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### Abstract

The Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks between the cities of Trabzon and Giresun in the Eastern Pontides (NE Turkey) erupted as mildly and moderately alkaline magmas ranging from silica-saturated to silica-undersaturated types. <sup>40</sup>Ar-<sup>39</sup>Ar dating and petrochemical data reveal that the studied volcanic rocks are discriminated in two: Lutetian (Middle Eocene) mildly alkaline, (basaltic rocks: 45.31±0.18 to 43.86±0.19 Ma; trachytic rocks: 44.87±0.22 to 41.32 ±0.12 Ma), and Messinian (Late Miocene) moderately alkaline volcanic rocks (tephritic rocks: 6.05±0.06 and 5.65±0.06 Ma). The trace and the rare earth element systematic, characterised by moderate light earth element (LREE)/heavy rare earth element (HREE) ratios in the Eocene basaltic and trachytic rocks, high LREE/HREE ratios in the Miocene tephritic rocks, and different degrees of depletion in Nb, Ta, Ti coupled with high Th/Yb ratios, show that the parental magmas of the volcanic rocks were derived from mantle sources previously enriched by slab-derived fluids and subducted sediments. The Sr, Nd and Pb isotopic composition of the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks support the presence of subduction-modified subcontinental lithospheric mantle. During the magma ascent in the crust, parental magmas of both the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks were mostly affected by fractional crystallisation rather than assimilation coupled with fractional crystallisation and mixing. The silica-undersaturated character of the Miocene tephritic rocks could be attributed to assimilation of carbonate rocks within shallow-level magma chambers. The parental magmas of the Eocene volcanic rocks resulted from a relatively high melting degree of a net veined mantle and surrounding peridotites in the spinel stability field due to an increase in temperature, resulting from asthenospheric upwelling related to the extension of lithosphere subsequent to delamination. The parental magmas for the Miocene volcanic rocks resulted from a relatively low melting degree of a net veined mantle domain previously modified by metasomatic melts derived from a garnet peridotite source after decompression due to extensional tectonics, combined with strike-slip movement at a regional scale related to ongoing delamination.

**Key words:** alkaline volcanic rocks, <sup>40</sup>Ar-<sup>39</sup>Ar dating, mantle metasomatism, carbonate assimilation, Eastern Pontides

## 1. Introduction

Alkaline rocks constitute less than 1% of all igneous rocks of the Earth's crust (Gill, 2010) and can be observed in various geodynamic environments, such as active plate margins (e.g. Indonesia; Varne, 1985; Stolz et al., 1990), intra-plate (e.g. East African rift; Rosenthal et al., 2009) and syn- to post-collisional settings (e.g. Italy, Conticelli et al., 2002, 2009a, 2009b; Gasperini et al., 2002). Besides, alkaline rocks are generally taken into consideration with their unusual mineralogy and distinct trace and rare earth element contents, generally explained by low-degree partial melting of a peridotitic source. They are also notable for their silica-undersaturated features leading to crystallisation of feldspathoid minerals instead of feldspars. These distinct features make interpretation of the origin and evolution of alkaline rocks very difficult, especially for those in subduction zones. Although the deeper part of the mantle is often believed to be a viable source for silica-undersaturated volcanic rocks based on geochemical (Hawkesworth and Vollmer, 1979; McKenzie and Bickle, 1988; Hawkesworth et al., 1990; Bradshaw et al., 1993) and thermal considerations (e.g. McKenzie 1989), the origin and processes leading to the formation of leucite and/or analcime-bearing potassic rocks in intra-plate and plate-margin tectonic settings, remain controversial (Conticelli and Peccerillo, 1992; Shaw, 1996; Edgar and Mitchell, 1997). Metasomatised oceanic or continental lithospheric mantle can be accepted as the alternative source for alkaline magmas (Sun and McDonough, 1989; Halliday et al., 1992, 1995; Niu and O'Hara, 2003; Workman et al., 2004; Pilet et al., 2005, 2008; Panter et al., 2006). The source enrichment can be explained via the addition of melts or fluids from altered oceanic crust and sediments through subduction (Chase, 1981; Hofman and White; 1982; Palacz and Saunders; 1986; Hart, 1988; Nakamura and Tatsumoto; 1988; Barling and Goldstein; 1990; Weaver, 1991; Chauvel et al., 1992). Experimental studies indicate that mantle peridotite including hydrous, incompatible element-rich net veins derived from subducted sediments is an alternative source for alkaline magmas (e.g. Foley, 1992; Mitchel, 1995). Kamafugitic magmas as an ultrapotassic variant of melilitic magmas are considered to be generated by mantle melting under high  $X_{CO_2}$  conditions even at low pressure (e.g. Edgar et al., 1980; Wendlandt and Egler, 1980a, 1980b; Arima and Edgar, 1983; Lloyd et al., 1985; Edgar, 1987; Stoppa and Schiazza., 2013, Conticelli et al., 2015). Supporting this idea, the capability of producing K-rich granitic or phonolitic melts from carbonated pelites at temperatures of 950-1070°C and high  $P$  (2.4 GPa) was recently suggested by Thomsen and Schmidt (2008). Furthermore, the source of the most sodic alkaline rocks is generally viewed as convecting asthenosphere modified by enriched lithospheric mantle and crustal material (White and Hofmann, 1982; McKenzie and O'Nions, 1983; Hart, 1988).

Although there have been different scenarios proposed for the geodynamic evolution of the Eastern Pontides, a well preserved magmatic arc in NE Turkey (e.g. Şengör and Yılmaz 1981; Chorowicz et al., 1998; Bektaş et al., 1999, Eyüboğlu et al., 2011), most workers have reached a consensus on the northward subduction of the northern branch of Neo-Tethys beneath the Eurasian

Plate along the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone (IAES) (e.g. Ustaömer and Robertson, 1996; Rice et al., 2009; Dilek et al., 2010). Tertiary volcanics are observed on both sides of the IAES, implying that Eocene volcanism was post-collisional. Tertiary volcanic rocks occur both in the northern and southern parts of the Eastern Pontides (e.g., Arslan et al., 1997; Arslan and Aliyazıcıoğlu, 2001; Temizel and Arslan, 2009; Kaygusuz et al., 2011; Temizel et al., 2012; Arslan et al., 2013; Aslan et al., 2014). Post-collisional Middle Eocene volcanism that covers extensive areas from the Western to the Eastern Pontides was revealed by recent detailed studies (Robinson et al., 1995; Yılmaz et al., 1997; Okay and Şahintürk, 1997; Arslan et al., 1997; Şen et al., 1998; Arslan and Aliyazıcıoğlu, 2001; Altherr et al., 2008; Keskin et al., 2008; Temizel and Arslan, 2009; Aslan, 2010; Kaygusuz et al., 2011; Temizel et al., 2012; Aydınçakır, 2012; Aydınçakır and Şen, 2013; Arslan et al., 2013; Aydınçakır, 2014; Temizel et al., 2016). Besides, narrowly extending Early Eocene (Karlı et al., 2010; Eyüboğlu et al., 2011) and Miocene volcanism were also identified in this area (Arslan et al., 2001; Aydın et al., 2008; Temizel et al., 2012; Yücel et al., 2012). Alkaline volcanic rocks in the Trabzon area derived from upper mantle and/or lower crust were first described by Arslan et al. (1997). Aydın et al. (2008) reported that enriched subcontinental lithospheric mantle can be the source of the Miocene alkaline volcanic rocks.

Although the aforementioned studies on Tertiary volcanic rocks throughout the Eastern Pontides are mainly about geochemical and isotopic compositions, absolute age relationships, and the petrogenesis of these rocks, the processes responsible for generation of Middle Eocene and Late Miocene alkaline volcanism are still poorly explained. This study concerns the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks in the area between Trabzon and Giresun in the northern part of the Eastern Pontides (NE Turkey). Here, we present new  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ - $^{39}\text{Ar}$  ages, whole-rock major and trace element analyses, as well as Sr-Nd-Pb isotope data to understand the genesis of K-rich volcanism through an assessment of petrogenetic processes and their possible geodynamic significance.

## 2. Geological outline and local stratigraphy

The Eastern Pontides, in the central part of the Alpine-Himalayan orogenic belt, is of key importance to understand the tectono-magmatic evolution of the Pontides and Eastern Mediterranean. This orogenic belt lies along the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone in NE Turkey (Fig. 1a). During the course of the Alpine orogeny (Laramian phase), the region was affected by the collision of the Tauride-Anatolide platform with the Pontides, which resulted in well-documented igneous records in the active margin of the Neo-Tethyan convergence system in Turkey (Şengör and Yılmaz, 1981; Bozkurt and Mittweide, 2001). These tectono-magmatic episodes are discrete pulses with different geochemical compositions, as suggested by temporal and spatial records of the magmatic activity. Although there have been different interpretations in the literature (e.g. Bektaş et al., 1995; Eyüboğlu et

al., 2006), the Eastern Pontides are generally subdivided into northern and southern sub-domains with regards to their structural and lithological features (Özsayar et al., 1981; Okay and Şahintürk, 1997).

The northern part of the Eastern Pontides comprises Late Cretaceous, Middle Eocene, and Miocene units, whereas the southern part is widely dominated by pre-Late Cretaceous units (Arslan et al., 1997; Şen, 2007). The Hercynian basement of the Eastern Pontides consists of metamorphic rocks and granitic intrusions (Yılmaz, 1972; Çoğulu, 1975; Topuz et al., 2010; Ustaömer and Robertson, 2010; Kaygusuz et al., 2012; Kaygusuz et al., 2016). Jurassic volcanic and volcano-sedimentary rocks lie unconformably on the basement and mostly crop out in the southern part. Volcanic rocks, which are mainly tholeiitic in character, comprise basaltic, minor andesitic, and trachyandesitic lavas and their pyroclastic equivalents. Jurassic-Cretaceous neritic and pelagic carbonates conformably overlie Jurassic volcanic and volcano-sedimentary rocks. These carbonates are locally overlain unconformably by a Late Cretaceous series comprising sedimentary rocks in the southern part and volcanic rocks in the northern part. The Late Cretaceous volcanic rocks consist of tholeiitic to calc-alkaline dacite, rhyolite, and less andesite, basalt, their pyroclastics and alkaline volcanic rocks (e.g., Aydınçakır, 2016). These units are intruded by Late Cretaceous granitoids (e.g., Kaygusuz et al., 2010). Eocene volcanic and volcanoclastic rocks overlie this Late Cretaceous series (Güven, 1993; Arslan and Aliyazıoğlu, 2001; Kaygusuz et al., 2011; Temizel et al., 2012; Arslan et al., 2013; Aslan et al., 2014; Temizel et al., 2016). During Paleocene-Early Eocene time, the Eastern Pontides were above sea level probably because of collision (Okay and Şahintürk, 1997; Boztuğ et al., 2004). Eocene volcanic and volcanoclastic rocks in the region are intruded by calc-alkaline granitoids of similar age (Arslan and Aslan, 2006; Karlı et al., 2012; Kaygusuz and Öztürk, 2015). Post-Eocene uplift and erosion brought clastic input into locally developed basins in the north (Korkmaz et al., 1995). From the end of Middle Eocene times, the region remained largely above sea level and has been affected by minor volcanism and terrigenous sedimentation until the present (Okay and Şahintürk, 1997). Miocene magmatism of the Eastern Pontides was characterised by calc-alkaline to mildly alkaline volcanism (Şen et al., 1998; Aydın et al., 2008; Temizel et al., 2012; Aslan et al., 2014; Yücel et al., 2014a).

The studied Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks from the Trabzon and Giresun areas in the northern part of the Eastern Pontides (Fig. 1b, c) have been previously considered as Eocene in aged ("Kabaköy Formation"; Güven, 1993). The volcanic rocks were separated into Trabzon and Tonya groups by Arslan et al. (1997). The volcanic rocks around the Trabzon area were attributed to Miocene times (Arslan et al., 2001; Aydın et al., 2008; Yücel et al., 2012) whereas those between Tonya and Giresun areas were ascribed to Eocene times (Yücel et al., 2012). The two temporal Tertiary volcanic groups, Eocene (e.g., Güven, 1993; Yücel et al., 2012) and Miocene (e.g., Arslan et al., 2001; Aydın et al., 2008; Yücel et al., 2012), are characterised by shallow subaqueous to subaerial-volcanic facies, respectively. The Eocene volcanic rocks are represented by volcanoclastics (breccias and tuffs), lavas (pillow lavas and basaltic lavas), and dike-sill-domes (basaltic dikes-sills, andesitic dikes-domes, and

trachytic dikes). The Miocene volcanic rocks are represented by tuffs and breccias, brecciated lavas, and dikes and sills. The characteristics of these volcanic facies are given in detail by Yücel et al. (2014a). The studied Tertiary volcanic rocks are overlain unconformably by Miocene-Pliocene sedimentary rocks, saprolitic clay occurrences (Arslan et al., 2006), and Quaternary marine alluvium (Keskin et al., 2011; Fig. 1c).

### 3. Petrography and mineralogy

The studied Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks are generally observed as volcanoclastics, lava flows, rarely dikes and domes. According to their volcanostratigraphy and facies features, Yücel et al. (2014a) discriminated three suites as (1) Eocene basalt, trachybasalt, and basaltic trachyandesite (BTB) suite, which contains basaltic breccia and tuff, pillow lava, basaltic lava, and basaltic dike-sills; (2) Eocene trachyte and trachyandesite (TT) suite, which contains andesitic dikes, domes, and trachytic dikes; (3) Miocene basanite and tephrite (BT) suite, which contains foid-bearing breccia, foid-bearing brecciated lava, and foid-bearing dikes and sills. These discriminations and suite names are kept as Eocene basaltic and trachytic, and Miocene tephritic rocks here, in order to reveal parental magma(s) and differentiative members in relation to their absolute ages. Petrographically, the common textural features of the Eocene basaltic rocks are microlitic porphyritic, hyalo-microlitic porphyritic, intersertal, glomeroporphyritic and fluidal. The main mineralogical composition of the volcanic rocks is clinopyroxene + plagioclase ± olivine ± brown mica ± hornblende ± Fe–Ti oxide. The Eocene trachytic rocks contain phenocrysts of plagioclase ± sanidine ± brown mica ± hornblende ± clinopyroxene + Fe–Ti oxide ± quartz (<5 %), and show generally microgranular porphyritic, and rare trachytic, hypocristalline, poikilitic, glomeroporphyritic and sieve textures. General textures of the Miocene tephritic rocks are microgranular-porphyritic, hyalomicroporphyritic, glomeroporphyritic, microgranular, vesicular, and amygdaloidal. The main mineralogical composition is reflected by clinopyroxene ± olivine ± brown mica ± hornblende ± plagioclase ± sanidine + analcime + Fe–Ti oxide + apatite mineral assemblage. Beside the volcanic facies characteristics, the studied volcanic rocks have been reported in detail with the aspect of petrography and mineral chemistry by Yücel et al. (2014a).

### 4. Analytical techniques

The samples were collected from between Trabzon and Giresun in the Eastern Pontides (NE Turkey). They comprise mafic and intermediate volcanic rocks from the remnants of the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks composed mainly of volcanoclastics, lava flows, rarely dikes and domes. The most representative and freshest samples were selected for  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ - $^{39}\text{Ar}$  dating, whole-rock major oxides, trace and rare earth element (REE) and Sr-Nd-Pb isotope analyses.

#### 4.1. Whole-rock major, trace and REEs

The selected samples were first crushed using a jaw crusher (0.1–1 cm in diameter), and then ground in a mild-steel mill to obtain rock powder to the grain size of <200 mesh. The whole-rock petrochemical analyses of 101 rock powders were undertaken at ACME analytical laboratories Ltd., Vancouver, Canada. Major and trace element compositions were determined via inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES) from pulp after 0.2 g samples of rock powder were fused with 1.5 g LiBO<sub>2</sub> and then dissolved in 100 ml of 5 % HNO<sub>3</sub>. The REEs were analysed by inductively coupled mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) from pulp after 0.25 g samples of rock powder were dissolved using four acid digestions. Loss on ignition (LOI) was determined according to weight difference at 1000°C. Detection limits range from 0.002-0.04 wt% for major oxides, 0.1-8 ppm for trace elements and 0.01-0.3 ppm for REEs.

#### 4.2. <sup>40</sup>Ar–<sup>39</sup>Ar dating

Seventeen single groundmass fragments, five phlogopite and one sanidine crystal were analysed by the continuous laser probe (CO<sub>2</sub> Synrad<sup>®</sup>) stepwise heating <sup>39</sup>Ar–<sup>40</sup>Ar technique at Géosciences Rennes (France).

The samples were wrapped in Al foil to form small packets (11 × 11 mm) that were stacked up to form columns within which packets of fluence monitors were inserted every 10 samples. Irradiation was performed at the McMaster reactor (Hamilton, Canada) and used 5C high flux location without Cd-shielding. It lasted 13.42 hr (J/h ≈ 3.71 × 10<sup>-4</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>). The irradiation standard was sanidine TCRs (28.608 ± 0.033 Ma; according to Renne et al., 1998, 2010 and 2011). The sample arrangement in the irradiation allowed us to monitor the flux gradient with a precision of ± 0.2 %.

Heating steps were performed with a CO<sub>2</sub> laser probe. All experiments concerned single grains. The experimental procedure was described by Ruffet et al. (1991, 1995). The five argon isotopes and the background baselines were measured in 11 cycles, in peak-jumping mode. Blanks were performed routinely every first or third/fourth run, and subtracted from subsequent sample gas fractions. All isotopic measurements are corrected for K, Ca and Cl isotopic interferences, mass discrimination and atmospheric argon contamination.

Apparent age errors are plotted at the 2σ level and do not include the errors on the <sup>40</sup>Ar\*/<sup>39</sup>Ar<sub>K</sub> ratio and age of the monitor and decay constant. The errors on the <sup>40</sup>Ar\*/<sup>39</sup>Ar<sub>K</sub> ratio and age of the monitor and decay constant are included in the final calculation of the (pseudo-)plateau age error margins or for apparent ages individually cited. The analyses were performed on a Map215<sup>®</sup> mass spectrometer.



It is commonly considered that a plateau is obtained when calculated  $^{40}\text{Ar}^*/^{39}\text{Ar}_K$  ratios of at least three consecutive steps, comprising a minimum of 70 % of the  $^{39}\text{Ar}$  released, agree within 1 or  $2\sigma$  error bars with the weighted mean calculated  $^{40}\text{Ar}^*/^{39}\text{Ar}_K$  ratio of the plateau segment. Pseudo-plateau ages (PPA) can be defined with less than 70% of the  $^{39}\text{Ar}$  released. All ages are displayed at the  $1\sigma$  level.

Analytical data and parameters used for calculations (isotopic ratios measured on K, Ca and Cl pure salts; mass discrimination; atmospheric argon ratios; J parameter; decay constants) and reference sources are available in Supplementary Table 1.

#### 4.3. Sr-Nd-Pb isotopes

Sr, Nd and Pb isotope composition were determined for 19 samples. Sr and Nd isotopes were conducted at Géosciences Rennes (France) using thermal ionisation mass spectrometry (TIMS) on a Finnigan MAT-262 mass spectrometer. For Sr and Nd isotope analyses, approximately 50 mg of whole-rock powder was first dissolved in 52 % HF for four days at  $140^\circ\text{C}$  on a hot plate, then dried, dissolved in 6 N HCl, dried again and finally dissolved in 2.5 N HCl. Sr and Nd were separated using conventional ion exchange techniques. Isotopic compositions were measured on a double Re filament configuration. Total blanks were Sr-Nd-Sm  $< 0.05$  ng; uncertainties were 2% for  $^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratio and 0.2 % for  $^{147}\text{Sm}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratio. Sr and Nd isotope ratios were normalised to NBS987 ( $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}=0.710179\pm 0.00001$ ) and JNd<sub>i</sub> ( $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd} = 0.511958\pm 0.000006$ , after Tanaka et al. (2000) standard. The values measured for this standard were  $0.710246 \pm 0.000010$  and  $0.512076 \pm 0.000006$ , respectively. Pb isotope analysis was carried out at Activation Laboratories Ltd. (Actlabs) at Ancaster, Ontario, Canada. Pb was separated using the ion-exchange technique with Bio-Rad 1x8. Pb isotope compositions were analysed on a Finnigan MAT-261 multicollector mass spectrometer. The measured Pb isotope ratios were corrected for mass fractionation calculated from replicate measurements of Pb isotope composition in NBS SRM-982 standards. The external reproducibility of lead isotope ratios  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 0.1\%$ ,  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 0.1\%$ ,  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 0.2\%$  on the  $2\sigma$  level was demonstrated through multiple analyses of standard BCR-1.

## 5. Results

### 5.1. $^{40}\text{Ar}$ - $^{39}\text{Ar}$ dating

$^{40}\text{Ar}$ - $^{39}\text{Ar}$  laser probe analyses were performed both on mineral phases (phlogopite, sanidine) and on groundmass fragments. Basaltic rock experiments were exclusively performed on groundmass grains, while trachytic and tephritic rock experiments concerned phlogopite, sanidine and/or groundmass grains. The age spectra of samples from basaltic, trachytic and tephritic rocks and the

results of their inverse isochron calculations ( $^{36}\text{Ar}/^{40}\text{Ar}$  versus  $^{39}\text{Ar}_K/^{40}\text{Ar}$ ; Turner, 1971; Roddick et al., 1980; Hanes et al., 1985) are presented in Supplementary Fig. 1. A summary of age determinations is given in Table 1. The great majority of the obtained age spectra have a flat pattern over more than 80% of the degassed  $^{39}\text{Ar}_K$ . Few show low apparent ages in the low temperature steps, probably related to degassing of some weathering phases (e.g. 511 whole rock). Rarely higher but decreasing apparent ages (e.g. 777 whole rock) are probably related to some limited  $^{39}\text{Ar}_K$  recoil, occurring during irradiation, on phases degassing in the low-temperature domain. All these age spectra allow plateau age calculations that are, on the whole, validated by isochron calculations. Nevertheless, some whole-rock experiments from basaltic rocks yield age spectra with slightly decreasing apparent ages from the low- to the intermediate- temperature steps with pseudo-plateau ages (PPA) in the high- temperature steps (e.g. whole rocks 301, 363 and 642). Such a pattern characterises  $^{39}\text{Ar}_K$  recoil with a broader extent than e.g. 777 whole rock. This is easy to recognise with isochron diagrams, as this recoil effect leads to a concave trajectory of successive degassing steps in the place of a simple straight line (e.g. 363 wholerock). Nevertheless, the high-temperature PPA provides rather good estimates of the true age of the analysed material, as suggested by their good agreement with results from isochron calculations. Eocene basaltic rock samples yielded ages between  $44.21 \pm 0.18$  and  $43.97 \pm 0.18$  Ma for pillow lavas, between  $44.75 \pm 0.18$  and  $44.15 \pm 0.17$  Ma for basaltic lavas and between  $45.31 \pm 0.18$  and  $43.86 \pm 0.19$  Ma for basaltic dikes and sills. Eocene trachytic rock samples yielded ages between  $43.90 \pm 0.17$  Ma and  $42.95 \pm 0.17$  Ma for andesitic dike and domes, and between  $44.87 \pm 0.22$  Ma and  $41.32 \pm 0.12$  Ma for trachytic dike. Some phlogopite/whole rock pairs from samples of trachytic rocks (e.g. 188, 318, 625) show slight age discrepancies that are within the range of analytical error. As phlogopite ages are systematically slightly older than whole rock ones, it could be seen that these minerals were disturbed by argon in excess (excess/inherited). Isochron calculations do not favour the excess argon hypothesis (cf calculated  $(^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar})_i$  ratios, Supplementary Fig. 1) but cannot exclude the contention that phlogopites trapped some inherited argon, as these minerals are prone to such a process (e.g. Ruffet et al., 1997). Nevertheless, excess argon is more common in metamorphic rocks than in volcanic ones, since outgassing to the atmosphere is easier. It would probably be more sensible viewing a weathering effect disturbing analysed groundmass grains (and K-feldspars, cf. sanidine 188), as suggested by the low calculated  $(^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar})_i$  ratios (inverse isochron calculations for whole rock grains 188, 318, 625), lower than the atmospheric ratio ( $298.56 \pm 0.31$ ; Lee et al., 2006).

It is worth noting that the frequency diagrams of apparent ages and plateau or pseudo-plateau ages of samples from Eocene basaltic and trachytic rocks display two slightly distinct frequency peaks, at  $\sim 44.7$  Ma and  $\sim 43.8$  Ma, suggesting that basaltic rocks could precede trachytic rocks for  $\sim 1$  Ma (Fig. 2).

The youngest ages were obtained from samples of Miocene tephritic rocks with plateau ages in the range of  $6.05 \pm 0.06$  Ma for foid-bearing brecciated lava,  $5.87 \pm 0.06$  Ma for foid-bearing dike and sill, and  $5.65 \pm 0.06$  Ma for cognate inclusion.

## 5.2. Major and trace element geochemistry

The major and trace element compositions of the studied Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks are presented in Supplementary Table 2. The TAS (total alkali versus silica) diagram of Le Bas et al. (1986) was used to classify the studied rocks and to determine magma series (Fig. 3a). While Eocene basaltic rocks have a mafic composition, the trachytic rocks present an intermediate character with a higher  $\text{SiO}_2$  (55.6–63.8 wt. %) content. The Eocene volcanic rocks display predominantly mildly alkaline affinities, whereas the Miocene tephritic rocks show moderately alkaline affinity (Yücel et al., 2014a). The studied rocks were also checked through the classification diagram of Hastie et al. (2007) using less mobile elements such as Th and Co, because the LOI (0.7–5.7 wt. % for basaltic, 1.1–5.5 wt. % for trachytic and 5.2–9.9 wt. % for tephritic rocks) values of several samples were rather high (Supplementary Table 2). The relatively high LOI contents of the Miocene tephritic rocks are mostly related to alteration to low-temperature phases (e.g., analcime from leucite; Yücel et al., 2014b), the presence of hydrous phases such as phlogopite, and the minor amount of secondary minerals such as zeolites. In this diagram, while the Eocene basaltic rocks lie mainly in the field of calc-alkaline, high-K and shoshonitic transitional basalts, basaltic andesites and andesites, the trachytic rocks plot in high-K and shoshonitic basaltic andesite/andesite and dacite/rhyolite fields, except for one sample. The Miocene tephritic rocks with a high-K and shoshonitic character plot into the basalt, basaltic andesite and andesite fields (Fig. 3b). The Eocene volcanic rocks are potassic ( $\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{Na}_2\text{O}=0.7\text{--}1.5$  for basaltic rocks and  $1.1\text{--}2.4$  for trachytic rocks) and silica-saturated ( $\text{SiO}_2=44.9\text{--}56.8$  wt. % for basaltic rocks and  $55.6\text{--}63.8$  wt. % for trachytic rocks), whereas the Miocene tephritic rocks are sodic-potassic ( $\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{Na}_2\text{O}=0.2\text{--}0.7$ ) and silica-undersaturated ( $\text{SiO}_2=42.0\text{--}48.5$  wt. %), as indicated by  $\Delta\text{Q}$  versus  $\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  diagram (Fig. 3c) of Peccerillo (2002, 2003). In the AFM diagram (Fig. 4d), both Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks generally follow the calc-alkaline and shoshonitic trajectories determined by Wimmenauer (1985) with their low  $\text{FeO}^*$ . Using the  $\text{CaO}$  versus  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{MgO}$  diagrams of Foley (1987) prepared for classification of alkaline rocks, most of the samples lie within the Roman province (plagiocleucite) field, except for some samples from Eocene trachytic rocks, reflecting an intermediate character and some samples with high  $\text{MgO}$  and low  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents from Eocene basaltic rocks (Fig. 3e, f).

In the Harker diagrams (Fig. 4, Supplementary Fig. 2), both the Eocene basaltic and trachytic rocks and the Miocene tephritic rocks present similar variations. For the Eocene volcanic rocks,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3^*$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{Ni}$ ,  $\text{Sr}$  and  $\text{Co}$  are negatively correlated; whereas  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Th}$  and  $\text{Rb}$  are positively correlated with  $\text{SiO}_2$  when  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Hf}$ ,  $\text{Zr}$ ,  $\text{Nb}$  and  $\text{Ta}$  show curvilinear behaviours. The Miocene tephritic rocks do not exhibit as smooth a correlation as the Eocene volcanic rocks.  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{MnO}$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3^*$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{Sr}$ ,  $\text{Ni}$  and  $\text{Co}$  decrease while  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Ba}$ ,  $\text{Hf}$ ,  $\text{Rb}$ ,  $\text{Zr}$ ,  $\text{Nb}$  and  $\text{Ta}$  show positive curvilinear and scattered behaviour with increasing  $\text{SiO}_2$ .

In primitive mantle-normalised (Sun and McDonough, 1989) multi-element diagrams (Fig. 5), the Eocene basaltic and trachytic rocks display broadly similar patterns characterised by enrichment in large-ion lithophile elements (LILEs; Sr, K<sub>2</sub>O, Ba, Rb), and Th and Ce and depletion in some high field strength elements (HFSEs; Zr, TiO<sub>2</sub>, Y, Nb, Ta). The Miocene tephritic rocks have geochemical characteristics similar to those of the Eocene volcanic rocks. Although all volcanic rocks display typical subduction zone signatures (viz. depletions of Nb, Ta and TiO<sub>2</sub>) the differences in subduction signature between Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks draw attention. Enrichment in Sr, Ba, Th, Ce and P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> for the Miocene tephritic rocks is more sizeable than that of the Eocene volcanic rocks. Depletion of P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> in some trachyte samples from the Eocene trachytic rocks is more significant than for other volcanic rocks. The studied volcanic rocks present fractionated rare earth element (REE) patterns in chondrite-normalised REE plots. The Miocene tephritic rocks are characterised by steep light rare earth element (LREE) patterns relative to heavy rare earth elements (HREEs). Despite similar REE patterns, Eocene basaltic and trachytic rocks exhibit less pronounced LREE enrichment than Miocene tephritic rocks. The enrichment in LREE (La=21-91, 35-113, 220-452) and HREE (Yb=3-10, 7-14, 5-9) for Eocene basaltic and and Miocene tephritic rocks resulted in La<sub>N</sub>/Lu<sub>N</sub> ratios ranging from 5.55-10.76, 4.65-11.64 and 36-69, respectively.

### 5.3. Sr, Nd and Pb isotope geochemistry

Sr-, Nd- and Pb- isotope ratios of the studied volcanic rocks are presented in Tables 2 and 3. The initial ratio of Sr and Nd isotopes was calculated using <sup>40</sup>Ar-<sup>39</sup>Ar ages. Less evolved samples from the Eocene basaltic and trachytic rocks are characterised by initial <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios ranging between 0.70389-0.70448 and between 0.70408-0.70425, respectively. The Miocene tephritic rocks display more radiogenic initial <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios, between 0.70518-0.70536. On the other hand, scattering of radiogenic <sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd ratios of Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks is limited, varying from 0.51268-0.51279 (εNd<sub>i</sub>: +1.61 to +3.75) for basaltic rocks, 0.51270-0.51275 (εNd<sub>i</sub>: +1.84 to +2.81) for trachytic rocks and 0.51267-0.51269 (εNd<sub>i</sub>: +0.61 to +1.08) for the tephritic rocks. Within the (<sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr)<sub>i</sub> versus (<sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd)<sub>i</sub> correlation diagram, basaltic and trachytic rocks show less radiogenic Sr isotopic ratios compared to BSE, while the tephritic rocks plot in partly Sr-enriched quadrant close to mantle array (Fig. 6a). Thus, the basaltic and trachytic rocks have isotopic similarities with the Ulubey (Ordu; Temizel et al., 2012) and Borçka (Artvin; Aydınçakır and Şen, 2013) volcanic rocks when tephritic rocks exhibit similarities with Torul (Gümüşhane; Kaygusuz et al., 2011) and the Eastern Pontides Southern Part Eocene volcanic rocks (Arslan et al., 2013).

The lead isotope ratios exhibit narrow ranges e.g., <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb =18.72-18.79, <sup>207</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb=15.63-15.67, <sup>208</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb= 38.79-38.92 for the basaltic rocks, <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb =18.78-18.80, <sup>207</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb=15.64-15.67, <sup>208</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb= 38.87-38.97 for the trachytic rocks and <sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb =18.89-18.95, <sup>207</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb=15.66-15.68, <sup>208</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb= 38.94-39.06 for the tephritic rocks. The Miocene

tephritic rocks have higher radiogenic lead isotope compositions than those of the Eocene volcanic rocks; all plot above the Northern Hemisphere Reference Line (NHRL; Hart, 1984) with relatively enriched  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  ratios. The isotopic budget of the Eocene basaltic and trachytic rocks presents a close relationship with the Eastern Pontides Southern part Eocene volcanic rocks, whereas the Miocene tephritic rocks exhibit similarities with the Late Cretaceous Everek Hanları volcanic rocks (Fig. 6b, c). Furthermore,  $\Delta 7/4\text{Pb}$  of the studied volcanic rocks ranges between 52.41-3.30 for basaltic rocks, 52.53-62.14 for trachytic rocks, 46.94-52.53 for tephritic rocks, when  $\Delta 8/4\text{Pb}$  ranges between 10.68-14.69, 11.04-14.45, 11.81-13.53, respectively.

## 6. Discussion

The narrow range of isotopic composition and the large geochemical variations makes the interpretation of the origin and evolution of the volcanic rocks complicated, especially in collisional and post-collisional tectonic settings. The Tertiary volcanic units of the Eastern Pontides orogenic belt have been examined in terms of geochemical and isotopic characteristics by various studies (e.g., Arslan et al., 1997; Arslan and Aliyazıcıoğlu, 2001; Arslan et al., 2002; Temizel and Arslan, 2008; Temizel and Arslan, 2009; Kaygusuz et al., 2011; Temizel et al., 2012; Arslan et al., 2013; Temizel et al., 2016). Nevertheless, petrological and geodynamical investigations of the K-rich magmatism maintain their importance, and remain unsolved. In this section, the nature of mantle source and mineralogy and the degree of partial melting will be first discussed; then, we will turn to magma chamber processes such as fractional crystallisation (FC), assimilation coupled with fractional crystallisation (AFC) and magma mixing actualised at crustal magma chambers. This will allow for a discussion of the geodynamic evolution of K-rich Tertiary magmatism at a regional scale.

### 6.1. Fractional crystallisation

Low  $\text{SiO}_2$  (< 52 %wt.) and high MgO (> 6 %wt.) contents as well as an Mg number (Mg#) > 65 with high Ni and Cr contents (generally above 100 ppm) characterise near-primitive volcanic rocks (e.g., Frey et al., 1978). The studied Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks are quite different, with low Mg# (16.6-55.9 for basaltic rocks, 5.4-37 for trachytic rocks and 23.4-44.6 for tephritic rocks), generally low Ni (0.7-143 ppm for basaltic rocks, 0.2-16.2 ppm for trachytic rocks and 3.7-31.3 ppm for tephritic rocks) and Cr (1.3-72.2 ppm for basaltic rocks, 1.4-4.2 ppm for trachytic rocks and 1.4-13.2 ppm for tephritic rocks) contents. The Eocene basaltic and trachytic rocks form consecutive trends, but the basaltic rocks, within discrimination diagrams (Figs. 3, 4 and Supplementary Fig. 2), appear to be more primitive compared to the trachytic rocks. Moreover, the overlap between basaltic and trachytic rocks ranging from 46.75-58.54  $\text{SiO}_2$  wt. % and observed consecutive trends mentioned

above may indicate fractionation from a common magma composition. The more silica-rich trachytic rocks were evolved from magmas of more primitive basaltic rocks.

Valuable information about magmatic processes such as fractional crystallisation, assimilation and contamination that control the magma differentiation and its evolution from a primitive nature can be obtained through analyses of the trends of major and trace elements. The observed correlations in the Harker diagrams for Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks probably reflect the significant role of fractional crystallisation processes during their evolution. The decrease in MgO, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>\*</sup>, Co and Ni with increasing SiO<sub>2</sub> is probably related to olivine fractionation. The CaO and MgO decrease with increasing SiO<sub>2</sub> reflects clinopyroxene fractionation. The negative trends in Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>\*</sup>, TiO<sub>2</sub> and MgO may be related to fractionation of Fe-Ti oxides, whereas negative CaO correlation parallel to Sr and negative K<sub>2</sub>O and Na<sub>2</sub>O trends with increasing SiO<sub>2</sub> are probably linked to plagioclase, phlogopite and K-feldspar joined fractionations. Negative Nb, Rb, Ba or negative P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> correlations with increasing SiO<sub>2</sub> probably result from phloppite and apatite fractionations, respectively.

The consequent enrichment in LREEs with respect to MREEs and HREEs of the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks results in upward concave patterns in the REE diagrams (Fig. 5). MREEs are strongly partitioned, especially in amphibole, which suggests that amphibole and clinopyroxene are part of the fractionated mafic phases (e.g. Gill, 1981; Thompson et al., 1984; Green and Pearson, 1985; Romick, 1987; Thirlwall et al., 1994). The lack of a sizeable Eu anomaly ( $Eu_N/Eu^*=0.81-1.01$  for basaltic rocks, 0.81-1.00 for trachytic rocks and 0.88-0.96 for tephritic rocks), except for three samples from the trachytic rocks ( $Eu_N/Eu^*=0.47-0.54$ ), shows that plagioclase is not a dominant silicate phase during fractional crystallisation.

To model fractional crystallisation processes (Fig. 7), Sc and Rb have been selected for Eocene basaltic rocks, Sr and Dy for Eocene trachytic rocks, and Sc and Nb for Miocene tephritic rocks. Rb and Nb are strongly incompatible for mineral phases crystallising from magmas with basic compositions. Sc is highly partitioned into amphibole, clinopyroxene and biotite, but not into olivine and plagioclase. Sr, strongly partitioned in plagioclase, exhibits compatible behaviour during fractional crystallisation processes for magmas with intermediate compositions. Although Dy is strongly partitioned in hydrous mafic mineral phases such as amphibole, it generally comes into prominence with incompatible character for intermediate magma compositions. The  $K_d$  values of Rb, Sc, Sr, Nb, Dy for amphibole, plagioclase, clinopyroxene, olivine, biotite and sanidine are given in Table 4.

The Rayleigh fractional crystallisation vectors of the Eocene basaltic and trachytic rocks and the Miocene tephritic rocks have been modelled using Keskin (2002)'s FC modeller program. Data distributed on FC modelling diagrams suggest that the basaltic rocks follow vectors 2 and 3 (Fig. 7a). According to the modelled vectors of the fractionating mineral assemblage, clinopyroxene and plagioclase are the dominant phases (~ 40-50% cpx and ~ 50% pl); a minor amount of olivine (~10% ol) accompanies these assemblages. As can be seen in Fig. 7b, trachytic rocks, intermediate in

character, follow predominantly vector 4, which corresponds to plagioclase (~55%), amphibole (~30%) and minor amounts of clinopyroxene, biotite and sanidine (~5%, ~5% and ~5% respectively). Tephritic rocks which may have evolved by fractional crystallisation from a basic magma, following vectors 2 and 3 (Fig. 7c), which correspond predominantly to clinopyroxene (~70-80%), but also to olivine and a minor amount of plagioclase (~10-30% and ~10% respectively). In light of the data obtained from geochemical variations and FC modelling, clinopyroxene is the dominant mineral as the fractionating phase for basaltic and tephritic rocks, whereas plagioclase is the main one for the trachytic rocks. Other mineral phases accompanied them in minor amounts. These results are consistent with the detailed petrographic observations reported by Yücel et al. (2014a) for the studied volcanic rocks.

## 6.2. Crustal assimilation

The phenomenon of basaltic magma(s), passing through the thickened crust and staying in magma chambers located at different crustal levels, favours the possibility of crustal assimilation that has an impact upon isotopic and incompatible trace element compositions. The emplacement and stratigraphical features of the studied volcanic rocks reveal a paleoenvironment characterised by a long-term trend of decreasing shallow marine influence from the Middle Eocene to the Miocene periods (Yücel et al., 2014a). Thus, the potential effect of sea water alteration is another phenomenon that needs to be taken into consideration.

The Zr/Hf ratios of primitive mantle and continental crust are ~36.3 and ~11.0, respectively. The basaltic (Zr/Hf=26.5-41.9) and trachytic (Zr/Hf=31.0-43.0) rocks have ratios similar to primitive mantle, whereas tephritic rocks are characterised by a higher range (Zr/Hf = 39.5-57.9). The three groups are far beyond continental crust Zr/Hf ratio. The Th/Ce (0.05-0.24 for basaltic, 0.13-0.34 for trachytic and 0.06-0.17 for tephritic rocks), and Th/La (0.12 - 0.46, for basaltic 0.30 - 0.67 for trachytic and 0.13 - 0.33 for tephritic rocks) ratios are, with a few exceptions, between primitive mantle and crustal ratios. These observed ratios suggest crustal assimilation coupled with fractional crystallisation. Supporting this idea, the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks include some evidence of disequilibrium crystallisation: (1) sieved and rounded, embayed plagioclases, normally and reversely zoned plagioclases and coexisting of these two types in the same samples from the basaltic and trachytic rocks; (2) zoning, resorbed cores and mantles, rounded crystals, and embayed rims in the clinopyroxene in the basaltic, trachytic and tephritic rocks (Yücel et al., 2014a). The magma ascent through the crust increases the probability of crustal contamination and/or mixing that could produce some of their isotopic and incompatible trace element signatures.

The Sr and Nd isotopic budget of the studied volcanic rocks shows rather complex behaviours with differentiation index such as SiO<sub>2</sub> and MgO. The existence of positive or negative correlations on Sr-Nd isotopes versus several elements or ratios can be used to evaluate the role of FC and AFC

processes for the studied Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks. All positive or negative trends in Fig. 8 reveal that not only the FC but also the AFC processes are effective in the evolution of the studied Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks.

To examine crustal assimilation-crystallisation processes, modelling was performed according to equation of De Palolo (1981) using different crustal end-members such as a Palaeozoic- aged granite (T135, Kaygusuz et al., 2012) and a limestone (ERN57, Boari et al., 2009). Because of a lack of samples representing potential parental magma composition for the Eastern Pontides, sample K-93-56 from western Anatolia (Kula volcanic rocks; Alici et al., 2002) was chosen as a reference for a parental magma composition with an OIB-like asthenospheric character. Different theoretical curves were produced for two different values of  $r=0.2$  and  $r=0.3$  (the ratio of the rate of assimilation to the rate of FC) to obtain an immediate estimation of the assimilation rate of crustal material by the ascending magmas. The initial  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  and  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  ratios of the assimilants (T135, ERN57) were re-evaluated for an age of 45 Ma (Middle Eocene). The value of F represents the ratio of the final mass of magma to its initial mass, and has been marked on each curve decreasing from the parental magma to crustal end- members (Fig. 9a, b). The calculated curves indicate hypothetical trajectories, along which a particular parental magma composition will evolve for different values of  $D_{\text{Sr}}$  and  $D_{\text{Nd}}$  (bulk distribution coefficients, Table 5).

As previously mentioned, the composition of primary magmas may be evolved via crustal contamination and/or other magmatic processes. The basement of the studied and surrounding areas is generally composed of Carboniferous granites (Kaygusuz et al., 2012), Jurassic-Cretaceous neritic and pelagic carbonates, and thick Late Cretaceous carbonate-bearing formations. The results obtained from AFC modelling using Carboniferous granite and limestone as crustal end-members validate the assimilation of carbonates during evolution of the generally Si-undersaturated Miocene tephritic rocks. Silica saturation of potassic rocks was controlled by  $X_{\text{CO}_2}$  during partial melting of the metasomatised mantle source (Wendlandt and Eggler, 1980a, b). Another possibility to generate the silica-undersaturated magmas is carbonatitic metasomatism in the source region (e.g. Litasov et al., 2013; Ivanov and Litasov, 2014; Safonova et al 2015). Subducted oceanic crust consists of serpentinites, hydrated sediments, carbonates, and carbonatised basalts can supply water and carbon dioxide to the deep mantle, leading to carbonatitic metasomatism in the source (e.g. Safonova et al., 2015). However, the reason for the silica undersaturated character of the partial melts is the main question that this character can be generated under the effect of either carbonate assimilation in the crust or carbonatitic metasomatism in the source. Si-undersaturated contaminated magmas can be a consequence of carbonate rock assimilation (e.g. Peccerillo et al., 2010; Gozzi et al., 2014; Prelević et al., 2015; Lustrino et al., 2016). Experimental studies also show that crystallisation of Ca-rich clinopyroxene resulted in desilication of the melt, and an increase of Si-undersaturation was driven by carbonate syntexis (Prelević et al., 2015, and references therein). The clinopyroxenes from the Miocene tephritic rocks were classified as salite with high CaO content by Yücel et al. (2014a).



Besides, occurrence of fluor apatite crystals in the Miocene tephritic rocks (Yücel et al. 2014a) indicates fluorine-rich volatiles during the fractional crystallization associated with carbonate wall-rock assimilation of silicate melt. Furthermore, Aydın et al. (2008) reported the presence of calcium rich cancrinite-vishnevite group minerals (generally cancrinite) in the tephritic rocks. Therefore, crystallisation of such high CaO and/or fluorine and CO<sub>2</sub> bearing minerals in Si-undersaturated rocks may result from the assimilation of carbonate rocks, in agreement with experimental results. Besides, the presence of thick Jurassic-Cretaceous carbonate-bearing formations in the studied region, the source mineralogy indicating mostly the spinel stability field and the model proposed for crustal magma transport and pathway by Yücel et al. (2014a), may support the increasing possibility of carbonate rock assimilation in the crustal levels.

### 6.3. Nature and characteristics of mantle sources of Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks

Experimental studies have revealed that K-rich magmas can be produced by partial melting of mantle peridotite including hydrous, incompatible-rich metasomatic veins (e.g. Foley, 1992; Mitchell, 1995; Kirchenbaur et al., 2012), although there are several hypotheses questioning the formation of these magmas. The metasomatic net veined mantle composition was characterised by a lower melting degree than wall-rock peridotite (e.g. Foley, 1992).

Upper mantle composition and mineralogy can be estimated using REEs due to the different REE partition coefficients of spinel and garnet (Thirwall et al., 1994; Shaw et al., 2003). Garnet tends to fractionate strongly HREEs in its crystal structure. The melts derived from the garnet stability field generally tend to have high Dy/Yb ratios (> 2.5), whereas a spinel-bearing source has lower Dy/Yb ratios (<1.5; Yang et al., 2012). Melts with Dy<sub>N</sub>/Yb<sub>N</sub> ratios lower than 1.06 generally refer to a spinel-bearing source (Blundy et al., 1998).

To investigate the source composition of the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks established using the mafic samples from this study, with SiO<sub>2</sub> content lower than wt. 52%. The Miocene tephritic rocks generally have intermediate Dy<sub>N</sub>/Yb<sub>N</sub> ratios ranging from 1.44-1.97, whereas the Eocene basaltic rocks have lower Dy<sub>N</sub>/Yb<sub>N</sub> ratios from 1.01-1.53. Thus, intermediate Dy<sub>N</sub>/Yb<sub>N</sub> ratios in the tephritic rocks imply that the melts were derived from garnet- and spinel-bearing peridotite facies, indicating a deeper source region. The lower Dy<sub>N</sub>/Yb<sub>N</sub> ratios of the basaltic rocks suggest derivation from a spinel lherzolitic mantle composition. The batch melting equation calibrated by Shaw (1970) was used to determine source mineralogy and the degree of partial melting of the studied volcanic rocks. Two different mineral assemblages, a spinel-bearing lherzolite and a garnet-bearing lherzolite, are used to determine source mineralogy and compositions. The partition coefficients for partial melting modelling calculations are listed in Table 6. In an Yb versus La/Yb diagram (Fig. 10a), the basaltic rocks (SiO<sub>2</sub> <52 wt. %) rocks plot on a line defined by mixing between 10 % melted spinel lherzolite and 3 % melted garnet lherzolite, whereas the tephritic rocks plot on a line suggesting mixing between

1 % melted spinel lherzolite and 0.1 % melted garnet lherzolite. The budget of alkaline and alkaline earth elements as K, Rb, Sr and Ba is also useful to have an idea about the presence of K-bearing hydrous phases, such as amphibole and phlogopite in the mantle source (Furman and Graham, 1999). Fig. 10b (Rb/Sr versus Ba/Rb diagram; Duggen et al., 2005) can be used to test whether phlogopite or amphibole was present or not in the source. The basaltic rocks, with low Ba/Rb ratios, have the signature of phlogopite as the hydrous phase in the source, while the presence of amphibole was inferred for the source of the tephritic rocks from their high Ba/Rb ratios. Therefore, these data suggest that the parental magma of the Eocene basaltic and trachytic rocks was derived from a phlogopite-bearing spinel lherzolite source. On the other hand, the melting modelling using trace elements suggests that the parental magmas of the Miocene tephritic rocks ( $D_{Y_N/Yb_N} = 1.44 - 1.97$ ) were derived from an amphibole-bearing net veined mantle in the spinel stability field, which was previously metasomatised by melts derived from the garnet stability field.

The origin of the strong depletion in Nb-Ta-Ti and significant enrichment in LILE and LREE contents of the studied volcanic rocks could also be derived from subduction-related metasomatism in the lithospheric mantle (e.g. Foley et al., 1987; Thirlwall et al., 1994; Pearce and Peate, 1995; Turner, 2005; Alther et al., 2008; Boari et al., 2009). HFSE depletion is attributed to the retention of these elements in the subducting slab during progressive dehydration, whereas the LILEs and LREEs were transported upward by slab-derived fluids, melts or recycled terrigenous sediments to fertilise the overlying mantle wedge (Peccerillo, 1985; Conticelli and Peccerillo, 1992; Hawkesworth et al., 1993; Münker et al., 2004; Zhao et al., 2009). Therefore, significant LILE and LREE enrichment of Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks seem to be consistent with the derivation from subduction-modified lithospheric mantle (Pearce and Peate, 1995). The systematic decrease of Nb-Ta and Ti anomalies from the Eocene basaltic rocks to the Miocene tephritic rocks may be caused by different degrees of enrichment in the source during subduction, or by the addition of more primitive melts to a previously metasomatised lithospheric mantle.

The positive  $\epsilon Nd_{(t)}$  values of both Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks suggest that a depleted mantle or mantle-derived end-member was involved in the petrogenesis, while the conjunction of relatively high  $(^{87}Sr/^{86}Sr)_i$  values of the Miocene tephritic rocks seems to imply an additional enriched crustal component (Faure and Mensing, 2005). Enrichment of a mantle source by subducted sediments can be detected using Pb isotopic ratios because of the low Pb content of the mantle (<0.2 ppm) and high Pb abundances in pelagic sediments (~ 20 ppm; White and Dupré, 1986; Plank and Langmuir, 1998). The Pb isotope composition of the Eocene basaltic and trachytic rocks plots within the mantle array and overlaps in the field of pelagic sediments; while the Miocene tephritic rocks plot around the N-African sediments field and Late Cretaceous Everek Hanları (Bayburt) alkaline volcanic rocks. The differences in Pb isotope ratios between the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks can be readily explained by the flushing of a depleted mantle source with a subduction component temporally

and spatially enriched by sediments with high Pb isotope ratios, or from an isotopically more radiogenic asthenospheric mantle.

As previously discussed, subduction-related melt- and/or fluid- like metasomatism appears to be the dominant process in the petrogenesis of the studied rocks; but the characteristics of this efficient component are contentious (e.g. Hawkesworth et al., 1997; Woodhead et al., 2001; Plank, 2005; Kirchenbaur et al., 2012). The origin of the metasomatic component of subduction-related magmas can be effectively identified using incompatible trace element ratios (Hawkesworth et al., 1997). The modification of the source region by a melt- or fluid-like metasomatic component can be discussed using a Ba/Th versus Th (ppm) diagram (Fig. 11a). The basic samples of the Eocene basaltic rocks ( $\text{SiO}_2 < 52$  wt.%) show relatively low Th contents and high Ba/Th ratios, while the Miocene tephritic rocks exhibit relatively high Th contents and low Ba/Th ratios. Although the predominance of subduction related fluid- and melt-like metasomatism in the source may explain such features, the low degree of partial melting of net veined lithospheric mantle source can be efficient for Th enrichment in Miocene tephritic rocks. On the other hand, the basaltic rock characteristics suggest fluid-like metasomatism in the source region. The Th/Yb versus Ba/La diagram (Fig. 11b) shows that the tephritic rocks were enriched in Th compared to the basaltic rocks. The enrichment in Th relative to Yb may be explained by complete consumption of phlogopite during melting of hydrous mafic mineral-bearing net veined mantle (e.g. Kirchenbaur et al., 2012). Furthermore, the basaltic rocks yield scattered Sr/La ratios in contrast to stable La/Yb ratios (Fig. 11c), suggesting that the source of the basaltic rocks was modified by fluid-like metasomatism, in contrast to the source of the tephritic rocks derived from net veined mantle.

Illustrated in Figs. 12a and 12b is a three-component mixing model using lower crust (LC), local upper crust (UC; T135, Kaygusuz et al., 2012) and upper mantle (UM) Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic ratios (Table 7). The Eocene basaltic and trachytic rocks plot on the mixing line between the upper mantle and local upper crust, but the Miocene tephritic rock samples plot outside the mixing line with higher  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  ratio. The data obtained from a three-component mixing model reveal that the sources of the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks were formed by adding a small amount of crustal material around 3 wt% to the mantle source, leading to the final Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic budget of the studied volcanic rocks. The drift in the mixing model to the outer side of the mixing line between upper mantle and upper crust for the Miocene tephritic rocks needs the contribution of a more radiogenic (i.e. higher  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  ratio) crustal component.

#### 6.4. Tectonomagmatic implications

The Eastern Pontides were substantially built during the Alpine-Himalayan orogeny, resulting in a complex tectonic environment. Previous tectonic and geochemical studies (e.g., Şengör and Yılmaz, 1981; Boztuğ et al., 2004; Eyüboğlu et al., 2011; Temizel et al., 2012; Arslan et al., 2013; Temizel et

al., 2016), which have discussed the geodynamic model, can shed further light on the tectonomagmatic evolution of the Eastern Pontides as a palaeo-magmatic arc developed as a result of the subduction of the Neo-Tethyan oceanic crust beneath the EP (Yılmaz et al., 1997; Okay and Şahintürk, 1997). Subduction initiated in Jurassic times, and ended in Paleocene times with the collision between the Pontides and the TAP, and caused the closure of the Neo-Tethyan Ocean. The timing and polarity of subduction and collision between the Pontides and the TAP is still a matter of debate. Accounting for the tectono-magmatic evolution of the region, no available final model reached concurrence due to the lack of detailed structural, geophysical (palaeomagnetic and seismic tomographic) studies, as well as the consecutive contribution of subduction versus mantle geodynamics. Despite contrasting interpretations, most workers (Şengör and Yılmaz, 1981; Yılmaz et al., 1997; Okay and Şahintürk, 1997; Boztuğ et al., 2004) believe that Tertiary volcanic rocks in the Eastern Pontides were generated as a result of crustal thickening and subsequent regional uplift related to a Paleocene (~55 Ma) collision. Tokel (1977) and Robinson et al. (1995) suggest that the polarity of subduction was northward, and that the collision occurred during Oligocene time (~30 Ma). Alternatively, Eyüboğlu et al. (2011) argued that Tertiary volcanic rocks developed by slab window-related processes during ridge subduction in a southward-dipping subduction zone. Besides, the Tertiary volcanism in Western, Eastern Anatolia and Pontides as part of Alp-Himalayan system in the Eastern Mediterranean region was ascribed to post-collisional tectonic settings (Yılmaz et al., 1997; Arslan and Aliyazıcıoğlu, 2001; Keskin et al., 2008; Kürkcüoğlu et al., 2008; Temizel and Arslan, 2009; Topuz et al., 2011; Temizel et al., 2012; Arslan et al., 2013). To explain the relationship between post-collisional extension and magmatism in Turkey, different models have been proposed by many workers; (i) the slab break-off (e.g., Keskin, 2003; Köprübaşı and Aldanmaz, 2004; Altunkaynak and Dilek, 2006; Altunkaynak, 2007; Dilek and Altunkaynak, 2007) and slab tearing (e.g., Prelević et al., 2015); (ii) slab window-related processes (e.g., Eyüboğlu et al., 2011); and (iii) lithospheric delamination (e.g., Aldanmaz et al., 2000; Karlı et al., 2010; Temizel et al., 2012; Arslan et al., 2013; Aydınçakır and Şen, 2013; Aslan et al., 2014). In these models, magma generation is generally attributed to asthenospheric upwelling and decompressional melting due to partial convective removal of the subcontinental lithospheric mantle (e.g., Altunkaynak and Genç, 2008; Dilek and Altunkaynak, 2009; Dilek et al., 2009; Dilek and Sandvol, 2009; Dilek et al., 2010; Altunkaynak et al., 2012; Temizel et al., 2012; Arslan et al., 2013).

Although the slab breakoff model was suggested as viable model to explain the narrow Middle Eocene volcanism throughout the Central Pontides (e.g., Keskin et al., 2008), the feasibility of the lithospheric delamination model is suggested to explain the widespread Middle Eocene volcanism in the Eastern Pontides (e.g., Keskin et al., 2008; Temizel et al., 2012; Arslan et al., 2013; Aslan et al., 2014). Besides, the Eastern Pontides are also affected by post-collisional extensional collapse by delamination (Karlı et al., 2010; Temizel et al., 2012; Arslan et al., 2013; Aslan et al., 2014). The extensional collapse and ongoing extension resulted in widespread Middle Eocene and rare Miocene

volcanism in the Eastern Pontides (Temizel et al., 2012; Arslan et al., 2013; Aslan et al., 2014; Yücel et al., 2014a).

Recent petrochemical and isotopic data obtained from Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks in the Eastern Pontides suggest that the magmas evolved from an enriched mantle source initially metasomatised by fluids and/or melts coming from subducted oceanic lithosphere in a collisional and post-collisional extensional related tectonic setting (Arslan and Aliyazıcıoğlu, 2001; Aydın et al., 2008; Kaygusuz et al., 2011; Temizel et al., 2012; Arslan et al., 2013; Aslan et al., 2014). The change in stress regime from compressional to extensional and/or heterogeneous composition of lithospheric mantle under the Eastern Pontides orogenic belt could be the cause of the evolution from calc-alkaline volcanism in the southern part to mildly alkaline or calc-alkaline-alkaline transitional volcanism in the northern part during Eocene times, and moderately alkaline volcanism during Miocene times. Therefore, the composition of lithospheric mantle of the Eastern Pontides may be interpreted as heterogeneous during Tertiary period based on petrochemical and isotopic data. Even if alkaline magmas have a limited volumetric distribution compare to others, they have key role to understand mantle metasomatism and evolution. While alkaline volcanic rocks such as lamproite and kamafugite rocks are generally found in intraplate settings, silica-undersaturated alkaline rocks such as leucitites observed in convergent plate margins are, generally associated with calc-alkaline magmatism (Conticelli et al., 2002). Melting of a heterogeneous mantle source characterised by the presence of net hydrous phases bearing veined metasomatic domains and surrounding peridotites under a post-collisional tectonic regime results in different melt types. Lamproitic melts are produced by melting of a vein-dominated source, while dilution of the vein melt by increased partial melting of surrounding peridotites produces shoshonitic, high-K and calc-alkaline melts (e.g., Foley, 1992; Prelević et al., 2005, 2008; Conticelli et al., 2007, 2009a, Prelević et al., 2012). Prelević et al. (2008) support the idea that such hydrous mafic phases bearing net veined mantle is probably present in the entire Alp-Himalayan orogenic belt. The degree of melting also contributes to determining the affinity of the magmas. Alkaline magmas generally ensue from a higher melting degree of lithospheric mantle at a shallower depth, as a result of progressive lithospheric thinning and associated asthenospheric upwelling (Kolb et al., 2012). The melting processes of the mantle during Tertiary times could be one of the following models: (i) melting triggered by perturbation of the geotherm as a result of heat flow due to asthenospheric upwelling; (ii) decompressional melting of lithospheric mantle because of lithospheric thinning during extension (e.g. Wilson et al., 1997); and (iii) melting of lithospheric mantle resulting from heat flow facilitated by a mantle plume.

In order to generate parental melts in the Eastern Pontides during Middle Eocene times, the feasible mechanism of lithospheric mantle melting is a perturbation of the geotherm subsequent to an asthenospheric upwelling related to delamination (e.g. Karlı et al., 2010; Temizel et al., 2012; Arslan et al., 2013) and/or slab break-off (e.g. Keskin et al., 2008; Eyüboğlu et al., 2011) models. The mantle beneath the Eastern Pontides was metasomatised by fluids derived from a subducted slab during paleo-

subduction from Jurassic to Paleocene time. This metasomatic event resulted in the development of hydrous phases bearing net veined mantle in the spinel stability field, as previously reported for the entire Alp-Himalayan orogenic belt (Prelević et al., 2008). The metasomatic mineral assemblage has a lower melting point than the surrounding peridotites (Foley, 1992).

After collision of TAP and Pontides in Paleocene time, the geodynamic evolution of the region was governed by post-collisional extension, probably caused by strike-slip tectonics. A change in stress regime from compression to extension related to lithospheric delamination controlled by the regional strike-slip movements led to an asthenospheric upwelling that induced an increase in temperature at the base of the lithosphere, resulting in lithospheric mantle and/or lower crustal melting. An increase in the melting degree of this heterogeneous lithospheric mantle source would lead to melting not only the net veined mantle, but also the surrounding peridotites. The hydrous phases bearing alkaline magmas were produced by melting of a metasomatic veined mantle whereas anhydrous mildly alkaline or alkaline-calcalkaline transitional magmas resulted from a higher melting degree of the surrounding peridotites together with net veined mantle. Tensional fracturing of the lithosphere creates a pathway for ascending magmas that pause at different crustal levels. Hydrous and anhydrous magmas derived from net veined and/or surrounding peridotite experienced mixing processes within deep, middle and shallow level crustal magma chambers (Fig. 13a-d). Nevertheless, Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic data suggest limited crustal assimilation by ascending magmas for Middle Eocene volcanic rocks.

There seems to be a magmatic silence from Middle Eocene (45-41Ma) to Late Miocene (6-5Ma) time in the study area, since there is lack of geochronological data throughout the Eastern Pontides Tertiary magmatism, except for limited Early Oligocene (30Ma; Aslan et al., 2014) and Middle Miocene (16-17 Ma; Temizel et al., 2012; Aslan et al., 2014) volcanism. Therefore, continuing lithospheric delamination can also be a reliable model for the Miocene volcanism in the Eastern Pontides (Aydın et al., 2008; Temizel et al., 2012; Arslan et al., 2013; Aslan et al. 2014). However, the distinct geochemical characters and limited distribution and volume of Late Miocene volcanism in the region necessitate an extensional mechanism controlled via strike-slip tectonics to trigger the volcanism during delamination. The collisional and post-collisional events in the Eastern Pontides resulted in a complex crustal architecture during Paleocene-Miocene times. The strike-slip movements have played an important role in shaping the morphology of the region, since E-W-, NE-SW- and NW-SE trending lineaments and block faulted architecture are important extensional tectonic structures of the Pontides crust (Bektaş and Çapkınoğlu, 1997; Maden et al., 2009). Besides, Eyüboğlu et al. (2006) suggest that these structural trends, which coincide with gravity and magnetic lineament anomalies, control the neotectonic evolution of the Eastern Pontides magmatic arc. This tectonic system can create pathways for magma transport to the surface, and controls the magma residence time and the petrological processes (such as magma mixing and/or contamination) during ascent of magmas through the crust. In the region, some intrusive rocks cropping out along faults zones, similar

to left-lateral NE-SW strike-slip faults (Kurt et al., 2006), can be regarded as pop-up or flower-structures. Likewise, the studied Miocene volcanic rocks are limited by two such left-lateral NE-SW strike-slip faults (Maden et al. 2009; Fig. 14a). Such strike-slip faults can generate tensional fractures and extensional areas (Fig. 14b), able to facilitate rising pathways for Miocene volcanism. The extensional tectonics combined with strike-slip movement at the regional scale following collision and delamination led to decompression in an enriched lithospheric mantle characterised by the presence of a net veined metasomatic mineral assemblage, which resulted from metasomatism by melts derived from the garnet stability field. The low partial melting degree of this metasomatic component of the lithospheric mantle with a lower melting point than the surrounding peridotites allows the formation the incompatible element-enriched moderately alkaline melts in the spinel stability field. Tensional fracturing of the lithosphere beneath the Eastern Pontides orogenic belt assures tectonic control on the ascent of small volumes of magma for the Miocene tephritic rocks. The petrological data combined with petrographic and mineral chemistry data reported by Yücel et al. (2014a) indicate that crustal magma chamber processes such as mixing, in three different magma storage regions, are characterised by a polybaric evolutionary path similar to the Eocene ones. Even if Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic data and petrological modelling do not forcefully support assimilation processes, the silica-undersaturated Miocene tephritic rocks and a petrographical composition characterised by the presence of Ca-rich clinopyroxenes and fluorapatite and/or cancrinite-vishnevitite group minerals suggest the assimilation of carbonate rocks in shallow-level crustal magma chambers.

## 7. Conclusions

$^{40}\text{Ar}$ - $^{39}\text{Ar}$  geochronology, whole-rock and Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic geochemical data from the Trabzon-Giresun area volcanic rocks in the northern part of the Eastern Pontides (NE Turkey) shed a new light on the origin and evolution of Middle Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks, enabling us to reach the following conclusions:

- (1)  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ - $^{39}\text{Ar}$  geochronology of the studied volcanic rocks reveals that the basaltic and trachytic rocks were emplaced in Middle Eocene (Lutetian) time, when tephritic rocks erupted during Late Miocene (Messinian) time.
- (2) The Eocene volcanic rocks are characterised by narrow initial  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratios from 0.70389-0.70448 with an  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_{(t)}$  range between +1.61 and +3.75 for the basaltic rocks and 0.70408-0.70425 with an  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_{(t)}$  range between +1.84 and +2.81 for the trachytic rocks. On the other hand, the tephritic rocks yielded more radiogenic initial  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  ratios, between 0.70518- 0.70536 with  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_{(t)}$  between +0.61 and +1.08.
- (3) Trace element and isotopic AFC modelling revealed that **the** parental magmas of both the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks were mostly affected by fractional crystallisation, rather than assimilation coupled with fractional crystallisation and mixing. Based on petrographic, mineral

chemistry and geochemical data, the silica-undersaturated character of the Miocene tephritic rocks could be attributed to assimilation of carbonate rocks within shallow-level magma chambers, even if this hypothesis is not completely supported by isotopic AFC modelling data.

- (4) The parental magmas of the Eocene volcanic rocks are the result of a relatively high melting degree of a net veined mantle and surrounding peridotite source in the spinel stability field, due to an increase in temperature resulting from an asthenospheric upwelling. The parental magmas of the Miocene volcanic rocks are formed by a relatively low melting degree of a net veined mantle domain, previously formed by metasomatic melts derived from a garnet peridotite source, resulting from decompression due to extensional tectonics combined with strike-slip movement at a regional scale, related to ongoing delamination.

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## Figure Captions

**Figure 1.** (a) The inset map shows the tectonic unit of Turkey (Okay and Tüysüz, 1999). (b) Generalized geological map of the Eastern Pontides showing distribution of the Tertiary volcanic rocks and intrusions (modified after Güven, 1993; Arslan et al., 2013). The square indicates the study area. (c) Geological map of the study area showing distribution of the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks (modified from Güven (1993) and Late Cretaceous units modified from Kurt et al. (2006)).

**Figure 2.** Distribution of apparent ages acquired by step heating of whole-rock, phlogopite and sanidine fractions of (a) the Eocene basaltic and trachytic, and (b) the Miocene tephritic rocks (AP is apparent age).

**Figure 3.** Classification of the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks from the Trabzon and Giresun areas based on the (a)  $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$  (wt.%) vs  $\text{SiO}_2$  (wt.%) diagram (Le Bas et al., 1986), (b) Th (ppm) vs Co (ppm) diagram (Hastie et al., 2007), (c)  $\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{Na}_2\text{O}$  vs  $\Delta\text{Q}$  diagram (Peccerillo, 2002, 2003), (d) AFM ternary diagram tholeiitic-alkaline-calc-alkaline-shoshonitic dividing lines from Wimmanuer (1985), (e, f)  $\text{CaO}$  (wt.%) vs  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{MgO}$  classification diagrams of Foley et al. (1987). ( $\Delta\text{Q}$  is the algebraic sum of normative quartz (q) minus undersaturated minerals leucite (lc), nepheline (ne), kalsilite (kal) and olivine (ol)).

**Figure 4.** Major oxides (wt. %) Harker variation diagram plotted against  $\text{SiO}_2$  (wt. %) of the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks from the Trabzon and Giresun areas (symbols are as in Fig. 3)

**Figure 5.** Primitive mantle (Sun and McDonough, 1989) multi element spider and chondrite (Taylor and McLennan, 1985) normalized rare earth element diagrams of the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks from the Trabzona and Giresun areas.

**Figure 6.** (a)  $(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_i$  versus  $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$  diagram showing the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks from Trabzon and Giresun areas with the samples from other alkaline and calc-alkaline volcanic rocks of Borçka volcanic rocks (Aydıncakır and Şen, 2013), Torul volcanic rocks (Kaygusuz et al., 2011), Eastern Pontides Southern part Eocene volcanic rocks (Arslan et al., 2013), Everek Hanları volcanic rocks (Alther et al., 2008; Eyüboğlu, 2010), Ulubey volcanic rocks (Temizel et al., 2012), Kop Adakites (Eyuboglu et al., 2013), Kale Adakites (Karlı et al., 2010). Data for lithospheric mantle array from Davies and von Blanckenburg (1995). Compositions of MORB (mid-ocean ridge basalt) and mantle array from Wilson (1989), Gill (1981) and McCulloch et al. (1994); EMI (enriched mantle type I) and EMII (enriched mantle type II), HIMU (high  $\mu\text{v}$ : mantle with high U/Th ratio), DM (Depleted Mantle) fields and CHUR (Chondritic Uniform Reservoir)-Sr and -Nd reference lines after Zindler and Hart (1986). (b,c) variations in Pb isotope compositions of samples from Eocene and Miocene alkaline volcanic rocks from Trabzon-Giresun areas. Plotted for comparison, the composition of pelagic sediments and MORB are after Peate et al. (1997) and Hofmann (2003), NHRL (Northern Hemisphere Reference Line) after Hart (1984), EAR (Depleted East European Lithosphere) after Rosenbaum et al. (1997), North African sediments after Pe-Piper (1994), DM (depleted mantle), HIMU and enriched (EMI and EMII) mantle after Zindler and Hart (1986). Field of arc systems (compiled in Wilson, 1989; Winter, 2001)

**Figure 7.** (a) Sc vs. Rb (for the Eocene basaltic rocks), (b) Sr vs. Dy (for the Eocene trachytic rocks), (c) Sc vs. Nb (for the Miocene tephritic rocks) diagrams displaying theoretical Rayleigh fractionation lines. The FC-Modeller program of Keskin (2002) was used to calculate the plot of line. Kd values of



Rb, Sc, Sr, Nb, Dy and Sr for amphibole, plagioclase, clinopyroxene, olivine, biotite and sanidine were compiled from Rollinson (1993), GERM Partition Coefficient (Kd) Database of Earth Reference Data and Models website (<http://earthref.org/>; see the references therein) and Keskin (2002). amp: amphibole; pl: plagioclase; ol: olivine; bio: biotite; cpx: clinopyroxene; Sa: sanidine (symbols are as in Fig. 3).

**Figure 8.** (a)  $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$  versus Nb/Ta, (b)  $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$  versus Sr (ppm), (c)  $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$  versus  $\text{SiO}_2$  (wt.%) (d)  $(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_i$  versus Sm/Nd, (e)  $(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_i$  versus Nb (ppm), (f)  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  versus MgO (wt.%) diagrams showing possible fractional crystallization (FC) and/or assimilation-fractional crystallization (AFC) trends for the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks from the Trabzon and Giresun areas (symbols are as in Fig. 3).

**Figure 9.** (a, b)  $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$  versus  $(^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd})_i$  diagrams (g, h, using Paleozoic aged granite (T135) from Kaygusuz et al. (2012) and limestone (ERN57) from Boari et al. (2009) as a upper crustal assimilant, respectively) showing isotopic AFC (assimilation-fractional crystallization) for the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks from the Trabzon and Giresun areas. The representative AFC curves are for various combinations of a volcanic arc basalt as hypothetical parental magma (K-93-56, Alici et al., 2002) and bulk distribution coefficients ( $D_{Sr}$ ,  $D_{Nd}$ ). Tick marks indicate the ratio of the final mass of magma to its initial mass (F) and are given in intervals of 5 % and 10 % to a maximum of 95 % ( $r = 0.2$  and  $0.3$  for figure a curves  $r=0.3$  for figure b curves). Other parameters are indicated in the Table 6 (symbols are as in Fig. 3)

**Figure 10.** (a) Plot of Yb vs. La/Yb for the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks from the Trabzon and Giresun areas. Non-modal batch melting curves were calculated by using partition coefficients from Rollinson (1993), McKenzie and O'Nions (1991) and Keskin (2002). (b) Rb/Sr vs Ba/Rb diagram for the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks from the Trabzon and Giresun areas (symbols are as in Fig. 3).

**Figure 11.** The importance of sediment or fluid like metasomatism in the petrogenesis of the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks from the Trabzon and Giresun areas; (a) the plot of Ba/Th vs. Th (ppm), the shaded areas represent the arc volcanic rocks worldwide. (b) Th/Yb vs. Ba/La diagram, the shaded areas indicate the oceanic arc volcanic rocks (Kirchenbaur et al. (2012) and references therein). The plot of (c) Sr/La vs. La/Yb, (symbols are as in Fig. 3).

**Figure 12.** (a)  $(^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr})_i$  versus  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ , and (b)  $\epsilon\text{Nd}_i$  versus  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  diagrams showing a three-component mixing model between upper/lower crust and upper mantle for the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks from the Trabzon and Giresun areas. Tick marks on mixing lines are at 10% intervals and the parameters for the mixing calculation are presented in Table 7 (symbols are as in Fig. 3).

**Figure 13.** Schematic cartoons showing the favoured geodynamic model for the Eocene and Miocene volcanism in the Eastern Pontides, accompanied by post-collisional extension regime due to delamination of lithosphere: (a) post-collisional extensional stage due to delamination, forming the Eocene volcanism (ca.50–45 Ma, Arslan et al., 2013), (b) schematic illustration of partial melting and pre-eruptive crystallization paths and magmatic processes in crustal chambers for Eocene volcanism, (c) ongoing post-collisional extensional stage, forming Miocene–Pliocene volcanism (ca. 15–5 Ma, Arslan et al., 2013), (d) schematic illustration of partial melting and pre-eruptive crystallization paths and magmatic processes in crustal chambers for Miocene volcanism.

**Figure 14.** (a) Full horizontal-gradient amplitude map calculated from Bouguer gravity data of the Eastern Pontide Orogenic Belt. Colour bar at top indicates interval values. Colour levels indicate horizontal gradient intensity from white (lowest) to black (highest). Heavy black lines indicate major gravity lineaments. Narrow black lines represent lithological and structural boundaries, (b) Tectonic map of the Trabzon and surrounding area (modified after Kaygusuz et al. (2012), Arslan et al. (2013) and Yücel et al. (2014a)) and geometry of an idealised tension gash in left lateral strike-slip fault. Theoretical distribution of tensional fractures (T) and shear fractures (R, R' and P) in the same kinematical framework. (1) Palaeozoic granitoids, (2) Liassic– Dogger volcanic rocks, (3) Malm– Lower Cretaceous sedimentary rocks, (4) Late Cretaceous volcanic rocks, (5) Late Cretaceous granitoids, (6) Eocene volcanic rocks (7) Eocene granitoids, (8) Miocene volcanic rocks, (9) Pliocene sedimentary rocks.

**Table Captions**

**Table 1.**  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ - $^{39}\text{Ar}$  age spectrum of the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks from the Trabzon and Giresun areas.

**Table 2.** Sr and Nd isotopic analysis of the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks from the Trabzon and Giresun areas.

**Table 3.** Pb isotopic analysis of the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks from the Trabzon and Giresun areas.

**Table 4.** Compiled Kd values used in fractional crystallization (FC) modelling calculation.

**Table 5.** ( $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ )<sub>i</sub>, ( $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ )<sub>i</sub>, Sr (ppm) and Nd (ppm) compositions assumed for the end member components in the AFC calculation.

**Table 6.** Partition coefficient (*D*), normative weight fractions of minerals and source modal composition data used in partial melting modelling calculation.

**Table 7.** The compositions assumed for the end member (upper mantle, upper crust, lower crust) components of Sr–Nd–Pb isotopic mixing model.

**Supplementary Figure Captions**

**Supplementary Figure 1.**  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ - $^{39}\text{Ar}$  Age spectra and plateau and inverse isochrones ages acquired by step heating of whole-rock, phlogopite and sanidine fractions of the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks from the Trabzon and Giresun areas. The age error bars for each temperature steps are at the 1 $\sigma$  level and do not include errors in the J-values. The errors in the J-values (0.2 %) are included in the plateau age calculations.

**Supplementary Figure 2.** Trace (ppm) and rare earth element (ppm) Harker variation diagram plotted against  $\text{SiO}_2$  (wt. %) of the Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks from the Trabzon and Giresun areas (symbols are as in Fig. 3)

**Supplementary Table Captions**

**Supplementary Table 1.** Analytical data and parameters used for calculations (isotopic ratios measured on K, Ca and Cl pure salts; mass discrimination; atmospheric argon ratios; J parameter; decay constants) and reference sources for the studied Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks.

**Supplementary Table 2.** The major and trace element composition of the studied Eocene and Miocene volcanic rocks.

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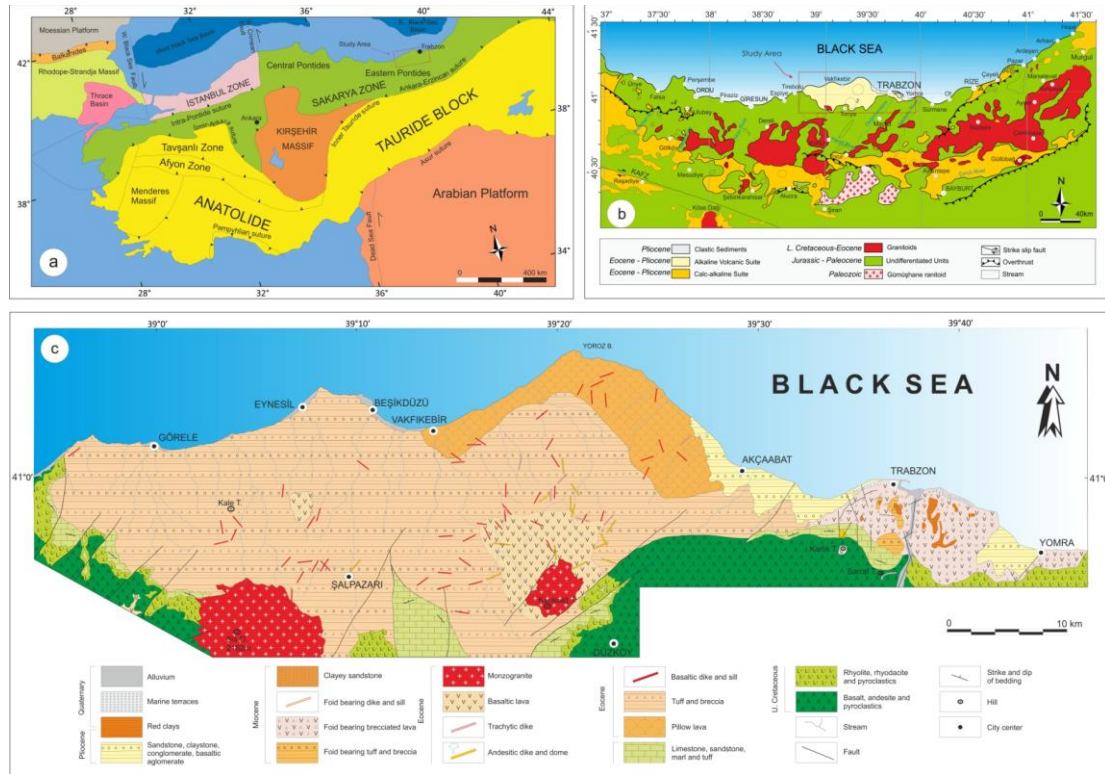


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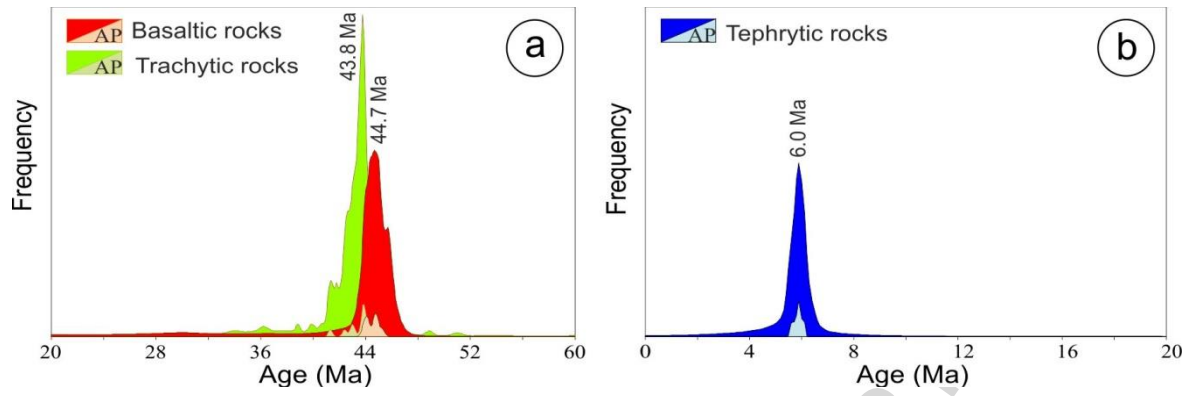


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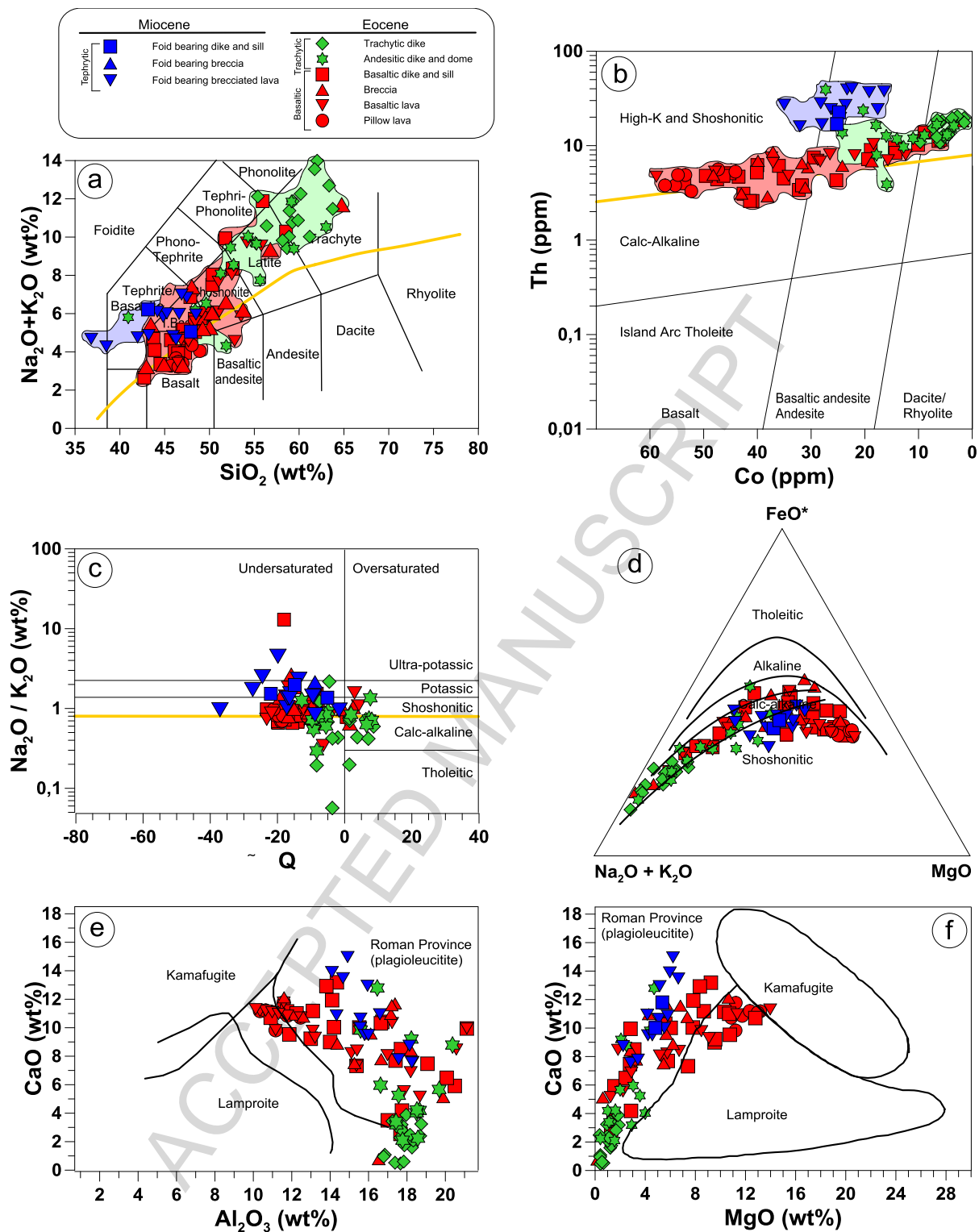


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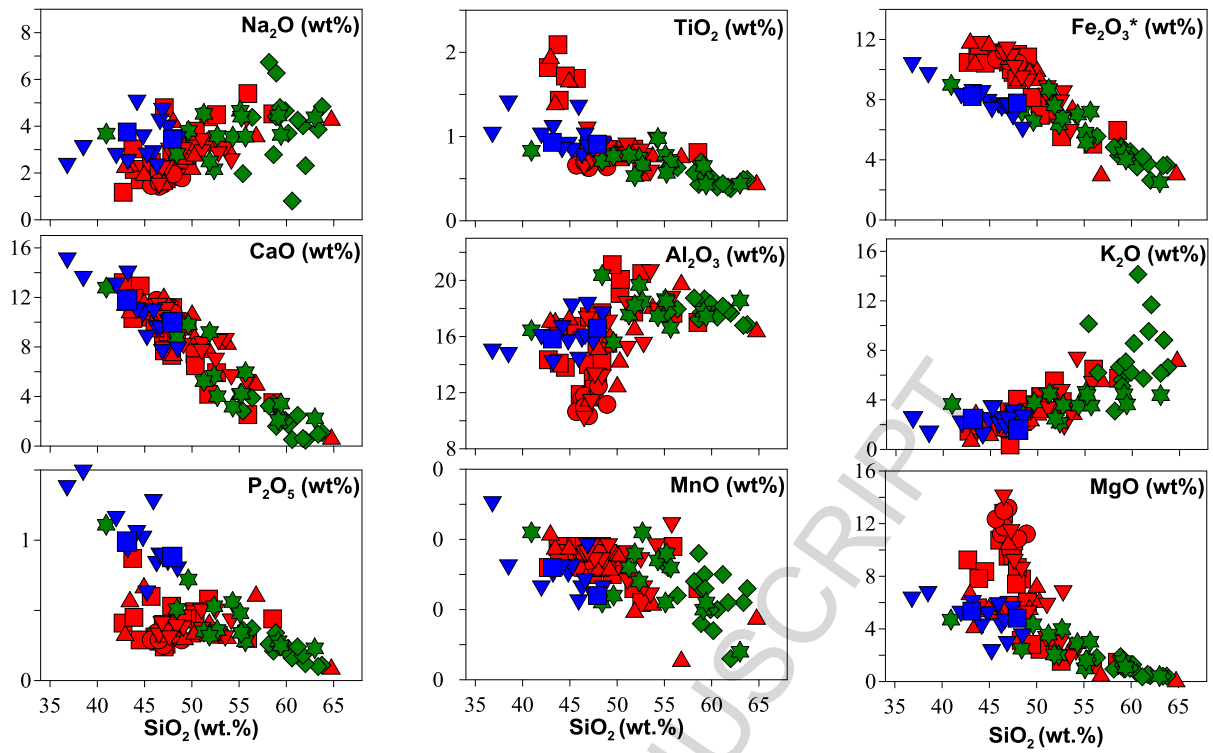


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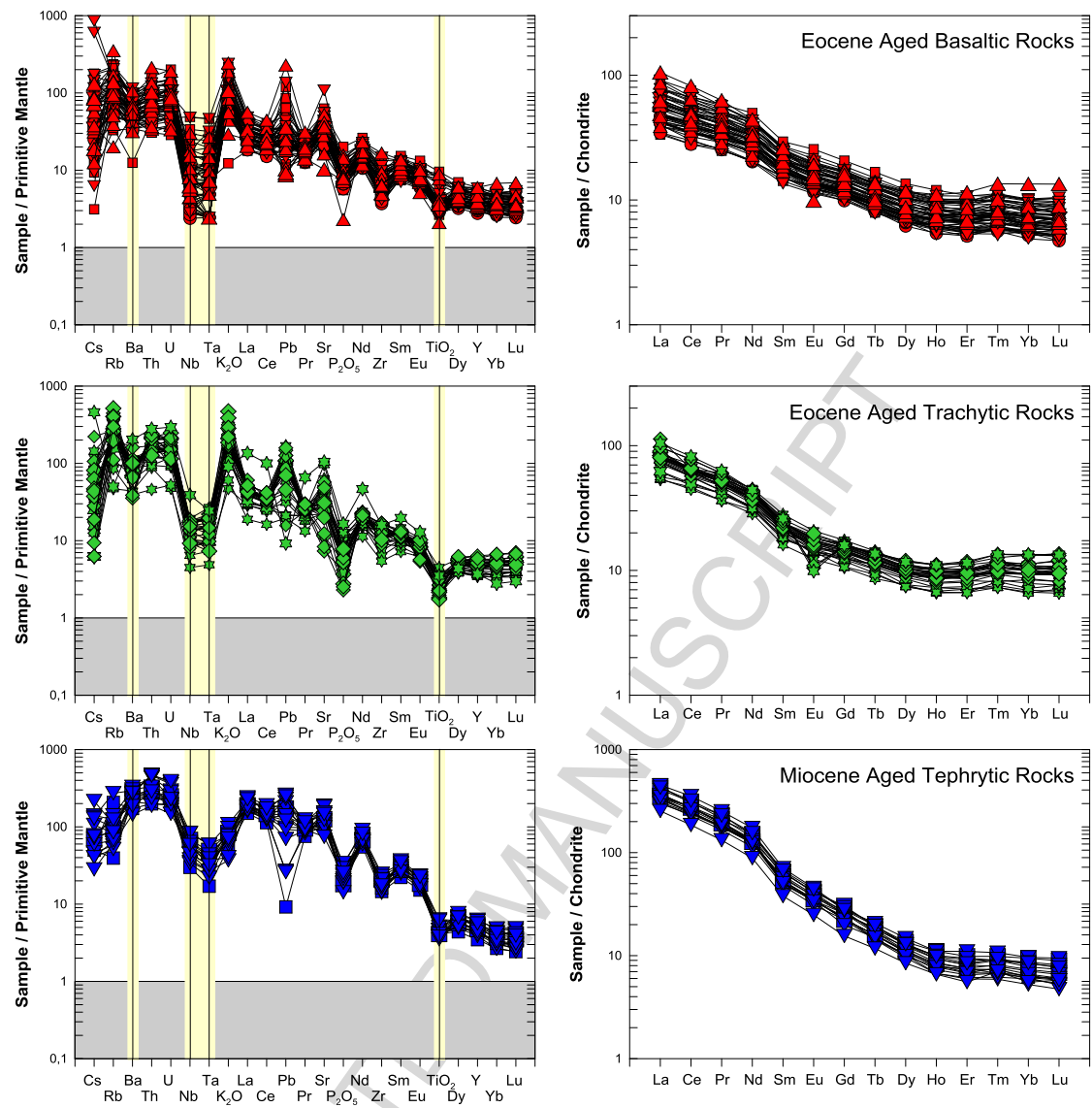


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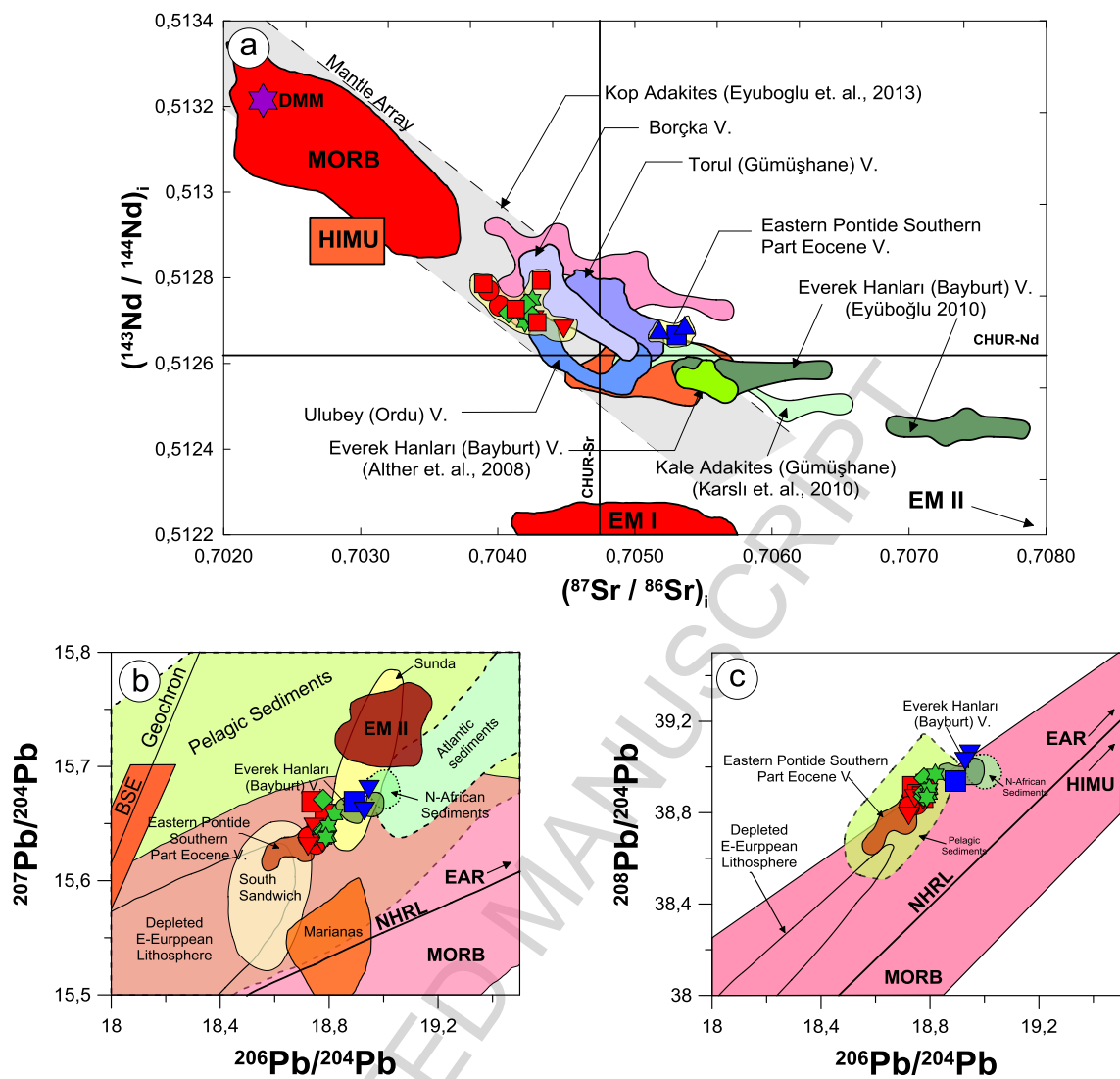


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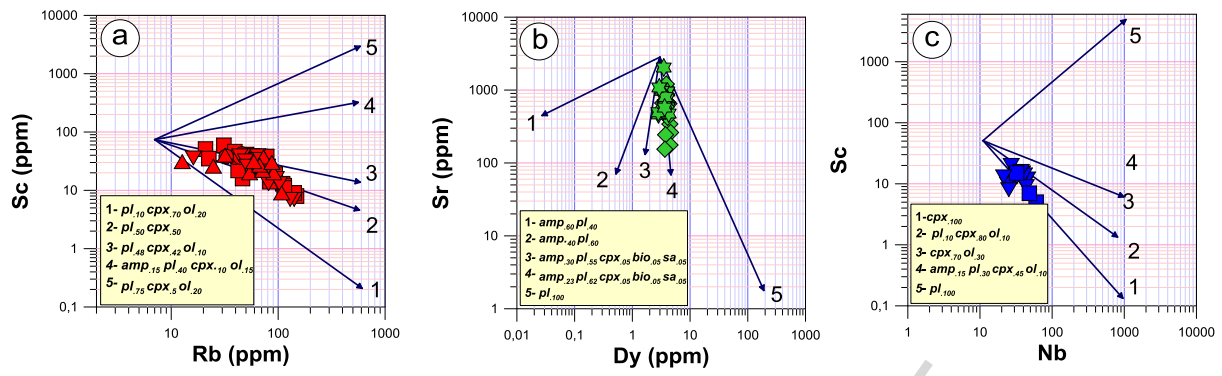


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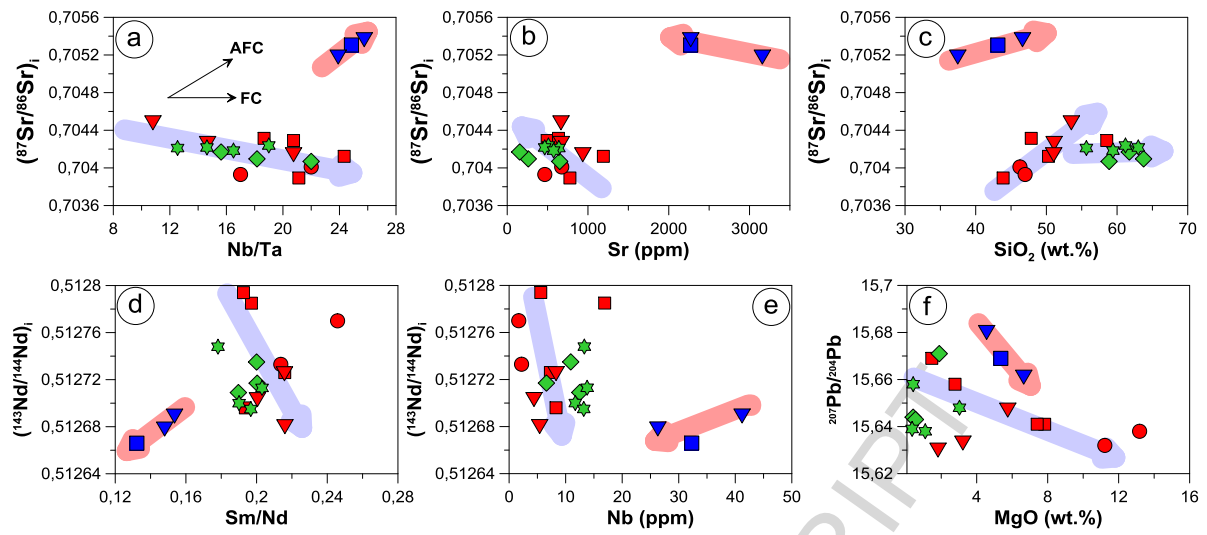


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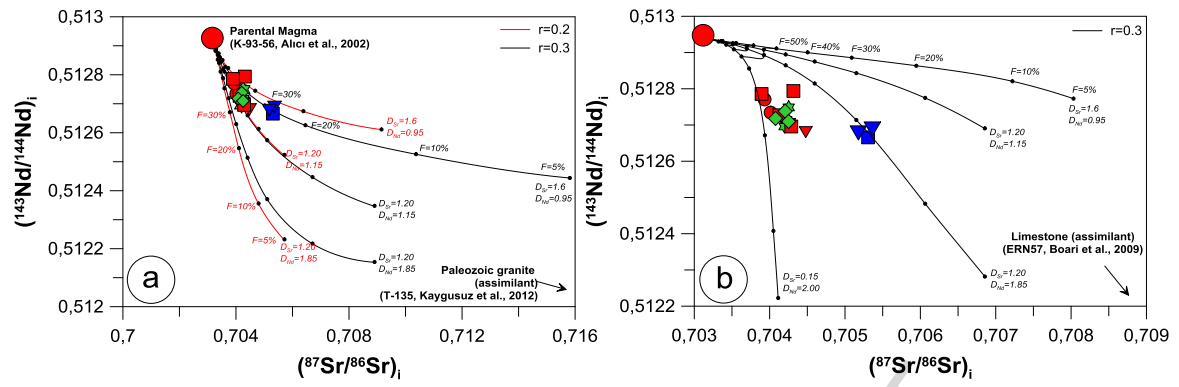


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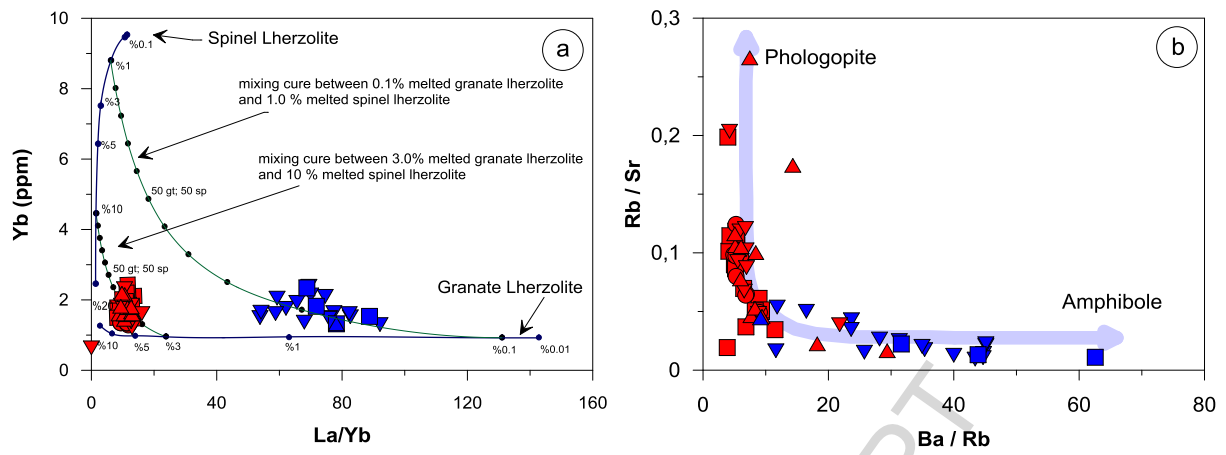


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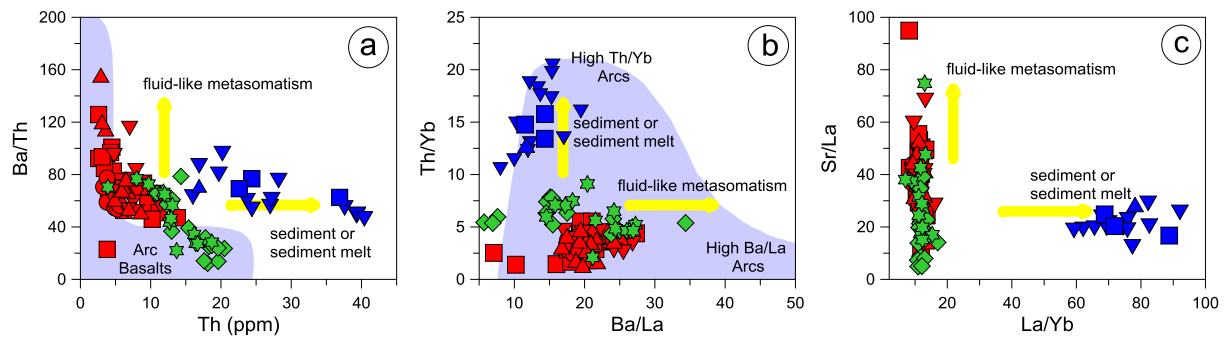


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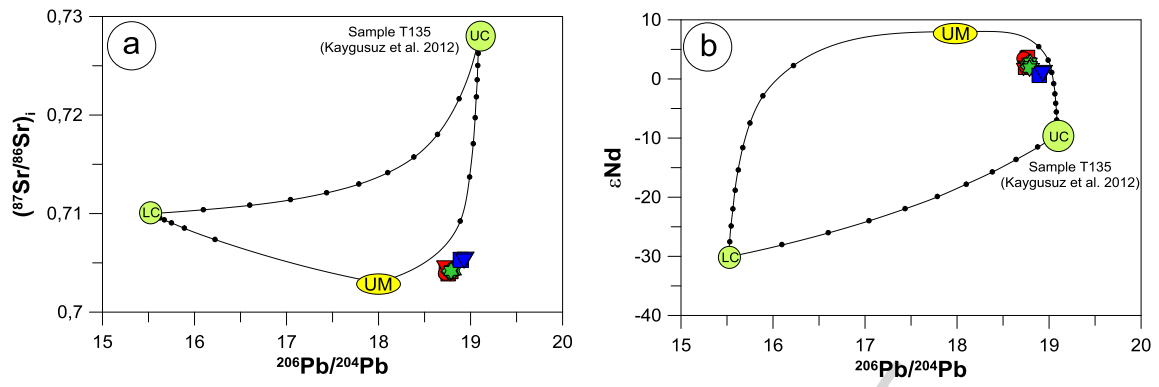


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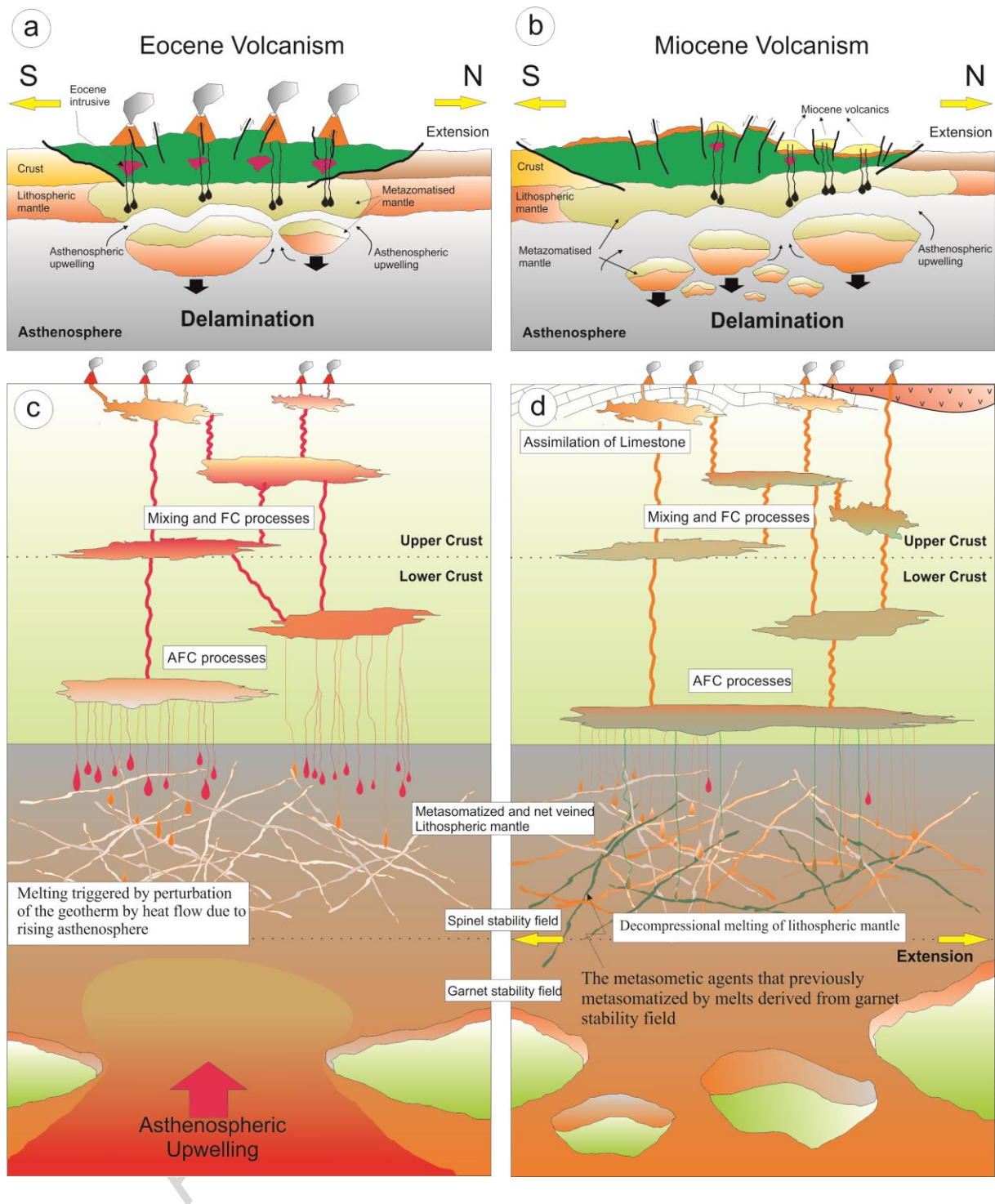


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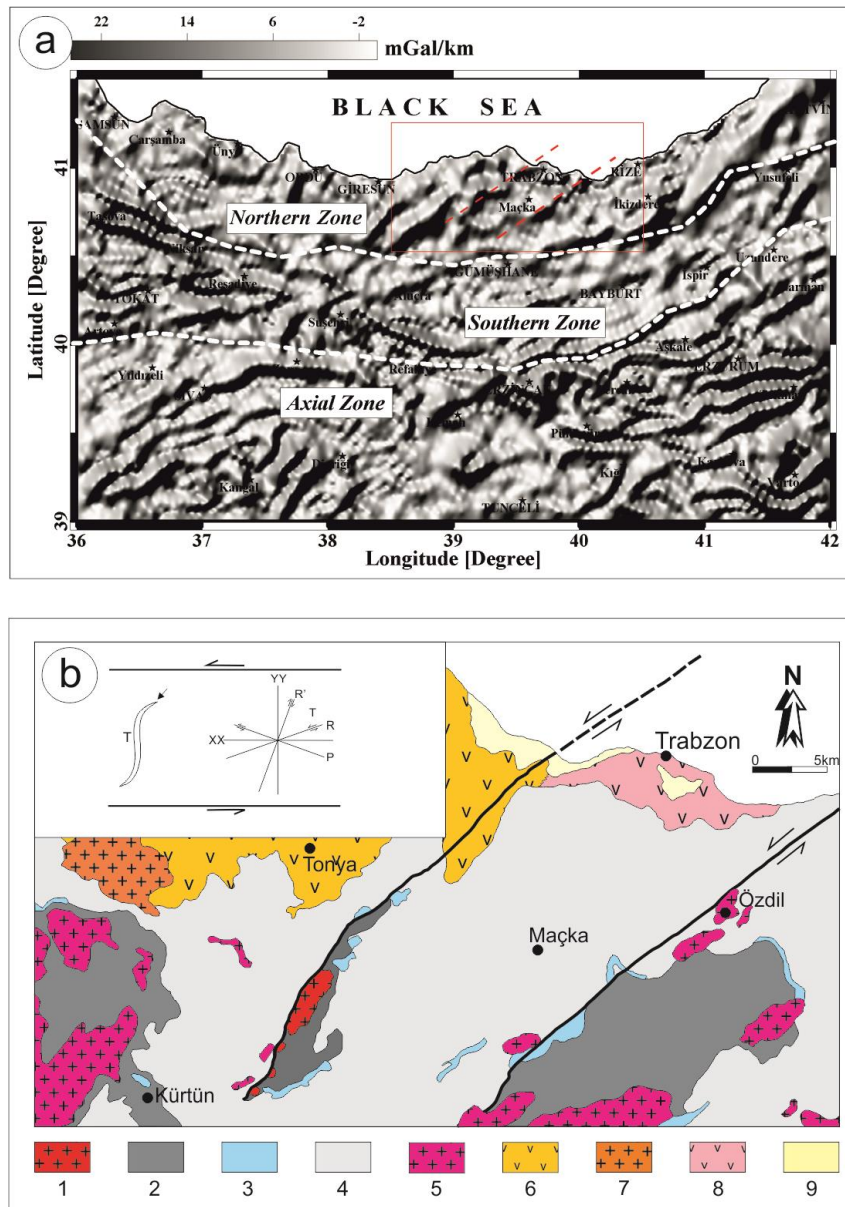


Figure 14

Table 1

	Sample	Material	Rock name	Step	Inverse isochrone age (Ma)	Plateau age (Ma)
Eocene basaltic rocks	301	whole rock	basalt	21	43.83±0.34	43.97±0.18
	363	whole rock	basalt	19	44.32±0.18	44.21±0.18
	141	whole rock	b. trachyandesite	15	44.80±0.21	44.75±0.18
	260	whole rock	b. trachyandesite	24	44.47±0.20	44.15±0.17
	511	whole rock	b. trachyandesite	19	44.54±0.24	44.71±0.21
	399	whole rock	b. trachyandesite	16	42.63±0.63	43.86±0.19
	508	whole rock	trachyandesite	20	45.14±0.20	45.31±0.18
	642	whole rock	basalt	16	44.08±0.30	44.93±0.20
	801	whole rock	trachybasalt	23	44.70±0.21	44.75±0.17
	Eocene trachytic rocks	232	whole rock	trachyte	24	43.74±0.20
232		phlogopite	trachyte	20	43.83±0.20	43.88±0.17
233		whole rock	trachyte	23	41.91±0.21	42.95±0.17
233		phlogopite	trachyte	22	43.03±0.32	43.09±0.18
777		whole rock	trachyandesite	18	43.71±0.29	43.86±0.18
188		whole rock	trachyte	22	41.41±0.17	41.32±0.12
188		phlogopite	trachyte	17	45.08±0.30	44.87±0.22
188		sanidine	trachyte	13	42.30±0.24	42.39±0.17
318		phlogopite	trachyandesite	14	44.53±0.23	44.39±0.20

	318	whole rock	trachyandesite	22	43.96±0.18	43.75±0.16
	625	whole rock	trachyte	26	43.77±0.20	43.90±0.17
	625	phlogopite	trachyte	22	44.70±0.19	44.62±0.18
Miocene tephritic rocks	603	whole rock	tephrite	14	5.98±0.13	5.87±0.06
	603	phlogopite	tephrite	15	5.88±0.06	5.87±0.06
	721	whole rock	tephrite	15	6.07±0.06	6.05±0.06
	802	phlogopite	tephrite	19	5.46±0.21	5.65±0.06

The errors in the J values (0.2 %) are included in the plateau age calculations. Uncertainties are given at the 2 $\sigma$  level.

Table 2

	Sa mple	Rb (p pm)	Sr (pp m)	<sup>87</sup> Rb/ <sup>86</sup> Sr	<sup>87</sup> Sr/ <sup>86</sup> Sr	(±2 σ <sub>m</sub> )	( <sup>87</sup> Sr/ <sup>86</sup> Sr) <sub>i</sub>	Sm (p pm)	Nd (p pm)	<sup>147</sup> Sm/ <sup>146</sup> Nd	<sup>143</sup> Nd/ <sup>144</sup> Nd	(±2 σ <sub>m</sub> )	( <sup>143</sup> Nd/ <sup>144</sup> Nd) <sub>i</sub>	ε Nd d(0)	ε Nd d(t)	T <sub>DM</sub> (G a)
Basaltic rocks	301	43.7	67.5	0.187248	0.704130	11	0.704013	4.21	19.7	0.129204	0.512772	5	0.512734	2.60	2.64	0.68
	363	45.8	46.5	0.284628	0.704112	10	0.703933	3.54	14.4	0.148630	0.512813	5	0.512770	3.42	3.45	0.79
	141	79.6	67.8	0.343221	0.704479	10	0.704261	4.27	21.3	0.121201	0.512738	5	0.512703	1.96	2.00	0.68
	260	96.0	93.5	0.296776	0.7044330	10	0.704144	5.61	26.0	0.130452	0.512764	4	0.512726	2.45	2.49	0.71
	511	81.4	66.5	0.353785	0.7044705	10	0.704480	3.91	18.1	0.130603	0.512719	5	0.512680	1.57	1.61	0.79
	399	11.0	11.9	0.267465	0.7044294	9	0.704130	5.42	25.1	0.130553	0.512764	5	0.512727	2.46	2.49	0.71
	642	39.3	77.6	0.146400	0.7043987	10	0.703893	4.75	24.1	0.119163	0.512821	5	0.512786	3.56	3.61	0.53
	508	14.1	49.4	0.824666	0.7044818	10	0.704287	5.79	29.9	0.117075	0.512731	5	0.512696	1.81	1.85	0.66
	801	93.8	63.4	0.427323	0.7044587	10	0.704315	4.68	24.3	0.116441	0.512828	5	0.512694	3.70	3.75	0.51
	Trachytic rocks	232	17.0	51.0	0.968697	0.7044857	9	0.704253	4.65	26.1	0.107715	0.512780	5	0.512749	2.76	2.81
233		17.2	46.4	1.070371	0.7044901	10	0.704248	4.22	22.2	0.114926	0.512734	4	0.512702	1.87	1.92	0.64
777		18.1	57.4	0.914333	0.7044768	10	0.704198	4.80	24.4	0.118935	0.512730	5	0.512696	1.80	1.84	0.68
675		12.6	63.9	0.573957	0.7044578	10	0.704220	4.59	22.6	0.122790	0.512749	5	0.512714	2.17	2.21	0.67
188		18.9	26.1	2.102734	0.7045440	10	0.704206	5.74	28.7	0.120918	0.512771	5	0.512738	2.59	2.63	0.62
318		12.6	65.0	0.562020	0.7044428	10	0.704079	5.93	29.6	0.121122	0.512753	5	0.512718	2.24	2.28	0.65
625		28.4	15.5	5.311462	0.7047564	10	0.704252	5.16	27.2	0.114694	0.512743	5	0.512710	2.04	2.09	0.63
Tephry. rocks		603	25.0	22.7	0.031827	0.7055309	10	0.705306	12.3	93.0	0.079960	0.512669	5	0.512666	0.60	0.61
	721	78.9	71.8	0.100461	0.7055371	10	0.705362	13.4	87.4	0.092831	0.512693	5	0.512689	1.07	1.08	0.58
	726	52.2	31.5	0.047805	0.7055182	10	0.705178	11.3	76.5	0.089462	0.512682	5	0.512678	0.85	0.86	0.58

Uncertainties for the <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr and <sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd ratios are 2σ<sub>m</sub> errors in the last two digits (in parentheses). εNd(0) and εNd(t) values are calculated relative to CHUR with present-day values of <sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd = 0.512638 and <sup>147</sup>Sm/<sup>144</sup>Nd = 0.1967 (Jacobsen and Wasserburg, 1980). Nd single stage model ages (T<sub>DM</sub>) are calculated with a depleted mantle reservoir and present-day values of <sup>143</sup>Nd/<sup>144</sup>Nd = 0.513151 and <sup>147</sup>Sm/<sup>144</sup>Nd = 0.219 (Liew and Hofmann, 1988).

Table 3

	Sample	Pb(ppm)	$^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	$^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	$^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$	$\Delta 8/4$	$\Delta 7/4$
Basaltic rocks	301	5.7	18.752	15.632	38.837	53.883	10.828
	363	3.4	18.724	15.638	38.827	56.268	11.732
	141	5.9	18.745	15.647	38.863	57.329	12.404
	260	4.6	18.775	15.633	38.854	52.803	10.679
	511	3.3	18.722	15.630	38.786	52.410	10.954
	399	13.7	18.786	15.658	38.923	58.373	13.060
	642	3.5	18.756	15.641	38.878	57.500	11.685
	508	9.2	18.737	15.669	38.913	63.297	14.691
	801	11.8	18.773	15.641	38.868	54.444	11.501
Trachytic rocks	232	2.9	18.795	15.639	38.882	53.184	11.062
	233	3.9	18.819	15.658	38.968	58.883	12.702
	777	31.3	18.788	15.638	38.867	52.531	11.038
	675	26.3	18.797	15.648	38.904	55.143	11.941
	188	29.3	18.776	15.644	38.872	54.482	11.768
	318	8.4	18.778	15.671	38.951	62.140	14.446
	625	17.4	18.780	15.643	38.891	55.898	11.625
Teph. rocks	603	30.7	18.893	15.669	38.938	46.936	13.000
	721	17.1	18.946	15.680	39.058	52.529	13.525
	726	20.1	18.929	15.661	39.025	51.284	11.810

$\Delta 8/4\text{Pb} = 100 \times [({}^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}) - 1.209 \times ({}^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}) - 15.627]$ .  $\Delta 7/4\text{Pb} = 100 \times [({}^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}) - 0.1084 \times ({}^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}) - 13.491]$  (Hart, 1984).

**Table 4.**

<b>Magma Composition</b>	<b>Elements</b>	<b>Amphibole</b>	<b>Plagioclase</b>	<b>Clinopyroxene</b>	<b>Olivine</b>	<b>Biotite</b>	<b>Sanidine</b>
Basic	Rb	0.1	0.05	0.035	0.002	2.5	0.01
	Sc	2.2	0.0008	3.2	0.17	-	-
	Sr	0.45	1.2	0.06	0.015	-	-
	Nb	0.3	0.01	0.04	0.01	-	-
Intermediate	Dy	3.3	0.1	1.5	0.07	0.15	0
	Sr	0.6	2.6	0.09	0.02	0.15	0.9

Kd values of Rb, Sc, Sr, Nb, Dy and Sr for amphibole, plagioclase, clinopyroxene, olivine, biotite and sanidine were compiled from Rollinson (1993), GERM Partition Coefficient (Kd) Database of Earth Reference Data and Models website (<http://earthref.org/>; see the references therein) and Keskin (2002).



**Table 5.**

End member	IC <sub>0</sub> (parental magma)	IC <sub>A</sub> (local continental crust)	IC <sub>A</sub> (continental crust)	Total Partition coefficient ( $\Sigma D$ )				
				D1	D2	D3	D4	
Sr (ppm)	887.2	59.1	386	Sr	1.60	1.20	1.20	0.15
Nd (ppm)	34.5	23.1	3.85	Nd	0.95	1.15	1.85	2.00
Sample no:	K-93-56	T135 (granite)	ERN-57 (limestone)	For all continental crust modelling				
<sup>87</sup> Sr/ <sup>86</sup> Sr	0.703114	0.728225	0.708768					
<sup>143</sup> Nd/ <sup>144</sup> Nd	0.512941	0.512121	0.512115					
	Alici et al. (2002)	Kaygusuz et al. (2012)	Boari et al. (2009)					

**Table 6.**

Mantle Sources	Modal proportions		Normative weight fractions of minerals (i) in the partial melts
Garnet lherzolite	Ol <sub>0.598</sub> Opir <sub>0.211</sub> Kpir <sub>0.076</sub> Grt <sub>0.115</sub>		Ol <sub>0.05</sub> Opx <sub>0.2</sub> Cpx <sub>0.3</sub> Grt <sub>0.45</sub>
Spinel lherzolite	Ol <sub>0.578</sub> Opir <sub>0.27</sub> Kpir <sub>0.119</sub> Spl <sub>0.033</sub>		Ol <sub>0.1</sub> Opx <sub>0.27</sub> Cpx <sub>0.5</sub> Spl <sub>0.13</sub>
Partition coefficients	$D_{La}$	$D_{Yb}$	Partition coefficient ( $D$ ) values are from Keskin (1994), McKenzie and O'Nions (1991, 1995) and GERM (Geochemical Earth Reference Model) website. at <a href="http://earthref.org/databases/KDD/">http://earthref.org/databases/KDD/</a> Source compositions: Primitive mantle REE composition (McDonough and Sun, 1995) was chosen for all partial melting scenarios Ol: olivine. Opx: orthopyroxene. Cpx: clinopyroxene. Grt: garnet. Spl: spinel Garnet and spinel lherzolite composition are from Thirlwall et al. (1994)
Olivine	0.0004	0.0015	
Orthopyroxene	0.002	0.049	
Clinopyroxene	0.0435	0.313	
Garnet	0.01	4.3	
Spinel	0.01	0.01	

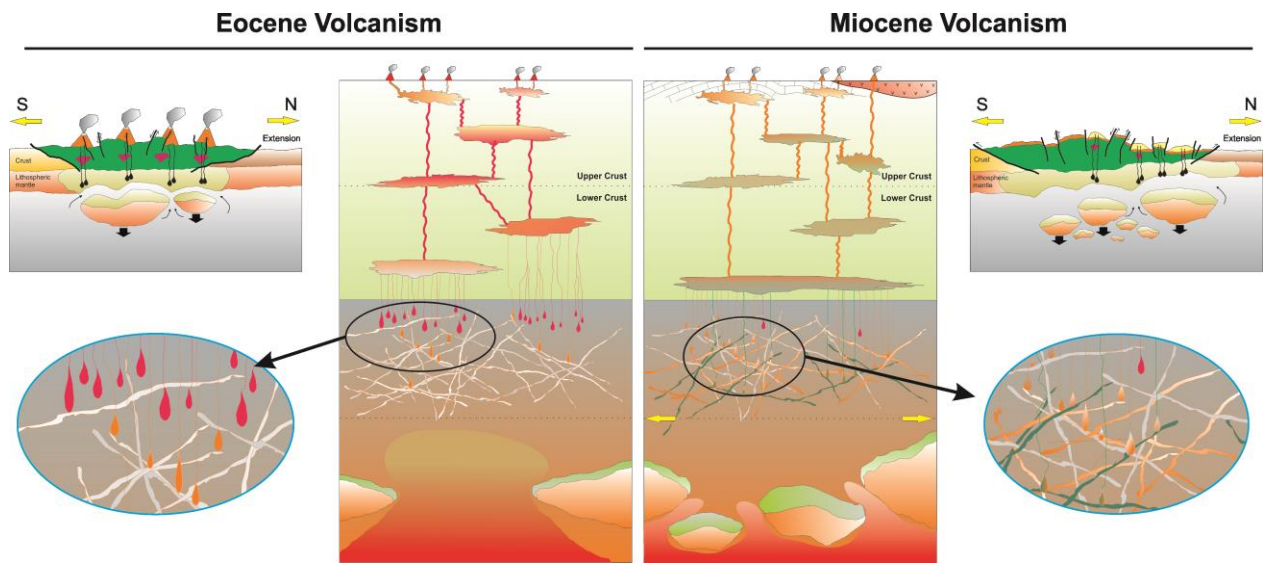
**Table 7**

	<b>Sr (ppm)</b>	<b><sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr</b>	<b>Nd (ppm)</b>	<b>ε Nd</b>	<b>Pb (ppm)</b>	<b><sup>206</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb</b>	<b><sup>207</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb</b>	<b><sup>208</sup>Pb/<sup>204</sup>Pb</b>
UM	20	0.703	1.2	8	0.185	18	15.6	38.7
Lower Crust	300	0.710	24	-30	4.2	15.518	15.117	4.2
Upper Crust	59.1	0.72823	23.1	-9.36	7.3	19.09	15.67	39.12

UM stands for upper mantle peridotite. Sr–Nd data of UM are from Jahn et al. (1999); Pb data are from Sun and McDonough (1989). Sr–Nd data of lower crust are from Xu et al. (2004) and Jahn et al. (1999); Pb isotopic composition is from Zhang (1995). Pb concentration is from Rudnick and Fountain (1995). Sr–Nd–Pb isotope data and Pb concentration of upper crust are from (T135, Carboniferous aged granite; Kaygusuz et al. 2012).

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## GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Eocene volcanism is widespread, while the Miocene volcanism is cover limited area in the Eastern Pontides (NE Turkey)
- We report new whole-rock geochemical, Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic and  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ - $^{39}\text{Ar}$  dating data
- Carbonate assimilation contributes Si-undersaturated characteristic of Miocene volcanism
- Potassic parental melts have been derived from net veined lithospheric mantle
- Strike-slip faults may lead to pathway for the Miocene volcanism