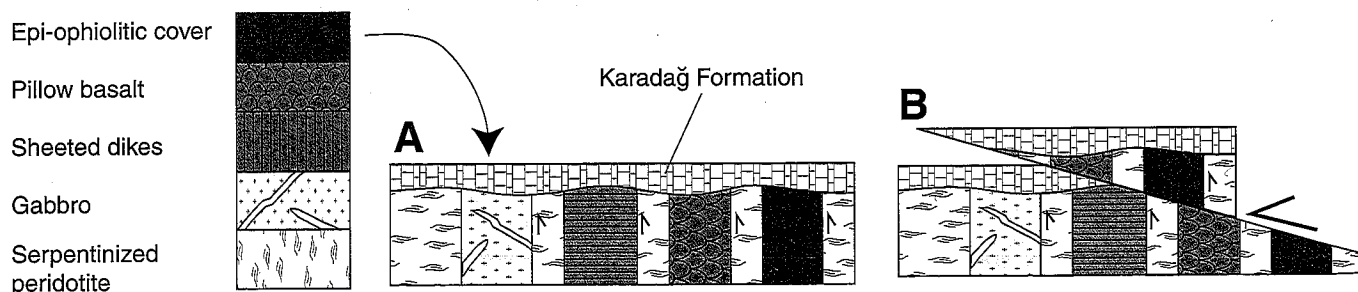


Figure 10. Multiple deformational phases are found in the Ankara Mélangé. The first phase imbricated and rotated the oceanic units into mostly vertical units, encased in serpentinite mélangé (A). Subsequent phases involved shortening of the Ankara Mélangé and the unconformably overlying Karadağ Formation (B). Subsequent events included serpentinite diapirism and thrusting of mélangé over late Miocene deposits of the Hançılı Formation.

### Timing of Ophiolite Imbrication

Detrital zircon ages from sandstone within and above the Ankara Mélange provide limits on the timing of mélange formation and dismemberment of the Eldivan ophiolite. Zircon grains as young as  $143 \pm 2$  Ma within a sandstone of the mélange indicate that it was incorporated into the mélange after this time and before the youngest age of zircon grains within the unconformably overlying Karadağ sandstone, which yields ages of  $105 \pm 5$  Ma. Further imbrication of the ophiolite and the Karadağ Formation occurred after  $105 \pm 5$  Ma.

Imbrication of the Eldivan ophiolite between  $143 \pm 2$  and  $105 \pm 5$  Ma is consistent with data from other parts of the suture zone that suggest collapse of the ocean basin had begun about this time. For example, radiolarians in limestone deposits from the Kirazbaşı foredeep complex are as old as ca. 135 Ma (late Valanginian) (Tüysüz and Tekin, 2007). Intra-oceanic thrusting began prior to 90 Ma near the Kırşehir block (Yalıniz et al., 2000b) and  $93 \pm 2$  Ma in the western İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean (Önen, 2003). Granitoids of  $94.9 \pm 3.4$  Ma, in the Kırşehir block, interpreted as the result of supra-subduction zone ophiolite obduction, also suggest that subduction must have been active before 95 Ma (Boztuğ et al., 2007).

### Restoration of the Eldivan Ophiolite

The orientation of sheeted dikes in ocean crust is commonly used as a proxy for spreading ridge orientation. For the Eldivan ophiolite, it would represent the orientation of a supra-subduction zone spreading ridge. Commonly, sheeted dikes are perpendicular to overlying basaltic flows that they feed. Most dikes in the Eldivan Ophiolite strike NNW-SSE and are steeply dipping (Fig. 11A). A minor component of E-W dikes is also found, but most are horizontal. In one locality, which represents the largest single mélange block of basaltic rock in the Hançili region, a series of horizontal sheeted dikes is in contact with vertical pil-

low basalts and sheet flows that strike E-W, indicating that the entire igneous section has rotated  $90^\circ$  about a horizontal axis. Sedimentary blocks are also steeply dipping, indicating a similar amount of rotation about a horizontal E-W axis.

Assuming that other sheeted dikes in the region underwent a similar horizontal axis rotation, applying this rotation to the NNE-SSW dikes provides the original orientation of the supra-subduction zone spreading ridge that produced the Eldivan ophiolite. The rotation maintains the steep dip of the NNW-SSE dikes but changes the average strike to near N-S (Fig. 11B), which is subparallel to the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone. However, oroclinal bending of this suture zone from indentation of the Kırşehir block indicates an additional  $90^\circ$  of counterclockwise vertical axis rotation.

Paleomagnetic studies used to test the oroclinal bend hypothesis found that the Ankara Mélange near the Eldivan ophiolite has undergone at least  $30^\circ$  of counterclockwise vertical axis rotation since the Eocene, and that it may have already been rotated counterclockwise by even more before this time (Kaymakci et al., 2003). According to Kaymakci et al. (2003), the Çankırı basin underwent rotation during the Eocene Epoch through the mid-Miocene, and perhaps as early as the Paleocene Epoch. Near the Eldivan ophiolite the Çankırı basin margin rotated  $33^\circ$  counterclockwise during Oligocene time.

A clockwise vertical axis rotation of  $33^\circ$  was applied to correct for these rotations, which moves the average strike direction of most sheeted dikes to  $041^\circ$ , which was most likely the orientation in the Eocene (Fig. 11C). To completely restore the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone back to its pre-collisional indentation trend, an additional  $52^\circ$  of clockwise rotation is needed. Correcting for the horizontal and vertical axis rotations of the sheeted dikes shows that they are subparallel to the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone, which implies mostly orthogonal motion of the spreading ocean with respect to the subduction boundary represented by the suture zone, indicating little strike slip motion in the creation of the suture zone. These results are

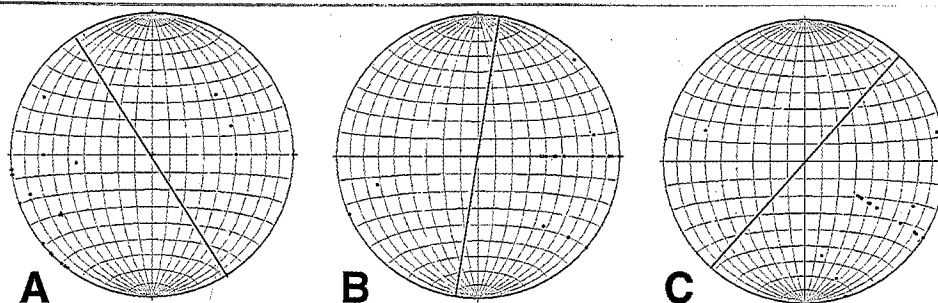


Figure 11. Stereographs of poles to dike attitudes in sheeted dike units of the Eldivan ophiolite. Solid black lines are average strike of sheeted dikes and most likely the spreading ridge: (A) Prior to any restoration. (B) Restored about a horizontal axis according to paleo-horizontal controls. (C) Partially restored to original orientation by  $30^\circ$  of post-Eocene clockwise vertical axis rotation documented from paleomagnetic data. Oroclinal bending of the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone indicates that at least another  $60^\circ$  of clockwise rotation is needed to restore the dikes back to their original orientation, which would be near E-W.

consistent with those found by Fayon et al. (2001) and Whitney et al. (2001), who concluded that the northern part of the Kırşehir block was deformed and exhumed by orthogonal collision. However, whereas the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone may have formed through orthogonal motion, Fayon et al. (2001) and Whitney et al. (2001) give evidence for a later oblique collision of the Tauride platforms with the southern Kırşehir block, exhuming the southern Kırşehir block through left-lateral wrench faulting.

## TECTONIC EVOLUTION

### Review of the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean

Understanding the overall tectonic evolution of this ocean is crucial to reconstructing the role played by the Eldivan ophiolite. Age constraints of various events throughout the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone indicate three main phases of İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean evolution: a constructional phase, a destructional phase, and a suturing phase (Fig. 12A).

The constructional phase began with rifting at least as old as the late Carnian–early Norian Stages (ca. 215 Ma), based on radiolarians associated with MORB in the central and western parts of the suture zone (Bragin and Tekin, 1996; Tekin et al., 2002). Other radiolarians suggest that it developed into an ocean basin by late Bajocian time (Tüysüz and Tekin, 2007), and seamounts formed on the ocean floor during the Jurassic and Cretaceous Periods (Rojay et al., 2001, 2004; Tankut et al., 1998).

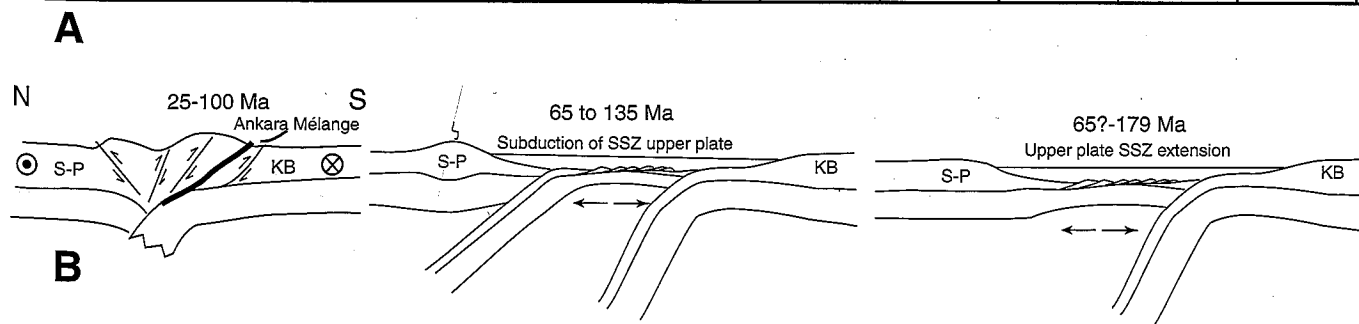
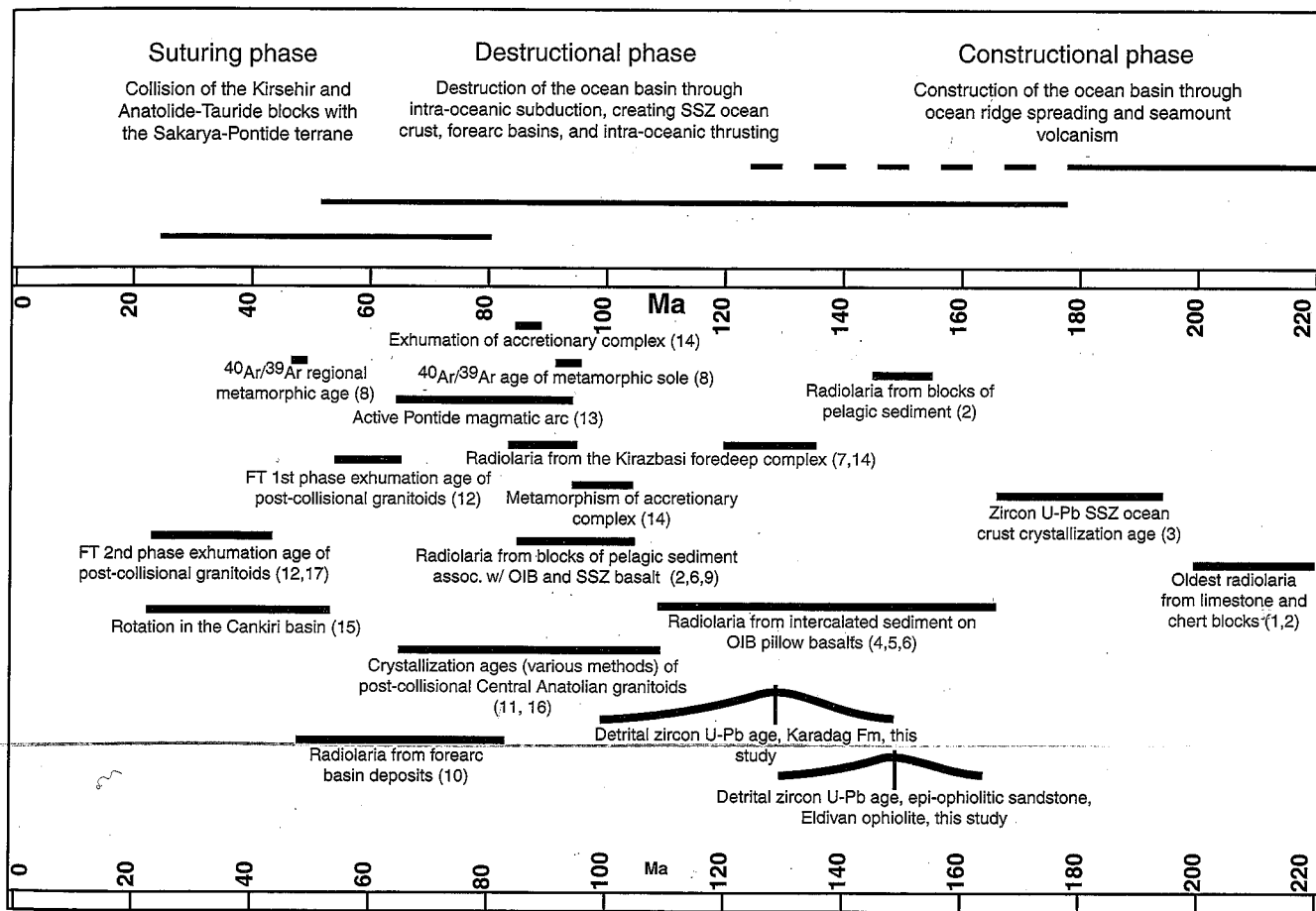
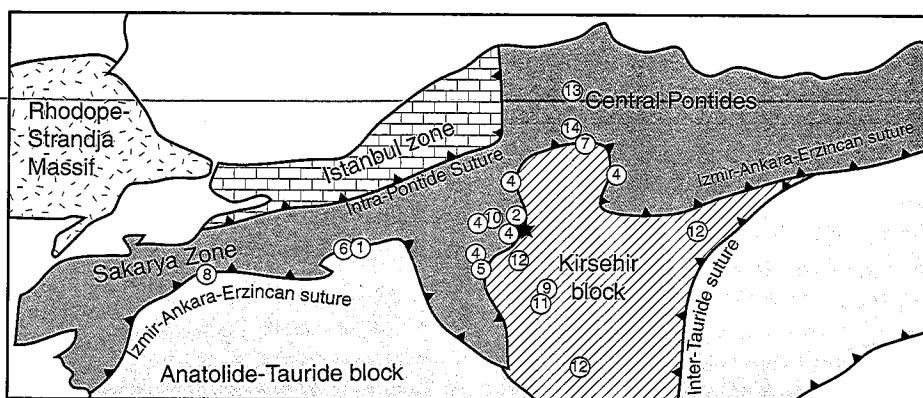
Destruction of the ocean basin by intra-oceanic subduction is documented by supra-subduction zone ophiolites, the oldest in the Ankara Mélange, yielding a U/Pb zircon age of  $179 \pm 15$  Ma (Dilek and Thy, 2006). Intra-oceanic subduction continued through the Late Cretaceous Period, creating supra-subduction zone ocean crust in the central İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean, now part of the Kırşehir block (Yalıniz et al., 1996; Yalıniz et al., 2000b), and the Dağkumlu mélange (Göncüoğlu et al., 2006; Sarıfakıoğlu, 2006; Sarıfakıoğlu et al., 2009). Late Valanginian (ca. 135 Ma) (Tüysüz and Tekin, 2007) to Paleocene (Koyçığit, 1991) radiolarians are found in foredeep deposits along the Sakarya-Pontide margin, suggesting that active subduction against the continent began in the Early Cretaceous Period.

Other events documenting subduction at this time are the occurrence of accretion complexes along the Pontide margin, which were metamorphosed at ca. 100 Ma (Okay et al., 2006), and Turonian Epoch (ca. 90 Ma) through Paleocene Epoch magmatism in the Pontides (Yılmaz et al., 1997). It is important to note that the oldest age of supra-subduction zone ophiolites,  $179 \pm 15$  Ma, predate the oldest foredeep deposits (ca. 135 Ma) against the continent, suggesting that intra-oceanic extension occurred prior to subduction against the continental margin. Thrusting and imbrication of the Eldivan supra-subduction zone basin in the central İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone occurred between 105 and 143 Ma, as shown by detrital zircon ages from this study. In the western İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean, thrusting began at least by 94 Ma, as recorded by the age of a metamorphic sole

(Önen, 2003). This constrains a destructive phase of subduction that began ca.  $179 \pm 15$  Ma and ended as early as ca. 60 Ma.

Final closure of the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean occurred through continental block collision, collisional indentation, and suturing of the Kırşehir block and the larger Anatolide-Tauride platform with the Sakarya-Pontide terranes during the Late Cretaceous Period to the Miocene Epoch. The first evidence of continental collision comes from post-collisional granitoids of the Kırşehir block, which yielded Rb-Sr whole-rock and  $^{207}\text{Pb}$ - $^{206}\text{Pb}$  zircon ages from  $110 \pm 14$  Ma (Güleç, 1994) to  $74.9 \pm 3.8$  Ma (Boztuğ et al., 2007). Exhumation of the collision zone in the Central Pontides, based on stratigraphic constraints, and granitoids of the Kırşehir block, based on apatite fission-track ages, documents collision between 86 and 93 Ma and 57 and 62 Ma, respectively (Okay et al., 2006; Boztuğ and Jonckheere, 2007). Collisional indentation of the Kırşehir block caused at least  $90^\circ$  of counterclockwise rotation,  $33^\circ$  of which is well constrained since the Eocene. Ages of continental block collision young away from the central part of the suture zone, where the Kırşehir block is present. In the western part of the suture, where the Kırşehir block is absent, and collision of the Sakarya-Pontide terrane occurred only within the Anatolide-Tauride block,

Figure 12. (A) Age constraints for the evolution of the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone through time. Three main phases are identified: (1) an initial construction phase in which the ocean basin was forming through ridge spreading with hotspot volcanism creating seamounts on the ocean floor, (2) destruction of the ocean basin through intra-oceanic subduction that resulted in intra-oceanic seafloor spreading above a subduction zone and arc magmatism, and (3) collision and suturing of the Kırşehir and Anatolide-Tauride continental blocks with the Sakarya-Pontide terranes. Numbers in the time line and map correspond with the source of age data (below) and sample locations, respectively. The sample location for detrital zircons of this study is represented with a black star. Sources for data are as follows: (1) Tekin et al. (2002); (2) Bragin and Tekin (1996); (3) Dilek and Thy (2006); (4) Rojay et al. (2004); (5) Rojay et al. (2001); (6) Göncüoğlu et al. (2006); (7) Tüysüz and Tekin (2007); (8) Önen (2003); (9) Yalıniz et al. (2000); (10) Koyçığit (1991); (11) Yalıniz et al. (1999); (12) Boztuğ and Jonckheere (2007); (13) Yılmaz et al. (1997); (14) Okay et al. (2006); (15) Kaymakci et al. (2003); (16) Boztuğ et al. (2007) and references therein; (17) Fayon et al. (2001). (B) Schematic cartoon model for the evolution of the Eldivan ophiolite during the Cretaceous, using the Philippine Sea plate and Mariana trough as an analogue. Early Cretaceous time documents the beginning of subduction and upper plate extension, as evidenced by supra-subduction zone (SSZ) basalt, foredeep complexes along the continental margin, and ophiolitic metamorphic soles. In the Late Cretaceous Period supra-subduction zone upper plate subduction began along the Sakarya-Pontide margin, causing active volcanism in the Pontide continental arc. The latest Cretaceous Period through the Oligo-Miocene Epochs was characterized by collision and suturing of the Kırşehir block (KB) and Anatolide-Tauride platform with the Sakarya-Pontide terrane, as evidenced by post-collisional granitoids and fission-track (FT) exhumation ages of the Kırşehir block. Fission-track ages also indicate that wrench faulting exhumed the southern Kırşehir block through left-lateral, strike-slip motion owing to later oblique collision of the Tauride platform with the Kırşehir block. OIB—ocean island basalt.



exhumation is documented by  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  metamorphic cooling ages of  $48 \pm 12$  Ma (Önen, 2003).

These age constraints suggest that the collision of the Kırşehir block with the Central Pontides may have occurred significantly earlier than collision between the Anatolide-Tauride block with the rest of the continental margin. The age of final suturing (no more deformation) between the Kırşehir block and Anatolide-Tauride platform with the Sakarya-Pontide terrane is not constrained. Boztuğ and Jonckheere (2007) attribute a second phase of granitoid exhumation in the Kırşehir block at 28–30 Ma to collision of the Arabian-African platform in the east, where Fayon et al. (2001) interpret exhumation of granitoids at 35 Ma to be from collision of the Anatolide-Tauride platform. Shortening continued into the late Miocene and Pliocene, as indicated by thrusting of the Ankara Mélange over the edge of the Hançili basin.

### Plate Tectonic Setting

The Eldivan ophiolite was created in the upper plate of the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean during oblique intra-oceanic subduction as part of a backarc basin. This created a suite of geochemical signatures, as supra-subduction zone melting modified an N-MORB mantle, which was mixed with an enriched OIB mantle that had previously created seamounts on the ocean floor (Fig. 12B). The current Philippine Sea plate and Mariana trough supra-subduction zone basins are suggested as modern analogues for the tectonic setting of the Eldivan ophiolite, İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean, and Ankara Mélange.

The Philippine Sea plate formed as an upper-plate supra-subduction zone basin caused by intra-oceanic subduction (Harris, 2003). Later, the Philippine Sea supra-subduction zone ocean basin began to subduct to the west, creating the Japan, Ryukyu, and Luzon arcs. In a similar way, formation of the Eldivan intra-oceanic basin began subduction beneath the Pontides, creating the Pontide magmatic arc. Subduction of the Eldivan oceanic basin beneath the Pontides allowed several large fragments of mostly supra-subduction zone oceanic crust and some mantle to accrete to the margin, serpentinize, and produce mélangé in the forearc between 105 and 143 Ma (Fig. 12B). Eventually the subduction zone was choked by collision of the Kırşehir block with the Sakarya-Pontide terrane, which further imbricated the ophiolite with the overlying Karadağ Formation. Collision continued to indent the continental margin and rotate the Eldivan ophiolite from its original E-W orientation to its current position on the western edge of the large omega-shaped İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone.

How far the Kırşehir block has traveled is not yet constrained. However, according to the Philippine Sea plate model, as supra-subduction zone basins open along a continental margin, fragments of the margin are rifted off and travel away as the basin opens (Harris, 2003). Closure of the supra-subduction zone basin eventually brings many of these fragments back into collision with parts of the original continental margin from which

they were rifted. These processes are illustrated in many parts of the equatorial Pacific and Indonesian regions (Harris, 2003).

### CONCLUSIONS

1. The dismembered Eldivan ophiolite is a remnant of the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean branch of the northern Neotethys that evolved as a supra-subduction zone basin between the Gondwana-derived Kırşehir and Anatolide-Tauride blocks and the Sakarya-Pontide margin.

2. Parts of the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean were accreted to the southern Asian margin as it subducted beneath it. These fragments were incorporated into the serpentine-rich Ankara Mélange.

3. During accretion, most of the units scraped from the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean were imbricated, steeply inclined, and later broken into blocks surrounded by serpentinite. These include fragments of mostly oceanic crustal material, limestone, chert, and rare sandstone.

4. The ages of some blocks in the Ankara Mélange are younger than  $143 \pm 2$  Ma, with imbrication and initial destruction of the ocean basin having occurred between  $143 \pm 2$  Ma and  $105 \pm 5$  Ma. These ages are older than those of imbrication of the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan Ocean in the west, which is documented at ca. 94 Ma.

5. Intra-oceanic volcanic arcs or seamounts are likely source terranes for sandstone units associated with the Eldivan ophiolite, suggesting that the ophiolite formed in an intra-oceanic subduction zone away from significant continental influence.

6. Studies of sheeted dike orientations indicate that the spreading ridge of intra-oceanic supra-subduction zone basins was most likely subparallel to the southern margin of Asia before indentation of the Kırşehir block, and has since been rotated nearly  $90^\circ$  counterclockwise.

7. The tectonic setting and evolutionary history of the Eldivan ophiolite can be characterized as a Western Pacific-type suture system in contrast to the more classic Himalayan-type suture that involves subduction of large tracts of MORB-like oceanic lithosphere and juxtaposition far-traveled of continental blocks of different affinities. This interpretation may also apply to many other Cretaceous ophiolite-bearing suture zones of the Eastern Mediterranean.

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TABLE A1A. WHOLE-ROCK CHEMICAL ANALYSES

Sample	131	265	266	270	103	110	126a	250	257	267	Massive gabbro					Basalt									
	Peridotite																								
SiO <sub>2</sub>	45.01	43.42	45.52	44.78	48.97	52.65	59.70	54.57	54.24	53.59	54.45	53.26	46.22	54.67	54.62	52.91	52.17	45.45	46.64	47.72	44.59	66.10	47.53	49.51	48.21
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.02	0.06	0.02	0.01	0.50	0.75	0.25	0.33	0.33	0.46	0.93	0.97	0.71	0.91	3.01	1.49	2.22	5.05	4.38	5.05	6.42	1.21	1.20	2.01	2.02
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.79	2.45	1.53	0.78	17.92	18.00	11.67	17.47	17.63	16.62	15.48	16.08	16.49	15.84	12.23	15.87	13.99	11.50	12.66	11.22	10.84	13.41	15.60	14.02	14.82
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.46	9.03	8.70	8.75	11.19	10.32	6.35	8.96	8.78	9.01	11.16	11.06	10.88	11.08	12.11	12.11	12.68	19.57	18.43	16.95	20.69	7.14	10.25	13.06	11.16
MnO	0.12	0.15	0.12	0.11	0.18	0.13	0.22	0.14	0.17	0.17	0.24	0.26	0.17	0.11	0.27	0.26	0.20	0.39	0.26	0.24	0.23	0.15	0.22	0.20	0.14
MgO	42.20	42.23	42.55	43.35	9.24	5.73	8.48	5.95	5.80	7.18	6.42	6.05	6.17	6.20	4.95	4.41	5.85	4.62	4.24	5.41	4.86	2.43	14.15	7.75	5.28
CaO	0.18	0.06	0.14	0.10	9.06	5.41	6.89	10.62	10.65	8.72	5.76	5.08	19.88	5.05	7.23	7.23	8.47	8.19	7.97	7.78	7.50	2.71	6.52	10.23	11.42
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.11	4.61	4.99	1.95	1.96	3.22	5.41	5.32	0.57	5.31	5.31	5.94	4.13	3.18	3.40	3.33	2.80	5.44	2.98	3.57	4.87
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.22	1.03	0.11	0.13	0.13	1.45	0.12	0.03	0.02	0.45	0.16	0.56	0.27	0.68	0.83	0.58	0.71	0.19	0.11	0.17	1.03
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.08	0.06	0.15	0.18	0.26	0.35	0.40	0.08	0.19	0.17	0.09	0.16	0.41
Total	97.82	97.40	98.58	97.89	100.41	98.66	98.70	100.14	99.74	100.43	100.03	98.14	101.21	99.67	100.02	100.96	100.25	98.97	99.21	98.35	98.82	98.95	98.65	100.68	99.35
(ppm)																									
Ni	1960	2170	2160	2210	33	26	41	33	35	127	24	31	24	23	85	63	58	23	18	19	20	<5	85	115	34
V	9.0	<5	<5	<5	445	659	133	224	226	277	449	419	393	386	339	255	266	510	348	619	1160	75	214	370	264
Cr	2450	3230	2820	3740	20	<10	180	120	120	120	20	80	30	20	<10	250	10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	140	360	50
Cu	21	8	15	5	43	<5	<5	20	21	12	84	<5	132	65	18	80	35	31	42	64	63	46	<5	84	64
Zn	47	65	49	45	65	49	44	42	45	62	119	80	77	107	71	125	122	216	193	176	182	100	74	124	128
Rb	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	16.0	10.2	0.7	2.4	2.6	18.2	1.2	0.5	0.4	2.4	2.0	15.8	4.8	14.8	18.9	22.5	31.1	2.3	1.6	1.6	5.2
Sr	0.7	1.4	4.2	13.1	141.5	139.5	39.8	134.5	140	501	67.4	52.8	46.7	71.1	110	553	143	230	279	129.5	144	210	161.5	341	73.6
Y	0.5	1.6	0.6	<0.5	7.8	10.3	9.4	7.8	7.9	10.8	19.5	20.9	15.9	19.8	83.4	51.0	69.0	43.8	46.2	41.7	46.6	33.5	24.1	19.2	33.4
Zr	5	<2	<2	<2	26	29	42	27	21	14	44	47	44	46	219	91	418	64	55	99	112	78	80	97	123
Nb	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	1.0	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.5	1.5	1.8	1.1	1.5	5.7	3.9	3.9	4.4	4.0	3.9	3.9	2.3	3.7	13.1	4.8
Cs	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.0
Ba	4.4	3.7	20.4	4.9	111.5	80.8	9.2	121.5	121.5	150	28.3	6.0	7.5	66.8	21.7	68.3	28.4	39.7	46.7	20.7	30.6	72.3	58.6	52.4	183.5
La	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.9	1.0	2.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	2.5	2.8	2.1	2.4	7.7	5.0	8.2	2.5	2.9	2.2	3.8	3.1	3.7	12.0	13.7
Ce	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	3.0	3.1	7.0	2.4	2.3	2.3	6.5	7.0	5.6	6.5	26.9	13.2	27.2	9.9	11.2	9.3	13.1	9.9	10.4	25.5	29.3
Pr	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.1	4.4	2.1	4.3	1.9	2.1	1.6	2.3	1.7	1.6	3.4	4.0
Nd	<0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.0	2.0	3.9	1.6	1.6	2.3	5.3	5.6	4.5	5.4	23.7	11.3	22.4	11.6	12.9	9.7	13.3	8.9	8.1	15.0	17.7
Sm	<0.03	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.9	8.7	3.8	7.7	4.7	5.1	3.9	4.7	3.1	2.8	3.8	4.6
Eu	<0.03	0.1	<0.03	<0.03	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	2.2	1.5	2.9	2.2	2.3	1.5	1.8	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.5
Gd	<0.05	0.1	0.1	<0.05	0.9	1.0	1.3	0.9	0.9	1.4	2.5	2.7	2.0	2.5	10.5	5.4	9.3	6.2	6.7	4.9	6.3	4.0	3.3	4.1	5.2
Tb	<0.01	0.0	<0.01	<0.01	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	2.2	1.1	1.8	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.0
Dy	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.2	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.9	3.6	3.7	2.8	3.5	14.3	7.2	11.5	7.8	8.2	7.0	8.2	5.3	4.0	4.0	6.1
Ho	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	3.0	1.6	2.5	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.2	0.9	0.8	1.3
Er	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.3	2.3	2.5	1.9	2.3	8.7	4.4	7.1	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.8	3.4	2.4	2.0	3.8
Yb	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.4	2.3	2.4	1.8	2.4	8.3	3.9	6.7	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.5	3.2	2.4	1.7	3.7
Lu	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	1.3	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.6
Hf	0.2	0.2	<0.2	<0.2	0.9	1.1	1.5	0.9	0.8	0.5	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.6	6.4	2.8	10.7	2.2	1.9	3.0	3.3	2.4	2.4	2.9	3.8
Ta	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.1	0.5

TABLE A1B. WHOLE ROCK CHEMICAL ANALYSES

Sample	16	19	20	21	142	114	120	126b	127	128	129	203	210	212	215	248	293	293c	293d	280	282
	Alkaline Basalt							Sheeted dykes							Rhyolitic rocks						
SiO <sub>2</sub>	47.77	49.47	50.32	50.05	49.54	57.37	54.75	46.65	54.54	52.99	53.21	57.00	53.77	57.97	59.02	74.90	73.57	72.68	71.79	70.55	64.40
TiO <sub>2</sub>	2.31	2.51	2.44	2.35	2.06	0.40	1.56	0.71	1.69	1.01	0.76	0.69	1.06	0.86	1.47	0.29	0.80	0.85	0.83	0.65	0.84
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	12.65	13.67	13.57	13.38	14.69	13.27	14.58	16.80	14.72	16.14	15.94	14.85	15.87	15.48	15.59	11.97	11.28	11.07	11.55	11.91	13.96
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	11.60	11.57	10.40	11.40	10.95	9.05	13.35	8.66	14.02	10.50	9.84	8.18	11.54	10.88	11.05	4.45	5.41	5.03	6.32	5.62	8.25
MnO	0.15	0.17	0.22	0.12	0.18	0.20	0.23	0.08	0.29	0.16	0.14	0.18	0.16	0.21	0.16	0.00	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.12	0.27
MgO	11.06	7.58	6.85	6.70	5.46	7.35	4.50	5.39	4.55	6.08	7.78	5.62	7.76	5.43	2.65	0.45	1.22	1.33	1.29	1.96	3.00
CaO	9.11	8.16	7.99	8.24	11.35	5.76	6.20	22.27	5.00	8.91	6.78	6.91	4.15	3.79	5.72	0.87	1.65	1.31	1.89	4.04	4.78
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.09	3.50	3.52	3.13	4.80	5.75	4.79	0.46	4.76	3.98	4.33	6.13	5.16	5.86	3.77	5.64	4.94	4.82	4.64	3.40	4.94
K <sub>2</sub> O	2.37	2.12	2.51	3.02	1.08	0.12	0.21	0.12	0.31	0.05	0.59	0.20	0.07	0.08	0.44	0.24	0.38	0.47	0.63	1.59	0.17
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.31	0.31	0.30	0.27	0.41	0.05	0.12	0.08	0.14	0.08	0.05	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.20	0.04	0.15	0.18	0.17	0.10	0.12
Total	99.41	99.06	98.12	98.65	100.52	99.30	100.28	101.21	100.01	99.89	99.41	99.83	99.59	100.59	100.05	98.85	99.48	97.82	99.20	99.95	100.73
(ppm)																					
Ni	164	64	57	68	100	88	<5	38	<5	34	47	29	23	15	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	18	18
V	242	271	263	268	221	247	402	311	417	231	269	245	287	325	147	14	20	48	40	183	240
Cr	330	40	40	70	210	270	<10	40	<10	100	60	20	20	10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	30	20
Cu	86	107	98	93	66	<5	8	343	5	40	51	12	27	10	27	8	5	<5	<5	48	44
Zn	114	130	124	133	134	50	92	42	100	75	85	62	73	36	115	30	101	98	97	84	118
Rb	38.4	32.3	40.0	45.9	14.3	0.5	2.8	1.1	3.9	0.2	4.8	1.5	0.6	0.4	4.0	1.6	8.0	9.9	14.9	45.9	3.8
Sr	466	715	575	512	502	25.9	45.3	43.7	58.1	165.5	193	116.0	90.2	52.9	193	77	87.3	128.5	121	71.4	76.1
Y	23.0	24.0	23.9	22.3	24.6	31.5	23.2	17.7	23.6	24.3	16.9	19.1	22.7	19.4	40.9	34.4	35.7	31.9	36.5	26.3	26.0
Zr	196	182	187	163	214	29	60	48	61	91	37	60	48	39	135	191	158	164	159	96	84
Nb	48.1	41.6	41.4	36.4	55.2	1.4	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.1	3.7	1.6	0.9	4.3	4.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.6	2.5
Cs	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.7	1.9	0.3
Ba	610	1105	952	1130	339	8.4	18.7	5.1	23.9	7.7	65.7	17.5	10.8	16.8	75.6	17.7	26.8	37.9	39.9	123	37.6
La	37.7	31.5	32.0	28.7	42.7	2.1	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.7	1.7	4.8	2.1	1.1	6.8	6.5	7.3	4.7	5.7	12.9	6.7
Ce	74.2	63.2	64.9	57.4	81.4	6.8	7.9	6.7	8.0	8.9	5.4	10.7	6.9	3.9	18.7	15.9	20.7	14.1	16.9	27.5	16.3
Pr	8.2	7.3	7.2	6.6	8.5	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.3	1.0	0.6	2.7	2.3	3.3	2.4	2.8	3.6	2.3
Nd	32.3	29.0	28.9	26.5	32.6	5.9	6.4	4.6	6.5	7.3	4.2	6.1	5.6	3.3	13.8	11.5	16.3	12.8	14.4	15.4	11.0
Sm	6.3	6.2	6.1	5.7	6.3	2.6	2.3	1.5	2.1	2.6	1.5	1.8	2.1	1.5	4.6	4.0	5.0	4.3	4.8	3.9	3.3
Eu	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.0	0.4	1.0	0.6	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.7	1.2	1.1
Gd	6.3	6.1	6.0	5.6	6.3	3.4	2.9	2.2	2.9	3.1	2.0	2.4	2.5	2.2	5.6	4.6	5.9	5.2	5.7	4.3	3.6
Tb	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.7
Dy	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.3	4.6	5.2	3.8	2.9	4.0	4.1	2.8	3.0	3.5	3.1	6.9	5.8	7.1	6.3	6.9	4.8	4.7
Ho	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.1
Er	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	3.5	2.4	1.8	2.6	2.5	1.8	1.9	2.5	2.0	4.4	3.7	4.1	3.7	4.3	3.0	3.2
Yb	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9	3.9	2.3	1.8	2.4	2.6	1.8	2.0	2.6	2.2	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.1	4.3	3.0	3.3
Lu	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.5
Hf	5.1	4.7	4.8	4.4	5.0	1.2	1.9	1.6	2.1	2.6	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.5	4.0	5.8	4.7	5.0	4.9	3.0	2.8
Ta	3.0	2.5	2.6	2.3	3.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2

TABLE A2A. Cr-SPINEL MINERAL ANALYSES

Sample	270	270	270	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.07	0.03	0.13	0.07	0.11	0.06	0.20	0.07	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.11	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.01
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.31	0.48	0.39	0.19	0.22	0.14	0.13	0.32	0.23	0.15	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.03
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	25.02	28.34	27.23	18.47	21.13	21.29	20.17	18.13	24.74	24.04	17.70	22.63	17.64	22.41	23.92	19.45	20.58	21.69	21.97	22.83
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	45.64	43.88	43.49	51.73	49.77	49.86	50.97	52.63	47.41	47.86	52.49	49.28	51.27	47.93	46.06	50.34	49.47	48.46	47.20	47.62
FeO	13.96	14.60	15.28	16.64	14.77	14.99	17.02	17.14	13.15	13.97	15.86	13.90	12.65	16.24	14.79	15.91	15.96	14.79	15.29	13.22
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.72	0.00	0.00	0.51	0.00	0.73	0.00	0.18	0.34	0.00	1.70	0.67	4.18	0.00	1.38	1.20	0.20	0.97	1.59	0.99
NiO	0.10	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.15	0.10	0.16	0.08	0.17	0.04	0.00	0.09	0.14	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.07	0.06	0.08
MnO	0.49	0.47	0.47	0.64	0.52	0.50	0.57	0.58	0.52	0.57	0.64	0.54	0.63	0.59	0.56	0.60	0.63	0.61	0.53	0.55
MgO	14.33	13.75	13.19	11.77	13.42	13.52	10.94	11.45	14.91	13.46	12.41	14.31	14.32	12.11	13.43	12.07	12.00	13.05	12.73	14.21
Total	101.32	101.21	99.81	100.13	100.35	101.48	100.17	100.56	101.36	100.23	101.22	101.58	101.04	99.48	100.25	99.60	98.91	99.70	99.41	99.54
FeO*	13.37	12.84	12.33	11.22	12.59	12.67	10.41	10.89	13.93	12.68	11.80	13.41	13.51	11.48	12.64	11.46	11.42	12.35	11.98	13.33
Calculated on 32 oxygens																				
Si	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00
Ti	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.09	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Al	7.04	7.89	7.73	5.48	6.12	6.10	5.95	5.38	6.94	6.87	5.20	6.42	5.13	6.56	6.86	5.76	6.10	6.32	6.43	6.58
Cr	8.62	8.20	8.28	10.29	9.67	9.59	10.08	10.47	8.92	9.18	10.34	9.37	10.00	9.41	8.86	10.01	9.84	9.47	9.26	9.21
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	2.79	2.89	3.08	3.50	3.03	3.05	3.56	3.61	2.62	2.84	3.31	2.80	2.61	3.37	3.01	3.35	3.36	3.06	3.17	2.71
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.03	0.06	0.00	0.32	0.12	0.78	0.00	0.25	0.23	0.04	0.18	0.30	0.18
Ni	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02
Mn	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.14	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.11	0.11
Mg	5.10	4.85	4.74	4.41	4.92	4.90	4.08	4.30	5.29	4.87	4.61	5.13	5.27	4.49	4.87	4.52	4.50	4.81	4.71	5.18
Cr# [Cr/(Cr+Al)]	0.55	0.51	0.52	0.65	0.61	0.61	0.63	0.66	0.56	0.57	0.67	0.59	0.66	0.59	0.56	0.63	0.62	0.60	0.59	0.58
Mg# [Mg/(Mg+Fe <sup>2+</sup> )]	0.65	0.63	0.61	0.56	0.62	0.62	0.53	0.54	0.67	0.63	0.58	0.65	0.67	0.57	0.62	0.57	0.57	0.61	0.60	0.66
Sample	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	850	850	850	850	850	850	850	850	850
SiO <sub>2</sub>	1.24	0.06	0.01	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.06	0.04	0.06	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.02
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.05	0.06	0.02	0.05
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	22.82	20.00	24.34	24.04	23.97	24.16	24.47	24.78	23.35	23.89	24.65	17.37	17.25	17.55	16.29	15.73	15.47	16.13	16.81	16.19
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	45.18	50.11	46.74	47.06	46.18	45.97	46.07	45.55	47.51	46.47	46.11	49.55	49.91	49.33	51.34	52.22	52.48	52.06	51.30	51.73
FeO	14.51	15.83	13.30	13.79	13.98	13.95	13.73	13.75	13.34	13.19	13.24	19.55	18.91	18.71	18.13	18.17	18.18	18.42	19.15	18.76
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.30	1.08	1.14	0.55	0.49	0.17	0.70	0.25	1.06	1.17	1.08	3.64	3.45	3.35	2.86	2.80	2.90	2.40	2.14	2.77
NiO	0.05	0.08	0.06	0.15	0.12	0.10	0.09	0.14	0.11	0.05	0.12	0.10	0.06	0.02	0.10	0.03	0.08	0.03	0.02	0.02
MnO	0.55	0.57	0.52	0.55	0.60	0.57	0.52	0.00	0.53	0.51	0.52	0.63	0.64	0.61	0.61	0.65	0.68	0.66	0.68	0.68
MgO	13.14	12.27	14.55	14.10	13.70	13.67	14.09	14.26	14.35	14.40	14.57	9.65	10.00	10.05	10.31	10.23	10.23	10.14	9.69	9.96
Total	99.81	100.03	100.67	100.31	99.11	98.64	99.70	98.77	100.34	99.74	100.39	100.52	100.29	99.65	99.70	99.85	100.08	99.94	99.85	100.18
FeO*	12.38	11.62	13.62	13.24	12.93	12.87	13.19	12.83	13.44	13.46	13.63	9.31	9.64	9.65	9.88	9.86	9.88	9.78	9.39	9.64
Calculated on 32 oxygens																				
Si	0.30	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Ti	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Al	6.56	5.88	6.90	6.86	6.93	7.00	7.00	7.13	6.67	6.84	6.99	5.24	5.20	5.32	4.95	4.79	4.70	4.90	5.11	4.91
Cr	8.71	9.89	8.89	9.01	8.95	8.94	8.85	8.80	9.10	8.92	8.77	10.03	10.10	10.02	10.46	10.66	10.70	10.60	10.46	10.53
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	2.96	3.30	2.68	2.79	2.87	2.87	2.79	2.81	2.70	2.68	2.66	4.19	4.05	4.02	3.91	3.92	3.92	3.97	4.13	4.04
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.42	0.20	0.21	0.10	0.09	0.03	0.13	0.05	0.19	0.21	0.20	0.70	0.66	0.65	0.56	0.54	0.56	0.47	0.42	0.54
Ni	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00
Mn	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.00	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.15	0.15
Mg	4.78	4.57	5.22	5.09	5.01	5.01	5.10	5.19	5.18	5.21	5.23	3.68	3.82	3.85	3.96	3.94	3.93	3.90	3.72	3.82
Cr# [Cr/(Cr+Al)]	0.57	0.63	0.56	0.57	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.55	0.58	0.57	0.56	0.66	0.66	0.65	0.68	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.67	0.68
Mg# [Mg/(Mg+Fe <sup>2+</sup> )]	0.62	0.58	0.66	0.65	0.64	0.64	0.65	0.65	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.47	0.49	0.49	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.47	0.49

TABLE A2B. Cr-SPINEL ANALYSES

Sample	270	270	270	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.07	0.03	0.13	0.07	0.11	0.06	0.20	0.07	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.11	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.01
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.31	0.48	0.39	0.19	0.22	0.14	0.13	0.32	0.23	0.15	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.03
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	25.02	28.34	27.23	18.47	21.13	21.29	20.17	18.13	24.74	24.04	17.70	22.63	17.64	22.41	23.92	19.45	20.58	21.69	21.97	22.83
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	45.64	43.88	43.49	51.73	49.77	49.86	50.97	52.63	47.41	47.86	52.49	49.28	51.27	47.93	46.06	50.34	49.47	48.46	47.20	47.62
FeO	13.96	14.60	15.28	16.64	14.77	14.99	17.02	17.14	13.15	13.97	15.86	13.90	12.65	16.24	14.79	15.91	15.96	14.79	15.29	13.22
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.72	0.00	0.00	0.51	0.00	0.73	0.00	0.18	0.34	0.00	1.70	0.67	4.18	0.00	1.38	1.20	0.20	0.97	1.59	0.99
NiO	0.10	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.15	0.10	0.16	0.08	0.17	0.04	0.00	0.09	0.14	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.07	0.06	0.08
MnO	0.49	0.47	0.47	0.64	0.52	0.50	0.57	0.58	0.52	0.57	0.64	0.54	0.63	0.59	0.56	0.60	0.63	0.61	0.53	0.55
MgO	14.33	13.75	13.19	11.77	13.42	13.52	10.94	11.45	14.91	13.46	12.41	14.31	14.32	12.11	13.43	12.07	12.00	13.05	12.73	14.21
Total	101.32	101.21	99.81	100.13	100.35	101.48	100.17	100.56	101.36	100.23	101.22	101.58	101.04	99.48	100.25	99.60	98.91	99.70	99.41	99.54
FeO*	13.37	12.84	12.33	11.22	12.59	12.67	10.41	10.89	13.93	12.68	11.80	13.41	13.51	11.48	12.64	11.46	11.42	12.35	11.98	13.33

Calculated on 32 oxygens

Si	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00
Ti	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.09	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Al	7.04	7.89	7.73	5.48	6.12	6.10	5.95	5.38	6.94	6.87	5.20	6.42	5.13	6.56	6.86	5.76	6.10	6.32	6.43	6.58
Cr	8.62	8.20	8.28	10.29	9.67	9.59	10.08	10.47	8.92	9.18	10.34	9.37	10.00	9.41	8.86	10.01	9.84	9.47	9.26	9.21
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	2.79	2.89	3.08	3.50	3.03	3.05	3.56	3.61	2.62	2.84	3.31	2.80	2.61	3.37	3.01	3.35	3.36	3.06	3.17	2.71
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.03	0.06	0.00	0.32	0.12	0.78	0.00	0.25	0.23	0.04	0.18	0.30	0.18
Ni	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02
Mn	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.14	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.11	0.11
Mg	5.10	4.85	4.74	4.41	4.92	4.90	4.08	4.30	5.29	4.87	4.61	5.13	5.27	4.49	4.87	4.52	4.50	4.81	4.71	5.18
Cr# [Cr/(Cr+Al)]	0.55	0.51	0.52	0.65	0.61	0.61	0.63	0.66	0.56	0.57	0.67	0.59	0.66	0.59	0.56	0.63	0.62	0.60	0.59	0.58
Mg# [Mg/(Mg/Fe <sup>2+</sup> )]	0.65	0.63	0.61	0.56	0.62	0.62	0.53	0.54	0.67	0.63	0.58	0.65	0.67	0.57	0.62	0.57	0.57	0.61	0.60	0.66

Sample	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	850	850	850	850	850	850	850	850	850
SiO <sub>2</sub>	1.24	0.06	0.01	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.06	0.04	0.06	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.02
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.05	0.06	0.02	0.05
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	22.82	20.00	24.34	24.04	23.97	24.16	24.47	24.78	23.35	23.89	24.65	17.37	17.25	17.55	16.29	15.73	15.47	16.13	16.81	16.19
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	45.18	50.11	46.74	47.06	46.18	45.97	46.07	45.55	47.51	46.47	46.11	49.55	49.91	49.33	51.34	52.22	52.48	52.06	51.30	51.73
FeO	14.51	15.83	13.30	13.79	13.98	13.95	13.73	13.75	13.34	13.19	13.24	19.55	18.91	18.71	18.13	18.17	18.18	18.42	19.15	18.76
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.30	1.08	1.14	0.55	0.49	0.17	0.70	0.25	1.06	1.17	1.08	3.64	3.45	3.35	2.86	2.80	2.90	2.40	2.14	2.77
NiO	0.05	0.08	0.06	0.15	0.12	0.10	0.09	0.14	0.11	0.05	0.12	0.10	0.06	0.02	0.10	0.03	0.08	0.03	0.02	0.02
MnO	0.55	0.57	0.52	0.55	0.60	0.57	0.52	0.00	0.53	0.51	0.52	0.63	0.64	0.61	0.61	0.65	0.68	0.66	0.68	0.68
MgO	13.14	12.27	14.55	14.10	13.70	13.67	14.09	14.26	14.35	14.40	14.57	9.65	10.00	10.05	10.31	10.23	10.23	10.14	9.69	9.96
Total	99.81	100.03	100.67	100.31	99.11	98.64	99.70	98.77	100.34	99.74	100.39	100.52	100.29	99.65	99.70	99.85	100.08	99.94	99.85	100.18
FeO*	12.38	11.62	13.62	13.24	12.93	12.87	13.19	12.83	13.44	13.46	13.63	9.31	9.64	9.65	9.88	9.86	9.88	9.78	9.39	9.64

Calculated on 32 oxygens

Si	0.30	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Ti	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Al	6.56	5.88	6.90	6.86	6.93	7.00	7.00	7.13	6.67	6.84	6.99	5.24	5.20	5.32	4.95	4.79	4.70	4.90	5.11	4.91
Cr	8.71	9.89	8.89	9.01	8.95	8.94	8.85	8.80	9.10	8.92	8.77	10.03	10.10	10.02	10.46	10.66	10.70	10.60	10.46	10.53
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	2.96	3.30	2.68	2.79	2.87	2.87	2.79	2.81	2.70	2.68	2.66	4.19	4.05	4.02	3.91	3.92	3.92	3.97	4.13	4.04
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.42	0.20	0.21	0.10	0.09	0.03	0.13	0.05	0.19	0.21	0.20	0.70	0.66	0.65	0.56	0.54	0.56	0.47	0.42	0.54
Ni	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00
Mn	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.00	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.15	0.15
Mg	4.78	4.57	5.22	5.09	5.01	5.01	5.10	5.19	5.18	5.21	5.23	3.68	3.82	3.85	3.96	3.94	3.93	3.90	3.72	3.82
Cr# [Cr/(Cr+Al)]	0.57	0.63	0.56	0.57	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.55	0.58	0.57	0.56	0.66	0.66	0.65	0.68	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.67	0.68
Mg# [Mg/(Mg/Fe <sup>2+</sup> )]	0.62	0.58	0.66	0.65	0.64	0.64	0.65	0.65	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.47	0.49	0.49	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.47	0.49

TABLE A3A. GEOCHRONOLOGICAL ZIRCON ANALYSES

#	Isotope ratios										Apparent ages (Ma)					
	U (ppm)	<sup>206</sup> Pb <sup>204</sup> Pb	U/Th	<sup>206</sup> Pb* <sup>207</sup> Pb*	± (%)	<sup>207</sup> Pb* <sup>235</sup> U*	± (%)	<sup>206</sup> Pb* <sup>238</sup> U	± (%)	error corr.	<sup>206</sup> Pb* <sup>238</sup> U*	± (Ma)	<sup>207</sup> Pb* <sup>235</sup> U	± (Ma)	<sup>206</sup> Pb* <sup>207</sup> Pb*	± (Ma)
Sample AD012 Karadag Fm																
2	66	1136	1.0	17.2828	30.1	0.1573	30.2	0.0197	2.5	0.08	125.8	3.1	148.3	41.7	524.5	673.3
3	52	828	1.0	16.1761	36.6	0.1598	36.8	0.0188	3.5	0.10	119.8	4.2	150.6	51.5	667.8	809.1
4	51	804	1.0	24.4570	22.2	0.1155	22.2	0.0205	1.0	0.05	130.7	1.3	111.0	23.3	-294.6	571.8
5	95	1228	0.7	25.1848	21.4	0.1122	21.5	0.0205	1.7	0.08	130.8	2.2	108.0	22.0	-370.0	560.3
6	79	980	1.0	22.6647	17.4	0.1246	17.5	0.0205	1.9	0.11	130.7	2.5	119.3	19.7	-103.9	430.8
7	472	10,136	1.5	17.6135	6.7	0.5104	7.1	0.0652	2.4	0.33	407.2	9.3	418.7	24.5	482.8	148.9
8	552	10,496	1.2	20.5296	1.8	0.1557	2.4	0.0232	1.7	0.69	147.8	2.4	147.0	3.3	133.9	41.5
9	128	7416	1.8	18.3564	3.8	0.5382	4.7	0.0717	2.8	0.60	446.1	12.2	437.2	16.8	390.8	84.9
10	83	2284	2.1	20.4875	10.5	0.1664	10.7	0.0247	1.7	0.16	157.4	2.6	156.3	15.5	138.7	248.2
11	67	1092	1.0	22.7613	10.4	0.1223	11.4	0.0202	4.5	0.40	128.8	5.7	117.1	12.6	-114.4	257.4
12	55	876	1.2	22.6311	28.1	0.1225	28.3	0.0201	2.9	0.10	128.3	3.7	117.3	31.3	-100.3	702.3
13	97	1596	0.8	21.3839	12.3	0.1303	12.4	0.0202	1.8	0.14	129.0	2.3	124.4	14.5	37.2	294.7
14	1159	15,476	1.7	20.1553	1.7	0.1603	3.0	0.0234	2.5	0.82	149.3	3.6	151.0	4.2	177.0	40.1
15	67	872	1.1	17.1830	45.8	0.1496	45.9	0.0186	3.6	0.08	119.1	4.2	141.6	60.8	537.2	1055.6
17	42	1064	1.5	20.7232	40.4	0.1425	40.4	0.0214	2.3	0.06	136.6	3.1	135.3	51.3	111.8	989.3
18	221	2936	0.5	21.0379	4.7	0.1327	4.9	0.0203	1.4	0.29	129.3	1.8	126.5	5.8	76.1	110.7
19	56	876	1.0	25.6751	23.3	0.1106	23.4	0.0206	1.2	0.05	131.4	1.6	106.5	23.6	-420.2	617.7
20	51	660	1.2	20.4148	27.5	0.1441	27.6	0.0213	2.2	0.08	136.1	2.9	136.7	35.3	147.0	655.9
21	124	1524	0.4	22.4847	18.8	0.1197	19.0	0.0195	3.0	0.16	124.6	3.7	114.8	20.7	-84.3	463.7
22	120	1456	0.6	20.0308	13.7	0.1416	13.8	0.0206	1.4	0.10	131.3	1.8	134.5	17.4	191.4	321.1
23	70	1404	1.1	18.7970	17.6	0.1400	18.1	0.0191	4.1	0.23	121.9	4.9	133.0	22.6	337.3	402.1
24	63	408	0.9	18.9393	11.9	0.1494	12.3	0.0205	3.2	0.26	130.9	4.1	141.3	16.2	320.2	270.2
25	57	760	0.8	19.0061	11.8	0.1500	11.9	0.0207	1.8	0.15	131.9	2.4	141.9	15.8	312.2	269.3
27	237	2708	0.6	18.5119	10.9	0.1533	11.1	0.0206	1.6	0.14	131.3	2.0	144.8	14.9	371.8	247.1
28	162	2108	0.7	23.0425	12.1	0.1309	12.2	0.0219	1.3	0.11	139.5	1.8	124.9	14.3	-144.8	300.4
29	89	712	0.7	15.2699	23.2	0.1991	23.2	0.0220	1.3	0.06	140.6	1.8	184.3	39.1	790.0	492.1
31	64	772	1.0	30.8811	36.0	0.0913	36.2	0.0205	3.3	0.09	130.5	4.2	88.7	30.7	-930.1	1078.9
32	141	2804	0.9	21.8494	8.2	0.1559	8.6	0.0247	2.6	0.30	157.3	4.0	147.1	11.8	-14.6	199.6
33	323	2560	0.4	17.1379	18.9	0.1636	18.9	0.0203	1.0	0.05	129.8	1.3	153.9	27.0	542.9	416.0
35	98	680	0.7	14.9228	17.9	0.2048	18.0	0.0222	1.5	0.08	141.3	2.1	189.2	31.0	838.1	375.3
36	155	1856	0.8	21.1470	7.9	0.1265	8.3	0.0194	2.5	0.30	123.9	3.1	121.0	9.4	63.8	188.1
37	246	2292	0.6	20.9586	5.7	0.1339	6.2	0.0204	2.5	0.40	129.9	3.2	127.6	7.4	85.0	134.5
38	174	3116	1.2	21.3721	8.7	0.1361	8.8	0.0211	1.4	0.16	134.5	1.9	129.5	10.7	38.5	208.5
39	65	996	0.9	20.3217	15.7	0.1338	16.7	0.0197	5.9	0.35	125.9	7.4	127.5	20.1	157.7	368.2
40	57	932	0.9	21.4935	31.1	0.1322	31.2	0.0206	1.4	0.04	131.5	1.8	126.0	36.9	24.9	762.7
41	82	1256	0.9	20.8703	16.7	0.1351	16.8	0.0204	1.4	0.08	130.5	1.8	128.7	20.3	95.1	397.9
42	52	756	0.8	23.2365	27.7	0.1196	28.2	0.0201	4.8	0.17	128.6	6.1	114.7	30.5	-165.5	701.8
43	70	1028	0.8	27.4376	27.9	0.0992	28.2	0.0197	4.1	0.15	126.0	5.1	96.0	25.8	-597.3	769.6
44	67	1048	0.8	19.8264	32.6	0.1408	32.7	0.0202	2.4	0.07	129.2	3.0	133.7	41.0	215.2	774.2
45	128	1864	0.8	22.9935	12.2	0.1206	12.5	0.0201	2.8	0.23	128.3	3.6	115.6	13.6	-139.4	301.9
46	186	3592	1.1	20.2601	8.8	0.1743	9.0	0.0256	1.8	0.19	163.0	2.8	163.2	13.6	164.8	206.7
47	43	484	1.4	20.3063	35.6	0.1121	35.6	0.0165	1.2	0.03	105.6	1.3	107.9	36.5	159.5	857.1
48	499	4048	0.4	20.9745	3.5	0.1383	3.8	0.0210	1.6	0.41	134.2	2.1	131.5	4.7	83.2	83.0
49	93	1448	0.6	26.8236	29.7	0.1141	29.7	0.0222	1.1	0.04	141.5	1.6	109.7	30.9	-536.2	809.9
50	79	784	1.0	17.9530	21.1	0.1537	21.2	0.0200	2.5	0.12	127.7	3.2	145.2	28.7	440.4	474.0
51	49	712	1.0	23.9027	16.6	0.1237	16.7	0.0214	1.6	0.10	136.7	2.2	118.4	18.6	-236.4	420.9
52	268	3716	0.5	20.8364	4.4	0.1540	4.7	0.0233	1.7	0.36	148.3	2.4	145.4	6.3	98.9	103.1

TABLE A3B. GEOCHRONOLOGICAL ZIRCON ANALYSES

#	Isotope ratios										Apparent ages (Ma)					
	U	<sup>206</sup> Pb	U/Th	<sup>206</sup> Pb*	±	<sup>207</sup> Pb*	±	<sup>206</sup> Pb*	±	error	<sup>206</sup> Pb*	±	<sup>207</sup> Pb*	±	<sup>206</sup> Pb*	±
	(ppm)	<sup>204</sup> Pb		<sup>207</sup> Pb*	(%)	<sup>235</sup> U*	(%)	<sup>238</sup> U	(%)	corr.	<sup>238</sup> U*	(Ma)	<sup>235</sup> U	(Ma)	<sup>207</sup> Pb*	(Ma)
Sample AD012 Karadag Fm																
53	588	4528	0.3	19.2872	12.3	0.1343	13.1	0.0188	4.6	0.35	119.9	5.5	127.9	15.8	278.7	282.4
54	76	508	1.2	19.6078	63.0	0.1493	63.4	0.0212	7.6	0.12	135.5	10.2	141.3	83.9	240.8	1615.1
55	200	4080	1.1	20.6207	7.3	0.1746	7.3	0.0261	1.0	0.14	166.1	1.6	163.4	11.1	123.5	171.6
57	377	2436	1.2	21.1660	5.0	0.1760	5.4	0.0270	2.1	0.38	171.9	3.5	164.6	8.2	61.6	119.3
59	113	984	1.0	21.0459	13.6	0.1414	13.7	0.0216	1.2	0.09	137.6	1.6	134.3	17.2	75.2	324.9
60	75	1040	0.9	25.9392	22.6	0.1039	23.2	0.0195	5.2	0.22	124.8	6.4	100.4	22.2	-447.1	602.5
61	66	1084	1.0	25.4259	21.7	0.1038	21.9	0.0191	2.8	0.13	122.3	3.4	100.3	20.9	-394.8	571.6
62	77	1060	0.9	22.5195	11.8	0.1284	12.3	0.0210	3.4	0.28	133.8	4.5	122.6	14.2	-88.1	290.1
63	1509	12,208	1.4	20.2377	5.4	0.1627	5.5	0.0239	1.0	0.19	152.1	1.5	153.1	7.9	167.4	127.0
64	1789	3204	1.5	16.8013	16.3	0.1951	16.4	0.0238	1.4	0.08	151.5	2.0	181.0	27.1	586.1	355.9
65	68	472	0.8	22.6108	28.7	0.1226	28.8	0.0201	2.3	0.08	128.3	2.9	117.4	32.0	-98.1	718.3
25-1	75	330	0.7	22.9893	35.5	0.1131	35.7	0.0189	3.4	0.10	120.5	4.1	108.8	36.8	-139.0	903.7
25-2	58	549	1.0	18.0383	16.8	0.1617	16.9	0.0212	2.3	0.13	135.0	3.0	152.2	24.0	429.9	376.6
25-3	59	735	0.7	15.7366	37.7	0.1880	37.8	0.0215	2.2	0.06	136.9	3.0	174.9	60.7	726.5	827.5
25-4	131	960	1.1	17.4696	24.2	0.1472	24.5	0.0186	3.6	0.15	119.1	4.2	139.4	31.9	500.9	540.6
25-5	1731	4161	0.5	20.3773	3.4	0.1685	3.8	0.0249	1.7	0.44	158.5	2.7	158.1	5.6	151.4	80.8
25-6	188	2292	1.1	22.6023	10.0	0.1276	10.2	0.0209	1.6	0.16	133.5	2.1	121.9	11.7	-97.2	246.8
25-7	279	2790	0.9	20.1748	8.4	0.1428	8.8	0.0209	2.6	0.30	133.3	3.5	135.5	11.1	174.7	195.2
25-8	699	6546	2.0	20.7225	8.1	0.1063	8.8	0.0160	3.5	0.39	102.2	3.5	102.6	8.6	111.8	192.3
25-9	929	8340	1.4	20.7391	1.8	0.1115	2.9	0.0168	2.3	0.78	107.2	2.4	107.4	2.9	110.0	42.9
25-10	731	6039	1.6	18.2844	24.8	0.1207	24.9	0.0160	2.5	0.10	102.3	2.5	115.7	27.3	399.6	563.6
25-11	485	4314	2.2	19.7491	4.3	0.1910	4.5	0.0274	1.5	0.33	174.0	2.6	177.5	7.3	224.2	98.4
25-12	132	963	0.5	18.4186	11.5	0.1344	12.0	0.0180	3.3	0.27	114.7	3.7	128.1	14.4	383.2	260.1
25-13	133	6114	1.5	12.1793	3.2	1.9907	4.0	0.1758	2.5	0.62	1044.2	23.8	1112.4	27.1	1248.0	61.9
25-14	1066	10,971	1.6	14.0484	12.5	0.2483	12.5	0.0253	1.0	0.08	161.0	1.6	225.2	25.3	962.6	256.0
25-15	105	912	0.7	15.4967	15.3	0.1683	16.5	0.0189	6.3	0.38	120.8	7.6	157.9	24.2	759.0	324.1
25-15a	63	747	1.1	21.8308	19.7	0.1467	19.8	0.0232	1.3	0.06	148.0	1.9	139.0	25.7	-12.5	480.2
25-16	202	2004	0.8	13.8938	8.2	0.2047	8.3	0.0206	1.0	0.12	131.6	1.3	189.1	14.2	985.2	167.0
25-17	111	486	0.5	21.0250	25.6	0.1306	25.8	0.0199	3.3	0.13	127.1	4.1	124.7	30.3	77.5	617.9
25-18	148	1488	1.0	18.5027	7.9	0.1503	8.0	0.0202	1.6	0.20	128.7	2.1	142.2	10.6	373.0	177.2
25-20	68	1149	0.9	16.7655	24.4	0.1545	24.8	0.0188	4.3	0.17	120.0	5.1	145.9	33.7	590.7	536.8
Sample AD009 Ophiolitic Mélange																
1	112	42,955	4.0	12.7606	1.0	2.0815	1.7	0.1926	1.4	0.81	1135.7	14.5	1142.7	11.7	1156.2	19.8
2	505	20,945	1.2	20.0645	1.0	0.1680	2.0	0.0244	1.8	0.87	155.7	2.7	157.7	3.0	187.5	23.3
3	233	24,905	2.7	19.6550	2.9	0.3295	3.6	0.0470	2.1	0.59	295.9	6.1	289.2	9.1	235.3	67.2
4	97	5005	1.3	20.8711	8.3	0.1529	8.4	0.0231	1.7	0.20	147.5	2.5	144.5	11.4	95.0	196.2
5	344	23,360	2.1	19.6607	4.7	0.2734	5.1	0.0390	2.0	0.39	246.5	4.7	245.4	11.1	234.6	108.3
6	201	9185	1.5	19.4428	6.2	0.1716	6.3	0.0242	1.0	0.16	154.2	1.5	160.8	9.4	260.3	143.6
7	272	9275	0.9	21.0865	3.9	0.1508	5.0	0.0231	3.0	0.61	147.0	4.4	142.6	6.6	70.6	93.1
8	711	28,700	1.0	20.5243	3.2	0.1704	3.4	0.0254	1.0	0.30	161.4	1.6	159.7	5.0	134.5	76.0
9	113	5540	2.2	21.5410	9.4	0.1518	9.5	0.0237	1.3	0.13	151.1	1.9	143.5	12.7	19.6	226.5
10	175	12,395	1.3	21.3972	6.8	0.1548	6.9	0.0240	1.2	0.17	153.0	1.8	146.2	9.4	35.7	162.3
11	110	5920	1.3	21.0325	11.5	0.1570	11.9	0.0239	2.9	0.24	152.6	4.4	148.1	16.4	76.7	274.7
12	525	10,380	1.1	21.0241	4.1	0.1533	4.4	0.0234	1.7	0.38	149.0	2.5	144.8	6.0	77.6	97.5
13	109	5445	1.5	19.7789	7.8	0.1802	7.8	0.0258	1.0	0.13	164.5	1.6	168.2	12.2	220.7	180.2
15	177	72,730	3.0	9.9249	1.0	3.9799	1.4	0.2865	1.0	0.71	1623.9	14.4	1630.1	11.5	1638.1	18.6
16	481	8750	1.6	18.0945	6.3	0.1744	6.5	0.0229	1.6	0.24	145.8	2.2	163.2	9.8	423.0	140.5

TABLE A3C. GEOCHRONOLOGICAL ZIRCON ANALYSES

#	Isotope ratios										Apparent ages (Ma)					
	U (ppm)	<sup>206</sup> Pb <sup>204</sup> Pb	U/Th	<sup>206</sup> Pb* <sup>207</sup> Pb*	±	<sup>207</sup> Pb* <sup>235</sup> U*	±	<sup>206</sup> Pb* <sup>238</sup> U	±	error corr.	<sup>206</sup> Pb* <sup>238</sup> U*	±	<sup>207</sup> Pb* <sup>235</sup> U	±	<sup>206</sup> Pb* <sup>207</sup> Pb*	±
Sample AD009 Ophiolitic Mélange																
17	432	13,730	1.5	20.6133	4.6	0.1558	4.9	0.0233	1.7	0.34	148.4	2.4	147.0	6.6	124.3	107.6
18	124	47,620	1.5	7.9033	1.0	6.2503	1.5	0.3583	1.1	0.75	1974.0	19.4	2011.5	13.3	2050.3	17.7
13	212	6110	0.9	21.2261	5.8	0.1461	5.9	0.0225	1.0	0.17	143.4	1.4	138.5	7.7	54.9	139.6
20	544	8540	1.4	18.5369	13.0	0.1632	13.1	0.0219	1.5	0.12	139.9	2.1	153.5	18.6	368.8	293.6
22	379	13,920	1.5	20.3626	4.5	0.1583	4.8	0.0234	1.8	0.37	149.0	2.6	149.2	6.7	153.0	105.0
23	116	2320	1.3	14.3073	10.1	0.2300	10.2	0.0239	1.6	0.15	152.1	2.4	210.2	19.4	925.2	207.9
24	222	10,605	2.1	18.0167	2.4	0.3652	3.1	0.0477	2.0	0.64	300.5	5.8	316.1	8.4	432.6	52.9
25	127	4445	1.3	19.0159	10.3	0.1742	10.5	0.0240	2.0	0.19	153.0	3.0	163.1	15.8	311.0	234.5
25-1	256	636	2.6	18.8858	15.8	0.1766	16.1	0.0242	3.2	0.20	154.1	4.8	165.1	24.6	326.6	361.4
25-2	636	17,583	2.2	16.0144	1.9	0.8031	2.3	0.0933	1.2	0.54	574.9	6.7	598.6	10.2	689.3	40.5
25-3	179	4185	1.4	17.0760	14.9	0.2052	14.9	0.0254	1.0	0.07	161.8	1.6	189.5	25.8	550.8	326.6
25-4	222	6018	1.9	20.6592	11.3	0.1639	11.4	0.0246	1.6	0.14	156.4	2.5	154.1	16.3	119.1	267.5
25-5	540	10,473	1.1	20.4560	3.2	0.1686	3.4	0.0250	1.3	0.38	159.3	2.0	158.2	5.0	142.3	74.2
25-6	268	8841	1.3	21.2937	7.4	0.1603	7.9	0.0248	2.8	0.35	157.7	4.3	151.0	11.0	47.3	176.2
25-7	898	50,112	1.7	18.2908	1.0	0.5066	1.4	0.0672	1.0	0.69	419.3	4.1	416.1	4.9	398.8	23.3
25-8	987	6642	1.0	18.5354	8.5	0.1745	8.7	0.0235	1.8	0.20	149.5	2.6	163.3	13.2	369.0	192.9
25-9	1067	1734	1.6	15.4770	31.7	0.1999	31.7	0.0224	1.0	0.03	143.1	1.4	185.0	53.7	761.7	684.9
25-10	168	630	0.8	15.4446	37.0	0.1821	37.2	0.0204	3.3	0.09	130.2	4.2	169.9	58.2	766.1	806.8
25-11	254	5991	1.1	20.6852	10.9	0.1689	11.0	0.0253	1.1	0.10	161.3	1.7	158.5	16.1	116.1	258.7
25-11a	239	8184	1.3	19.2827	6.8	0.1720	6.9	0.0241	1.5	0.22	153.2	2.3	161.2	10.3	279.2	155.2

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