

A Review of the Nature of Magmatism in Central Anatolia during the Mesozoic Post-Collisional Period

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Abstract

Magmatism in central Anatolia is characterized by petrographically and chemically distinct granitic and syenitic rocks. The granitic magmatism comprises C-type (crustal-derived) and H-type (hybrid) monzogranites and monzonites. Garnet-bearing C-type leucogranites represent the oldest magmatic phase, but younger hornblende \pm biotite \pm K-feldspar H-type plutons dominate the geology of the Central Anatolian Crystalline Complex (CACC). These typically include mafic microgranular enclaves. The granitic magmatism predates syenitic intrusions, among which quartz-bearing syenites were emplaced prior to feldspathoid-bearing ones.

The nature of magmatism in central Anatolia varies through time from peraluminous to metaluminous to alkaline. These different magma types reflect distinct stages of post-collisional magmatism, in which interaction between crust and mantle varied considerably. The C-type granites of the early stages of post-collisional magmatism were likely derived by partial melting of the lower continental crust induced by mafic magma underplating as a result of lithospheric delamination. The H-type granites and syenites of the mature and advanced stages of post-collisional magmatism indicate a significant contribution from mantle-derived magma within a continuous or episodic extensional tectonic regime.

Introduction

GRANITIC ROCKS dominate the geology of the continental crust and provide significant information on its origin and evolution. The origin of granites has been the subject of ongoing debate since the birth of modern geological science, but we now realize that their geochemical and isotopic signatures may carry signs of source characteristics that are closely linked to their tectonic setting. Based on their intrusive setting, granites have been classified as ocean ridge (ORG), syn-collisional (Syn-ColG), volcanic-arc (VAG), within-plate (WPG), and post-collisional (Post-ColG) types (Pearce et al., 1984).

Although it is widely accepted that post-collisional magmatism commences after the climax of plate collision and wanes when the anorogenic episode begins, there are no clearly defined limits (Liegeois, 1998). This stems from the fact that post-collisional magmatism displays highly variable geological, mineralogical, and geochemical features, some of which are comparable with those of the syn-collisional, anorogenic, and subduction-related magmatism.

In central Anatolia, physically and chemically distinct magmatic rocks display close spatial and temporal associations with each other and form a significant portion of the Central Anatolian Crystalline Complex (CACC; Göncüoğlu et al., 1991). These rocks have been the focus of several studies, but their origin, evolution, and tectonic setting are still equivocal. The present paper compiles geological, mineralogical, and geochemical features of the magmatic rocks and proposes a common petrogenetic model for diverse magmatism in the CACC. In this paper, five major intrusions have been selected, simply because of the availability of data (Yozgat, Cefalikdag, Ekeçikdag, Idisdag, and Atdere). The first three are essentially granitic intrusions, and the latter two are syenitic.

General Geological Setting

The CACC, which contains metamorphic, ophiolitic, granitic, and syenitic rocks, is also known as the Central Anatolian Massif (Erkan, 1981), the Kırşehir Massif (Seymen, 1982), or the Kırşehir Complex (Lünel, 1985). It lies in a triangular area

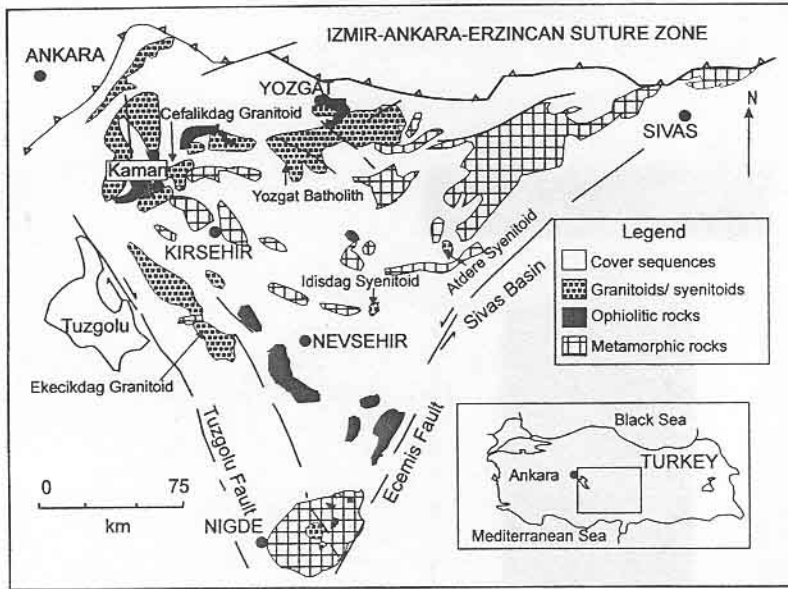


FIG. 1. Location map and simplified geological setting of the Central Anatolian Crystalline Complex (after Erler and Göncüoğlu, 1996).

TABLE 1. Radiometric Data and Ages of the Central Anatolian Granites

Location	Method	Reference	Age (Ma)
Nigde-Üçkapılı	Rb/Sr whole-rock	Göncüoğlu, 1986	95 ± 11
Nigde-Üçkapılı	K/Ar biotite and muscovite ¹	Göncüoğlu, 1986	78 – 75
Cefalikdag	Rb/Sr whole-rock ¹	Ataman, 1972	71 ± 1
Agaçören	Rb/Sr whole-rock	Güleç, 1994	110 ± 14
Terlemez	K/Ar mineral	Yaliniz et al., 1997	81 – 67

¹Cooling age.

bounded by the Tuzgölü fault to the west, the Ecemis fault to the east, and the Izmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture to the north (Fig. 1).

Gneisses, schists, calc-schists, phyllites, and marbles are considered the oldest lithologies of the CACC. These high-temperature/low-pressure (HT/LP) metamorphic rocks (Seymen, 1984) are tectonically overlain by Mesozoic ophiolitic rocks, remnants of Neo-Tethys (Özgül, 1976; Görür et al., 1984). The metamorphic and ophiolitic rocks are intruded by granites and syenites and overlain by Maastrichtian and/or Eocene volcanic, clastic, and

carbonate rocks, Oligocene–Miocene evaporites and clastic rocks, and Miocene–Pliocene continental clastic rocks (Göncüoğlu et al., 1991).

Magmatism in Central Anatolia

The magmatic rocks of the CACC have recently been the focus of several studies (e.g., Erler and Bayhan, 1995; Erdogan et al., 1996; Kadioglu, 1996; Boztug, 1998; Aydın and Önen, 1999). However, there is no general consensus on their age and

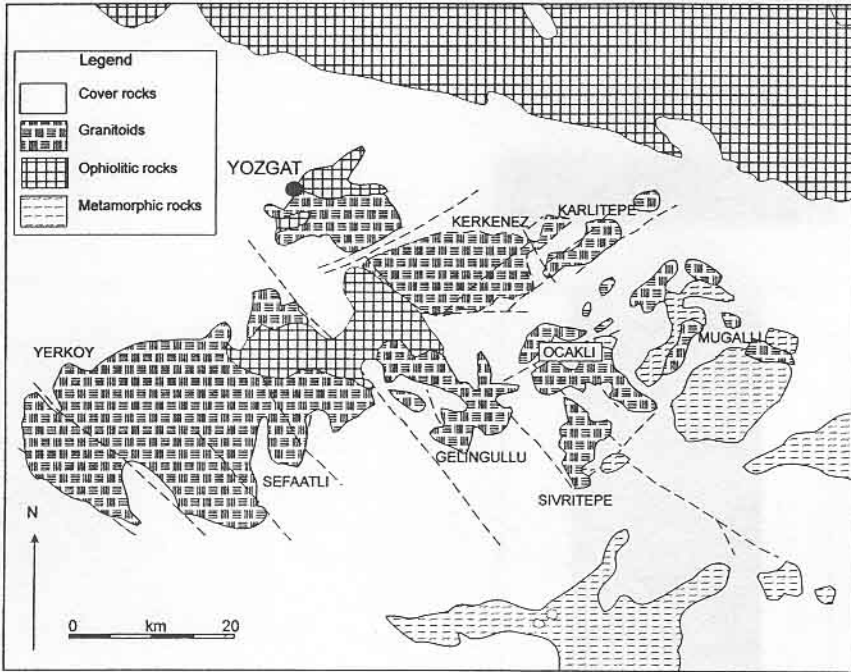


FIG. 2. Geological map of the Yozgat batholith (after Erler and Göncüoğlu, 1996).

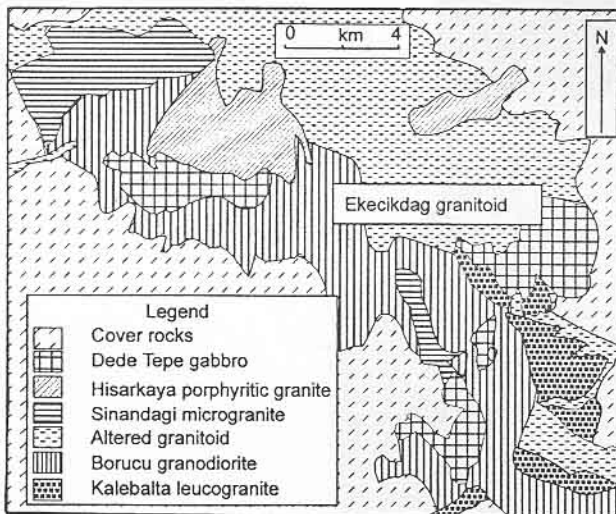


FIG. 3. Geological map of the Ekecikdag intrusion (after Türel et al., 1993).

tectonic setting. The granitic rocks dominate the geology of the complex and were postdated by the emplacement of syenites. Both granitic and syenitic rocks are intruded by aplitic dikes, which represent

the youngest igneous activity in the area. As shown in Table 1, radiometric ages of the granites of the CACC are somewhat limited and vary significantly. Recently, Yaliniz et al. (1997) reported that granitic

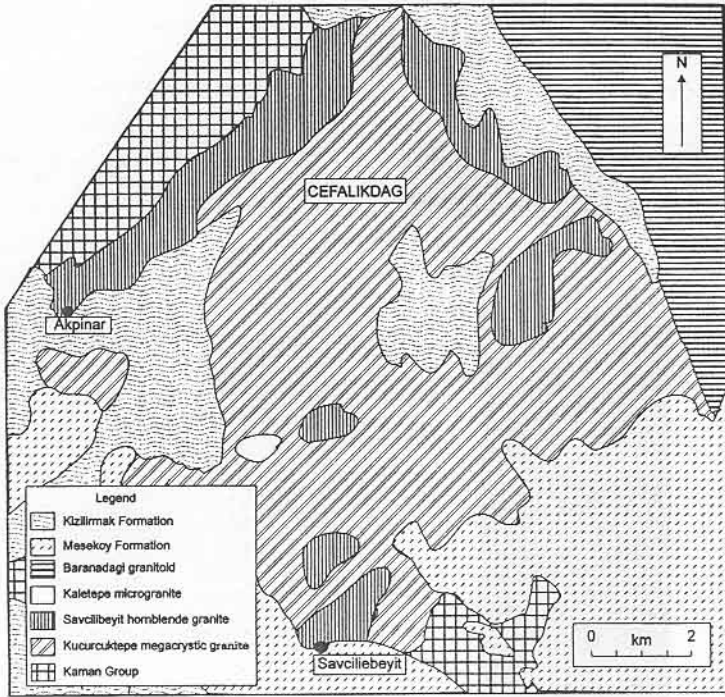


FIG. 4. Geological map of the Cefalikdag intrusion (after Geven, 1992).

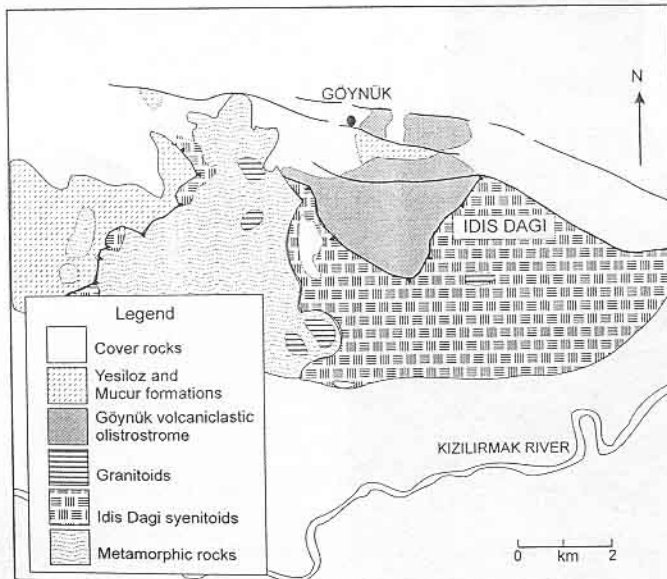


FIG. 5. Geological map of the Idisdagi intrusion (after Köksal and Göncüoğlu, 1997).

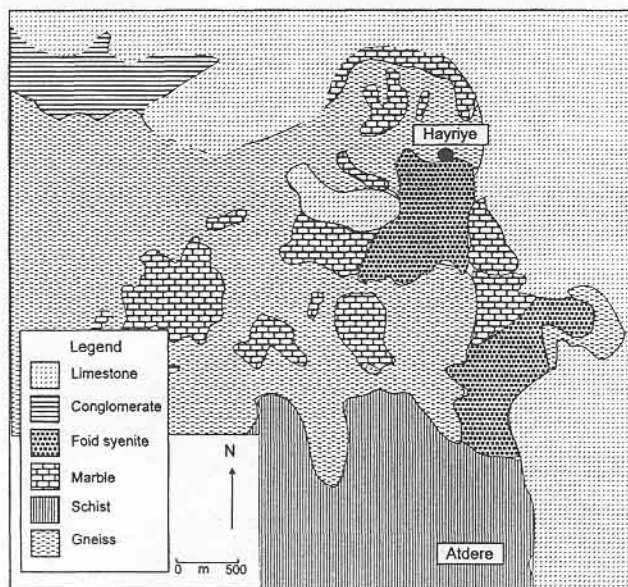


FIG. 6. Geological map of the Atdere intrusion (after Özkan and Erkan, 1994).

rocks, in particular the Terlemez pluton, intrude fossil-bearing epi-ophiolitic sediments of early Middle Turonian to Late Coniacian age. This geological constraint is in overall agreement with the data presented in Table 1.

Field and petrographic features of the granitic rocks

The granites display a range of fabrics, mineralogies, and compositions and crop out in three distinct geographical associations in the CACC (Fig. 1): as a large number of individual small plutons exposed along its western margin extending from NE-SW to NW-SE; as a relatively narrow and smaller set of disconnected plutons exposed along its eastern margin; and as a large intrusion exposed along its northern margin (Akıman et al., 1993). These granites are petrographically identified as: (a) two-mica leucogranites; (b) biotite/hornblende granites; (c) K-feldspar megacryst granites; (d) granodiorites; (e) tonalites; and (f) aplitic K-feldspar granites (Erler and Gönçüoğlu, 1996). In this paper, emphasis is placed on the Yozgat, Cefalikdag, and Ekecikdag intrusions (Fig. 1) and their main geological features are briefly summarized as follows.

The Yozgat batholith is the largest granitic intrusion (approximately 500 km²) exposed along the northern margin of the CACC (Fig. 1) and consists

mainly of monzogranites and quartz monzonite. The batholith includes eight main subdivisions, namely the Yerköy-Sefaati, Kerkenez, Karlitepe, Geligüllü, Sivritepe, Ocaklı, Mugalli, and Yozgat units (Fig. 2; Erler and Gönçüoğlu, 1996). It consists of both C-type and H-type granites (Aydın, 1997; Düzgören-Aydın, 2000) with the C-type confined to the Yozgat unit and the H-type comprising the remaining units. The C-type granite consists of garnet-bearing leucogranites, whereas the H-type contains hornblende ± biotite ± clinopyroxene-bearing monzogranites and quartz monzonites. The H type typically includes K-feldspar megacrysts (2–6 cm in length) and mafic microgranular enclaves.

The Ekecikdag intrusion, studied by Türel (1991), covers approximately 250 km² and is exposed along the western margin of the CACC (Figs. 1 and 3). It ranges in composition from monzogranite to granodiorite and is divided into five units: the Borucu granodiorite-monzogranite; the Sinandag microgranite; the Hisarkaya porphyry granite; the Kalebalta leucogranite; and the aplitic granites (Türel, 1991). The Borucu unit is characterized by the presence of K-feldspar megacrysts (4–15 cm in length), an abundance of hornblende and biotite, and microgranular mafic enclaves. The Kalebalta leucogranites represent the early phase of the intrusion (Gönçüoğlu and Türel, 1994) and

TABLE 2. (continued)

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SiO ₂	69.21	71.63	76.33	63.93	64.33	66.02	60.43	64.77	62.96	65.58	65.22	58.49	58.95	64.41
TiO ₂	0.39	0.19	0.05	0.54	0.63	0.52	0.60	0.46	0.65	0.48	0.40	0.65	0.85	0.35
Al ₂ O ₃	13.82	13.96	12.62	15.98	15.11	15.66	15.75	16.30	15.64	15.72	15.80	17.12	15.72	16.69
Fe ₂ O ₃	4.91	3.07	1.69	2.35	1.09	1.69	2.09	1.31	2.06	1.57	1.30	6.68	3.00	0.71
FeO	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.12	3.89	2.47	2.89	2.25	2.80	2.01	1.89	0.00	3.49	2.26
MnO	0.11	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.13	0.09	0.06
MgO	1.30	0.42	0.00	1.99	2.33	1.91	4.02	1.77	2.50	1.78	1.86	3.92	3.63	1.18
CaO	3.12	1.80	1.03	3.85	4.28	3.89	5.33	3.67	4.50	3.52	3.27	5.58	6.21	3.21
Na ₂ O	2.05	2.96	3.76	3.39	3.00	3.59	3.22	3.58	3.20	3.55	3.79	2.49	3.04	4.33
K ₂ O	3.97	4.43	3.70	4.74	4.13	2.95	4.54	4.98	4.38	4.74	5.06	3.75	3.94	5.41
P ₂ O ₅	0.11	0.02	0.01	0.20	0.13	0.13	0.18	0.09	0.06	0.14	0.41	0.29	0.10	0.66
	ppm													
Zn	51	31	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rb	161	198	253	197	189	189	225	226	178	242	257	106	141	281
Ba	347	623	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sr	124	152	19	427	354	438	-	-	433	526	462	520	441	488
Ca	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nb	10	13	26	14	14	14	13	14	14	14	15	-	12	15
Zr	142	125	70	184	191	213	213	241	195	231	213	102	193	240
Y	29	25	33	13	14	14	15	14	14	15	14	23	12	17
Th	14	16	27	25	25	31	26	19	21	23	34	78	15	38

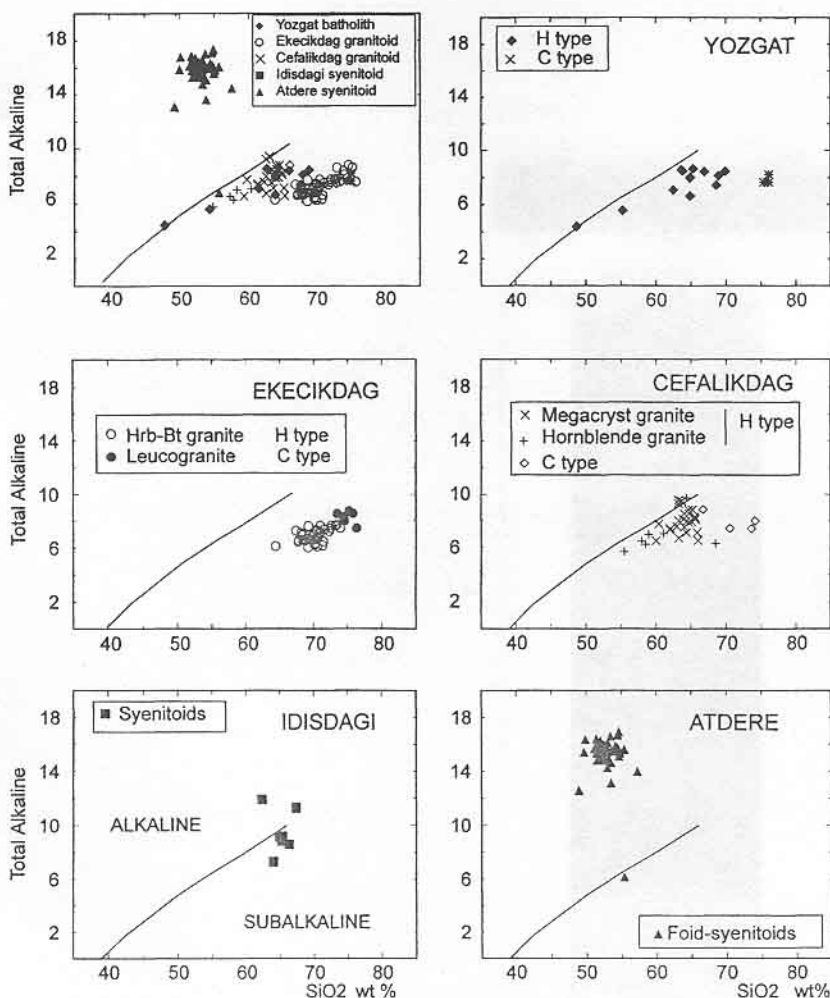


FIG. 7. Plot of total alkalis versus SiO_2 , where alkaline and subalkaline fields are from Irvine and Baragar (1971).

typically are free of K-feldspar megacrysts and mafic enclaves.

The Cefalikedag intrusion has been investigated by Seymen (1982), Erler et al. (1991), and Geven (1992). It covers an area of 76 km² and comprises three units (Figs. 1 and 4): the Küçüktepe megacrystic quartz monzonite; the Savcilibeyit hornblende granite and quartz monzodiorite; and the Kaletpe microgranite (aplite). The Küçüktepe and Savcilibeyit units dominate the intrusion (Geven, 1992).

All three intrusions are composite and essentially display two major granitic types—leucogranites and hornblende ± K-feldspar megacrystic granites with microgranular enclaves. In general,

the leucogranites represent the earliest granitic phase and form only a minor part of the CACC. Their size and form vary significantly from meter-scale patches to geographically distinct intrusions of several square kilometers. They are composed of K-feldspar, quartz, and plagioclase with apatite, zircon, and opaques as accessory minerals. Additionally, the presence of garnet ± muscovite ± tourmaline clearly reflects their peraluminous nature. The leucogranites are classified as of the C type (see Aydin, 1997) and are likely to have been derived from crustal protoliths (Aydin et al., 1998).

Granitic magmatism in central Anatolia is dominated by hornblende ± biotite-bearing quartz-

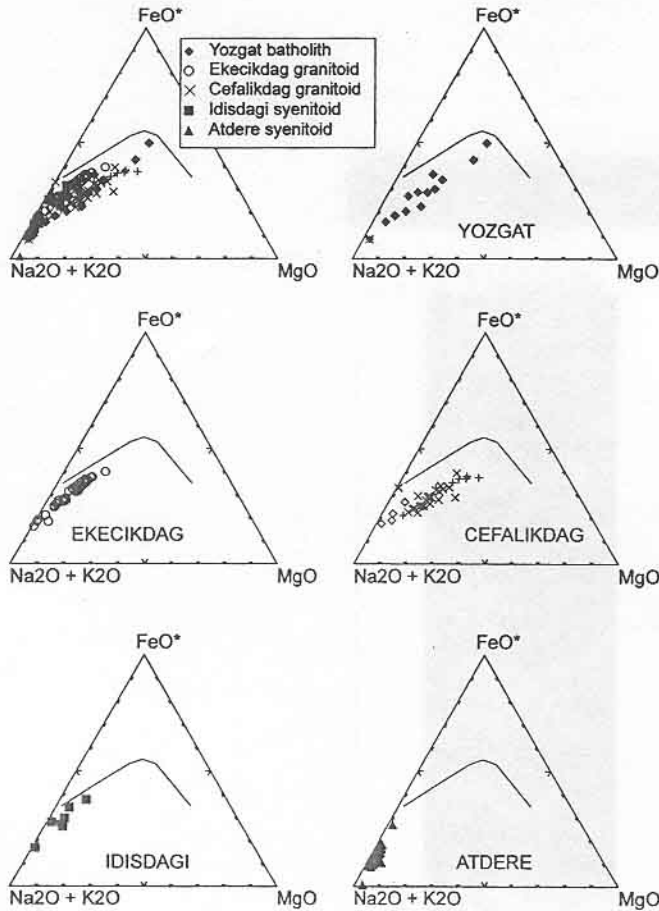


FIG. 8. AFM diagram, where tholeiitic and calc-alkaline fields are from Irvine and Baragar (1971).

monzonites, monzonites, and monzogranites. They consist of perthitic K-feldspar megacrysts, plagioclase, quartz, and hornblende with the accessory minerals apatite, zircon, sphene, and opaques. K-feldspar megacrysts are euhedral and ubiquitously display simple twinning and poikilitic texture, suggesting their magmatic origin (Düzgören-Aydin, 2000). The mafic enclaves are characterized by the presence of primary igneous features—i.e., lack of deformation and recrystallization, acicular apatite grains, and blade-shaped biotite \pm quartz ocelli rimmed by mafic minerals. The presence of K-feldspar megacrysts and/or mafic microgranular enclaves provides information on the origin and evolution of their host rocks (Hibbard, 1981; Vernon, 1984; Didier and Barbarin, 1991). It has been suggested that the mingling of contrasting magmas plays a significant role in the formation of the

monzogranitic rocks of the CACC (Kadioglu and Güleç, 1996; Aydin, 1997; Düzgören-Aydin, 2000). These rocks, which represent the late phase of granitic magmatism in central Anatolia, are classified as belonging to the H type, emphasizing their hybrid nature, which requires a significant mantle-derived magmatic contribution to their genesis (Aydin et al., 1998).

Field and petrographic features of the syenitic rocks

After the intrusion of the granites, extensive syenitic magmatism developed in central Anatolia (Özkan, 1987; Özkan and Erkan, 1994; Bayhan and Tolloğlu, 1987; Boztug, 1998; Köksal and Göncüoğlu, 1997). There is, however, no commonly accepted petrogenetic model to explain the origin and evolution of these syenites. They consist of sil-

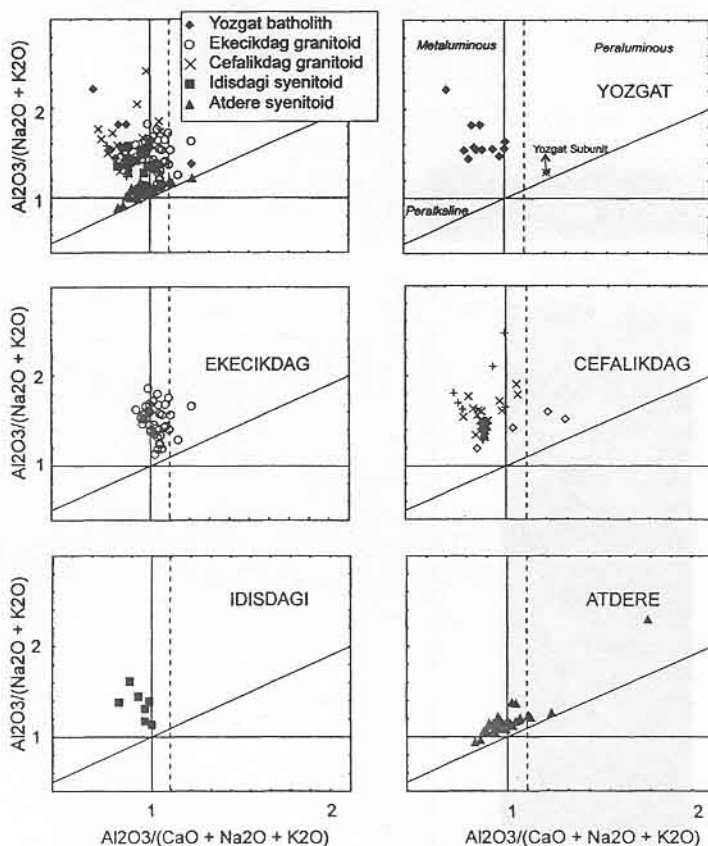


FIG. 9. Shand's diagram, after Maniar and Piccoli (1989).

ica-oversaturated/saturated syenites and monzonites, and undersaturated syenites. Here, the Idisdagi and Atdere intrusions (Fig. 1) are described as representatives of silica-oversaturated/saturated and undersaturated syenites, respectively.

Göncüoğlu et al. (1997) indicated that the Idisdagi syenite intrudes both the Paleozoic–Mesozoic metamorphic basement and the Late Cretaceous granites (Fig. 5). It is overlain by uppermost Cretaceous(?)–Lower Paleocene volcanoclastic rocks and cut by feldspathoid dikes, and is therefore thought to be of Early Maastrichtian age. The intrusion consists of dominant quartz syenite and lesser amounts of K-feldspar-rich syenites. These rocks are medium to fine grained and locally display a porphyritic texture. They are composed of K-feldspar, quartz, plagioclase, and amphibole with minor amounts of biotite, muscovite, and clinopyroxene. Sphene and opaque minerals are ubiquitous accessory minerals.

The Atdere intrusion (Figs. 1 and 6) has been investigated by Özkan (1987) and Özkan and Erkan (1994), who divided this intrusion into four petrographic types on the basis of modal mineralogy: nepheline syenite, cancrinite-nepheline syenite, sodalite-nepheline syenite, and melanite-nepheline syenite. The Atdere intrusion displays holocrystalline-hypidiomorphic granular texture with alkali-feldspar and feldspathoids including nepheline, sodalite, cancrinite, and melanite as the main minerals. Accessory minerals include biotite, aegerine-augite, zircon, and sphene.

It is generally accepted that the feldspathoid-bearing syenites are younger than the granites and quartz-bearing syenites (Ketin, 1955; Ayan, 1963; Seymen, 1982; Bayhan and Toluoplu, 1987). However, the only available geochronological data for silica-undersaturated syenites of the CACC are published by Gündoğdu et al. (1988). Their work is based on Rb/Sr whole-rock systematics of the Bay-

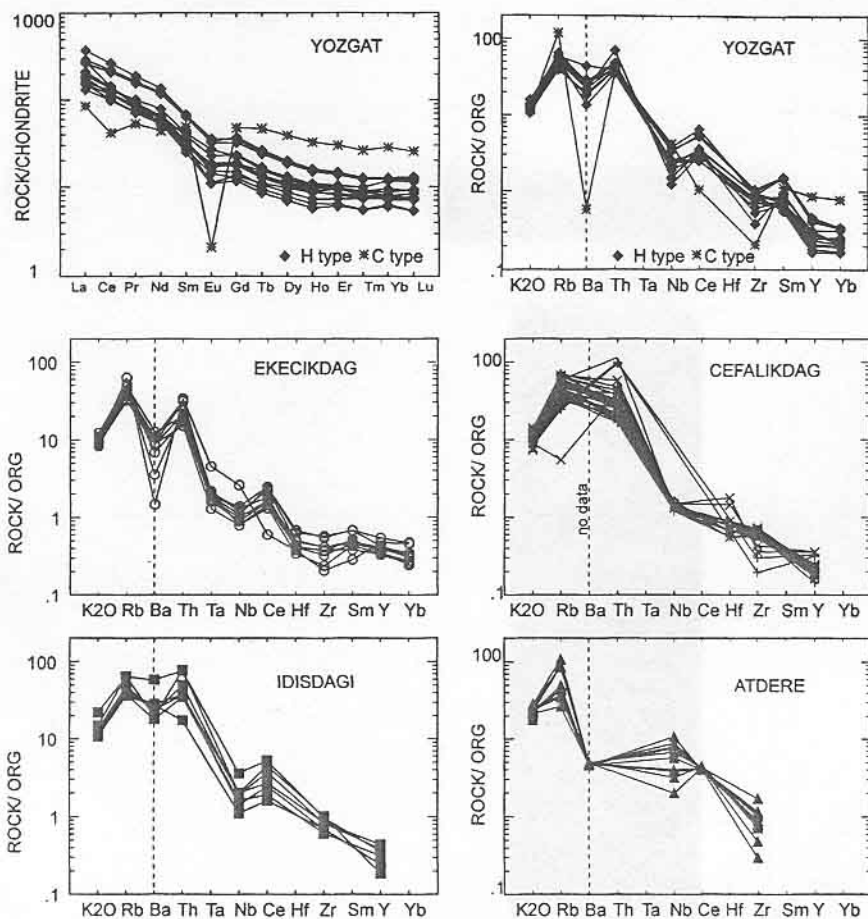


FIG. 10. Chondrite-normalized REE (for Yozgat Batholith) and ocean-ridge granite (ORG) normalized trace-element diagrams (normalizing values are from Sun, 1982 and Pearce et al., 1984, respectively).

indir feldspathoidal syenites, which provide an age of 70.1 ± 1.1 Ma.

Geochemical features of the granitic and syenitic rocks

The data presented in Tables 2 and 3 are compiled from previously published as well as unpublished data sets. Those for the Yozgat, Ekecikdag, Cefalikdag, Idisdagi, and Atdere intrusions are from Düzgören-Aydin (2000), Türel (1991), Geven (1992), Göncüoğlu et al., (1997), and Özkan and Erkan (1994), respectively.

The granitic rocks of the CACC are subalkaline and reveal a well-developed calc-alkaline trend, whereas syenitic rocks are slightly to strongly alkaline and plot in the alkaline corner of the AFM dia-

gram. (Figs. 7 and 8). The H-type granites fall into the metaluminous field of Shand's diagram, whereas the C types plot within the peraluminous field (Fig. 9). The Idisdagi intrusion, representing silica-saturated syenites, is metaluminous, whereas the Atdere intrusion representing the silica-undersaturated syenites displays rather scattered data, although most fall within the metaluminous field (Fig. 9).

The only reliable REE data for the granites is from the Yozgat intrusion (Fig. 10). The chondrite-normalized REE diagram reveals that each granite unit displays its own characteristic REE pattern. The H-type granites typically reveal LREE enrichment relative to HREE, moderate to weak MREE depletion, and weakly developed negative Eu-

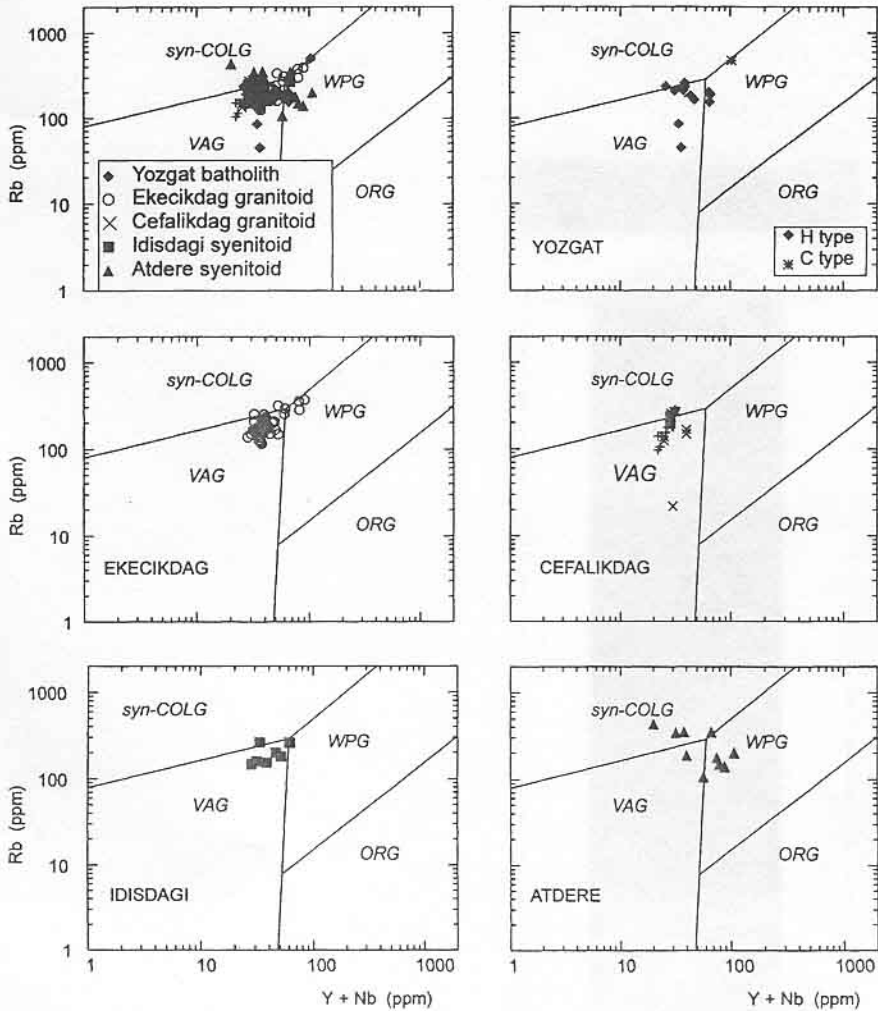


FIG. 11. Tectonic discrimination using Rb versus Y + Nb and Nb versus Y (after Pearce et al., 1984).

anomalies. The C-type granites exhibit flat REE patterns with well-developed negative Eu-anomalies. Unfortunately, no REE data are available for the syenites.

On extended normalized REE plots (extREE), the granites are clearly different from the syenites (Fig. 10). As predicted from previous diagrams, different granite types have distinct extREE patterns. The C-type granites display well-developed negative Ba anomalies compared to the H-type granites. The syenitic rocks have high Ba and Sr contents. Ba and Sr contents of samples from the Idisdagi intrusion vary from 903 to 2933 ppm and 650 to 1249

ppm, respectively, and from 227 to 238 ppm and 1648 to 3385 ppm, respectively, for the Atdere intrusion. In general, the rocks display moderately developed negative Nb anomalies.

Tectonic Setting: Discussion and Conclusion

The felsic rocks of the CACC appear to have been intruded immediately following the collision of the Tauride-Anatolide platform with the Pontides and/or Sakarya Continent (Akıman et al., 1993). It should be noted that, in our view, a post-collisional setting can include various geological events—

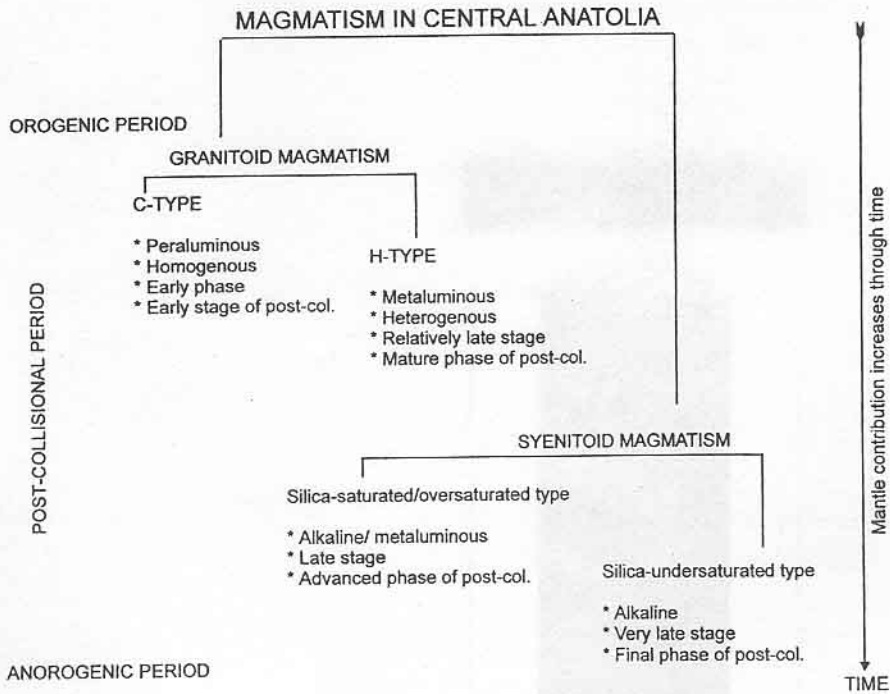


FIG. 12. Model for magmatism in central Anatolia during the Mesozoic post-collisional period.

including oblique collision and transtensional tectonics, lithospheric delamination, and rift generation—that characterize a continuous or episodic extensional regime (Liegeois, 1998). The trace element discrimination diagrams of Pearce et al. (1984) can be used to suggest the tectonic settings of the granitic and syenitic rocks of the CACC, although it is important to note that application of these diagrams does not unequivocally define tectonic setting. In general, most samples plot close to the triple junction of WPG, Syn-COLG, and VAG (Fig. 11). In detail, the C-type granites mainly plot as WPG and Syn-COLG, whereas the H-type granites fall into VAG and Syn-COLG fields. However, the C-type granites typically have low Zr, Ce, Sm, and Ba contents that are inconsistent with WPG. Similarly, many of the field and petrographic features of the H-type granites, particularly the presence and abundance of mafic micro-granular enclaves and K-feldspar megacrysts, and the presence of hornblende \pm clinopyroxene \pm biotite as the dominant ferromagnesian minerals, are inconsistent with both Syn-ColG and WPG.

Samples from the Idisdagi intrusion mainly plot as VAG, whereas samples from the Atdere intrusion fall within the Syn-COLG and WPG fields. Field, petrographic, and/or geochemical features of the syenitic rocks, such as their alkaline nature, are more consistent with WPG, although it is important to note that high Ba and Sr contents do not support such a classification. Because the high Ba and Sr contents suggest a significant crustal contribution to the genesis of these rocks, these syenites are best classified as orogenic alkaline rocks.

Any petrogenetic model of the diverse magmatism in central Anatolia must take into account the presence of: (1) composite (C- and H-type) granitic magmatism followed by syenitic magmatism in less than 50 m.y., the maximum time difference between granites and syenites, on the basis of available geochronological data; (2) leucocratic, peraluminous C-type granites, which represent the early magmatic phase and require mainly crustal sources; (3) metaluminous H-type granites, which dominate magmatism in central Anatolia and require a significant mantle-derived mafic magma contribution in their

genesis; and (4) orogenic alkaline rocks (syenitic rocks) representing the advanced stage of magmatism, with physical and chemical features suggestive of mantle sources.

These observations suggest that, over time: (1) the type of magmatism varied from peraluminous, through metaluminous to alkaline; and (2) the relative direct contribution of mantle melts increased. With this in mind, the diverse magmatism of the CACC can be considered to have been produced in the same dynamic post-collisional setting. Figure 12 summarizes a model in which the early phase of the post-collisional period gave rise to crustal-derived C-type granites, requiring significant thermal energy gained from mantle-derived mafic magma emplaced into the lower crust following lithospheric delamination. At this stage, no direct contribution from mantle-derived magma occurred. The following mature and advanced stages of magmatism occurred in a continuous or episodic extensional regime. In the mature stage, mingling/mixing processes between co-existing mantle-derived mafic and crustal-derived felsic magmas gave rise to H-type granitic rocks. In the advanced stages of the post-collisional period, alkaline orogenic rocks were formed. Thus, as the extensional regime developed either progressively or episodically, the relative contribution of the mantle in the genesis of the rocks of the CACC increased.

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