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Geochemical fingerprints of Late Triassic calc-alkaline lamprophyres from the Eastern Pontides, NE Turkey: A key to understanding lamprophyre formation in a subduction-related environment



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ABSTRACT

The Eastern Pontides in NE Turkey is one of the major orogenic belts in Anatolia. In this paper, we report our new ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar dating, mineral chemistry, major and trace elements and Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic analyses of the lamprophyre intrusions in this region. The lamprophyres are widely scattered and intrude Late Carboniferous granitoid rocks. The lamprophyres exhibit fine-grained textures and are mineralogically uniform. Hornblende 40 Ar/ 39 Ar dating yielded a plateau age of 216.01 $\pm~10.64$ Ma. Based on their geochemistry, mineral compositions and paragenesis, the lamprophyres are classified as calc-alkaline lamprophyres in general and spessartites in particular, which are rich in large ion lithophile elements (e.g., Rb, Ba, K) but depleted in Nb and Ti. Our samples exhibit moderate fractionation in LREE patterns approximately 100 times that of chondrite but HREE abundances less than 10 times that of chondrite. These calc-alkaline lamprophyres display a range of I_{Sr} (216 Ma) values from 0.70619 to 0.71291 and ϵ_{Nd} (216 Ma) values from -1.4 to 4.1, with $T_{DM}=1.11$ to 2.20 Ga. Their Pb isotopic ratios indicate an enriched mantle source. The enrichment process is related to metasomatism of a subcontinental lithospheric mantle source, which is caused by a large quantity of H_2O -rich fluids, rather than sediments released from oceanic crust at depth during the closure of the Paleotethys Ocean in Triassic times. All of the geochemical data and the trace element modeling suggest that the primary magma of the calc-alkaline to high-K calc-alkaline spessartites was generated at depth by a low degree of partial melting (~1-10%) of a previously enriched lithospheric mantle wedge consisting of phlogopite-bearing spinel peridotite. The ascendance of a hot asthenosphere triggered by extensional events caused partial melting of mantle material. The rising melts were accompanied by fractional crystallization and crustal contamination en route to the surface. All of the geochemical features combined with regional data suggest that the Eastern Pontides calc-alkaline lamprophyres originated in an extensional environment along an active continental margin throughout the Late Triassic. Such an extensional event, causing upwelling of hot asthenosphere, led to the opening of the northern branch of the Neotethys as a back-arc basin farther south of the Eastern Pontides.

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1. Introduction

The Eastern Pontides, which is the eastern part of the Sakarya Zone, is considered an important natural laboratory for developing an understanding of deep lithospheric processes. Igneous rocks, such as lamprophyres, in this belt record the thermal and geochemical fingerprints of the lithosphere beneath the region. Lamprophyres, a unique type of mesocratic to melanocratic igneous rock with mafic phenocrysts set in a fine-grained matrix, sporadically form as dykes, sills, pipes or

small intrusions in various geodynamic settings (Allan and Carmichael, 1984; Duggan and Jaques, 1996; Rock, 1991). These rock types are divided into five primary categories, alkaline lamprophyres, ultramafic lamprophyres, lamproitic lamprophyres, kimberlitic lamprophyres and calc-alkaline lamprophyres (Le Maitre, 1989; Rock, 1991). Calc-alkaline lamprophyres are commonly generated in convergent tectonic settings, whereas alkaline and ultramafic lamprophyres often form in divergent tectonic settings, and kimberlitic lamprophyres are found within plate settings (Carlier et al., 1997). Although lamprophyre outcrops are relatively small, they provide us with new insights into the understanding of large-scale geodynamic processes, in particular continental extension (e.g., Queen et al., 1996; Tappe et al.,

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2006) and mantle enrichment (e.g., Beard et al., 1996; Guo et al., 2004; Srivastava and Chalapathi Rao, 2007). Lamprophyres are considered to be the products of a small degree of partial melting of enriched subcontinental lithospheric mantle sources (e.g., Müller and Groves, 1995; Rock, 1987). Therefore, their geochemical characteristics are closely related to enrichment of the source throughout the evolution of the lithosphere in a dynamic system.

In the study area, very little attention was paid to the calc-alkaline lamprophyre intrusions until recently (Aydin et al., 1997). Here, we present new data, including ⁴⁰Ar-³⁹Ar hornblende ages, mineral compositions and elemental and Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic compositions of the Late Triassic calc-alkaline lamprophyres from the Eastern Pontides, northeastern Turkey, and we discuss their origin, geodynamic setting and the nature of the lithospheric mantle beneath the region. Particular emphasis is placed on the causes of mantle heterogeneity and the nature of metasomatizing agents in the subcontinental mantle source beneath the Eastern Pontides during the Late Triassic.

2. Regional geology and previous works

Four major tectonic blocks or terranes that are separated by sutures occur in the Anatolia region (e.g., Okay and Tüysüz, 1999). Of these, the Sakarya block is the most important. It represents a series of Mesozoic-Cenozoic fold belts comprising a N-vergent foreland fold thrust belt and a concave, upward-shaped fold belt (Fig. 1a). The eastern part of the Sakarya block is known as the Eastern Pontides, which is a well preserved large mountain belt measuring 500 km long and 100 km wide. The northeast boundary is marked by the Achara-Trialet belt, and the Great Caucausus lies to the north and the Taurides to the south. The basement of the Eastern Pontides consists of Late Carboniferous intrusive and metamorphic rocks; this basement is unconformably overlain by Permo-Carboniferous clastic sedimentary rocks (e.g., Çapkınoğlu, 2003; Dokuz, 2011; Kandemir and Lerosey-Aubril, 2011; Okay and Leven, 1996; Topuz et al., 2007; Topuz et al., 2010; Yilmaz, 1972). Recently, a few upper-mantle serpentinized lherzolite and harzburgite blocks (up to 300 m²) belonging to the Variscan basement of the Eastern Pontides have been described in the Beyçam (Gümüşhane) and Pulur (Bayburt) areas (Dokuz et al., 2011). The Variscan metamorphicmagmatic basement is unconformably overlain by post Triassic volcano-sedimentary rocks (Dokuz and Tanyolu, 2006; Kandemir and Yilmaz, 2009; Şen, 2007). Late Triassic events in the western part of the Sakarya block are interpreted as associated with a subduction setting, based on the blueschists and eclogites of the Karakaya complex (Okay and Göncüoğlu, 2004; Okay et al., 2002), although this time is poorly understood due to the rarity of the Late Triassic rocks in the Eastern Pontides. The Early Jurassic is dominated by a continental magmatic arc separated from the northern margin of Gondwana in response to the southward subduction of the Paleotethyan oceanic slab during the Early Triassic (Dokuz et al., 2006, 2010; Koçyiğit and Altiner, 2002; Şengör and Yilmaz, 1981; Yilmaz et al., 1997), based on the geochemical nature of the intrusive (Dokuz et al., 2006; Ustaömer and Robertson, 2010) and volcanic rocks (Sen, 2007). This southward subduction of the Paleotethys caused the formation of the northern branch of the Neotethys Ocean in the southern part of the Sakarya Zone (Şengör and Yilmaz, 1981). Middle to Late Jurassic granitoids and dacites emplaced within the volcano-sedimentary rocks of the Şenköy Formation (Dokuz et al., 2006, 2010) together with molasse sediments are interpreted as the products of an arc-continent collision in response to closure of the Paleotethys during the Middle Jurassic and the accretion of the Sakarya block onto Laurasia in the north (Dokuz et al., 2010; Sengör and Yilmaz, 1981; Sengör et al., 1980; Yilmaz et al., 1997). The Late Jurassic to Early Cretaceous was characterized by platform carbonates of the Berdiga Formation (Görür, 1997; Tüysüz, 1999). During the Late Cretaceous, the opening of the Black Sea in the northern part of the Eastern Pontides was triggered by the northward subduction of the Neotethys (Okay et al., 1994; Robinson et al., 1995; Sengör et al., 2003). This subduction resulted in a submarine magmatic arc (Altherr et al., 2008; Boztuğ and Harlavan, 2008; Boztuğ et al., 2004; Çinku et al., 2010; Karsli et al., 2010a, 2012a; Kaygusuz et al., 2008; Okay and Şahintürk, 1997; Okay and Tüysüz, 1999; Ustaömer and Robertson, 2010; Yilmaz et al., 1997). The Early Paleocene plagioleucitites in the Eastern Pontides have been interpreted as the final products of the northward subduction (Altherr et al., 2008). The Paleocene and Early Eocene in the Eastern Pontides were dominated by continent-continent collision between the Pontides and the Tauride-Anatolide block in response to the complete closure of the Neotethys (Boztuğ et al., 2004; Dokuz et al., 2013; Hisarli, 2011; Karsli et al., 2010b, 2011; Okay and Sahintürk, 1997; Rolland et al., 2012; Topuz et al., 2011). Middle Eocene high-K calc-alkaline intrusives and volcanics (Arslan and Aslan, 2006; Aydinçakir and Şen, 2013; Boztuğ et al., 2004, 2006; Karsli et al., 2007, 2012b) and Neogene alkaline volcanics (Aydin et al., 2008, 2009) formed in a post-collision extensional setting.

3. Sampling and analytical techniques

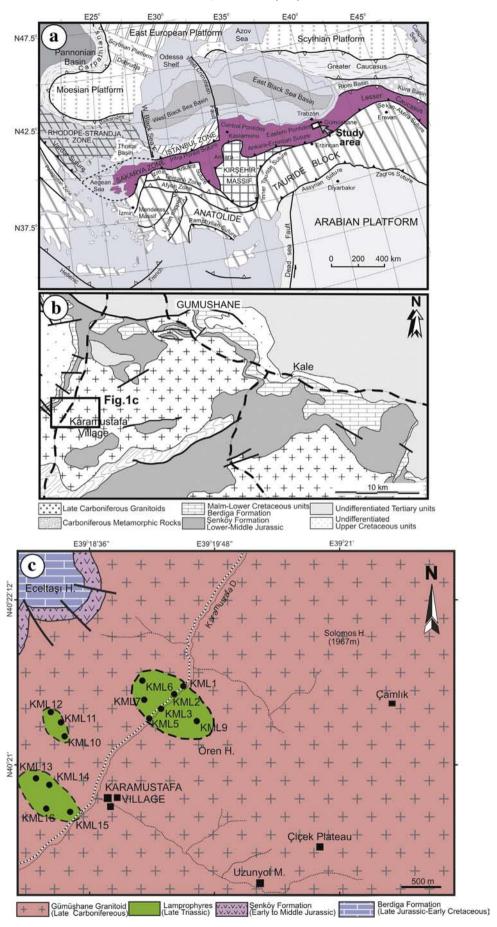
We collected fourteen lamprophyre samples at three locations of small intrusions near the village of Karamustafa, Gümüşhane (Fig. 1b). The sample locations are depicted in Fig. 1b. All of the samples are megascopically fresh, undeformed and unmetamorphosed. As these samples represent the first observation of such rocks in the region, ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar dating, mineral chemical analyses, major and trace element analyses, and Sr–Nd–Pb isotopic measurements were performed to evaluate the origin of the calc-alkaline lamprophyres in the Eastern Pontides and the geodynamic setting in which they were generated.

3.1. ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar dating

⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar incremental heating experiments were performed in the Geochronology Laboratory at the Vrije University. For each sample, approximately 200 mg of washed groundmass was packed in 20-mm diameter Al-foil packages and was stacked with packages containing a mineral standard into a 23-mm OD quartz tube. The mineral standard was DRA-1 sanidine (with a K/Ar age of 25.26 Ma), and the quartz vial was packaged in a standard Al-irradiation capsule and irradiated for 1 h in a Cd-lined rotating apparatus at the NRG-Petten HFR facility in the Netherlands. Laser incremental heating was performed using a Synrad 48-5 CO₂ laser. A typical mass spectrometer run consisted of stepping through the argon mass spectrum. The details of the analytical method were those described by Wijbrans et al. (1995).

3.2. Microchemical analyses

The mineral compositions were determined in polished thin sections using a Cameca SX-100 electron microprobe at the Ludwig Maximilian University, Section for Mineralogy, Petrology and Geochemistry, Munich (Germany), equipped with five wavelength-dispersive spectrometers. The analytical conditions included an accelerating voltage of 15 kV, a beam current of 20 nA and a counting time of 10 to 30 s.



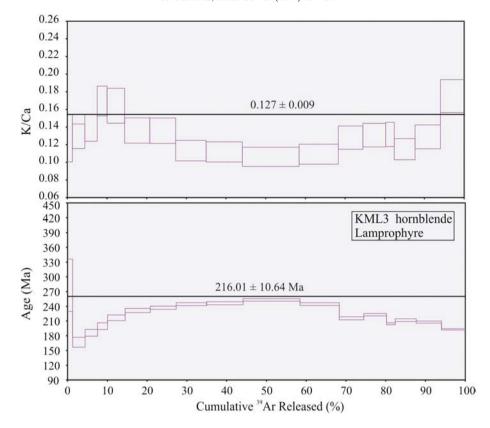


Fig. 2. ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar age and K/Ca spectra plots of the hornblende from the calc-alkaline lamprophyre intrusion by incremental heating.

Synthetic and natural oxides and silicates were used as standard materials. The correction procedures were based on the CAMECA PAP algorithm by Pouchou and Pichoir (1985). The detection limits were generally in the order of 0.1 wt.%. The counting time was usually set to 10 s when analyzing for the major elements (i.e., Si, Al, Fe, Ca, Na and K). The analyses were performed using a beam diameter of 1 μm , except in the case of feldspars, in which a defocused beam (10 μm) was used to minimize the alkaline diffusion.

3.3. Whole-rock major and trace element analyses

Twelve samples were selected for the major and trace element analyses. To prepare the rock powders, 1–3 kg of each sample was crushed in a steel crusher, and the samples were then crushed further in an agate mill to a grain size of <200 mesh. The major and trace element concentrations were determined at the commercial ACME Laboratories Ltd, in Vancouver, Canada. The amounts of major element oxides were measured using ICP-AES (0.2 g of pulp sample by LiBO₂ fusion). The detection limits are approximately 0.001–0.04%. For the trace element analyses, 0.2 g of sample powder and 1.5 g of LiBO₂ flux were mixed

in a graphite crucible and heated to 1050 °C for 15 min in a muffle furnace. The molten sample was then dissolved in 100 mL of 5% HNO₃ (American Chemical Society-grade nitric acid in deionized water). The sample solutions were shaken for 2 h, and then an aliquot was poured into a polypropylene test tube and aspirated into a Perkin-Elmer Elan 600 ICP mass spectrometer. Calibration and verification standards together with reagent blanks were added to the sample sequence. The elemental concentrations of the samples were obtained using BCR-2 and BIR-2 (concentrations from USGS) as external standards. The detection limits ranged from 0.01 to 0.5 ppm for most of the trace elements.

3.4. Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic analyses

Powdered samples were dissolved using acid (HF + HClO₄) in sealed Savillex beakers on a hot plate for one week. Sr and Nd isotopic analyses were performed at the Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences (Beijing). Isotope analyses were performed using a multi-collector VG354 mass spectrometer. Rb, Sr, Sm and Nd concentrations were measured using the isotopic dilution method. ⁸⁷Sr/⁸⁶Sr ratios

Table 1 40 Ar/ 39 Ar age data of the calc-alkaline lamprophyres from the Gümüşhane region in the Eastern Pontides.

| Sample | Rock type | Mineral | Plateau age | | Normal isochron | | | | | |
|--------|---------------------------|------------|------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--|--------|---------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| | | | $Age \pm 2\sigma (Ma)$ | MSWD | $Age \pm 2\sigma(Ma)$ | $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}(i)\pm2\sigma$ | MSWD | $^{39}\!Ar_{(K)}\%$ | (n) | K/Ca \pm 2 σ |
| KML3 | Calc-alkaline lamprophyre | Hornblende | 216.01 ± 10.64 | 242.75 | 200.02 ± 19.60 | 309.22 ± 18.15 | 100.10 | 100.01 | 17 | 0.127 ± 0.01 |

Note: Plateaus ages were calculated over concordant steps (as defined by the MSWD value calculated for the plateau steps), the percentage of the gas release included in the plateau calculation is given in the column 39 Ar_(K), the number of steps forming the plateau is n. 40/36(i) refers to the non-radiogenic intercept ratio of 40 Ar/ 36 Ar, which are in all cases indistinguishable from the value for modern air. Isochron ages were calculated over the steps that represent the plateau. Errors given are $\pm 2\sigma$. Ages were calculated on the basis of an age for the laboratory standard sanidine DRA-1 of 25.26 \pm 0.2 Ma.

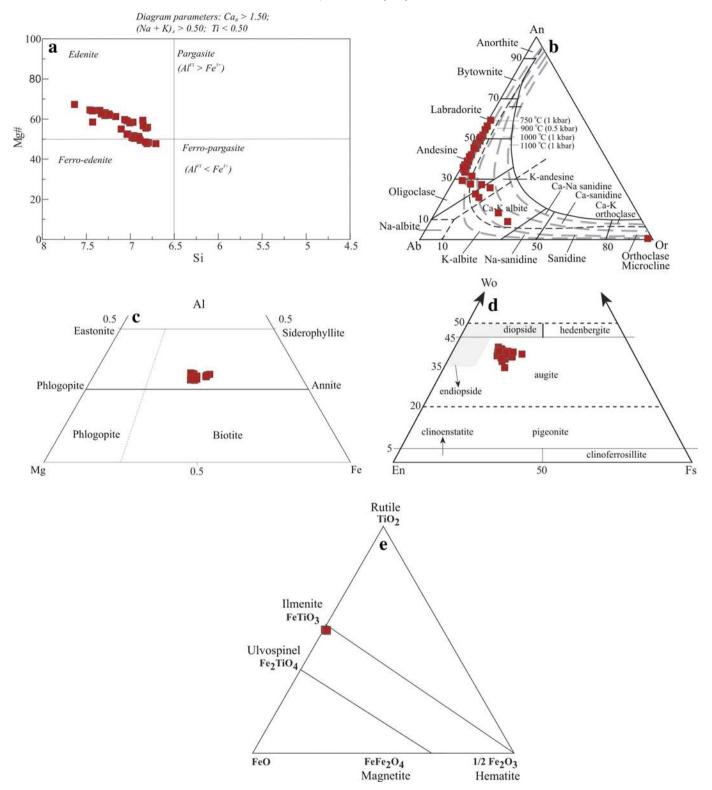
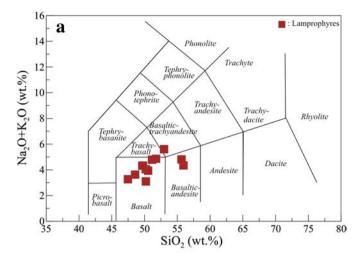


Fig. 3. (a) Nomenclature of the amphiboles from the calc-alkaline lamprophyres. (b) Portion of the feldspar ternary diagram showing the feldspar composition. (c) Nomenclature of the biotites from the studied samples. (d) The pyroxene composition shown on the enstatite–diopside half of the pyroxene quadrilateral. (e) The ilmenite compositions represented as molar proportions in the FeO–Fe₂O₃–TiO₂ ternary.

were normalized against 86 Sr/ 88 Sr = 0.1194, and 143 Nd/ 144 Nd ratios were normalized against 146 Nd/ 144 Nd = 0.7219. 87 Sr/ 86 Sr ratios were adjusted to the NBS-987 Sr standard = 0.710250 and 143 Nd/ 144 Nd ratios to the La Jolla Nd standard = 0.511860. The uncertainty in concentration analyses

by isotopic dilution is $\pm 2\%$ for Rb, ± 0.4 –1% for Sr, and $<\pm 0.5\%$ for Sm and Nd, depending on concentration levels; with an overall uncertainty for Rb/Sr is $\pm 2\%$ and for Sm/Nd is ± 0.2 –0.5%. Procedural blanks are: Rb = 120 pg, Sr = 200 pg, Sm = 50 pg and Nd = 50–



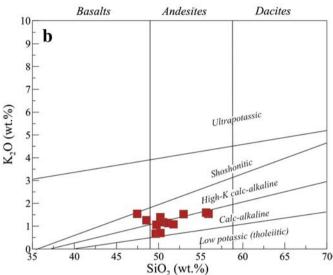


Fig. 4. Classifications of the calc-alkaline lamprophyres from the Gümüşhane region. (a) The TAS diagram (Le Bas et al., 1986), (b) K₂O–SiO₂ diagram (Peccerillo and Taylor, 1976) for the lamprophyres.

100 pg. The detailed analytical procedures for Sr and Nd isotopic measurements are given in Qiao (1988), and for the analysis of Pb isotope, the sample powder was spiked and dissolved in concentrated HF at 800 °C for 72 h. Lead was separated and purified by a conventional anion-exchange technique (AG1×8, 200–400 resin) with diluted HBr. Isotopic ratios were measured using the VG-354 mass spectrometer at the IGG (Beijing). Repeated analyses of NBS981 resulted in $^{204}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb} = 0.05897 \pm 15, \,^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb} = 0.91445 \pm 80$ and $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb} = 2.16170 \pm 200.$

4. Results

4.1. ⁴⁰Ar/³⁹Ar dating

The 40 Ar/ 39 Ar incremental heating method was used for the dating of the lamprophyres. The resulting 40 Ar/ 39 Ar data are presented in Table 1 and Fig. 3, representing the results in the form of age spectra. The 40 Ar/ 39 Ar dating of a hornblende separate from the spessartites (sample KML3) yielded a plateau age of 216 \pm 10.64 Ma. The plateau is defined by seventeen steps. The hornblende separate produced the best results, with reasonable enrichment in radiogenic argon and good agreement between the plateau and isochron ages (Table 1). The

alignment of points in the isochron plots seems to indicate that there is extraneous (perhaps inherited or excess) ^{40}Ar in the system. The plateau age of 216 \pm 10.64 Ma of the hornblende separate from the lamprophyres is thought to date the crystallization time of the lamprophyres, coinciding with the subduction events in the region (Dokuz, 2011; Okay and Tüysüz, 1999; Şengör and Yilmaz, 1981; Yilmaz et al., 1997). (See Fig. 2.)

4.2. Mineralogy and petrography

Based on the mineral paragenesis and geochemical compositions, the mafic rocks collected from the Karamustafa area, Gümüşhane, are classified as lamprophyres, and none of the samples resemble a lamproite. The lamprophyres are present as small intrusions within the Late Carboniferous intrusive rocks of the Gümüşhane granitoid. The individual stocks are <2 km in diameter (Fig. 1b). Most of the lamprophyres are fresh. On the basis of their silicate mineralogy, the rocks are spessartites. All of the samples display porphyritic textures typical of lamprophyres, with variably sized phenocrysts of plagioclase, calcic amphibole \pm biotite and pyroxene set in a groundmass of plagioclase and amphibole \pm K-feldspar with such accessory minerals as ilmenite and apatite. The groundmass is typically holocrystalline, with a fine grained nonequigranular texture. No glass has been found. Glomeroporphyritic clusters of amphibole and plagioclase are present. The amphibole and plagioclase phenocrysts are typically less than 2 mm in diameter but may comprise up to 40% of the samples. The amphibole phenocrysts are of homogeneous composition, with X_{Mg} [=Mg/ $(Mg + Fe_{tot})$] ranging from 0.48 to 0.68, clustering in the edenite and ferro-edenite fields, according to Leake et al. (1997), in contrast to the K-rich amphiboles typical of lamproites (Fig. 3a; Supplementary Table 1). The compositions of the matrix amphiboles overlap with those of the phenocrysts. The plagioclase phenocrysts are subhedral and are found together with microlites of mafic silicates. The spessartites contain plagioclase phenocrysts (from andesine to labradorite) with a composition of $Ab_{63-40}An_{59-31}Or_{7-1}$ (Fig. 3b; Supplementary Table 1). The compositions of all of the phenocrysts are similar to those of the minerals in the groundmass. A minority of the alkali feldspars in the groundmass are orthoclase of entirely homogeneous composition (Or_{99-100}) (Fig. 3b). The lesser amounts of subhedral biotite and pyroxene fit the modal definition of spessartites. Highly pleochroic biotites from the spessartites contain variable amounts of TiO_2 (2.60–4.68 wt.%) and have X_{Mg} values of 0.44 to 0.53 (Fig. 3c; Supplementary Table 1). Clinopyroxene is present as small subhedral grains (~1 mm). Based on the criteria of Morimoto et al. (1988), the clinopyroxenes are of augite composition, i.e., $Wo_{36-45}En_{36-47}Fs_{11-22}$ (Fig. 3d). The augitic pyroxenes have X_{Mg} values ranging from 0.73 to 0.77. Ilmenites are present as poikilitic inclusions within mafic silicates and are of homogeneous composition (Ilm₉₉Hm₀₁) (Fig. 3e; Supplementary Table 1).

4.3. Major and trace elements

In the total alkali–silica diagram (Fig. 4a), the lamprophyres fall in the fields of basalt, basaltic–andesite and basaltic trachyandesite, having low to moderate SiO_2 contents (Table 2). The Mg# [($100 \times MgO / (MgO + 0.9FeO_{tot})$] varies widely, ranging from 47 to 73, due to the magma evolution. All of the samples lie within the high-K calc-alkaline and calc-alkaline fields defined by Peccerillo and Taylor (1976) (Fig. 4b). The concentrations of transition metals (Table 2) in the lamprophyres are lower than those of primitive mafic magmas (Frey et al., 1978), suggesting the more differentiated nature of the former. Diagrams of the major and trace elements versus silica shown in Fig. 5a–g display linear and scattered trends. It is apparent that all of the rocks generally exhibit negative correlations between SiO_2 and MgO and CaO, respectively, while they have a positive correlation between silica and Na_2O (Fig. 5).

In the diagrams of multiple-element variations (Fig. 6a), all of the samples exhibit similar patterns, specifically significant enrichment in

 Table 2

 Representative whole-rock analyses for major and trace elements of the calc-alkaline lamprophyres from the Eastern Pontides.

| Rock type | Calc-alkaline lamprophyres | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|--------------|-------|--|--|
| Sample no | KML1 | KML2 | KML3 | KML5 | KML6 | KML7 | KML9 | KML10 | KML11 | KML12 | KML15 | KML16 | | |
| SiO ₂ | 52.98 | 50.2 | 50.54 | 49.75 | 49.66 | 51.13 | 51.76 | 48.55 | 47.47 | 50.21 | 55.93 | 55.65 | | |
| TiO ₂ | 0.86 | 1.08 | 1.13 | 1.71 | 1.26 | 1.68 | 0.75 | 0.97 | 0.71 | 0.54 | 0.71 | 0.71 | | |
| Al_2O_3 | 16.2 | 14.84 | 14.69 | 15.07 | 14.47 | 15.31 | 16.49 | 15.92 | 16.51 | 14.4 | 16.83 | 17.22 | | |
| Fe ₂ O ₃ ^t | 7.93 | 10.85 | 10.17 | 11.01 | 11.8 | 10.61 | 7.5 | 9.36 | 10.27 | 8 | 8.02 | 8.17 | | |
| MnO | 0.13 | 0.19 | 0.21 | 0.22 | 0.19 | 0.18 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.16 | | |
| MgO | 6.83 | 7.67 | 8.2 | 6.86 | 7.03 | 5.94 | 7.74 | 8.9 | 9.87 | 10.64 | 3.78 | 3.63 | | |
| CaO | 7.77 | 9.48 | 9.77 | 9.33 | 8.72 | 8.68 | 8.62 | 9.82 | 8.62 | 10.18 | 6.94 | 7.17 | | |
| Na ₂ O | 4.08 | 2.66 | 2.77 | 3.27 | 3.65 | 3.65 | 3.78 | 2.37 | 1.73 | 2.4 | 2.81 | 3.22 | | |
| K ₂ O | 1.53 | 1.39 | 1.17 | 1.06 | 0.67 | 1.14 | 1.08 | 1.26 | 1.54 | 0.7 | 1.54 | 1.59 | | |
| P ₂ O ₅ | 0.108 | 0.118 | 0.09 | 0.13 | 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.15 | 0.16 | | |
| LOI | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 2.1 | | |
| Total | 99.71 | 99.77 | 99.84 | 99.6 | 99.8 | 99.87 | 99.84 | 99.70 | 99.65 | 99.67 | 99.77 | 99.78 | | |
| Mg# | 0.63 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.55 | 0.53 | 0.53 | 0.67 | 0.65 | 0.66 | 0.73 | 0.48 | 0.47 | | |
| Rb | 64.3 | 51.7 | 40.6 | 26.1 | 19.8 | 44.4 | 44,3 | 47.5 | 69.2 | 25.3 | 38.2 | 43.4 | | |
| Sr | 146.5 | 269 | 164.6 | 198.2 | 176.8 | 207.2 | 309.9 | 299 | 216.7 | 259.5 | 313.5 | 372.2 | | |
| Ba | 248 | 159 | 135.4 | 258.4 | 81.1 | 136.9 | 148 | 217 | 393 | 143 | 498 | 470 | | |
| Cs | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1 | 0.8 | 2 | 1,1 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.6 | | |
| Zr | 71.2 | 75 | 69.6 | 97.3 | 83.2 | 123.2 | 63.1 | 66.8 | 44.1 | 40.4 | 121.1 | 112.4 | | |
| Hf | 2.5 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 2 | 2 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 3.2 | 3.3 | | |
| Th | 2.7 | 2.3 | 3 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 3 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 3.4 | 6.2 | 5.7 | | |
| Pb | 2.2 | 7 | 9.2 | 5 | 1.8 | 8.8 | 6.6 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 4.5 | 6.9 | 8 | | |
| Nb | 2.2 | 3 | 2.3 | 3 | 2.6 | 3.7 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1 | 6.2 | 6 | | |
| Y | 18.8 | 19.6 | 25.9 | 26.6 | 34.4 | 19 | 20.2 | 21.5 | 20.6 | 11.7 | 22.3 | 22.1 | | |
| Ni | 29.8 | 6.4 | 24.5 | 9.3 | 13 | 8 | 29.9 | 44 | 79 | 72.4 | 7.2 | 5.7 | | |
| Co | 32.3 | 40.8 | 42.6 | 38.9 | 43 | 36.5 | 35.3 | 42.2 | 47.6 | 46.8 | 21.1 | 21.4 | | |
| V | 176 | 221 | 242 | 380 | 258 | 311 | 182 | 240 | 188 | 203 | 194 | 193 | | |
| Ta | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | | |
| La | 8.2 | 6 | 5.6 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 8.6 | 7.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 20.2 | 19.1 | | |
| Ce | 15.5 | 12.2 | 13.9 | 17.4 | 13.8 | 21.6 | 17 | 10.6 | 9.8 | 8.8 | 40.8 | 38.6 | | |
| Pr | 2.37 | 2.13 | 1.9 | 2.46 | 2.04 | 3.03 | 2.09 | 1.57 | 1.34 | 6.6 1.17 | 4.66 | 4.49 | | |
| Nd | 10.3 | 10.1 | 9.5 | 12 | 9.1 | 3.03 14 | 9.1 | 7.7 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 19 | 18.1 | | |
| | 2.84 | 2.89 | 9.5 2.97 | 3.56 | 2.92 | 4.3 | 2.43 | 2.28 | 1.89 | 1.46 | 3.83 | 3.68 | | |
| Sm | 0.74 | 0.89 | 0.77 | 1.13 | 0.94 | 1.29 | 0.7 | 0.99 | 0.68 | 0.53 | 3.83 1.07 | | | |
| Eu | | | | | | | | | | | | 1.04 | | |
| Gd | 3.32 | 3.5 | 3.65 | 4.5 | 3.79 | 5.12 | 2.81 | 2.97 | 2.67 | 1.78 | 3.74 | 3.63 | | |
| Tb | 0.53 | 0.54 | 0.7 | 0.83 | 0.71 | 0.96 | 0.52 | 0.58 | 0.53 | 0.33 | 0.64 | 0.61 | | |
| Dy | 3.88 | 3.88 | 3.91 | 4.68 | 4.14 | 5.45 | 3.06 | 3.53 | 3.29 | 1.9 | 3.69 | 3.49 | | |
| Но | 0.76 | 0.82 | 0.83 | 0.96 | 0.89 | 1.13 | 0.62 | 0.76 | 0.71 | 0.41 | 0.78 | 0.74 | | |
| Er | 2.24 | 2.27 | 2.47 | 2.69 | 2.52 | 3.22 | 1.75 | 2.14 | 2.15 | 1.18 | 2.22 | 2.18 | | |
| Tm | 0.34 | 0.35 | 0.36 | 0.42 | 0.39 | 0.48 | 0.28 | 0.34 | 0.32 | 0.18 | 0.36 | 0.34 | | |
| Yb | 2.15 | 2.33 | 2.42 | 2.71 | 2.67 | 3.17 | 1.72 | 2.12 | 2.13 | 1.07 | 2.28 | 2.22 | | |
| Lu | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.43 | 0.24 | 0.32 | 0.32 | 0.17 | 0.35 | 0.34 | | |
| (La/Yb)cn | 2.57 | 1.74 | 1.56 | 1.67 | 1.41 | 1.83 | 2.90 | 1.40 | 1.39 | 2.65 | 5.97 | 5.80 | | |
| Eu/Eu* | 0.73 | 0.85 | 0.71 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.83 | 0.81 | 1.16 | 0.92 | 1.00 | 0.86 | 0.86 | | |

 $\textit{Note:} \ Mg\# \ is \ 100 \times MgO \ / \ (MgO \ + \ 0.9 FeO_{tot}) \ in \ molar \ proportions. \ Oxides \ are \ given \ in \ wt.\%, \ trace \ elements \ in \ \mu g/g.$

large-ion lithophile elements (LILEs) (Ba, Rb, Th and K) relative to certain high field-strength elements (HFSEs) (such as Nb and Ti), with negative Nb anomalies. The patterns of the chondrite-normalized rare earth elements (REEs) display enrichment in LREEs relative to HREEs (Fig. 6b), with negligible negative Eu anomalies (Eu/Eu* = 0.71 to 1.16; Table 2). The value of (La/Yb)cn is low to moderate, between 1 and 5, with mostly low values of $<\!2$ (Table 2).

4.4. Lamprophyre signature

The term 'lamprophyre', with hypabyssal and mesocratic to melanocratic characteristics, was first reported by Gumbel Von (1874) in classifying quartz-free, volatile-rich, sodic to potassic and maficultramafic alkaline igneous rocks. The lamprophyres were later divided into five primary categories: calc-alkaline lamprophyres, alkaline lamprophyres, ultramafic lamprophyres, lamproitic lamprophyres and kimberlitic lamprophyres (Rock, 1987, 1991). The samples analyzed in our study fall within the field of calc-alkaline lamprophyres in the classification diagram (Fig. 7a). Likewise, their mafic silicate compositions (i.e., amphibole, biotite and pyroxene) suggest that they plot in the calc-alkaline lamprophyre fields of the selected classification diagrams (Fig. 7b-d).

4.5. Sr-Nd-Pb isotopes

Measured and Sr-Nd-Pb isotope data for five representative samples from the calc-alkaline lamprophyres from the Karamustafa area, Gümüşhane, are presented in Tables 3 and 4. The lamprophyres display relatively high and heterogeneous isotopic compositions: their I_{Sr} (216 Ma) ranges from 0.70619 to 0.71291, and their ε_{Nd} (216 Ma) ranges from -1.4 to 4.1. The corresponding Nd model ages (T_{DM}) are in the range of 1.56 to 2.20 Ga. All of the samples exhibit a slight negative correlation between the two parameters; in other words, ε_{Nd} (216 Ma) decreases with increasing I_{Sr} values. The lamprophyre samples plot primarily in the right quadrants of the conventional Sr-Nd isotope diagram. Compared with volcanics and other granitoids of Late Cretaceous to Early Cenozoic ages from the Eastern Pontides, they have Sr-Nd isotopic values different from those of the lower crust-derived, Early Cenozoic adakitic volcanics (Karsli et al., 2010b) and granitoids (Topuz et al., 2005), the Neogene alkaline volcanics (Aydin et al., 2008), hybrid granitoids from the Eastern Pontides (Karsli et al., 2007), the subductionrelated plagioleucitites (Altherr et al., 2008), Late Cretaceous hybrid Harşit pluton (Karsli et al., 2010a), A-type granites from the Eastern Pontides (Karsli et al., 2012a) and Middle Eocene shoshonitic granitoids (Karsli et al., 2012b) (Fig. 8a).

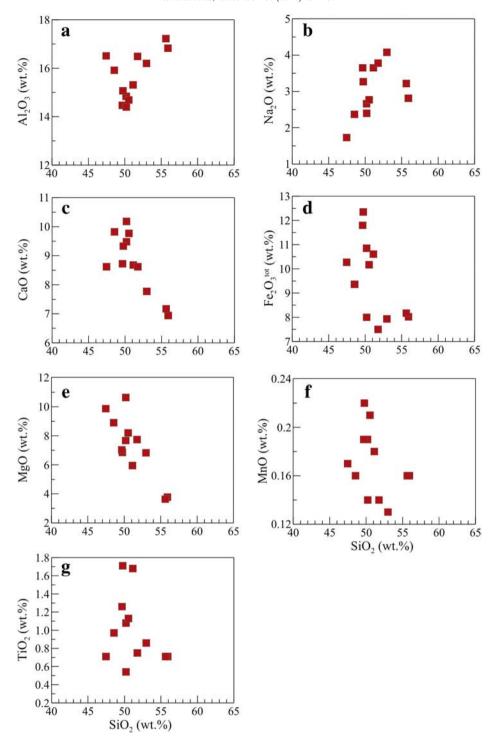


Fig. 5. Harker plots of the calc-alkaline lamprophyres. (a) SiO₂ versus Al₂O₃; (b) SiO₂ versus Na₂O; (c) SiO₂ versus CaO; (d) SiO₂ versus Fe₂O₃^{tot} (e) SiO₂ versus MgO; (f) SiO₂ versus MnO; (g) SiO₂ versus TiO₂.

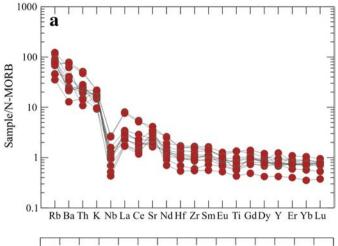
The lamprophyre samples are relatively homogeneous in their lead isotopic compositions, specifically their ²⁰⁶Pb/²⁰⁴Pb, ²⁰⁷Pb/²⁰⁴Pb and ²⁰⁸Pb/²⁰⁴Pb isotopic ratios. The lead isotopic ratios of the samples are radiogenic (Fig. 8b, c and Table 4). The northern hemisphere reference line (NHRL; Hart, 1984) was used in the plots, as the ²⁰⁸Pb data are more radiogenic than the ²⁰⁶Pb that plot well above the NHRL in conventional Pb isotope diagrams (Fig. 8a, b). The EM1 and EM2 endmembers (Zindler and Hart, 1986) are also plotted for comparison. The field of the Sisdaği pluton is shown for reference, and the Pb isotopes of the samples are clustered in a field near the fields of the Sisdaği

pluton and marine sediments, far from that of EM1, and tending toward that of the EM2 end-member (Fig. 8a, b).

5. Discussion

5.1. Petrogenesis of the calc-alkaline lamprophyre intrusions

The calc-alkaline lamprophyres investigated in the region are scattered, and their distribution, petrography, mineralogy and geochemistry differ greatly from those of the other rock. Their



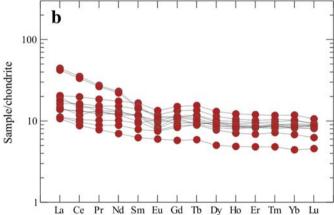


Fig. 6. (a) N-MORB-normalized multi-element variation patterns (normalized to values given in Sun and McDonough, 1989) for the calc-alkaline lamprophyres. (b) Chondrite normalized (to values given in Boynton, 1984) rare earth element abundance patterns for the selected samples from the lamprophyre intrusion.

calc-alkaline character is clearly indicated by their major element concentrations and mineral compositions. The negative Nb and Ti spikes in the N-MORB normalized multi-element diagrams are indicative of subduction-related melts or melts derived from melting of a mantle wedge that was enriched by previous subduction events in a post-orogenic setting. Thus, the calc-alkaline lamprophyres may be products of a basic parental magma evolved by fractional crystallization (e.g., Currie and Williams, 1993) or a mantle source modified by subduction-related fluids (e.g., Awdankiewicz, 2007; Nédli and Tóth, 2007; Prelevic et al., 2005). All of the results presented here support the scenario of melts formed in an extensional environment of a subduction setting. The principal lines of evidence for this possibility are discussed in detail below.

5.1.1. Magma evolution

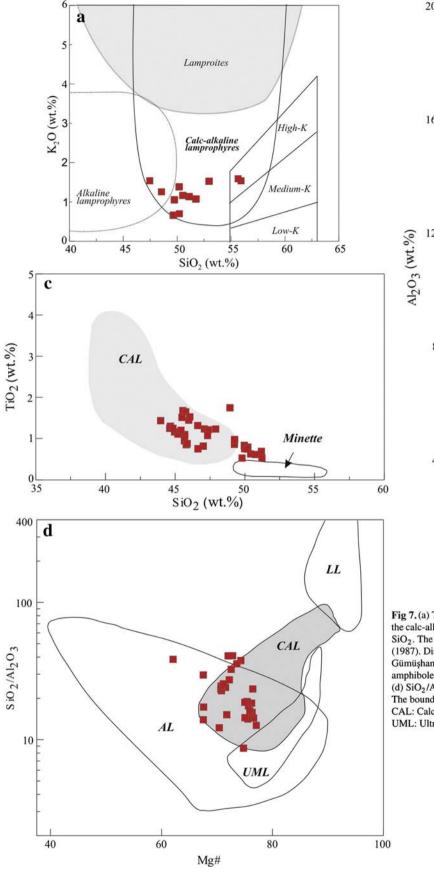
The negative correlation in the plots of MgO–SiO₂ and CaO–SiO₂ suggests the fractionation of the ferromagnesian minerals during magma evolution. In addition, there are no correlations in the plots of Fe₂O₃^{tot}–SiO₂ and TiO₂–SiO₂, clearly indicating that rutile and Fe–Ti oxide fractionation was not responsible for the evolution of the parental magma of the lamprophyres (Fig. 5a–g). Small amounts of plagioclase fractionation are supported by the weak Eu/Eu* anomalies and negative CaO–SiO₂ correlations. The I_{Sr} (216 Ma) and $\epsilon_{\rm Nd}$ (216 Ma) values are inversely correlated in the conventional isotope diagram (Fig. 8), indicating that the magma evolution did not occur in a closed system and that continental contamination seems to have played a role more or less during the magma evolution, which is indicated by the binary diagrams of $I_{\rm Sr}$ (216 Ma) versus SiO₂ (Fig. 9a–b).

Therefore, the unexpectedly high $I_{\rm Sr}$ ratio (0.712910) of sample KML1 seems to have resulted from upper crustal contamination, as the upper continental crust has an $I_{\rm Sr}$ ratio >0.7105 (Taylor and McLennan, 1985). As the contamination by the upper continental crust could not have changed the Nd isotopic composition, the values of the samples are similar to each other. The plot of La (ppm) versus the La/Yb ratio suggests that the partial melting was one of the important processes controlling the geochemical variations in the lamprophyres (Fig. 9d). In the plot of $I_{\rm Sr}$ (216 Ma) versus 1/Sr (Fig. 9c), the samples do not show a linear positive trend, which is inconsistent with a magma mixing process.

5.1.2. Source characteristics

The lamprophyre samples from the Gümüşhane region display a calc-alkaline geochemical signature, with low to moderate silica levels matching those of evolved melts derived from the mantle. The lamprophyre samples exhibit high concentrations of incompatible trace elements (LILE and LREE). In the N-MORB normalized multielement diagram, there are significant negative Nb anomalies (Fig. 6a), suggesting that the lamprophyres were not derived from a normal MORB or OIB source. If they were derived from a normal MORB or OIB source, then positive Nb-Ti anomalies would be expected in the N-MORB-normalized trace element diagrams (e.g., Hofmann, 1997). All of the rocks are enriched in LREE, with almost similar REE abundances. Their Ce/Pb ratios (2-8) differ from those of oceanic basalts (~25; Hofmann, 1997), indicating that asthenospheric mantle melts were not likely the source. Sample KML10 is one of the most primitive lamprophyres investigated, as it is characterized by the highest MgO (8.90 wt.%), lowest SiO₂ (48.55 wt.%) and the most primitive isotopic compositions [I_{Sr} (216 Ma) = 0.706192, ε_{Nd} (216 Ma) = -1.4 and $T_{\rm DM}=1.11$; Table 3]. The previously reported geochemical and isotopic compositions of the sample, which are less radiogenic than that of depleted asthenospheric melt ($\varepsilon_{Nd}(t) = +5$; Basu et al., 1991), favor a source of enriched old subcontinental lithospheric mantle rather than a mafic lower crust for the lamprophyres. Their low Nb/La and La/Yb ratios are also consistent with those of lithospheric mantle (approximately < 0.5) rather than OIB-like asthenospheric mantle melts (approximately >1; Bradshaw and Smith, 1994; Smith et al., 1999) (Fig. 10a). The Pb isotopic ratios resemble those of an EM2-type end-member (Fig. 8b, c), and their enrichment in LILEs and LREEs suggests an enriched lithospheric mantle as a source material. The calc-alkaline lamprophyre samples are characterized by a nearly flat HREE pattern. HREE fractionation in mafic lavas generally develops as a result of a melting of a mantle source that includes garnet or mantle enrichment by fluids/melts released from garnet-bearing subducted sediments (e.g., Avanzinelli et al., 2008; O'Neill, 1981). These indications suggest that garnet was not included in the mantle source of the rocks and that the melting occurred at shallower depths, indicating a spinel-bearing peridotite facies source.

The melting histories of the calc-alkaline lamprophyres are mirrored by the trace element modeling of Tb/Yb versus Ce/Yb ratios of the volcanic rocks (Fig. 10c). In this plot, a dynamic melting equation (Zou, 1998) is applied to an enriched depleted MORB mantle source composition (E-DMM; Workman and Hart, 2005) with spinel-lherzolite mineralogy (Kinzler, 1997). Nearly 1–7% partial melting of the E-DMM source may have produced the Tb/Yb versus Ce/Yb systematics of the samples. Garnet facies melting in the E-DMM source is also shown in Fig. 10c, creating higher Tb/Yb ratios in the melt with respect to those of spinel-facies melting. Alternatively, a spinel-facies partial melting model is also applied to the primitive mantle-normalized trace element amounts in the samples (Fig. 10d). The modeling results indicate that ~1-10% partial melting of the E-DMM source may explain the LREE and HREE levels in the samples. Such a melting model cannot explain the high LILE abundances and LILE enrichments over the HFSE ratios (negative Nb, Ta and Ti anomalies) of the samples. These relationships strongly suggest that the source of the calc-alkaline lamprophyres was



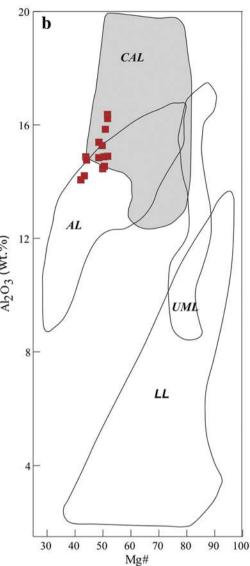


Fig 7.(a) The lamprophyres from the Gümüşhane region plot in the calc-alkaline lamprophyre field in the diagram of K_2O versus SiO_2 . The lamprophyre classification scheme refers to Rock (1987). Discrimination diagrams of the lamprophyres from the Gümüşhane region. (b) TiO_2 versus SiO_2 contents of the amphibole, (c) $Al2O_3$ versus Mg# values of the biotite and (d) SiO_2/Al_2O_3 ratio versus Mg# values of the pyroxene. The boundaries in the diagrams are after Rock (1987). CAL: Calc-alkaline lamprophyres, AL: Alkaline lamprophyres, UML: Ultramafic lamprophyres, LL: Lamproitic lamprophyres.

Table 3Whole-rock Sr and Nd isotopic compositions of the calc-alkaline lamprophyres from the Eastern Pontides.

| Sample | [Rb] ppm | [Sr] ppm | ⁸⁷ Rb/ ⁸⁶ Sr | ⁸⁷ Sr/ ⁸⁶ Sr | 2σ | I _{Sr} (216 Ma) | [Sm] ppm | [Nd] ppm | ¹⁴⁷ Sm/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd | ¹⁴³ Nd/ ¹⁴⁴ Nd | 2σ | $\epsilon_{\text{Nd}}(0)$ | $\epsilon_{Nd}~(216~Ma)$ | $f_{Sm/Nd} \\$ | $T_{\rm DM}$ (Ga) |
|-----------|----------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----|--------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Calc-alka | Calc-alkaline lamprophyres | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| KML1 | 64.3 | 146.5 | 1.2728 | 0.713674 | 10 | 0.712910 | 2.84 | 10.3 | 0.1667 | 0.512669 | 9 | 0.6 | 0.8 | -0.15 | 1.56 |
| KML5 | 26.1 | 198.2 | 0.3819 | 0.708727 | 19 | 0.708500 | 3.56 | 12 | 0.1794 | 0.512773 | 8 | 2.6 | 2.7 | -0.09 | 1.67 |
| KML7 | 44.4 | 207.2 | 0.6214 | 0.708956 | 11 | 0.708595 | 4.3 | 14 | 0.1857 | 0.512759 | 10 | 2.4 | 2.4 | -0.06 | 2.12 |
| KML10 | 47.5 | 299.0 | 0.3443 | 0.706400 | 17 | 0.706192 | 2.28 | 7.7 | 0.1309 | 0.512547 | 6 | -1.8 | -1.4 | -0.33 | 1.11 |
| KML16 | 43.4 | 372.2 | 0.4156 | 0.707748 | 19 | 0.707512 | 3.68 | 18.1 | 0.1457 | 0.512848 | 8 | 4.1 | 4.1 | -0.02 | 2.20 |

Note: $\epsilon_{Nd} = ((^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd)_{c}/(^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd)_{CHUR} - 1) \times 10,000, f_{Sm/Nd} = (^{147}Sm/^{144}Sm)_{c}/(^{147}Sm/^{144}Sm)_{CHUR} - 1, (^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd)_{CHUR} = 0.512638, and (^{147}Sm/^{144}Sm)_{CHUR} = 0.1967.$ The model ages were calculated using a linear isotopic ratio growth equation: $T_{DM} = 1/\lambda \times \ln(1 + ((^{143}Nd/^{144}Nd)_{c} - 0.51315)/((^{147}Sm/^{144}Nd)_{c} - 0.2137)).$

highly enriched, especially in LILEs, which can only be supplied by fluids or sediments derived from a subduction zone (Pearce, 1982; Pearce and Parkinson, 1993) metasomatizing the original mantle composition in the mantle wedge. Partial melting of such a mantle, affected by subduction zone processes, seems likely to have produced the trace element composition of the samples investigated.

5.1.3. Mantle enrichment

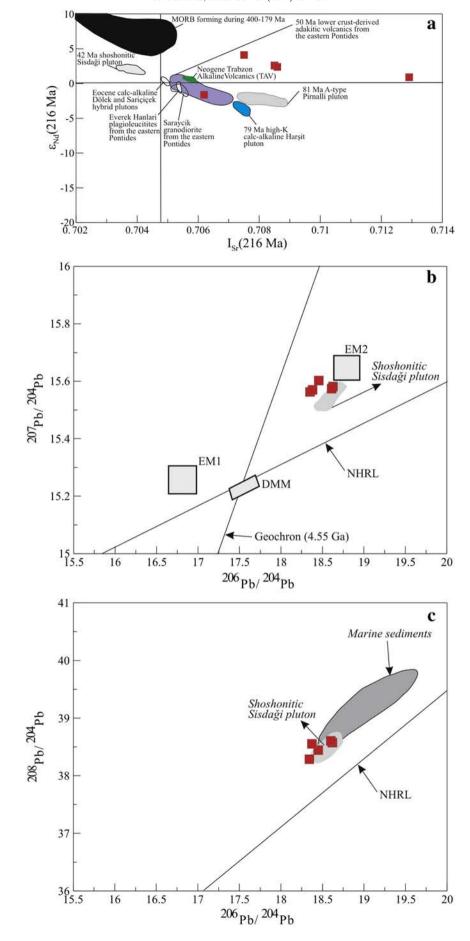
The enrichments in LILEs and LREEs with negative Nb and Ti anomalies are characteristic of subduction-related magmas and are commonly attributed to a mantle source that has been previously enriched in LILEs over HFSEs by the metasomatic activity of fluids derived from the subducted slab or sediments (e.g., Cameron et al., 2003; Elburg et al., 2002; Hawkesworth et al., 1997). The other possibility is the interaction between the lithospheric mantle and the volatile-rich material of the asthenosphere (Gibson et al., 1995; McKenzie, 1989). Such enrichment is usually an OIB-type signature, which is not consistent with the geochemical character of the calc-alkaline lamprophyres. Therefore, we propose that initial mantle enrichment was a plausible process in the development of the calc-alkaline lamprophyres investigated. The negative anomalies of Nb, Ta and Ti are typical of volcanic rocks formed in a subduction zone (Tatsumi and Kogiso, 1997). The regional geological data suggest that there is a consensus regarding the subduction of Paleotethyan oceanic slab in the region throughout the Triassic (Dokuz et al., 2010; Robertson and Dixon, 1984; Robinson et al., 1995; Tüysüz, 1999; Ustaömer and Robertson, 2010). Therefore, the calcalkaline lamprophyres seem most likely to have been derived from the partial melting of an enriched mantle wedge in an active subduction setting at 216 Ma. We assume that the mantle enrichment occurred at great depth during the Triassic Period, when the Laurasian block was subducted beneath the Eastern Pontides. In such a case, a large amount of fluids and/or sediments triggered the metasomatization of the depleted mantle prior to its partial melting. However, the plot of U/Th versus Th/Nb for the samples suggest that the fluids coming from the subducted slab may have caused the enrichment (Fig. 10b). Beccaluva et al. (2004) suggest that an important feature of subduction-related mantle metasomatism is the formation of the hydrous mineral phase phlogopite or amphibole (or both). The element compatibility of phlogopite and amphibole can indicate which hydrous phase was formed in the lithospheric mantle source (Furman and Graham, 1999; Yang et al., 2004). The most primitive sample, KML10, has low Ba/Rb (4.57) and Nb/Th (1.23) ratios, whereas its Rb/Sr ratio (0.16) is relatively high, suggesting that the source contained phlogopite rather than amphibole. Spinel is depleted in REEs and Y, whereas garnet is enriched in HREEs and Y, and amphibole is enriched in MREEs. The melt is expected to be depleted in HREEs, with Y/Yb ratios > 10 and (Ho/Yb)cn values >1.2 (Ge et al., 2002; Wu et al., 2002), if garnet was the major residue during melting. Lamprophyre sample KML10 from the area is depleted in HREEs, with Y/Yb = 10 and (Ho/Yb)cn = 1.04, suggesting that garnet was not the major residual phase, and spinel and/or amphibole were present in the residue. However, the relative enrichment in MREEs of the samples (Fig. 6b) indicates the instability of the amphibole in the residue after partial melting. Therefore, the enriched source material seems likely to have been a phlogopite-bearing spinel peridotite.

Table 4Whole-rock lead isotopic composition of the calc-alkaline lamprophyres from the Eastern Pontides.

| Sample | ²⁰⁶ Pb/ ²⁰⁴ Pb | 2σ | $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ | 2σ | $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ | 2σ | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|--|
| Calc-alkaline lamprophyres | | | | | | | |
| KML1 | 18.628 | 0.009 | 15.581 | 0.013 | 38.582 | 0.015 | |
| KLM5 | 18.458 | 0.014 | 15.602 | 0.018 | 38.451 | 0.019 | |
| KLM7 | 18.458 | 0.016 | 15.562 | 0.015 | 38.289 | 0.018 | |
| KML10 | 18.611 | 0.019 | 15.573 | 0.025 | 38.612 | 0.019 | |
| KML16 | 18.382 | 0.011 | 15.569 | 0.015 | 38.561 | 0.010 | |

6. Geodynamic scenario for the calc-alkaline lamprophyre intrusions

The Late Triassic tectonothermal events in the Eastern Pontides are complex and still controversial, due to the limited extent of the plutonic rocks and their unknown geochemical fingerprints. Calc-alkaline and alkaline lamprophyres generally form in late- or post-orogenic settings (Allan and Carmichael, 1984; Chen and Zhai, 2003; Guo et al., 2004; Rock, 1991). The intrusion by lamprophyre in an active convergent margin of subduction character rarely occurs where the extensional stage is the dominant regime of the geodynamic system (Jackson et al., 1998; Luhr et al., 1989). In the investigated region, such back-arc extension was present throughout the Late Triassic (Dokuz, 2011; Okay et al., 1994; Robinson et al., 1995; Şengör and Yilmaz, 1981; Yilmaz et al., 1997). Hornblende 40Ar/39Ar dating of sample KML3 of the lamprophyres from the Karamustafa area (Gümüshane) yielded a plateau age of 216.01 \pm 10.64 Ma. The age data match the field observations of the lamprophyres emplaced in the Late Carboniferous granitoid rocks exposed in the Gümüshane and Köse areas (Dokuz, 2011; Topuz et al., 2010). In addition, the obtained age data seem to be consistent with the timing of the back-arc related extension mentioned above. Indeed, the Late Triassic and Early Jurassic magmatic activities were very sporadic and small in volume compared to the Late Cretaceous magmatism in the region. Recently, Dokuz et al. (2010) suggested that the Early Jurassic Dutlupinar intrusion (ca. 188 Ma) formed in a backarc extensional setting, whereas the Middle to Late Jurassic Sumbated intrusion (ca. 153 Ma) was identified as a collision or post-collision uplift type granitoid, based on its geochemical features. The southward subduction model (Dokuz et al., 2010; Şengör and Yilmaz, 1981; Sengör et al., 1984; Yilmaz et al., 1997) and northward subduction model (Robertson and Dixon, 1984; Robinson et al., 1995; Ustaömer and Robertson, 2010) have been proposed to explain the Late Triassic to Early Jurassic tectonomagmatic events in the region. According to the northward subduction model, the Pontides are thought of as a continental margin bordering the Paleotethys Ocean on the north. In contrast, in the southward subduction model, the Pontides are considered to have been the northern margin of Gondwana throughout Early Triassic to Early Jurassic times. In this model, Paleotethyan oceanic crust was subducted southward beneath Gondwana until Middle Jurassic time, and the Cimmerian continent, including the Pontides, was separated from Gondwana due to the subduction event in the Triassic. These events resulted in the opening of an intra-continental back-arc basin. Closure of the Paleotethyan Ocean led to an



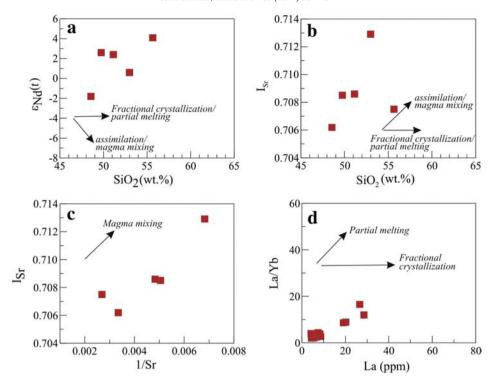


Fig. 9. Plots of (a) SiO₂ versus $\epsilon_{Nd}(t)$; (b) SiO₂ versus I_{sr} ; (c) 1/Sr versus I_{sr} and (d) La/Yb ratio versus La (ppm) content for the calc-alkaline lamprophyre studied.

amalgamation of the Pontides with the Laurasia during the Middle Jurassic (Dokuz et al., 2010; Şengör, 1979; Şengör and Yilmaz, 1981; Sengör et al., 1980, 1984; Yilmaz et al., 1997). Recent paleobiogeographical reconstructions based on the Early Jurassic brachiopod fauna from the Eastern Pontides indicate that the Cimmerian microcontinent was far from Gondwana and near the Eurasian margin of the Tethys, clearly supporting the southward subduction model in the Early Jurassic (Vörös and Kandemir, 2011). This geodynamic model is also consistent with the generation of the Early to Middle Jurassic magmatism in the Yusufeli region in the Eastern Pontides reported by Dokuz et al. (2010). For all of these reasons, the southward subduction of the Paleotethyan oceanic slab seems to be more consistent with the nature and geochemical fingerprints of the Late Triassic calc-alkaline lamprophyre intrusions. In the southward subduction model, it is thought that the northern margin of the Paleotethys Ocean was passive, and the subducted oceanic crust progressively become cold and older. This led to a steeper subduction angle, and trench rollback occurred (Vlaar, 1989). Then, the over-riding continental plate was rapidly thinned by extension. The extensional events induced the upwelling of hot asthenospheric mantle, providing suitable conditions for the melting of an enriched subcontinental lithospheric mantle above the Paleotethyan oceanic slab.

A subduction-related setting for the calc-alkaline lamprophyres is mirrored by their enriched LILE and depleted HFSE compositions, which are indicative of not only subduction-related magmas but also post-collision related products. Based on the whole-rock and mineral chemistry data, the Eastern Pontides calc-alkaline lamprophyres, when plotted on the tectonic discrimination diagrams, might have

originated in a subduction-related environment (Fig. 11a, b). Therefore, subduction-related back-arc extension rather than post-collisional extension seems likely to account for the genesis of the calc-alkaline lamprophyre intrusions in the region. The essential relationships between the petrogenesis of the calc-alkaline lamprophyres and the Late Triassic tectonic evolution of the Eastern Pontides may be summarized as follows: We suggest that the Late Triassic calc-alkaline lamprophyres formed in an extensional environment of a subduction setting. At 216 Ma, continental back-arc extension that was possibly related to slab roll-back induced the upwelling of asthenospheric mantle and caused a low degree (2 to 5%) of melting of previously enriched subcontinental lithospheric mantle composed of spinel-bearing lherzolite beneath the Pontides (Fig. 12). As a consequence of the mantle melting, scattered small volumes of Late Triassic to Early Jurassic intrusions, certain of which are calc-alkaline lamprophyres in composition, likely formed during a period of extension of the continental margin. Certain of these rocks are the calc-alkaline lamprophyre intrusions emplaced in an extensional environment of a subduction setting. Their distribution may reflect the transition from a compressional arc setting to an extensional setting at ~216 Ma in the Eastern Pontides.

7. Conclusions

The lamprophyres of the Eastern Pontides are characterized by a calc-alkaline and high-K calc-alkaline signature and an age of 216.01 ± 10.64 Ma. These rocks appear to be derived from an old subcontinental lithospheric mantle. The trace element modeling suggests that a low degree of partial melting (~1–10%) of an

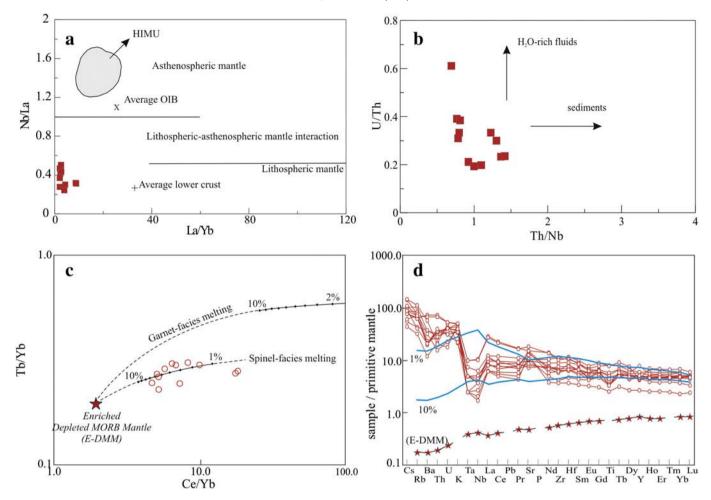


Fig. 10. (a) The Nb/La versus La/Yb variation diagram for the calc-alkaline lamprophyres from the Gümüşhane region in the Eastern Pontides. Average OIB is taken from Fitton et al. (1991) and average lower crust is after Chen and Arculus (1995). Dashed lines separating fields of the asthenospheric, lithospheric and mixed mantle, and the HIMU-OIB field are after Smith et al. (1999) and Weaver et al. (1987), respectively. (b) U/Th versus Th/Nb plot for the calc-alkaline lamprophyres from the Gümüşhane region. MORB is taken from Sun and McDonough (1989) and OIB is after Foley et al. (2002). (c) Partial melting models for the calc-alkaline lamprophyres from the Gümüşhane region in the Eastern Pontides (Tb/Yb vs Ce/Yb plot) and (d) Primitive mantle (PM)-normalized trace element patterns (PM normalizing values are from Palme and O'Neill (2004)). Melting curves were calculated by using closed-system non-modal dynamic melting equation (e.g., Zou, 1998) with PETROMODELER program of Ersoy (2013). Starting composition is enriched-depleted MORB mantle (E-DMN; Workman and Hart, 2005). The partition coefficients are compiled from McKenzie and O'Nions (1991), Green et al. (2000), and Adam and Green (2006). Garnet- and spinel-facies melting curves use mineral assemblages of Ol_{0.60(0.03)} + Opx_{0.20(-0.16)} + Cpx_{0.10(0.88)} + Gt_{0.10(0.09)} (Walter, 1998) and Ol_{0.53(-0.06)} + Opx_{0.27(0.28)} + Cpx_{0.17(0.67)} + Sp_{0.03(0.11)}, respectively (Kinzler, 1997).

enriched, phlogopite-bearing spinel peridotite may have generated the unique composition of the calc-alkaline lamprophyres. Subsequently, the mafic parent magma ascended to its final chamber in the upper crust and underwent limited fractional crystallization and minor crustal contamination. The slab-derived fluids modified the old subcontinental lithospheric mantle. Upwelling of the asthenosphere triggered by back-arc extensional events in a subduction setting caused partial melting of the enriched mantle wedge. Back-arc extension due to southward subduction of the Paleotethys Ocean crust during the Late Triassic (at 216 Ma) is considered a plausible mechanism for the formation of the calc-alkaline lamprophyres in the Eastern Pontides, NE Turkey.

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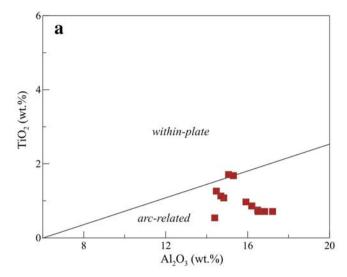
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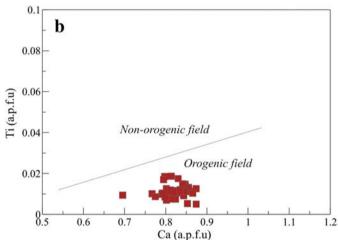


Fig. 11. Discrimination diagrams deciphering the tectonic setting for the calc-alkaline lamprophyres studied. (a) TiO_2 versus Al_2O_3 discrimination diagram for distinguishing within-plate and arc-related basalts (Muller et al., 1993). (b) Ti (a.p.f.u) versus Ca (a.p.f.u) diagram of clinopyroxene from the calc-alkaline lamprophyres. The boundary was taken from Sun and Bertrad (1991).

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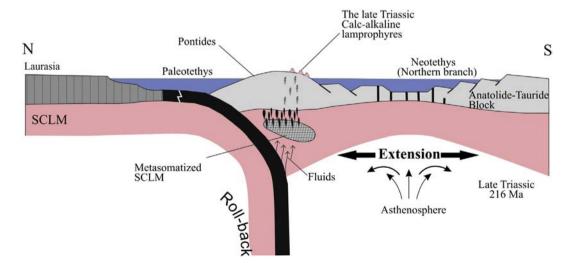


Fig. 12. A schematic illustration for the geodynamic environments of the Eastern Pontides during the Late Triassic to early Jurassic time. In the Late Triassic, continental back-arc extension possibly related to slab rollback induced upwelling of asthenospheric mantle, which is responsible for the partial fusion of an enriched mantle wedge.

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