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## **Abstract**

# **Remote Sensing, Geochemistry, Geochronology, and Cathodoluminescence Imaging of the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam Plutons, Northern Menderes Massif, Turkey**

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The Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons are located in the Northern Menderes Massif of western Turkey between the Simav normal fault to the south and the Izmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture to the north. Although much attention has focused on their geochemical and geochronological history, their relationship to each other and other major structures in the region is still debated. Some geologic maps show the Egrigoz and Koyunoba pluton bounded to the west by the low-angle Simav detachment fault. In contrast, other regional maps show no offsets between the plutons and surrounding metamorphic rocks. Yet other studies indicate thrust faults may be present near the Egrigoz pluton, between Menderes metamorphic rocks and a meta-rhyolite unit. To gain a better understanding of the history of the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons, ArcGIS digital elevation data from the region, geochronological data, geochemical

analyses, and cathodoluminescence (CL) images were acquired to search for effects of micro- to macro-scales of deformation.

Numerous ~E-W trending extension lineations that parallel the Simav graben and cut the plutons were observed in relief images. These lineations, likely due to large-scale ~N-S extension, continue across plutons inferring that extension continued after the exhumation of these rocks. The Simav graben and its associated high-angle fault are evident in the elevation data, but no other significant detachment-related basins or structures are shown, including the low-angle Simav detachment.

U-Pb zircon ages, ranging from  $29.9 \pm 3.9$  Ma to  $14.6 \pm 2.6$  Ma, suggest the plutons crystallized over a ~15 m.y. time frame. Samples from the plutons are peraluminous S-type granite to granodiorites. The plutons were emplaced in a post-collisional volcanic-arc setting and range from magnesian to ferroan with increasing silica contents. Geochemical analyses show little difference between the three plutons, consistent with the rocks arising from a similar source.

To document microstructures that might help explain these heterogeneities, CL images were obtained. CL images document a complicated tectonic history including magma mixing, multiple episodes of brittle deformation, and fluid alteration. The CL images constitute evidence of a complex multi-stage tectonic history for the region that includes water-mediated brittle deformation.

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## **Chapter 1: Introduction**

### **1.1 INTRODUCTION TO THE MENDERES MASSIF**

The Menderes Massif, located in southwest Turkey, is the largest known metamorphic core complex on Earth, covering  $>40,000\text{km}^2$  (Westaway, 2006) (Figure 1-1). A metamorphic core complex forms when lithospheric extension accommodated by detachment faults exposes medium- to high-grade metamorphic rocks. Two end-member models for the initiation of extension in metamorphic core complexes have been proposed (e.g., Corti et al., 2003): (1) active emplacement of hot mantle plume thins and weakens crust while isostatic crustal doming drives active extension and (2) passive tensional regional stress drive extension and magmatism is a consequence of extension (Figure 1-2). Detachment faults accommodating tens to hundreds of kilometers of extension are typically exposed as brittlely deformed sedimentary or low-grade metamorphic rocks of the hanging wall slide over medium-to high-grade ductily deformed rocks of the footwall (e.g. Gessner et al., 2001).

Turkey is made up of multiple terranes of different geologic background separated by suture zones (Moix et al., 2008). These continental fragments include the Rhodope-Pontide fragment, the Cimmerides, the Sakarya Continent, and the Anatolide-Tauride Platform. Prior to extension, the Aegean area experienced multiple episodes of continental collision from the middle Jurassic to the Eocene as these continental fragments sutured (Sengor and Yilmaz, 1981; Moix et al., 2008). Crust in the Menderes Massif thickened due to the closing of the Neotethyan Ocean in the Paleocene-Eocene along the Izmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone (e.g., Sengor and Yilmaz, 1981; Gorur et al., 1984) as evidenced by S-vergent thrusting of large-scale nappes (Gessner et al., 2001). From structurally lowest to highest: the Bayindir nappe (metapelitic assemblages with amphibolite and marble lenses; Gessner et al., 2001; Ring et al., 1999; Catlos and Cemen, 2005), the Bozdag nappe (metapelitic assemblages with amphibolite and marble

lenses; Gessner et al., 2001), the Cine nappe (ortho and paragneisses; Gessner et al., 2001), and the Selimiye nappe (metasedimentary succession of intercalated marble and calcschist; Catlos and Cemen, 2005). The Cyclades Menderes Thrust placed blueschists and the Lycian nappes of high-pressure-lower temperature metamorphic assemblages structurally above the Selimiye nappe (Gessner et al., 2001).

Post-collisional extension due to slab roll-back and orogenic collapse exhumed several core complexes, including the Rhodpe, Kazadag, Menderes, Attic-Cycladic, and Crete Massifs (Figure 1-1) (e.g., Gautier et al., 2008; Ilbeyli and Kibici, 2009). The Menderes Massif is thought to have formed in three stages of extension based on field data and radiometric ages (Cemen et al., 2006). First, beginning in the late Oligocene and continuing into the Miocene, extension may have initiated by orogenic collapse of overly thickened crust (Dewey, 1988; Pinet and Coletta, 1990; Seyitoglu and Scott, 1996) or back-arc spreading of the Hellenic arc (Le Pichon and Angelier, 1979; Meulenkamp et al., 1988; Seyitoglu and Scott, 1996). Next, the north-dipping Alasehir and south-dipping Buyuk detachments formed in the Central Menderes Massif due to extension caused by the roll-back of the African slab along the Hellenic arc system (Purvis and Robertson, 2005; Cemen et al., 2006; Edwards and Grasemann, 2009). It is debated if this extension is accommodated by the Simav detachment fault located in the Northern Menderes Massif (Bingol et al. 1982; Isik and Tekeli, 2001; Akay, 2009). Some geologic maps show the Egrigoz and Koyunoba plutons bounded to the west by the low-angle Simav detachment fault (Isik and Tekeli, 2001; Ring and Collins, 2005; Thomson and Ring, 2006; Westaway, 2006) while other regional maps show no offset between the Egrigoz and Koyunoba and surrounding metamorphic rocks (Ozgenc and Ilbeyli, 2008; Akay, 2009). In contrast, other maps show thrust faults present near the western boundary of the Egrigoz and eastern boundary of the Koyunoba pluton (Akay, 2009). The final stage of extension, which began around 5 Ma, is marked by normal faults throughout the Alasehir and Buyuk Menderes grabens (Cemen et al., 2006).

## 1.2 GEOLOGY OF THE EGRIGOZ, KOYUNOBA, AND ALACAM GRANITOIDS

The Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam granitoids are located in the hanging wall of the Simav normal fault in the northern Menderes Massif. The existence of a low angle west-dipping detachment fault along the western border of the Egrigoz and Koyunoba plutons is debated (Bingol et al. 1982; Reischmann et al., 1991; Delaloye and Bingol, 2000; Isik et al., 2004; Ring and Collins, 2005; Hasozbek et al., 2010; Ozgenc and Ilbeyli, 2008; Akay, 2009; Dilek et al., 2009; Ilbeyli and Kibici, 2009). These plutons intruded into rocks of the Menderes Massif and Afyon zone between the Simav normal fault and the Izmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone (i.e. Ozgenc and Ilbeyli, 2008). Based on geochemistry analyses, they were crystallized in an extensional setting during the middle Miocene (i.e. Dilek and Altunkaynak, 2007) and are part of a wider NW-SE trending magmatic belt. Shallow crustal emplacement and rapid cooling are evidenced by a chilled margin ~50-200m wide (Akay, 2009).

Although previous studies have focused on the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons, conflicting geochemical analyses (metaluminous, I-type, Ozgenc and Ilbeyli, 2008; peraluminous, I-type, calc-alkaline, Akay, 2009; peraluminous and metaluminous, I-type, shoshonitic, Ilbeyli and Kibici, 2009), unclear relationships to structures (i.e., the Simav detachment; Isik and Tekeli, 2001; Akay, 2009), and a large range in reported ages ( $70\pm7$  Ma, Burkut, 1966;  $167\pm14$  Ma— $29\pm3$  Ma, Oztunali, 1973;  $29\pm3$  Ma— $20.0\pm0.7$  Ma, Bingol et al., 1982;  $21.6\pm1.8$  Ma, Delaloye and Bingol, 2000;  $22.9\pm0.5$  Ma, Isik et al., 2004;  $2972\pm13$  Ma— $19.9\pm3.1$  Ma, Ring and Collins, 2005;  $21.7\pm1.0$  Ma— $19.3\pm4.4$  Ma, Hasozbek et al., 2010) point to a complexity that may have been previously overlooked. This thesis attempts to clarify these issues using remote sensing, fieldwork, geochemical analyses, cathodoluminescence (CL) imaging, and *in situ* ion microprobe zircon geochronology.

### **1.3 RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

Some key questions outlined by the previous work in the Northern Menderes Massif include:

1. When did the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons crystallize and what are their probable source rocks and source regions?
2. How are the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons related to one another structurally, geochemically, and tectonically?
3. How and when did the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons exhume?

The overall goal of this research is to obtain a better understanding of extensional history associated with subduction slab roll-back in western Turkey. Roll-back may occur systematically as the continental crust extends southward. Alternatively, the Aegean may experience more episodic movements that could give us a better understanding of the history of the subduction and provide insight into the consequences of the subducting plate, including roll-back and delamination.

### **1.4 METHODS**

To better understand the tectonic history of the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons, remote sensing, fieldwork, geochemical analyses, CL imaging, and geochronological studies were employed. Remote sensing was used to analyze spatial features in the Simav area and has not been previously used to examine proposed field relationships of the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons. Fieldwork focused on sample collection and the visits to proposed contacts (e.g. Isik and Tekeli, 2001; Akay, 2009). Major, minor and trace element data from collected samples was used to identify the geochemical relationship of the granites to each other and ascertain their potential source(s) (e.g., Rollinson, 2003). CL images document mineral zoning, fluid alteration, deformation, and textural relationships of zircons within the samples (e.g., Ramseyer et al., 1992; Sorensen et al., 2006; Catlos et al., 2008; 2010; 2011). Three samples from

each pluton were picked for geochronological studies. Zircon was dated in thin section (*in situ*) using an ion microprobe to constrain timing of crystallization (e.g. Burkut, 1966; Bingol et al., 1982; Ring and Collins, 2005; Hasozbek et al., 2010). This is the first time zircons have been dated *in situ* for these rocks. The ion microprobe is nondestructive (e.g., Harrison et al., 1995) and *in situ* analyses preserve textural relationships needed to understand the ages obtained from rocks that experienced a complicated tectonic history (e.g., Catlos et al., 2002).

## **1.5 ORGANIZATION OF THESIS**

This thesis is organized into eight chapters. Chapter 2 describes the geologic background of the Aegean region and details previous geochemical and geochronological studies of the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons. Chapter 3 describes the research methods used (remote sensing, fieldwork, geochemistry, CL image acquisition, and *in situ* ion microprobe U-Pb zircon analysis). The results of these methods are presented in chapters 4-7. Chapter 8 provides a summary of the conclusions and contributions of this thesis and proposed answers to research questions.

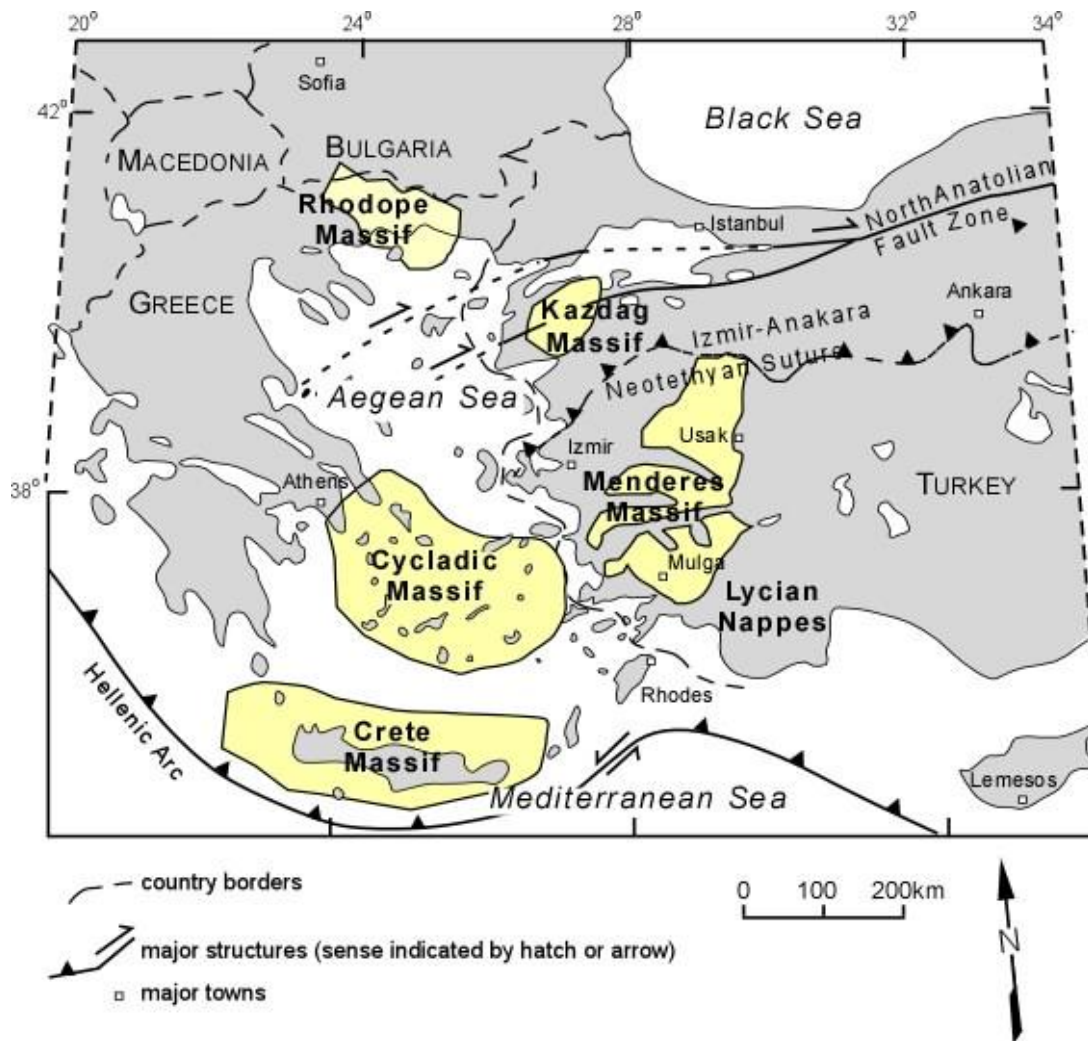


Figure 1-1: Generalized map of Aegean showing location of core complexes and other major structural elements. Black box outlines the Menderes massif. Catlos and Cemen (2005).

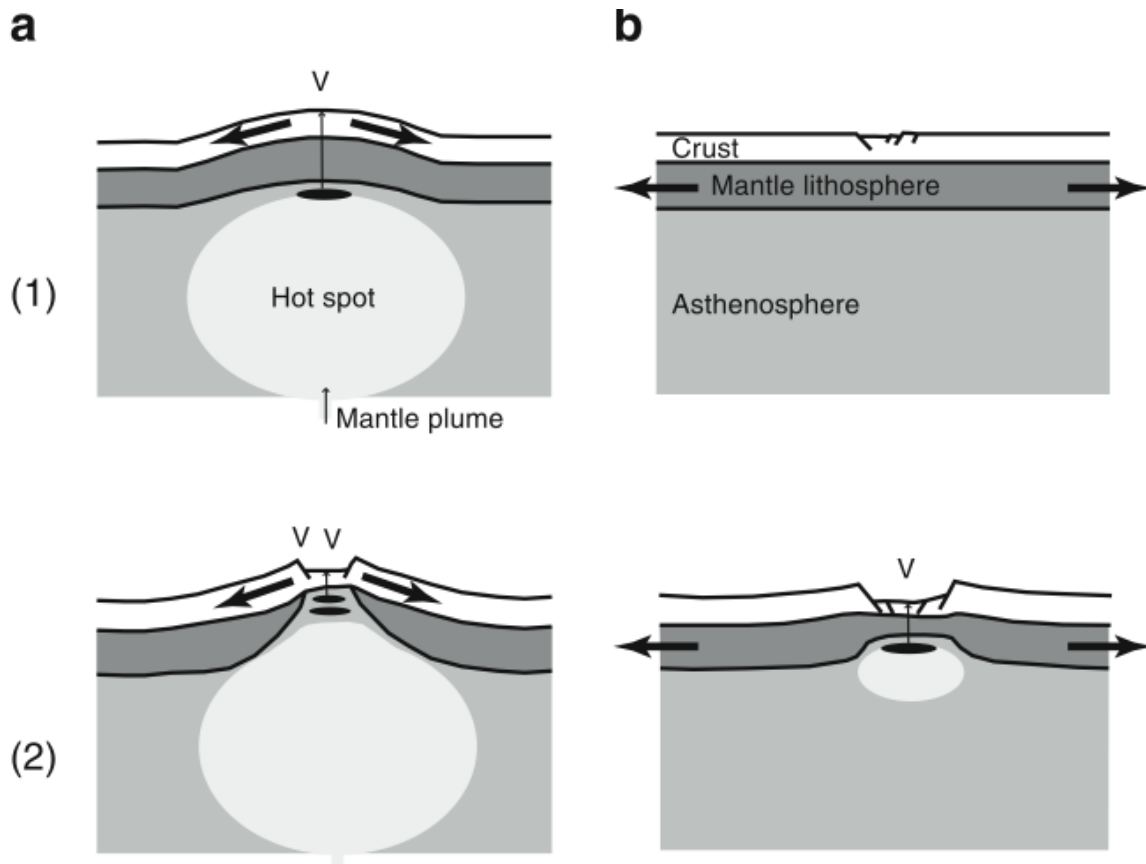


Figure 1-2: Schematic diagram of metamorphic core complex formation. (a) Active—emplacement of hot mantle plume thins and weakens crust. Isostatic crustal doming drives active extension. (b) Passive—tensional regional stresses (e.g. slab roll-back) drive extension and magmatism is a consequence of thinning. Corti et al., (2003).



## **Chapter 2: Geologic Background**

### **2.1 CONTEXT OF THE MENDERES MASSIF IN WESTERN TURKEY**

The Aegean region experienced multiple episodes of continental collision and crustal thickening during the Late Cretaceous to Eocene (Sengor and Yilmaz, 1981; Tankut et al., 1988; Cemen et al., 2006; Dilek and Altunkaynak, 2007; Moix et al., 2008; Ilbeyli and Kibici, 2009). Post-collisional extension due to slab roll-back and orogenic collapse exhumed several core complexes throughout the region (e.g. Gautier et al., 2008; Ilbeyli and Kibici, 2009) including the Menderes (Bozkurt and Park, 1994; Hetzel and Dora, 1994; Isik and Tekeli, 2001), Rhodope (Dinter and Royden, 1993), Kazdag (Okay and Satir, 2000), Cyclades (Buick, 1991; Gautier and Brun, 1994; Vandenberg and Lister, 1996), and Crete massifs (Jolivet et al., 1994; Kiliyas et al., 1994) (Figure 2-1). Recognizing similarities between these core complexes is important in understanding the nature and temporal evolution between shortening and extension in the Aegean area. New information will also enhance our knowledge of the history of the Northern Menderes Massif.

During the Paleocene-Eocene, the crust in the Aegean region thickened due to the closure of the Neotethys Ocean (e.g. Dilek and Altunkaynak, 2007). Ophiolites from the obduction/subduction of the Neotethys are located in the Izmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone (e.g., Sengor and Yilmaz, 1981; Gorur et al., 1984). Thickening is evidenced by north-vergent thrusting of nappes that comprise the Menderes Massif (e.g., Gessner et al., 2001), which is considered by Wesaway (2006) as the Earth's largest known metamorphic core complex ( $>40,000\text{km}^2$ ) (Figures 2-1 to 2-4). These nappes (Bayindir, Bozdag, Cine, and Selimiye) are the rock units of the Menderes Massif and are affected

by large-scale (~300km) extension that likely initiated during the Oligocene-Miocene (Gessner et al., 2001; Ring et al., 2001; Catlos and Cemen, 2005).

The Bayindir nappe is structurally lowest (Figure 2-2) and is comprised of metapelitic assemblages with amphibolite and marble lenses (Gessner et al., 2001; Ring et al., 1999; Catlos and Cemen, 2005). The sediments within the Bayindir nappe were likely deposited in the early Tertiary and metamorphosed to greenschist facies in the Eocene ( $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ : ~37 Ma) (Lips, 2001). The Bozdag nappe overlies the Bayindir nappe and also contains metapelitic assemblages with amphibolite and marble lenses (Gessner et al., 2001). Protoliths include Precambrian metasediments and metabasites metamorphosed to amphibolite-facies in the Late Proterozoic (Ring et al., 2001). The Cine nappe overlies the Bozdag nappe, and is comprised of ortho and paragneisses (Gessner et al., 2001). The protolith, orthogneiss and metagranite, is thought to be Cambro-Ordovician (U-Pb zircon age of  $551 \pm 1.4$  Ma, Hetzel et al., 1998) and was metamorphosed to amphibolite-facies in the Eocene ( $^{39}\text{Ar}/^{40}\text{Ar}$  muscovite ages of 43 to 37 Ma, Hetzel et al., 1998). The Selimiye nappe overlies the Cine nappe, and is comprised of a metasedimentary succession of intercalated marble and calcschist (Catlos and Cemen, 2005). The Selimiye nappe shows evidence for lower amphibolite-facies metamorphism that likely took place in the Late Proterozoic based on 549 Ma  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{207}\text{Pb}$  zircon ages of intruding metagranites (Ring et al., 2001). The Cyclades Menderes Thrust places blueschists and Lycian nappes structurally above the Selimiye nappe (Gessner et al., 2001). The Selimiye nappe, blueschists, and Lycian nappes contain evidence of high-pressure, low-temperature (High P/T) metamorphism (Fe-Mg carpholite) appropriate of a subduction zone setting (Oberhaensli et al., 2001; Rimmele et al., 2003) (Figure 2-2).

The Menderes Massif is bounded by the Izmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture to north, the Lycian nappes to the south, and the Afyon zone to the east (Moix et al., 2008). The Afyon zone is a High P/T belt that tectonically overlies the Menderes Massif (Akay, 2009). The Menderes Massif is thought to have formed in three stages (e.g. Cemen et al., 2006). Beginning in the late Oligocene and continuing into the Miocene, extension may have initiated along the north-dipping Southwest Anatolian Shear Zone by orogenic collapse of overly thickened crust (Dewey, 1988; Pinet and Coletta, 1990; Seyitoglu and Scott 1996) or back-arc spreading of the Hellenic arc (Le Pichon and Angelier, 1979; Meulenkamp et al., 1988; Seyitoglu and Scott, 1996).

The second stage of extension, which likely initiated from subduction slab roll-back (Purvis and Robertson, 2005; Edwards and Grasemann, 2009), began in the early Miocene and is evidenced by two east-west trending structures, the north-dipping Alasehir (Kuzey) and the south-dipping Buyuk (Guney) detachments (Figure 2-1 to 2-2). The Alasehir detachment extends ~180 km with a north-northwest dip of 10-20° (Isik et al., 2004). The Buyuk detachment extends roughly the same distance with a south-southwest dip of 40-60° (Hetzl et al., 1994; Gessner et al., 2001; Gurer et al., 2009). The Alasehir detachment may have initiated at a higher angle and rolled back to its present angle throughout the process of extension (Hetzl et al., 1994).

These detachments create two distinctive east-west trending grabens in the Menders Massif termed the Alasehir (Gediz) and the Buyuk Menderes grabens (Figure 2-1) (Purvis and Robertson, 2005). These accommodate extension in the region and divide the Menderes Massif into the Northern (Gordes submassif), Central, and Southern (Cine submassif) sections. The Alasehir graben contains four different sedimentary units

(lacustrine, muddy-to-sandy alluvial fan, axial-fluvial, and coarse alluvial fan facies) with a total thickness of >300 m (Purvis and Robertson, 2005). Structures within the Alasehir graben (i.e. unconformities and cross-cutting high angle faults) show evidence for episodes of pulsed extension (Emre, 1988; Paton, 1992; Purvis and Robertson, 2005). The third stage of extension began in the Pliocene and is marked by faults that crosscut the Alasehir and Buyuk Menderes grabens (Purvis and Robertson, 2005). The Pliocene age was also recorded by monazite crystallization in metamorphic rocks along the Alasehir detachment surface (Catlos and Cemen, 2005).

## **2.2 STRUCTURAL RELATIONSHIPS OF THE EGRIGOZ, KOYUNOBA, AND ALACAM PLUTONS**

Here we focus on the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons in the Northern Menderes Massif (Figures 2-3 and 2-4) because they are the largest exhumed granitoids in the northern Menderes Massif. They lie between the Simav normal fault and Izmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture (e.g. Ozgenc and Ilbeyli, 2008). Three distinct pulses of magmatism occurred in western Anatolia following the early Eocene collision of the Anatolide-Tauride platform with the Eurasian plate (Genc, 1998; Dilek and Altunkaynak, 2007). First, Eocene to Oligo-Miocene subalkaline medium- to high-K and calc-alkaline granitoids formed in a collisional regime during closure of the NeoTethys due to increased asthenospheric heat from lithospheric slab break-off (Dilek and Altunkaynak, 2007). These rocks display a wide array of chemistries possibly due to large amounts of crustal contamination (Dilek and Altunkaynak, 2007). Middle Miocene granitoids then formed in an extensional setting that also produced extrusive mildly alkaline rocks with OIB-like geochemical analyses due to high asthenospheric mantle-derived melt contribution with little crustal contamination (Dilek and Altunkaynak, 2007). Lastly, beginning ~12 Ma and continuing into the late Quaternary, alkaline mafic magmas with

progressively increasing potassic and sodic compositions were produced by decompression melting of asthenospheric mantle beneath substantially thinned continental crust (Yilmaz, 1998; Dilek and Altunkaynak, 2007). The Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons are thought to be a result of the second pulse of magmatism (Akay, 2009). They are located at the eastern part of the NW-SE trending magmatic belt (Figure 2-3).

The Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons are located in the hanging wall of the Simav normal fault, a high-angle ( $\sim 45\text{-}60^\circ$ , Seyitoglu, 1997) north-dipping listric fault extending  $\sim 150$  km (Seyitoglu, 1997; Ersoy et al., 2010) (Figure 2-2 and 2-4). Some researchers (i.e. Isik and Tekeli, 2001) argue that the plutons are located in the footwall of the Simav Detachment fault but others (i.e. Akay, 2009) contend that the detachment does not exist. The Egrigoz is the largest exposed pluton, covering  $\sim 400$  km<sup>2</sup> while the Koyunoba and Alacam granitoids are  $\sim 170$  km<sup>2</sup> and  $\sim 60$  km<sup>2</sup> respectively (Figure 2-4) (Isik et al., 2004; Hasozbek et al., 2010). The country rocks intruded by the plutons include Simav metamorphics and the Balikbasi, Saricasu, and Arikaya formations (Oyman et al., 2011). The Simav metamorphics are the oldest country rocks and are comprised of migmatitic-banded and biotite gneiss, high-grade schist, marble and amphibolite (Isik et al., 2003). The Balikbasi formation, consisting of laminated limestone, overlies the Simav metamorphics (Oyman et al., 2011). Unconformably above the Balikbasi, the Saricasu formation is made of Upper Paleozoic-Lower Triassic schists (Akdeniz and Konak, 1979). The Arikaya overlies the Saricasu formation and contains meta-carbonate rocks and pelitic schists enclosing limestone lenses (Akdeniz and Konak, 1979).

The Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons intruded into rocks of the Menderes Massif and Afyon zone after regional metamorphism was complete (Akay, 2009). Chilled margins  $\sim 50\text{-}200$  m wide are evidence of rapid cooling and indicate shallow crustal emplacement (Akay, 2009). Explanations of exhumation mechanisms vary depending on

the existence of the Simav detachment fault (Figure 2-3 and 2-4) (i.e. Isik and Tekeli, 2001; Akay, 2009). Based on field observations of lower-grade metamorphic rocks tectonically above higher-grade ones in the Simav area (Ring et al., 2003; Akay, 2009), some geologic maps show the Egrigoz and Koyunoba plutons bounded to the west by the low-angle Simav detachment fault (Isik and Tekeli, 2001; Ring and Collins, 2005; Thomson and Ring, 2006; Westaway, 2006). In contrast, other regional maps show no offset between the Egrigoz and Koyunoba and surrounding metamorphic rocks (Ozgenc and Ilbeyli, 2008; Akay, 2009). Thrust faults, roof pendants from the Afyon Zone, may be present near the western boundary of the Egrigoz and eastern boundary of the Koyunoba, between Menderes metamorphic rocks and a meta-rhyolite unit (Akay, 2009).

### **2.3 PREVIOUS GEOCHEMICAL RESULTS**

Geochemical analyses of the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons range from granite to diorite (Figure 2-5 to 2-6) (Ozgenc and Ilbeyli, 2008, n=12; Akay, 2009, n=20; Erkul et al., 2010, n=11; this thesis, n=31). The granitics have been reported to range from calc-alkaline to shoshonitic, and interpretations of the tectonic setting vary. The Egrigoz pluton has been most analyzed and samples plot within the Volcanic Arc Granite (VAG) field (Ozgenc and Ilbeyli, 2008; Ilbeyli and Kibici, 2009) or between VAG and syn-collisional granites (syn-COLG) (Akay, 2009) on the Rb-(Y+Ta) discrimination diagram (Figure 2-6A). On the Nb-Y discrimination diagram (Figure 2-6B), samples plot within the VAG and syn-COLG fields (Akay, 2009) or between within plate granite (WPG) and VAG + syn-COLG granite fields (Ozgenc and ilbeyli, 2008; Ilbeyli and Kibici, 2009). Post-collisional granites cannot be distinguished between VAG and syn-COLG (Pearce et al., 1984; Rollinson, 1993)

Samples from Egrigoz pluton are metaluminous or peraluminous depending on sampling locality (Ozgenc and Ilbeyli, 2008; Ilbeyli and Kibici, 2009; Akay, 2009; Dilek et al., 2009). Both I-type and S-type granitics have been reported from the pluton

(Ozgenç and Ilbeyli, 2008; Dilek et al., 2009; Ilbeyli and Kibici, 2009). Heterogeneities within the plutons may be caused by magma mixing, partial melting, crustal contamination, and post-emplacement fluid interactions as evidenced by cathodoluminescence images (e.g. Hibbard, 1981; Purvis and Robertson, 2005; Catlos et al., 2010).

## **2.4 PREVIOUS GEOCHRONOLOGICAL RESULTS**

The Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons may have been emplaced syn-extensionally into Oligocene metamorphic rocks during the early Miocene (e.g. Seyitoglu and Scott, 1996; Hetzel et al., 1995; Ring et al., 1999; Okay and Satir, 2000; Isik and Tekeli, 2001; Isik et al., 2004; Thomson and Ring, 2006). However, reported ages from the plutons range from the Late Archean to early Miocene with other dates between these extremes (Table 2-1). The oldest age is Archean ( $2973 \pm 13$  Ma, U-Pb, Ring and Collins, 2005), which was reported from the core of a single zircon within the Egrigoz pluton. Cambrian ages likely time events related to the Pan-African orogeny. No explanation has been provided for documented Cretaceous ages ( $70 \pm 7$  Ma, U-Pb zircon, Burkut, 1966;  $93 \pm 1$  Ma,  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  zircon, Ring and Collins, 2005), but they could be related to the closure of the Paleotethys at this time. Late Oligocene to early Miocene ages are cited as timing pluton crystallization (e.g. Ring and Collins, 2005).

## **2.5 SUMMARY**

Although the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons have been the subject of previous studies (e.g. Dilek et al., 2009), conflicting geochemical data, unclear structural relationships, and a range of reported ages from  $2973 \pm 13$  Ma (inherited zircon, U-Pb, Ring and Collins, 2005) to  $19.3 \pm 4.4$  Ma (U-Pb zircon, Hasozbek et al., 2010) indicates a complexity that may provide insight into the timing of granitic formation in the Aegean region. To clarify these issues, remote sensing, fieldwork, geochemical analyses,

cathodoluminescence imaging, and *in situ* ion microprobe zircon geochronology were employed. These methods are described in detail in Chapter 3.



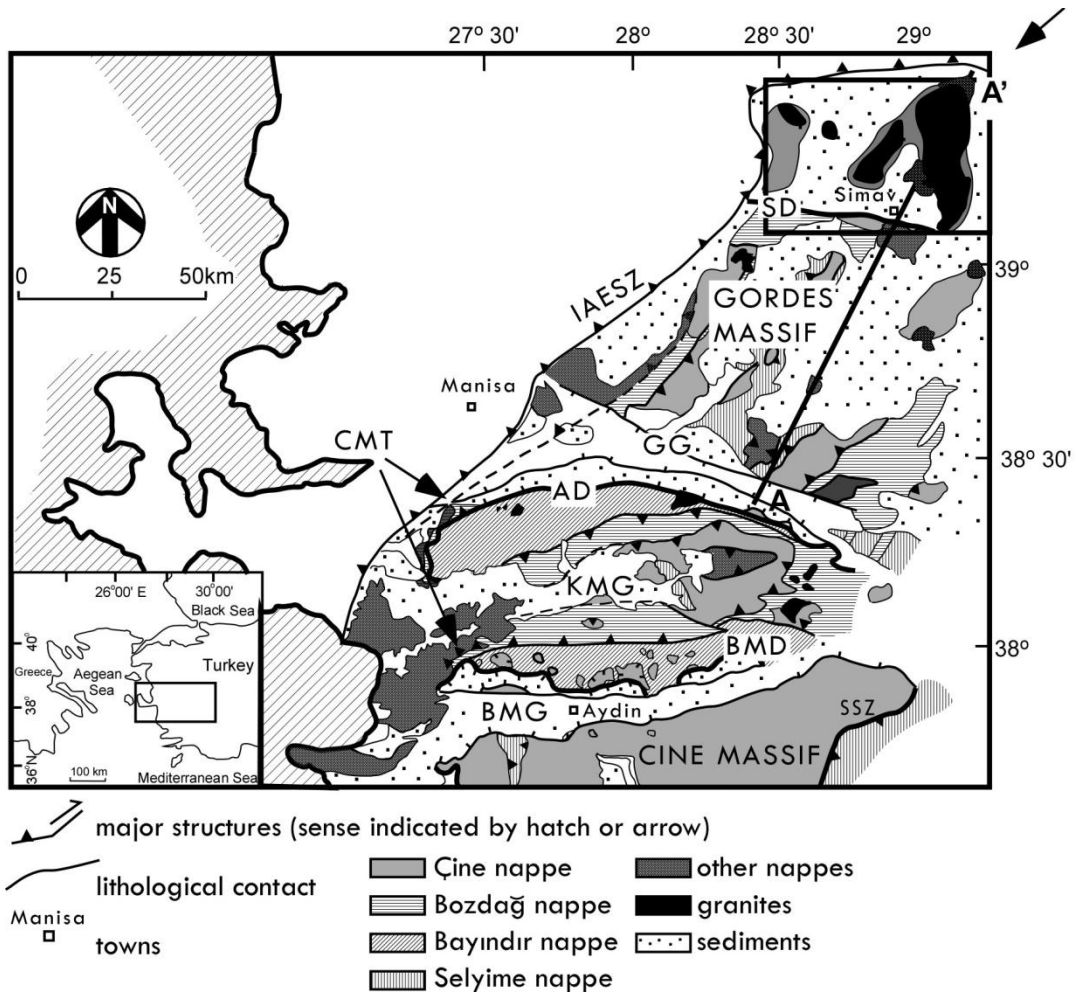


Figure 2-1: Map of the Menderes Massif after Sozbilir (2001) and Gessner et al. (2001). Inset shows the location of the massif in relation to western Turkey. Figure 2-2 shows a cross section along A-A', and 2-4 shows a geologic and sample location map of the boxed area. Abbreviations: SD= Simav Detachment; IAESZ= Izmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone; CMT= Cyclades Menderes Thrust, GG= Gediz Graben; AD= Alasehir Detachment; KMG= Kucuk Menderes Graben; BMD= Buyuk Menderes Detachment; BMG= Buyuk Menderes Graben.

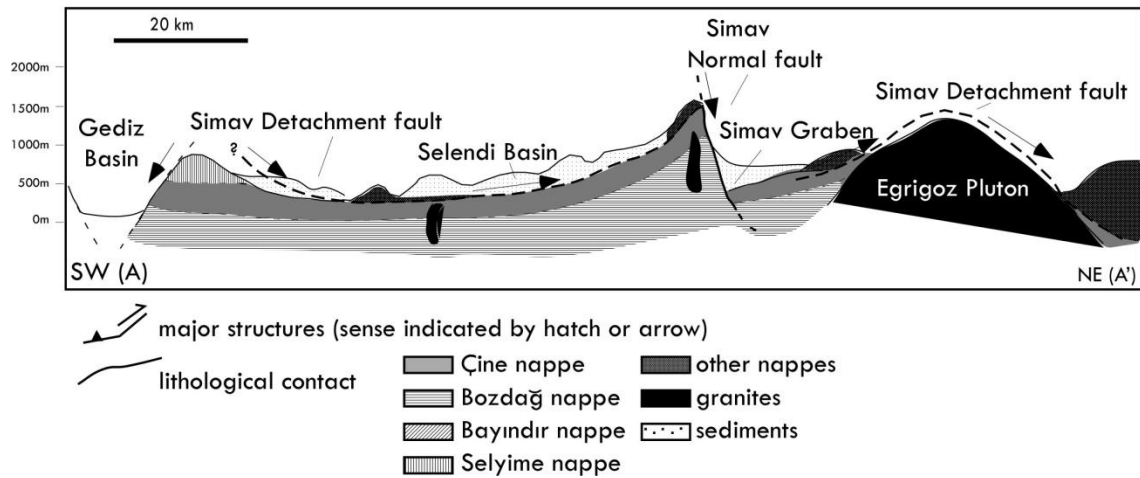


Figure 2-2: Schematic cross section of northern Menderes Massif modified after Thomson and Ring (2006). See Figure 2-1 for approximate line of section. The Simav Detachment and Bozdağ, Çine, and Selimiye nappes are offset by the younger Simav normal fault. The Egrigoz Pluton shows post-kinematic doming. The Koyunoba and Alacam plutons are west of this line of section.

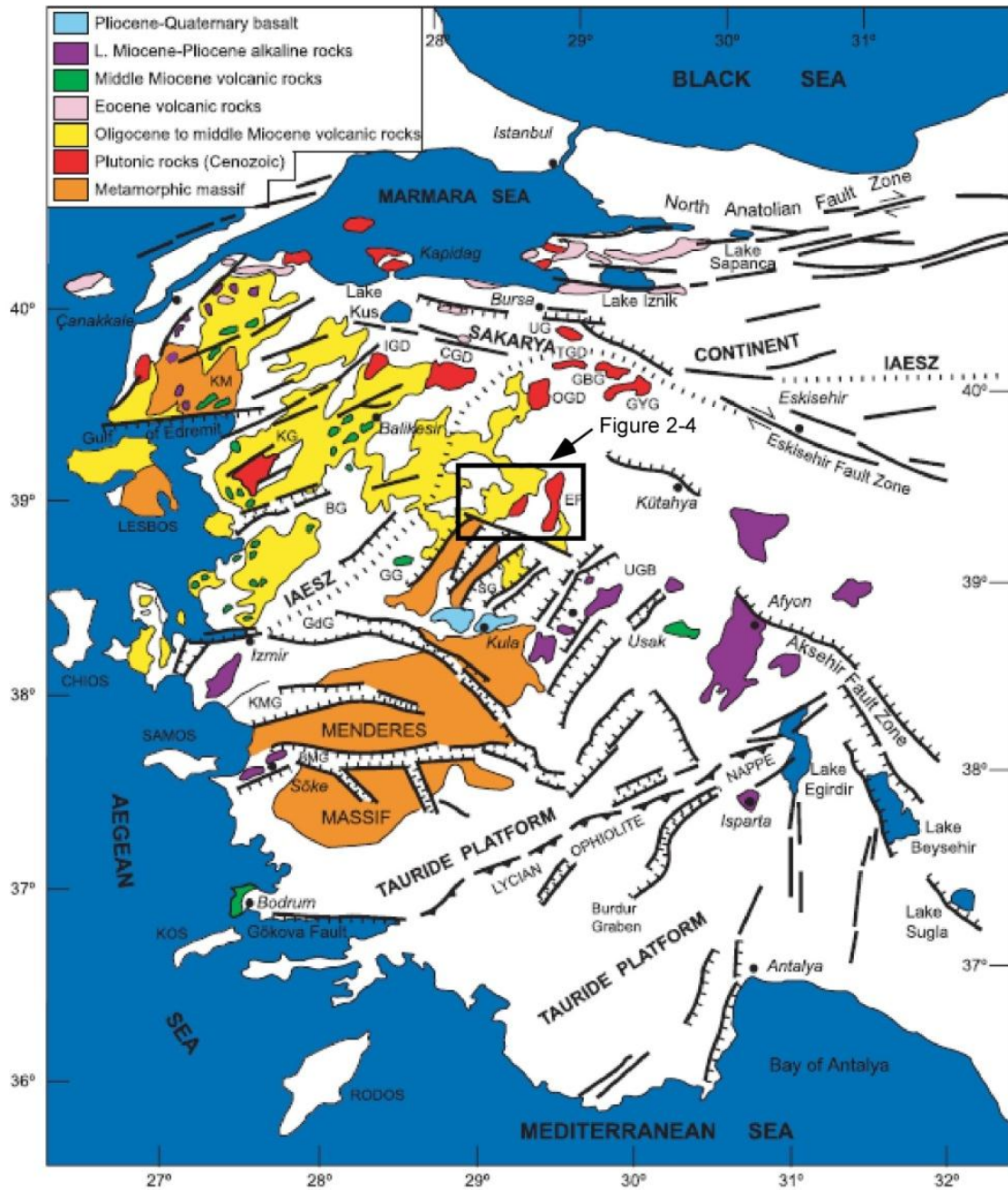


Figure 2-3: Simplified geological map of western Turkey after Altunkaynak and Dilek (2007) showing the distribution of igneous assemblages and key metamorphic massifs. Box shows location of the detailed geological map in Figure 2-4. Abbreviations: BG, Bakircay graben; BMG, Buyuk Menderes graben; CGD, Cataldag granodiorite; EP, Egrigoz pluton; GBG, Goynukbelen granite; GdG, Gediz graben; GG, Gordes graben; IAESZ, Izmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone; IGD, Ilica granodiorite; KG, Kozak granodiorite; KM, Kazdag massif; KMG, Kucuk Menderes graben; OGD, Orhaneli granodiorite; SG, Selendi graben; SaG, Salihli granite; TG, Turgutlu granite; TGD, Topuk granodiorite; UGB, Usak-Gure basin.

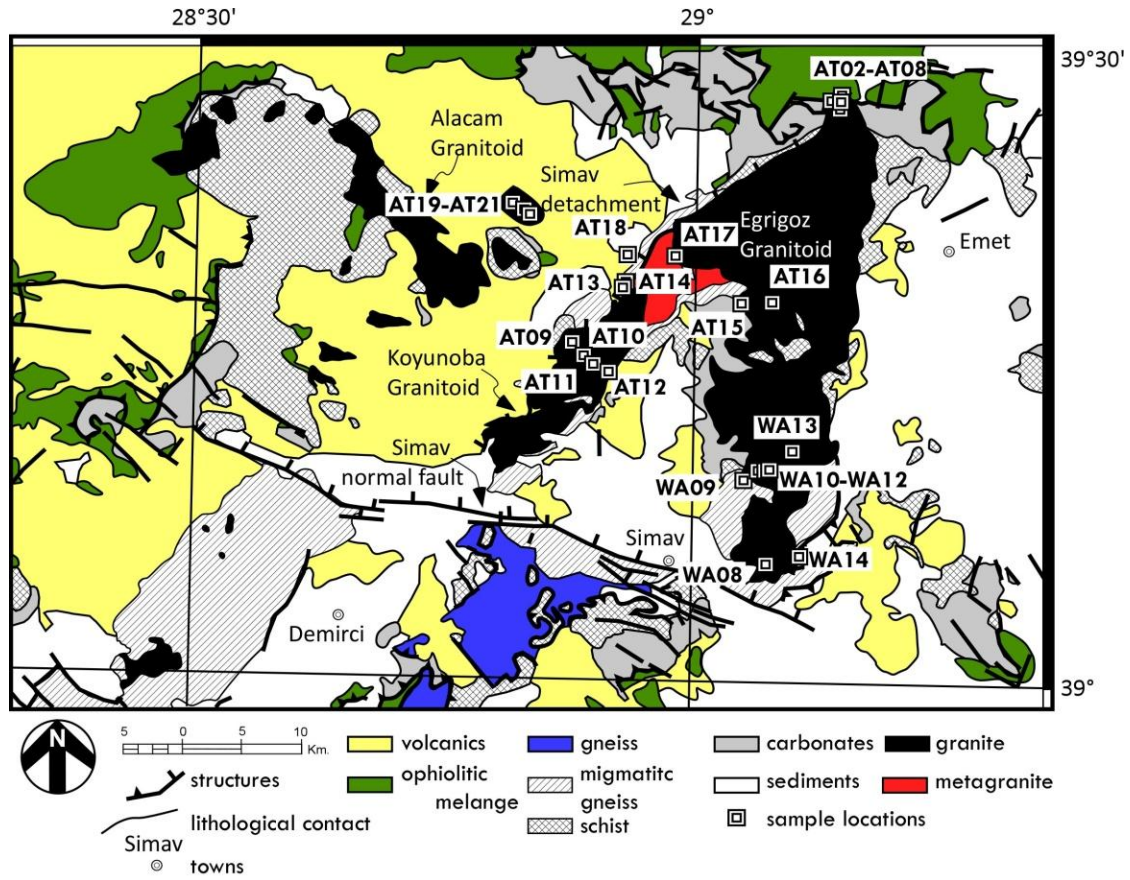


Figure 2-4: Geologic map of field area after Konak (2002) and Ring and Collins (2005). The granitoid plutons are and sample locations are indicated.

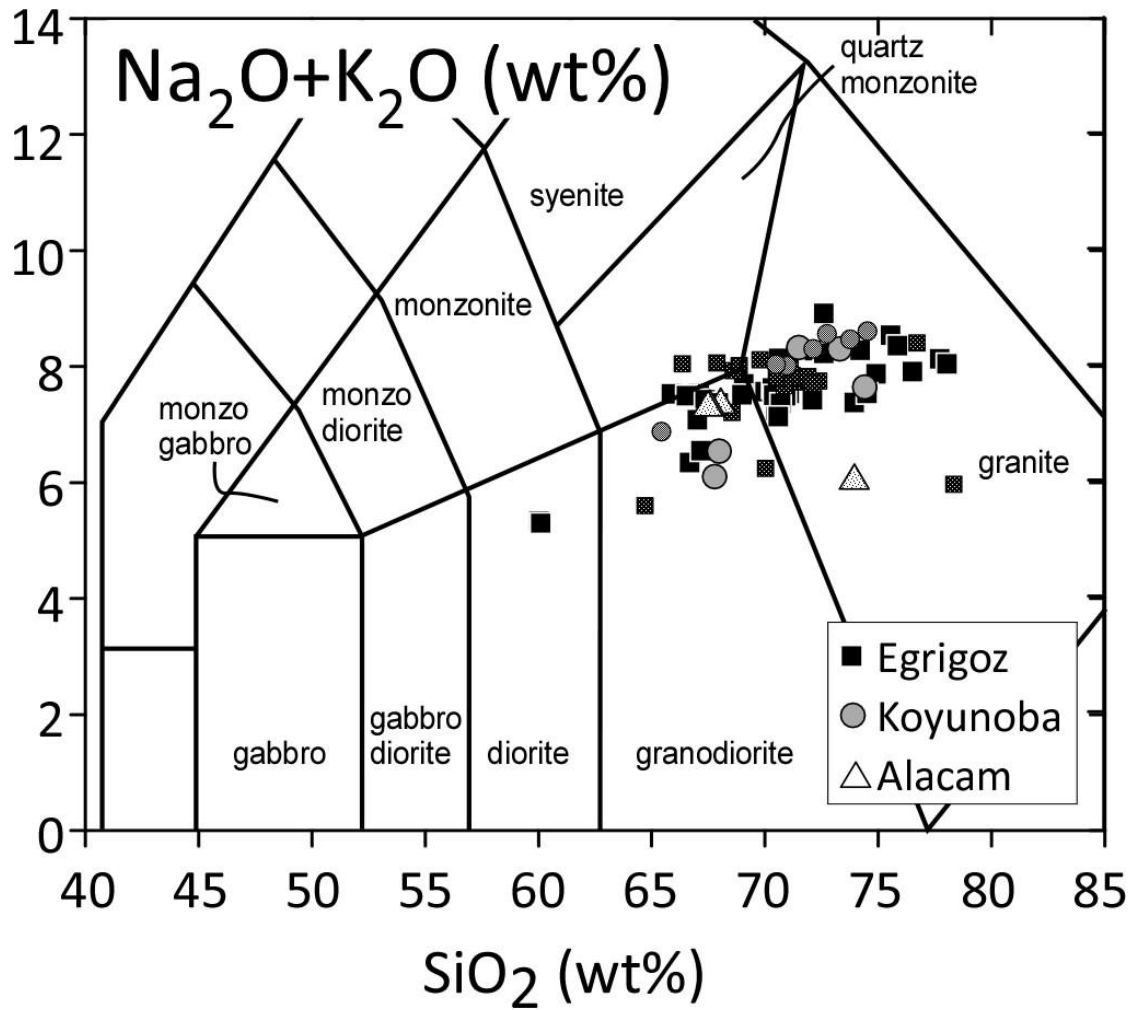


Figure 2-5: Geochemical results for the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons on the Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O versus SiO<sub>2</sub> diagram (Middlemost, 1994). The analysis range from diorite, granodiorite, quartz monzonite, and granite fields. Data from: Ozgenc and Ilbeyli, 2008, n=12; Akay, 2009, n=20; Erkul et al., 2010, n=11; this thesis, n=31 (indicated with hatch marks).

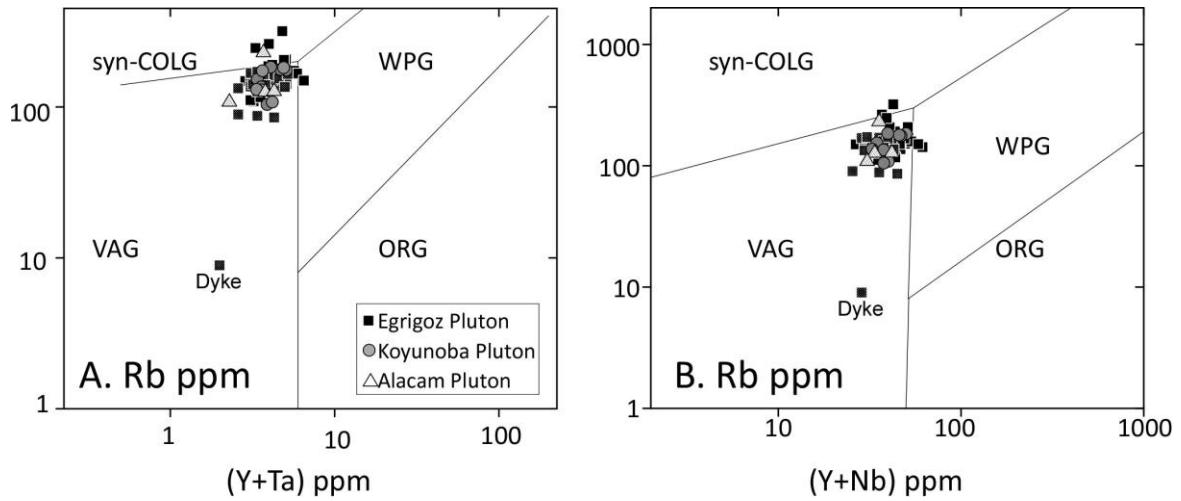


Figure 2-6: Geochemical results for the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons on (A) Rb versus (Y+Nb) and (B) Rb versus (Y+Ta) discrimination diagrams (Pearce et al., 1984). Data is the same as in Figure 2-5. Abbreviations: VAG: volcanic arc granites, WPG: within plate granites, syn-COLG: syn-collision granites, ORG: ocean-ridge granites.

Table 2-1: Previously reported ages of the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons in the Northern Menderes Massif.

| Age (Ma)        | Method                                      | Interpretation                   | Ref. |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------|
| Egrigoz Pluton  |                                             |                                  |      |
| 2972±13         | <sup>207</sup> Pb/ <sup>206</sup> Pb zircon | Inherited                        | (1)  |
| 653±6           | U-Pb zircon                                 | Xenocryst of Pan-African orogeny | (1)  |
| 578±21          | U-Pb zircon                                 | Xenocryst of Pan-African orogeny | (1)  |
| 167±14          | Rb-Sr whole rock                            | Unknown                          | (3)  |
| 70±7            | U-Pb zircon                                 | Xenocryst of unknown origin      | (4)  |
| 31±5            | Rb-Sr orthoclase                            | Unknown                          | (3)  |
| 29±3            | Rb-Sr biotite                               | Unknown                          | (3)  |
| 24.6±1.4        | K-Ar orthoclase                             | Pluton crystallization           | (2)  |
| 22.9±0.5        | <sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar biotite  | Pluton crystallization           | (5)  |
| 21.6±1.8        | K-Ar orthoclase                             | Pluton crystallization           | (6)  |
| 20.7±0.6        | U-Pb zircon                                 | Pluton crystallization           | (1)  |
| 20.4±0.6        | K-Ar biotite                                | Pluton crystallization           | (5)  |
| 20.2±0.3        | <sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar biotite  | Pluton crystallization           | (5)  |
| 20.0±0.7        | K-Ar biotite                                | Pluton crystallization           | (2)  |
| 19.3±4.4        | U-Pb zircon                                 | Pluton crystallization           | (7)  |
| Koyunoba Pluton |                                             |                                  |      |
| 540±96          | U-Pb zircon                                 | Xenocryst of Pan-African orogeny | (1)  |
| 500±5           | <sup>206</sup> Pb/ <sup>238</sup> U zircon  | Xenocryst of Pan-African orogeny | (1)  |
| 93±1            | <sup>206</sup> Pb/ <sup>238</sup> U zircon  | Xenocryst of unknown origin      | (1)  |
| 21.7±1.0        | U-Pb zircon                                 | Pluton crystallization           | (7)  |
| 21.0±0.2        | U-Pb zircon                                 | Pluton crystallization           | (1)  |
| 19.9±3.1        | U-Pb zircon                                 | Pluton crystallization           | (1)  |
| Alacam Pluton   |                                             |                                  |      |
| 38.5±1.8        | K-Ar orthoclase                             | Pluton crystallization           | (2)  |
| 27.1±1.0        | K-Ar orthoclase                             | Pluton crystallization           | (2)  |
| 20.2±0.2        | Rb-Sr biotite                               | Pluton crystallization           | (7)  |
| 20.0±0.2        | Rb-Sr biotite                               | Pluton crystallization           | (7)  |
| 20.0±3.7        | U-Pb zircon                                 | Pluton crystallization           | (2)  |
| 20.2±1.4        | U-Pb zircon                                 | Pluton crystallization           | (7)  |

References: (1) Ring and Collins (2005) (2) Bingol et al. (1982) (3) Oztunali (1973) (4) Burkut (1966); (5) Isik et al. (2004) (6) Delaloye and Bingol (2000), and (7) Hasozbek et al. (2010).

## **Chapter 3: Methods**

### **3.1 OVERVIEW**

This thesis reports (1) interpretations of remotely sensed images, (2) major and trace geochemical information, (3) cathodoluminescence (CL) images, and (4) U-Pb ion microprobe zircon ( $\text{ZrSiO}_4$ ) ages from the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons. These plutons represent only a few of the granitics within the Aegean region (Figure 2-3) (Akay, 2009; Dilek et al., 2009; Hasozbek, 2010). Information regarding their structural history and chemical and geochronological relationship to other granitics in the region is important to overall understanding of extension dynamics in western Turkey (e.g., Isik et al., 2003; Ring and Collins, 2005). Remote sensing allows us to analyze spatial features and has not been used previously to examine proposed field relationships of the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons. Geochemical data is regularly used to analyze and understand geologic processes (e.g., Rollinson, 2003). Zircon is a common accessory mineral dated to constrain timing of intrusion (Ring and Collins, 2005) and CL has been stated to be “necessary to gather valid information about the tectonic evolution of granites” (Ramseyer et al., 1992). CL images document mineral zoning, fluid alteration, deformation, and textural relationships of radiogenic minerals within granitics (e.g., Ramseyer et al., 1992; Sorensen et al., 2006; Catlos et al., 2008; 2010; 2011) and help with interpretation of the zircon ages.

### **3.2 REMOTE SENSING AND FIELDWORK**

#### **3.2.1 Remote Sensing**

The Simav normal fault is a high-angle normal fault in the northern Menderes Massif (Figures 2-1, 2-2, and 2-4; Figure 3-1). It has >200m of offset between the top of the hanging-wall and footwall (Tekeli et al., 2001; Isik et al., 2003). This fault dips steeply to the north, roughly perpendicular to extension (Strike  $\sim 270^\circ$ , Dip  $\sim 60^\circ$ ). A



second extensional structure, the Simav detachment, has also been mapped trending NE-SW along the western border of the Egrigoz and Koyunoba plutons (Figure 2-4; Figure 3-1) (Isik and Tekeli, 2001; Isik et al. 2004; Seyitoglu et al., 2004; Ring and Collins, 2005; Thomson and Ring, 2006). The main evidence for the Simav detachment are metagranites interpreted as synkinematically deformed upper portions of the Egrigoz and Koyunoba plutons (Isik and Tekeli, 2001; Isik et al., 2004; Seyitoglu et al., 2004; Thomson and Ring, 2006). The presence of this structure is debated since not all researchers believe that the Simav Detachment exists (i.e. Akay, 2009). To address this issue, geographic information system (GIS) software with detailed elevation data and a geologic map of the area where the Simav detachment is reported to be located was used to look for evidence that would denote the presence of a detachment. The Simav normal fault shows an elevation difference of ~200 m between the footwall and the hanging wall (i.e. Isik and Tekeli, 2001). If the Simav detachment exists, it should also be visible by topography. Detachments are evidenced in topography by grooved surfaces on the footwall parallel to the direction of extension (Tucolke et al., 1999; Smith et al., 2006; Spencer, 2010).

Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) data is available with 90 m resolution. SRTM data from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) website <http://dds.cr.usgs.gov/srtm/version1/Eurasia/> was downloaded and the two height (HGT) files covering the Simav field area (N39E28 and N39E29) were converted to Band Interleaved by Line (.bil) files to open in the software ArcCatalog. From ArcCatalog, the rasters were exported to a format that could be opened in the software ArcMap.

A geologic map of the field area was scanned (Konak, 2002). The image was georeferenced using six control points. Next, the image was rectified and opened as a

new raster with geographic coordinates in ArcMap. This allowed SRTM data and the geologic map to be projected together. To better understand where the faults are in relationship to the granitics that they have deformed, a new polygon feature class called “granites” was created in the geodatabase within ArcCatalog. After uploading this new feature class into ArcMap, the editor was used to outline all of the granitic plutons as a separate shapefile (Figure 3-1).

Using the SRTM data and the location of the plutons in ArcGIS, a hillshade map, aspect map, and contour map were created with the Spatial Analyst tool (see Chapter 4). These maps will be used to analyze the topography of the area. A detailed road map was created by combining the location of the plutons with the location of all roads and towns on Google Maps. The road map was used during fieldwork.

### **3.2.2 Fieldwork Methods**

Throughout the course of three days, 31 samples from 21 locations were collected (Figure 2-4). Five contacts were crossed, two of which were exposed. We focused on these specific transects: (1) from the town of Kureci to Orencik, (2) from Yesildere to Ortaca, (3) and from Camlik to Canakci (Figure 3-2). These rocks have the abbreviation of AT##. Previous samples from the Egrigoz pluton near the town of Simav were collected during a prior field season (sample numbers WA##). Fresh, unweathered samples were collected using a sledge and their GPS positions were documented. Table 3-1 reports the samples and their GPS locations.

## **3.3 MAJOR AND TRACE ELEMENT GEOCHEMISTRY**

Geochemistry analyses are important tools to analyze the relationships between the plutons and the regional tectonic setting in which they formed (Pearce and Cann,

1971). Major and trace element geochemical analyses of the Egrigoz (21 analyses), Koyunoba (6), and Alacam (4) plutons (see Table 5-1) were performed at Activation Laboratories in Ontario, Canada. Sc, Be, V, Ba, Sr, Y, and Zr were obtained using whole rock fusion ICP methods; all other elements were obtained using whole rock fusion ICP mass spectrometry. Measured but not detected: Zn < 30 ppm, Ni and Cr < 20 ppm, Cu < 10 ppm, As < 5 ppm, Mo < 2 ppm, Co and W < 1 ppm, Ag and Sb < 0.5 ppm, Bi < 0.4 ppm, and In < 0.2 ppm. See Figure 2-4 for sample locations.

### **3.4 CL IMAGERY**

Thin sections were examined using an optical microscope to determine the mineral assemblages. Table 3-2 reports the mineral assemblages for each collected sample. Thin sections were imaged using CL with a Premier American Technologies Luminoscope model ELM-3R in the Smithsonian Institution's Department of Mineral Sciences at the National Museum of Natural History using the same methods as outlined by Sorensen et al. (2006) (Figure 3-3). A microscope is attached to the luminoscope with an Olympus Opelco MagnaFire Model S9989 camera. An electron beam was run with operating conditions of 20kV and 0.5mA. Using a rotating red-blue-green (R-G-B) color filter wheel, three images are captured with a 1300 x 30 pixel monochrome charged-coupled device (CCD). MagnaFire software combines the three R-G-B images to produce the final image. Exposure time varies between 30 seconds to 3 minutes depending on the sample. The "brightness" and "levels" of the digital pictures were then edited in Adobe Photoshop.

CL images show textural structures that are not visible using other methods and will help us better understand the plutons' complex histories. The location of datable zircons within the CL images (e.g. in the core of a grain, in the rim of a grain, or near a vein of hydrothermal alteration) also assists in understanding the significance of the ion microprobe ages.

## 3.5 GEOCHRONOLOGY

### 3.5.1 Scanning Electron Microscope Analysis

Three samples from the Egrigoz and two from the Koyunoba and Alacam plutons were selected for geochronological analyses. Zircons, initially detected with an optical microscope, were verified with backscattered electrons (BSE) and energy-dispersive spectrometry (EDS) using the JEOL JSM-6490 scanning electron microscope (SEM) at the University of Texas at Austin. Zircons appear bright using BSE light due to the presence of zirconium and uranium, which has the highest atomic number of all naturally occurring elements (e.g., Whitehouse et al., 1997). Standard operating conditions for the SEM were: an accelerating voltage of 15 kv, a spot size of 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , and working distance of 11 mm.

After verifying zircons using the SEM, samples were prepared for the ion microprobe. Identified zircons were relocated using an optical microscope and the thin sections were cut into small pieces containing each zircon. The chips were cleaned and mounted with a pre-polished block of zircon age standards (AS3,  $1099 \pm 1$  Ma; Schenider et al., 1999) on dual-sided tape. A teflon ring was placed around the thin section chips and age standards. Buehler Epoxicure Resin (20-8130-032) and Hardener (20-8132-008) was then mixed and poured into the ring with a depth of 0.5 cm. After the epoxy hardened, the rings were removed from the tape and the epoxy mounts were removed of the rings. Employing an optical microscope with an automated stage and attached digital camera, a reflected light image was then acquired to assist in finding the minerals to be dated while using the ion microprobe. The mount was then cleaned and coated with gold.

### 3.5.2 Ion Microprobe Analysis

*In situ* zircon absolute age dates were obtained using the high-sensitivity/high-resolution Cameca IMS 1270 Ion Microprobe at UCLA (Figure 3-4). The ion microprobe is nondestructive (Harrison et al., 1995) and *in situ* analyses preserves textural

relationships needed to understand the ages obtained from rocks that experienced a complicated tectonic history (Catlos et al., 2002).

The gold-coated epoxy mounts were loaded into the ion microprobe. Oxygen gas was leaked into the sample chamber during zircon analyses to enhance Pb isotope intensity. Energy offsets of  $\text{Pb}^+$ ,  $\text{U}^+$ , and  $\text{UO}^+$  were first determined using the standard zircons to establish the offset voltages applied during analyses. The primary beam was focused on the sample surface for an extended period of time (~3 min) to stabilize the secondary ion signal and remove surface contamination. Following presputtering, intensities were measured in 15 magnet cycles before isotopic ratios could be calculated. Age uncertainties depend on fractionation between U, Th, and Pb during ion microprobe analyses that are monitored using standards of known isotopic composition. Values plotted as  $^{206}\text{Pb}^+/\text{U}^+$  RSF (relative sensitivity factor) against  $\text{UO}^+/\text{U}^+$  are then regressed as a linear function. This allows calibrating the U-Pb sensitivity as a function of  $\text{UO}^+/\text{U}^+$ . The age of an unknown zircon is determined by applying the RSF to a measured  $^{206}\text{Pb}^+/\text{U}^+$  RSF versus  $\text{UO}^+/\text{U}^+$  zircon standard (see the UCLA National Website: <http://sims.ess.ucla.edu/>).

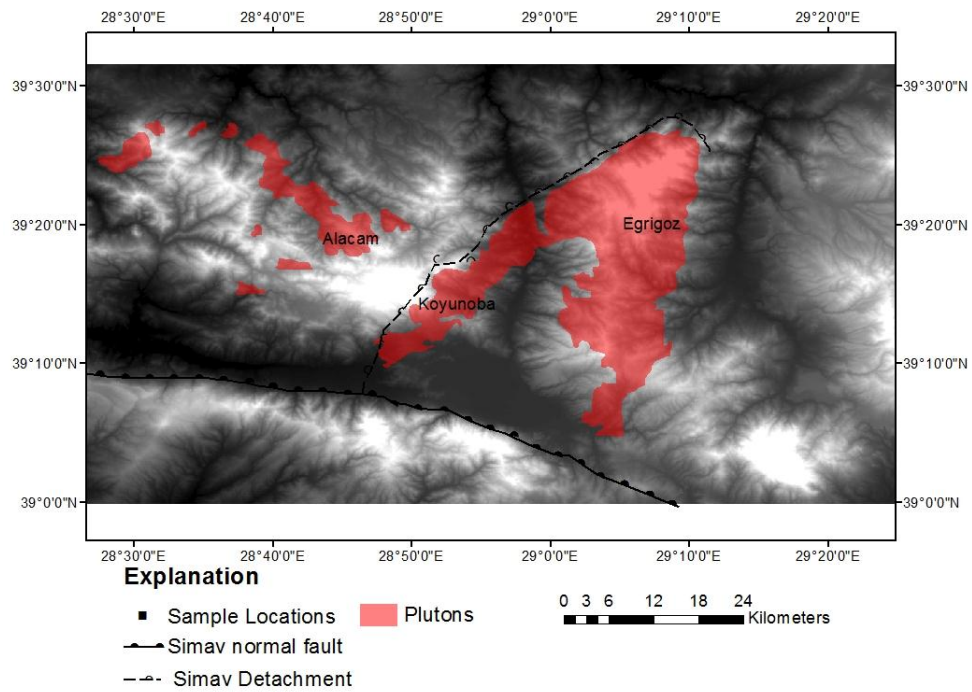


Figure 3-1: ArcGIS map of field area. The Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons are shown as red polygons and projected on top of SRTM data to see elevation differences with respect to the faults.

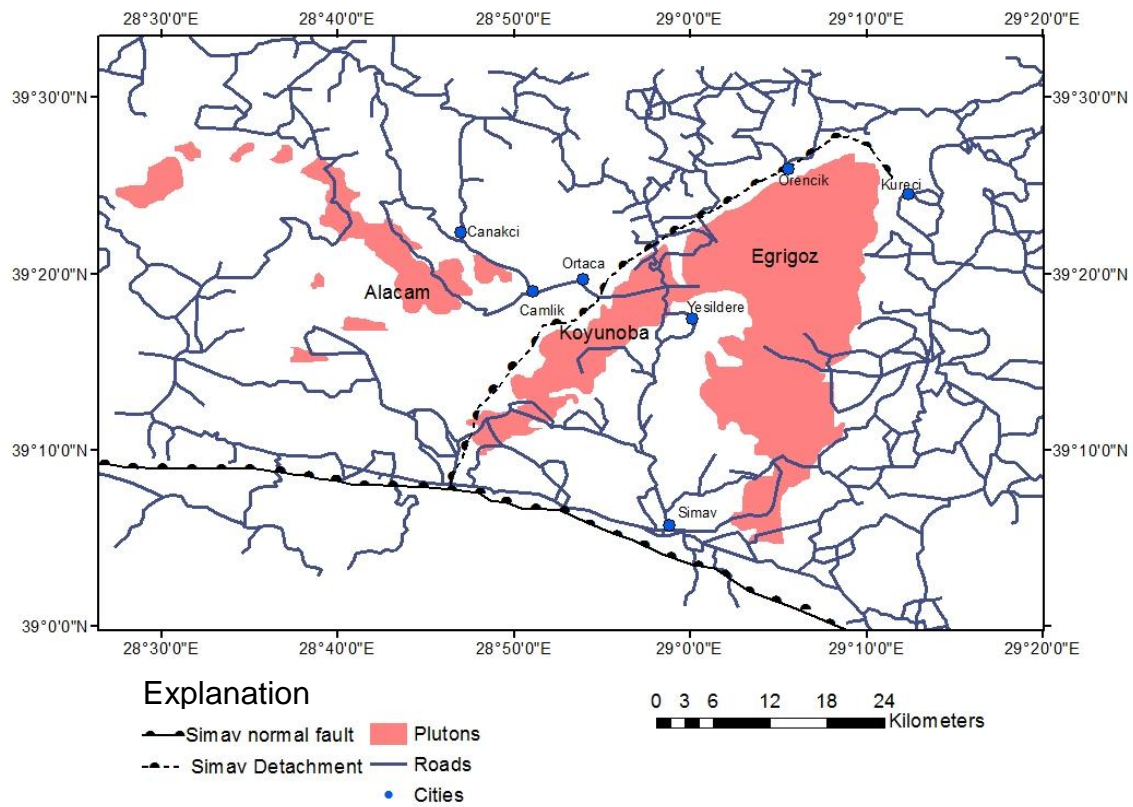


Figure 3-2: ArcMap showing the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons and their relationship to roads in the Simav area.

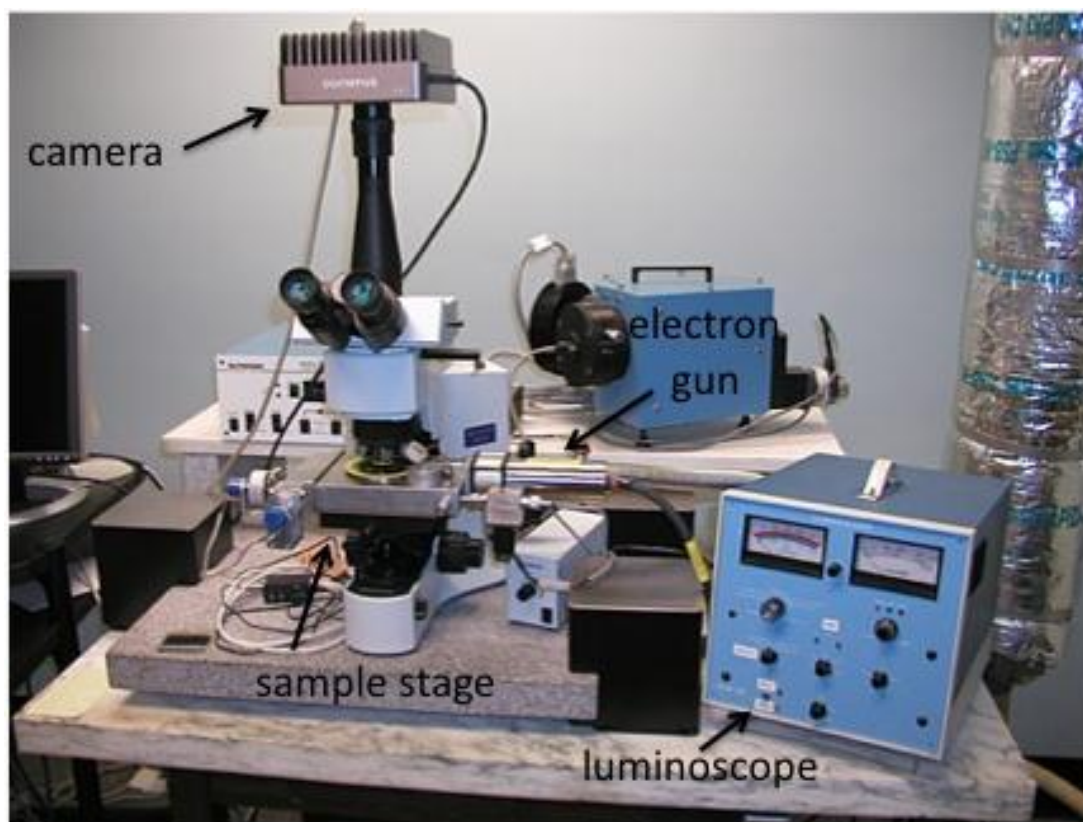


Figure 3-3: Cathodoluminescence equipment at the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C.



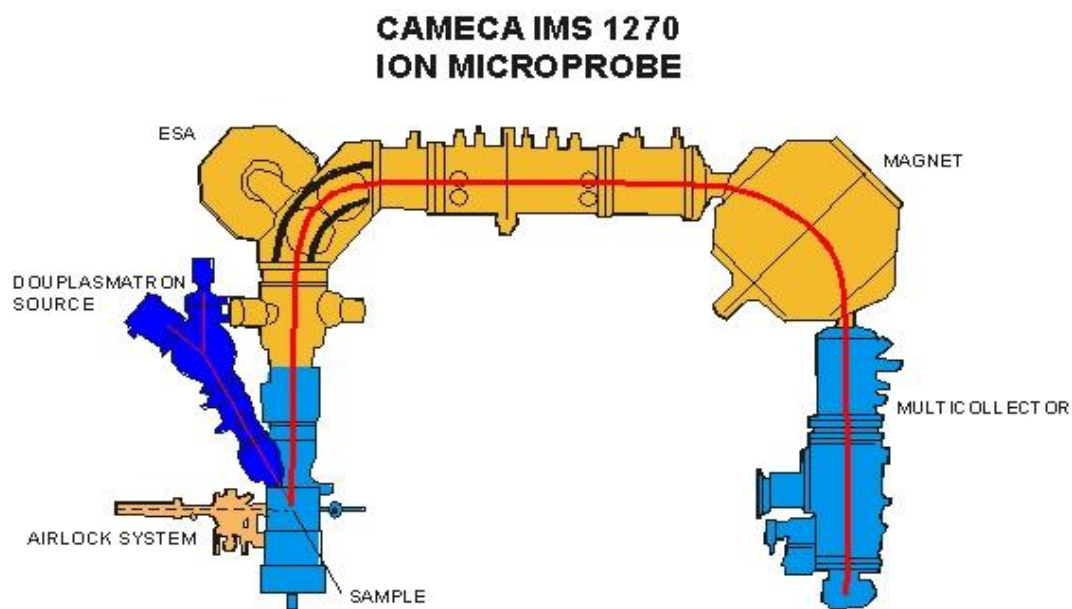


Figure 3-4: Schematic drawing of the high-sensitivity/high-resolution Cameca IMS 1270 Ion Microprobe at UCLA. The airlock system allows samples to be interchanged. The duoplasmatron is the source of primary oxygen ions. Secondary ions from the sample are moved from the sample surface through the ESA (electrostatic analyzer) a magnet, and are then detected at the multicollector.

Table 3-1: Samples and locations.

| Sample Number   | Location         |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Egrigoz Pluton  |                  |                  |
| WA08            | 39° 04' 14.20" N | 29° 03' 22.60" E |
| WA09            | 39° 08' 08.60" N | 29° 02' 00.20" E |
| WA10            | 39° 08' 35.10" N | 29° 02' 42.90" E |
| WA11            | 39° 08' 36.10" N | 29° 03' 10.40" E |
| *WA12           | 39° 08' 34.90" N | 29° 03' 24.70" E |
| WA13            | 39° 09' 32.20" N | 29° 04' 46.40" E |
| WA14            | 39° 04' 38.00" N | 29° 05' 16.70" E |
| AT02            | 39° 26' 02.60" N | 29° 07' 00.50" E |
| AT03            | 39° 25' 37.90" N | 29° 07' 22.40" E |
| AT04            | 39° 25' 42.10" N | 29° 07' 18.20" E |
| *AT05           | 39° 25' 43.40" N | 29° 07' 18.20" E |
| AT06            | 39° 25' 49.30" N | 29° 07' 15.50" E |
| AT07            | 39° 26' 08.60" N | 29° 07' 21.80" E |
| AT08            | 39° 26' 02.60" N | 29° 07' 00.50" E |
| AT15            | 39° 16' 22.00" N | 29° 01' 36.40" E |
| *AT16           | 39° 16' 30.10" N | 29° 03' 25.50" E |
| Koyunoba Pluton |                  |                  |
| AT09            | 39° 14' 21.50" N | 28° 51' 36.50" E |
| AT10            | 39° 13' 48.50" N | 28° 52' 20.30" E |
| AT11            | 39° 13' 23.20" N | 28° 53' 00.40" E |
| *AT12           | 39° 13' 07.10" N | 28° 53' 43.60" E |
| AT13            | 39° 17' 08.70" N | 28° 54' 39.40" E |
| *AT14           | 39° 16' 59.06" N | 28° 54' 30.70" E |
| AT17            | 39° 18' 35.40" N | 28° 57' 35.10" E |
| Alacam Pluton   |                  |                  |
| *AT19           | 39° 20' 22.30" N | 28° 49' 01.20" E |
| *AT20           | 39° 20' 34.60" N | 28° 48' 31.80" E |
| AT21            | 39° 20' 49.00" N | 28° 47' 59.50" E |

\*dated samples

Table 3-2: Mineral assemblages of the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam pluton samples.  
Abbreviations after Kretz (1983).

| Sample          | Mineral Assemblages                            |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Egrigoz Pluton  |                                                |
| WA08            | Qtz+Pl+Bt+Kfs+Ap+Zrn+Xt+FeO+FeSi               |
| WA09            | Qtz+Bt+Pl+Kfs+Ms+Zrn+Mnz                       |
| WA10            | Qtz+Kfs+Pl+Bt+Ep+Zrn                           |
| WA11            | Qtz+Pl+Kfs+Bt+Ms+Cal+Spn+Rt+Zrn+Mnz            |
| WA12            | Qtz+Bt+Ms+Pl+Kfs+Ap+FeO+Zrn                    |
| WA13            | Qtz+Pl+Kfs+Bt+Ms+Ilm+Ap+Aln+Br+FeO             |
| WA14            | Qtz+Pl+Ms+Kfs+Bt+Ap+Zr+Rt+Zrn+FeO              |
| AT02            | Qtz+Pl+Bt+Kfs+Ms+Alu+Ap+Chl+Px+Zrn+Mnz+Hem+Cal |
| AT03            | Qtz+Pl+Kfs+Bt+Ms+Hbl+Ep+Chl+Cal+Zrn            |
| AT04            | Qtz+Pl+Kfs+Bt+Px+Ap+Hbl+Cal+Chl+Zrn            |
| AT05            | Qtz+Kfs+Bt+Pl+Chl+Ap+Zrn+Rt+Cal+FeO            |
| AT06            | Qtz+Kfs+Pl+Bt+Chl+FeO+Ap+Zrn+Spn               |
| AT07            | Qtz+Pl+Kfs+Bt+Ms+Py+Hbl+FeO                    |
| AT08            | Qtz+Pl+Hbl+Kfs+Bt+Chl+Zrn                      |
| AT15            | Qtz+Pl+Kfs+Bt+Ms+Zrn+Chl+Ilm+Hbl+Mag           |
| AT16            | Qtz+Bt+Pl+Kfs+Ap+Chl+Ms+Zrn                    |
| Koyunoba Pluton |                                                |
| AT09            | Qtz+Kfs+Pl+Bt+Ms+Hbl                           |
| AT10            | Qtz+Bt+Pl+Kfs+Ap+Hbl+Zrn+Mnz                   |
| AT11            | Qtz+Pl+Kfs+Bt+Cal+FeO                          |
| AT12            | Qtz+Bt+Kfs+Pl+Zrn+Ap+FeO                       |
| AT13            | Qtz+Pl+Kfs+Bt+Ms+Ap+FeO+Zrn                    |
| AT14            | Qtz+Pl+Kfs+Bt+Ms+FeO+Ap+Ilm+Rt+Zrn+Mnz         |
| AT17            | Qtz+Pl+Kfs+Bt+Zrn                              |
| Alacam Pluton   |                                                |
| AT19            | Qtz+Pl+Kfs+Bt+Ap+Zrn+Rt+Cal+FeO                |
| AT20            | Qtz+Kfs+Pl+Bt+Ilm+Ms+Rt+Ap+Cal+Zrn             |

## **Chapter 4: Remote Sensing Results and Discussion**

### **4.1 INTRODUCTION**

There are two proposed major structures in the field area: the Simav normal fault and the Simav detachment (Figure 2-4). The well-documented E-W trending Simav normal fault (e.g. Konak, 1979) extends approximately 150 km between the towns of Banaz in the east and Sindirgi in the west and shows significant elevation contrasts between the footwall and the hanging wall (Seyitoglu, 1997; Ersoy et al., 2010) (>200m; Figure 4-1). The fault has an average dip of 45-50° (Seyitoglu, 1997) and is thought to have formed during Pliocene to recent extension (Seyitoglu, 1997; Ring and Collins, 2005). The Simav detachment, thought to be active between 24-19 Ma, may be located along the western border of the Koyunoba and Egrigoz pluton (Ring and Collins, 2005) and accommodated ~50 km of NE-SW extension (Tekeli et al., 2001; Isik et al., 2003). The existence of the Simav detachment along the western border of the Egrigoz and Koyunoba plutons is debated (Figure 4-2) (Bingol et al. 1982; Reischmann et al., 1991; Delaloye and Bingol, 2000; Isik et al., 2004; Ring and Collins, 2005; Hasozbek et al., 2010; Ozgenc and Ilbeyli, 2008; Akay, 2009; Dilek et al., 2009; Ilbeyli and Kibici, 2009). To address this, Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) data was analyzed using ArcGIS to determine if the topography changes exist that suggest the occurrence of the NE-SW trending detachment on the western border of the plutons. Detachments are evidenced in topography by grooved surfaces on the footwall parallel to the direction of extension (Tucolke et al., 1999; Smith et al., 2006; Spencer, 2010).

The final product has two components: elevation maps that focus on the topography of the granitic outcrops and their relationship to faults (Figures 4-1, 4-3 - 4-6)

and a map that shows the location of the granitics (Figure 4-7). The elevation maps are used to determine if topography is consistent with the presence of a detachment fault along the western border of the Egrigoz and Koyunoba plutons. The road map was used in the field to locate the sampled granitics (Figure 2-4). The contour map (Figure 4-1) and elevation map (Figure 4-3) show the topography of the area. The slope raster (Figure 4-4) was used to distinguish dip inclination. Areas of steep dip are shown in red and flat areas are shown in green. The hillshade raster (Figure 4-5) highlights dip direction and topography and the aspect raster (Figure 4-6) simply differentiates areas of different dip direction.

Remote sensing is often used to obtain structural geological information without intense fieldwork (i.e., Fernandes et al., 2005). Observable features include rock foliation and tectonic structures (Price and Cosgrove, 1990; Hancock, 1991; Angelier, 1994; Dunne and Hancock, 1994; Burbank and Anderson, 2001). Areas of extension exhibit high-angle normal faults and open tensile fractures trending perpendicular to extension (Fernandes et al., 2005). Detachment faults may be indicated by grooved surfaces on the footwall parallel to the direction of extension (Tucholke et al., 1999; Smith et al., 2006; Spencer, 2010). Although remote sensing has been applied to Turkey (i.e. Dohnt, 2006; Ozeren and Holt, 2010), no studies have focused on the Simav region.

#### **4.2 THE SIMAV DETACHMENT DEBATE**

Exhumation of the Menderes Massif has been attributed to several detachments (e.g. the Alasehir and Buyuk detachments) with both top-to-the-north and top-to-the-south sense of shear (Hetzl et al., 1995; Ring et al., 1999; Bozkurt and Sozbilir, 2004; Isik et al., 2004; van Hinsbergen and Boekhout, 2009). Detachments are most evident

where they juxtapose high-grade metamorphic rocks of the footwall against upper-crustal rocks of the hanging wall (van Hinsbergen and Boekhout, 2009). Metagranites near the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons interpreted as synkinematically deformed upper portions of the plutons are the main evidence supporting the Simav detachment (Isik and Tekeli, 2001; Isik et al., 2004; Seyitoglu et al., 2004; Thomson and Ring, 2006). However, new field evidence from Akay (2009), including crosscutting relationships between the plutons and foliation planes of metagranites and an abrupt change in metamorphism between the undeformed plutons and surrounding metamorphosed country rock, shows that the plutons intruded into rocks of the Menderes Massif and Afyon zone after tectonic assemblage and metamorphism were complete. In addition, the metagranites of the Menderes Massif and Afyon zone are not genetically related to the plutons because, based on U-Pb zircon ages, the granitics' emplacement postdates the assemblage of the Menderes Massif and Afyon zone (Akay, 2009) and therefore the presence of a detachment fault is not needed to explain the juxtaposition of different metamorphic grades. This thesis addresses the question of the presence of the Simav detachment using remotely sensed data.

#### **4.3 DATA**

The E-W trending Simav normal fault can be clearly seen by the contour map (Figure 4-1). The fault has an average elevation difference of >200m between the hanging wall and the top of the footwall. However, the Simav detachment on the western boundary of the Egrigoz and Koyunoba plutons is not evident by elevation data alone. A map with 100m contours highlighting the Simav normal fault and proposed detachment

fault is shown in Figure 4-1. The Simav normal fault can be easily mapped by following the contours but the Simav detachment cuts across lines of different elevation.

The SRTM data shows a defined elevation difference between the footwall and hanging wall of the E-W trending Simav normal fault (Figure 4-3). However, as with the contour map, the inferred NE-SW Simav detachment fault does not follow any obvious elevation trends. Analyzing the slope raster (Figure 4-4), a steep slope marks the boundary between the hanging wall and the footwall of the E-W trending Simav normal fault but the NE-SW trending Simav detachment cuts across changes in slope steepness. The hillshade raster shows ~E-W lineations (Figure 4-5) likely due to large-scale ~N-S extension (ten Veen et al., 2009) that are more defined in the hanging wall of the main Simav normal fault. These lineations parallel the Simav normal fault but cross the inferred Simav detachment with no offset. If this detachment exists, a difference in lineations between the eastern footwall and the western hanging wall would be expected. However, the hillshade data shows no offset between the inferred hanging wall and footwall, implying that no detachment fault is present at that location. No grooves parallel to extension are seen in the proposed footwall to indicate the presence of a detachment.

The aspect raster map (Figure 4-6) shows the Simav normal fault dipping steeply towards the north. However, the NE-SW trending inferred detachment fault cuts across changing dip directions throughout the extent of the fault.

As we did not see the inferred structure in the remotely sensed images, we targeted five specific contacts to ascertain the presence of the Simav detachment. Only two of the five contacts were exposed. The northern Egrigoz pluton (Figure 2-4, near

sample AT02) is bordered by skarn 10-100 meters thick (Oyman et al., 2011). Skarn is metasomatised zones of wall rock adjacent to granitics (e.g., Einaudi and Burt, 1982). No fault exists between the Egrigoz pluton and the country rock it intruded at this location (Figure 4-8). The western border of the Koyunoba was covered by Neogene (Isik et al., 2003) volcanic tuff (Figure 2-4; near sample AT18) therefore the existence of a detachment fault could not be determined. A high angle normal fault, as evidenced by slickenlines and steps, (strike 336°, dip 67° NE) was found along the border of the Egrigoz pluton and the Simav graben (Figure 4-9; Figure 2-4, Sample AT15). This fault may be related to the lineations seen in the hillshade image (Figure 4-5). Note that the Simav detachment has an expected low dip angle (Isik and Tekeli, 2001).

#### **4.4 DISCUSSION**

Digital elevation data of the Simav area shows strong evidence of NNE-SSW extension. However, based on elevation data, no evidence supports that the low angle Simav detachment exists along the western border of the Egrigoz and Koyunoba plutons. The inferred detachment follows no elevation trends and cuts across changes in dip direction. There is no offset of extension lineations between the inferred footwall and hanging wall and no grooves paralleling extension were found on the footwall. Extension lineations continue across plutons inferring that extension continued after the exhumation of the plutons. This is consistent with sedimentary records found in the Alasehir graben that suggest pulsed extension continued into the Quaternary (e.g., Purvis and Robertson, 2005). Fieldwork in the Simav area also found no evidence of a detachment fault.



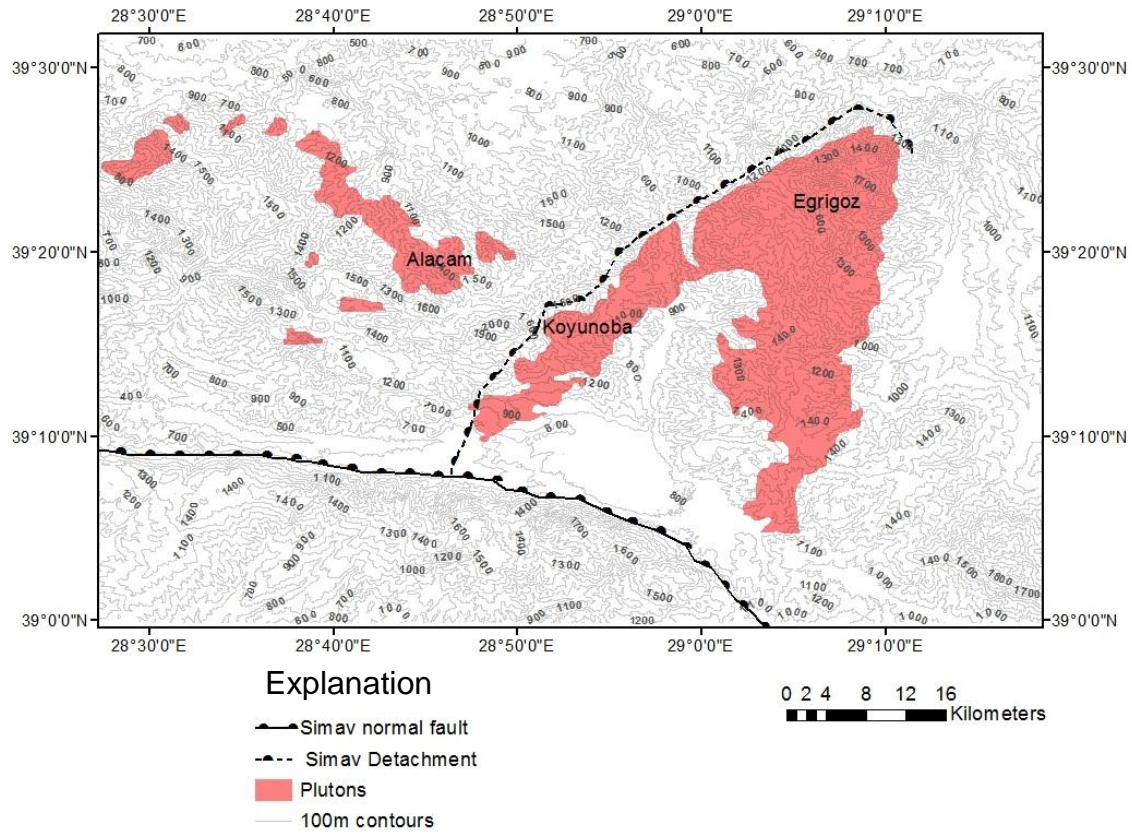


Figure 4-1: ArcMap showing the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons, 100m contours obtained from the SRTM data, and the location of the Simav normal fault and Simav detachment (after Konak, 2002). The E-W trending detachment is marked by an elevation difference of >200m and the NE-SW trending inferred detachment cuts across contour lines.

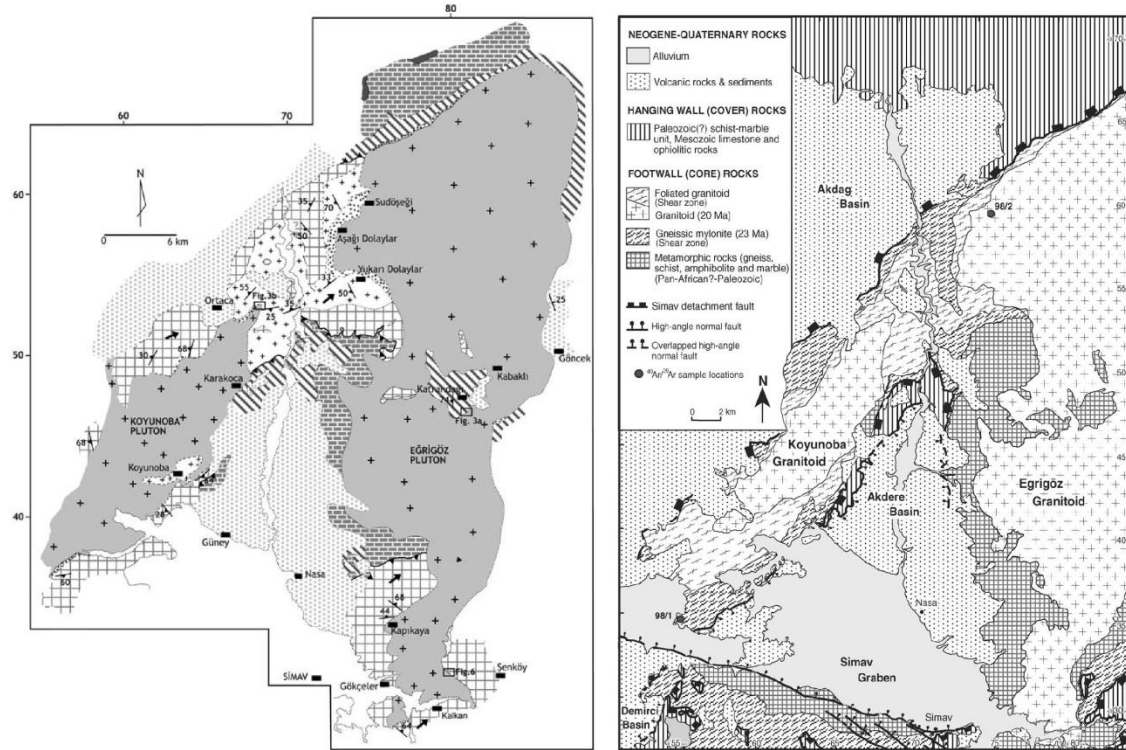


Figure 4-2: Two geologic maps of the Egrigöz and Koyunoba plutons. (A) Geologic map shows no detachment fault along the western border of the plutons (Akay, 2009). (B) Geologic map shows the Simav detachment along the western border of the plutons (Isik et al., 2004).

## Explanation

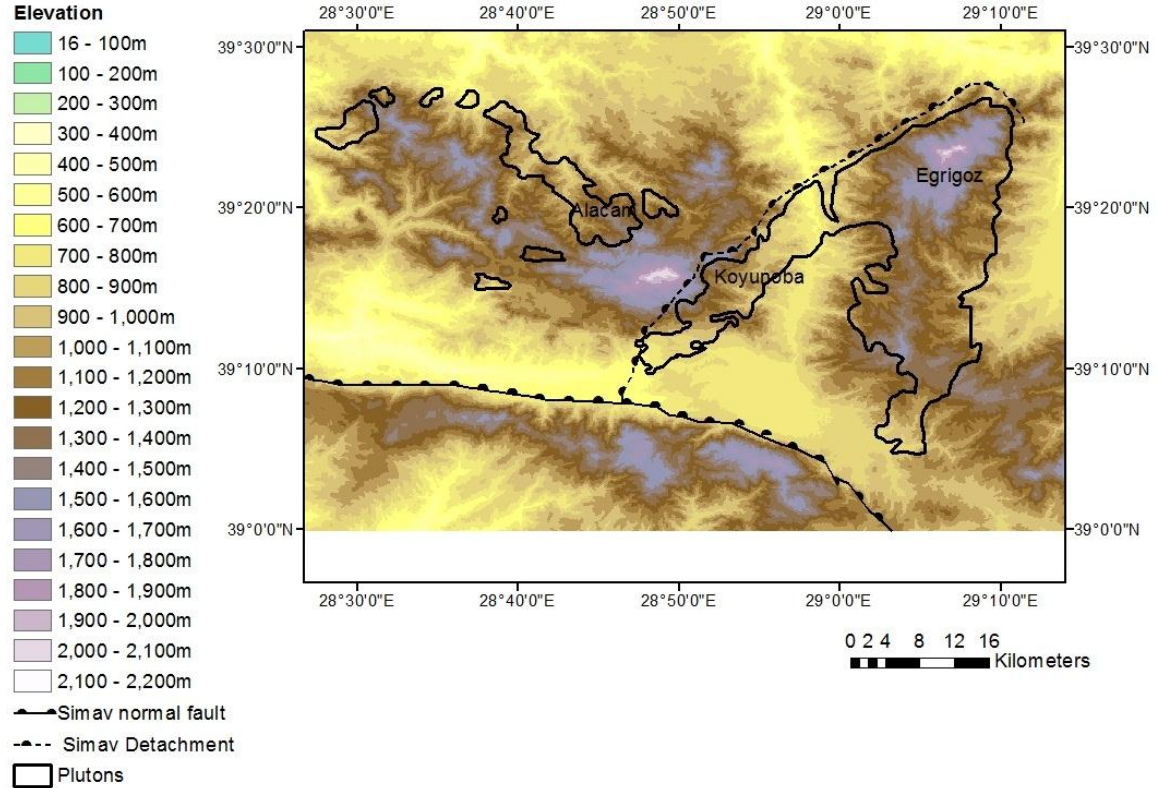


Figure 4-3: ArcMap showing the granitics and the Simav normal fault and Simav detachment fault with respect to SRTM elevation data. The E-W trending Simav normal fault follows the valley highlighted by the SRTM data. The NE-SW trending Simav detachment does not follow any elevation trends.

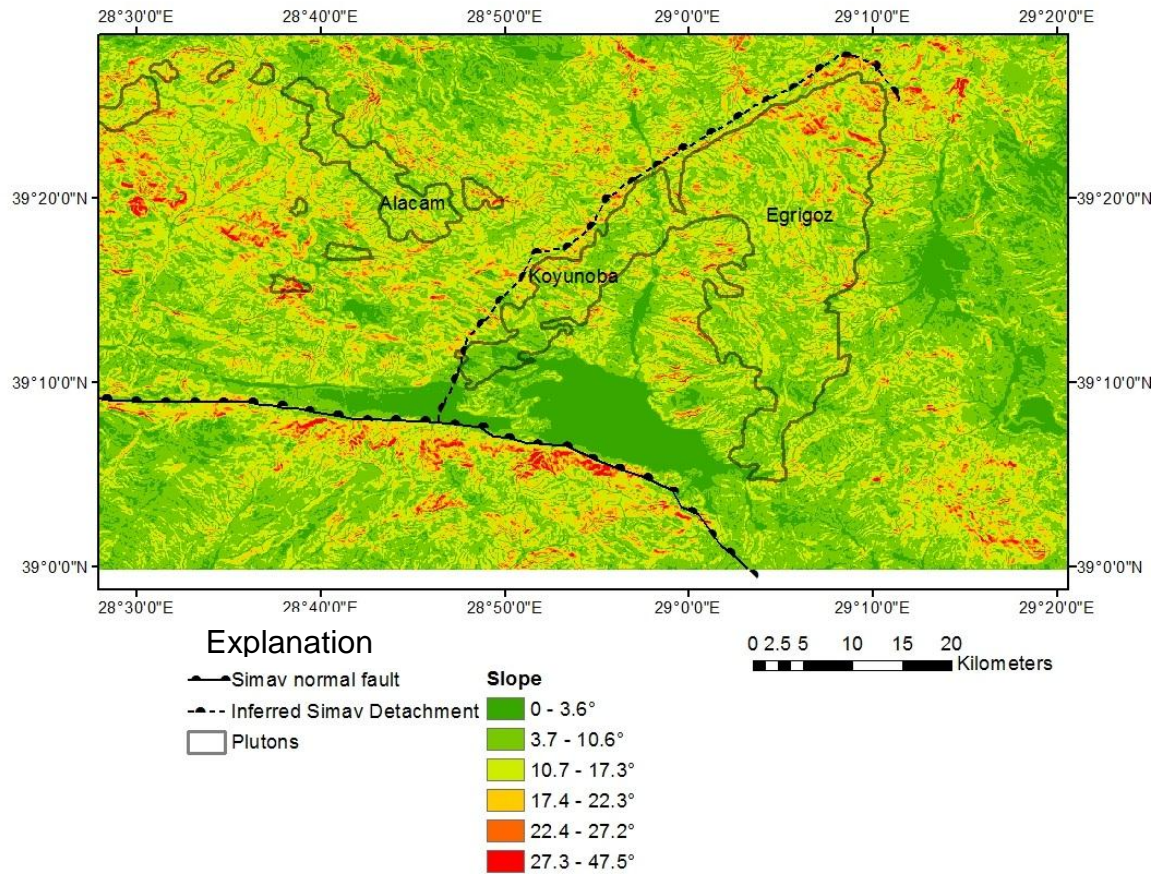


Figure 4-4: ArcMap of the classified slope raster. Colors are classified by degree of slope with green representing shallow slope and red steeper slopes. The E-W trending Simav normal fault follows a steep slope that marks the boundary between an area of high elevation and a valley. The NE-SW trending Simav detachment does not follow any obvious slope trends.



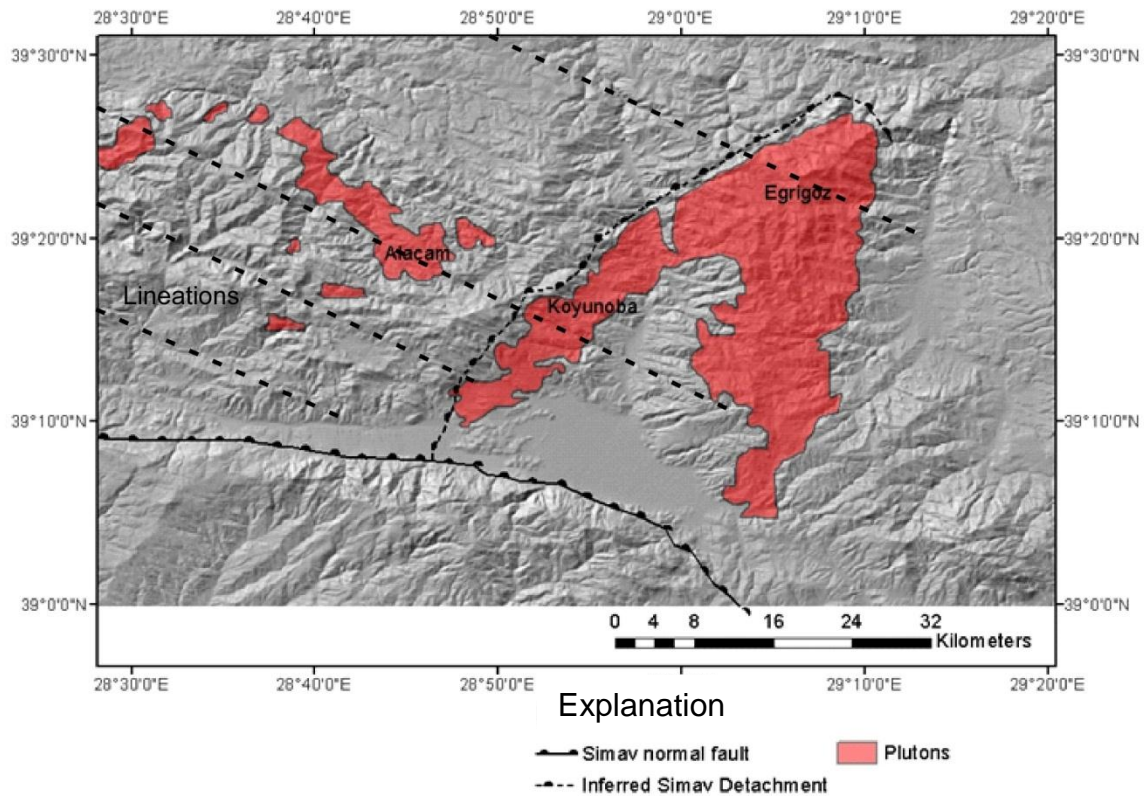


Figure 4-5: ArcMap Hillshade raster. The hillshade raster shades direction of slope dip. Notice the E-W trending lineations perpendicular to N30°E extension. Lineations can be seen cutting across proposed Simav detachment with no obvious offset.

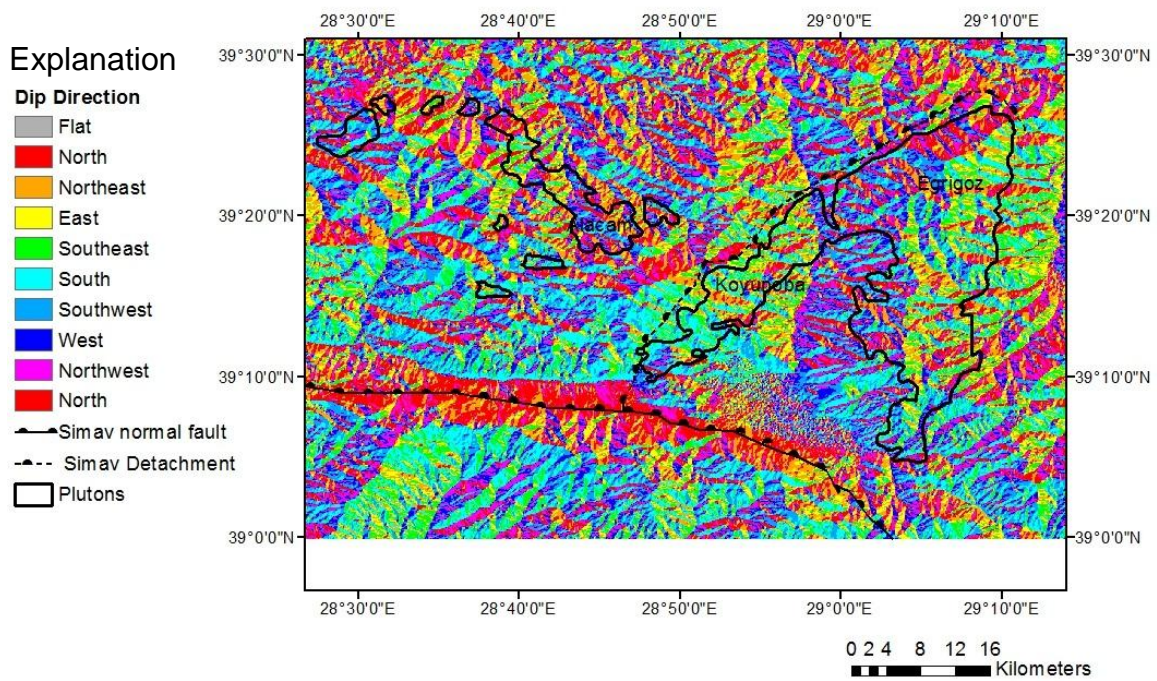


Figure 4-6: ArcMap Aspect raster with location of granitics outlined in black. Slopes are colored based on dip direction. E-W trending lineations likely caused by N-S extension (ten Veen et al., 2009) are visible. The E-W trending Simav normal fault follows a NNE dip direction and the NE-SW Simav detachment cuts across slopes dipping in different directions.

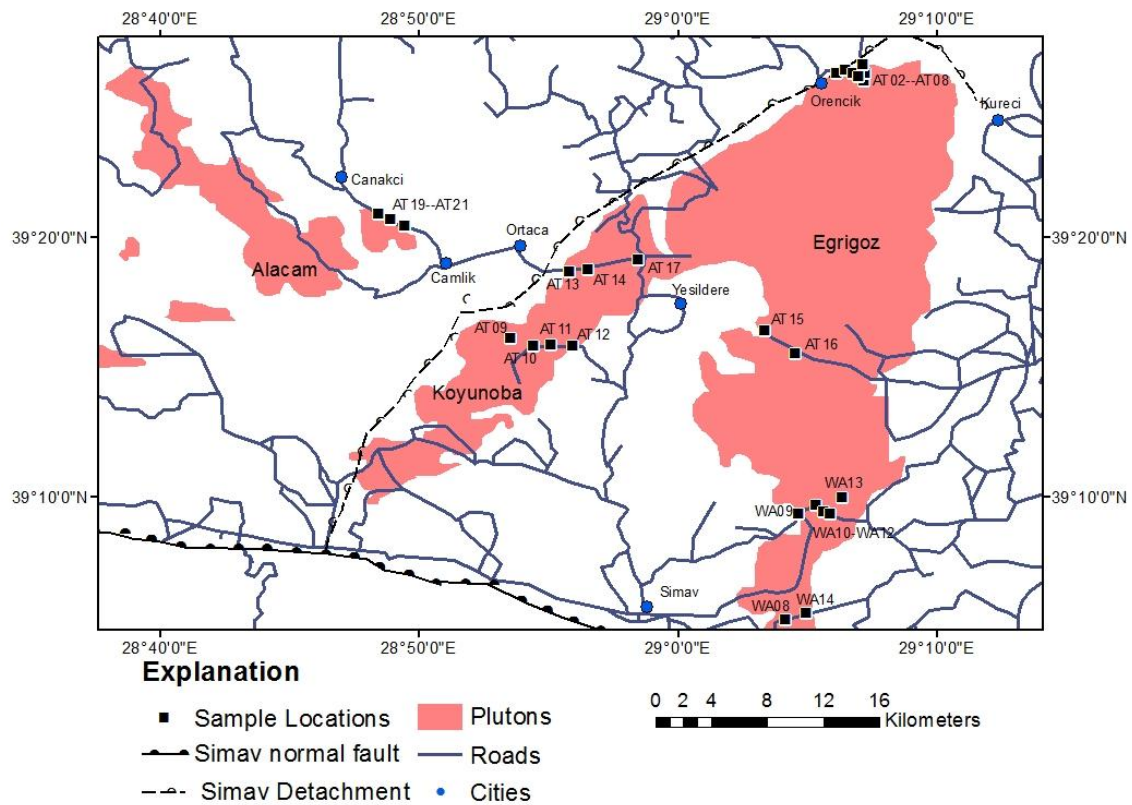


Figure 4-7: ArcMap showing the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons and their relationship to roads in the Simav area.





Figure 4-8: Skarn bordering northern Egrigoz pluton (near 39° 26' 02.60" N and 29° 07' 00.50" E).





Figure 4-9: Fault located on the western side of the Egrigoz pluton ( $39^{\circ} 16' 22.00''$  N  $29^{\circ} 01' 36.40''$  E). Slickenlines and steps indicate normal sense of shear.

## **Chapter 5: Geochemical Results and Discussion**

### **5.1 INTRODUCTION**

Major and trace geochemical analyses from the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons are listed in Tables 5-1—5-6. Mineral assemblages are listed in Table 3-2. The data was plotted in a series of diagrams to attempt to distinguish the nature of the magma and their tectonic environment. Geochemical results from previous studies are also included in the diagrams (Ozgenç and Ilbeyli, 2008; Akay, 2009; Erkul, 2010). As described in Chapter 2, these granitics are reported to be metaluminous or peraluminous (Ozgenç and Ilbeyli, 2008; Dilek et al., 2009; Ilbeyli and Kibici, 2009; Akay, 2009), I-type or S-type (Ozgenç and Ilbeyli, 2008; Dilek et al., 2009; Ilbeyli and Kibici, 2009), and calc-alkaline to shoshonitic. Heterogeneities within the plutons may be caused by magma mixing, partial melting, crustal contamination, and post-emplacement fluid interactions (Hibbard, 1981; Rollinson, 1993; Andersson and Eklund, 1994; Janousek et al., 2004; Purvis and Robertson, 2005; Pietranik and Waight, 2008; Catlos et al., 2010).

### **5.2 DATA**

#### **5.2.1 Major Elements**

The Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons range from granite to granodiorite on the total alkali ( $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$  wt. %) vs. silica ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) classification diagram (after Le Maitre, 1989; Wilson, 1989) with the exception of one Egrigoz sample that plots as a quartz monzonite and one Egrigoz sample that plots as a diorite (sample AT02A from the skarn zone) (Figure 5-1). Silica content from these samples ranges from ~60-78% (Tables 5-1—5-3).

Peraluminous rocks have another aluminous phase other than feldspar. These rocks have an aluminum-saturation index (ASI,  $\text{Al}/(\text{Ca}-1.67\text{P}+\text{Na}+\text{K}) > 1$  in cation proportions whereas metaluminous rocks have no leftover aluminum after the crystallization of feldspars and an  $\text{ASI} < 1$  (Frost et al., 2001). All samples from the

plutons described in this thesis are peraluminous using the ASI vs.  $\text{SiO}_2$  (wt%) (Frost et al., 2001). Most samples are peraluminous also using the  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/(\text{CaO}+\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O})$  vs.  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O}$  discrimination diagram (Figure 5-2, Figure 5-3). The primary difference between the figures is that the ASI calculates aluminum-saturation based on weight percent whereas the  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/(\text{CaO}+\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O})$  vs.  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O}$  diagram uses cations. Peraluminous magmas may be formed from water-excess melting of mafic rocks (Ellis and Thompson, 1986) or melting pelitic or semi-pelitic rocks (Holtz and Johannes, 1991).

The Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons are classified as S-type granitics using the  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/(\text{CaO}+\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O})$  vs. wt. %  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  discrimination diagram (Figure 5-4). S-type granitics are thought to form from melted metasedimentary rocks and are commonly strongly peraluminous with high silica contents (Chappell and White, 1974; Frost et al., 2001). I-type granitics are typically metaluminous and have high sodium contents and a wide range of silica contents (Frost et al., 2001). All samples collected from the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons plot within the S-type range on the  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/(\text{CaO}+\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O})$  vs.  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  diagram (Figure 5-4). Some researchers believe that this classification is unreliable because S-type granitics can also be produced from partial melting of a variety of sources (e.g., Miller, 1985).

Using the Modified Alkali-Lime index (MALI,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O} - \text{CaO}$ , Frost et al., 2001) the majority of samples plot as calcic-alkalic (Figure 5-5). One Egrigoz and one Koyunoba sample plot within the calcic range, and six Egrigoz and five Koyunoba samples plot within the alkalic-calcic range. Variations are due to the magmatic source or differentiation history (Frost et al., 2001). The composition and abundances of feldspars and quartz control the MALI index. Higher MALI numbers result from increasing ratios of potassium feldspars relative to plagioclase (Frost et al., 2001). Calcic-alkalic rocks are typical of volcanic arc granites and show evidence for fractional crystallization and magmas have evidence of assimilation of host rock (Rollinson, 1993). MALI numbers

tend to become more alkalic as volcanic arc plutons move farther from a subduction zone due to a decreasing continental crust contribution (Frost et al., 2001). Plutons containing both calcic-alkalic and alkalic-calcic samples, as seen in the Egrigoz and Koyunoba plutons, suggest magma mixing because fractional crystallization of the melt should trend parallel to MALI (Frost and Frost, 2008).

The  $\text{FeO}^{\text{tot}}/(\text{FeO}^{\text{tot}}+\text{MgO})$  vs.  $\text{SiO}_2$  diagram (Frost et al., 2001) is used to understand the differentiation history of the magmatic source. Magmas enriched in iron during differentiation are classified as ferroan whereas magmas enriched in magnesium during differentiation are classified as magnesian. Magnesian granitoids are typical of subduction zones because they are relatively oxidized during differentiation (Frost and Lindsley, 1991; Frost et al., 2001) and ferroan granitoids source from anhydrous reduced magmas typical of extensional environments (Frost et al., 2001). The Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons range from magnesian to ferroan, and become more ferroan with increasing  $\text{SiO}_2$  (Figure 5-6).

In general, potassium increases with increasing  $\text{SiO}_2$  whereas aluminum, iron, calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, manganese, and titanium decrease. Sodium remains constant with increasing  $\text{SiO}_2$ . The trends are consistent with fractional crystallization of plagioclase, alkali feldspar, amphiboles (hornblende), biotite, muscovite, quartz, magnetite, and titanite minerals. Figures 5-7 and 5-8 show patterns consistent with fractional crystallization common in granites.

### **5.2.2 Trace Elements**

Trace elements are often assumed to be unaffected by deformation occurring after granitic crystallization (e.g. Pearce et al., 1984) and are, therefore, important in understanding the original tectonic setting of the pluton. However, Rb can be mobilized during hydrothermal fluid alteration events (Mukasa and Henry, 1990) and may give invalid results. Using the Rb vs. (Y+Nb) discrimination diagram, most samples of the

plutons analyzed in this study formed in a volcanic arc typical of granitics in the overriding plate of a subduction zone with the exception of one Egrigoz sample (Sample #1401, Akay, 2009) that plots closer to the syn-collisional granite field and one Egrigoz sample (WA11B) that plots in the within-plate granite field (Figure 5-9). These discrepancies could be due to a complex tectonic history including hydrothermal fluid alteration, melting of host rocks during crystallization, magma mixing, depth of emplacement, and crystal settling.

The Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons have similar chondrite-normalized rare earth element (REE) and trace element spider diagrams (Figures 5-10 and 5-11). All granitics have high rubidium, thorium, and potassium and low europium, barium, niobium, strontium, phosphorus, zirconium and titanium. The granitic samples have high light REE and negative europium anomalies due to the fractional crystallization of plagioclase under reducing conditions (e.g., Rollinson, 1993). The Egrigoz and Koyunoba plutons have flat REE patterns relative to the Alacam pluton [ $(La/Lu)_N = 11.2 \pm 3.9$ ,  $11.2 \pm 2.3$  compared to  $15.8 \pm 8.1$ ]. Flatter REE patterns may be caused by higher degrees of metamorphism (e.g. Bea and Montero, 1999). Because zircon concentrates into heavy REE over light REE, zircon fractionation can enrich light REE and deplete zirconium. Low strontium indicates plagioclase fractionation and low barium is consistent with the crystallization of alkali feldspar. Phosphorus is depleted due to the crystallization of apatite and the crystallization of titanite is responsible for the depletion of titanium.

### **5.3 DISCUSSION**

Geochemical analyses have been used to interpret the origin the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons. In general, these plutons are peraluminous S-type granite to granodiorites (Figure 5-1) and show evidence of fractional crystallization. The rocks are calcic-alkalic to alkali-calcic, which may be due to magma mixing (Frost et al., 2001),

and range from magnesian to ferroan with increasing  $\text{SiO}_2$  (Figure 5-6). Magnesian granites are typical of subduction zones whereas ferroan granites are typical of extensional environments (Frost and Lindsley, 1991; Frost et al., 2001). Trace element data show the plutons emplaced in a volcanic arc setting, consistent with the north-dipping subduction of the African plate beneath the Eurasian plate.

A key question is if the three plutons in the field area share the same source and tectonic history. Previous researchers have noted the existence of a detachment separating the Alacam pluton from the Koyunoba and Egrigoz plutons (see Chapter 4, Isik and Tekeli, 2001; Isik et al., 2004; Seyitoglu et al., 2004; Thomson and Ring, 2006). If this detachment exists, a difference in geochemical analyses between the plutons would be expected. Major and trace element analyses show little difference between the three plutons (e.g., Figures 5-10 5-11), suggesting the plutons share a similar source and are not separated by a major structure (i.e. the Simav detachment).

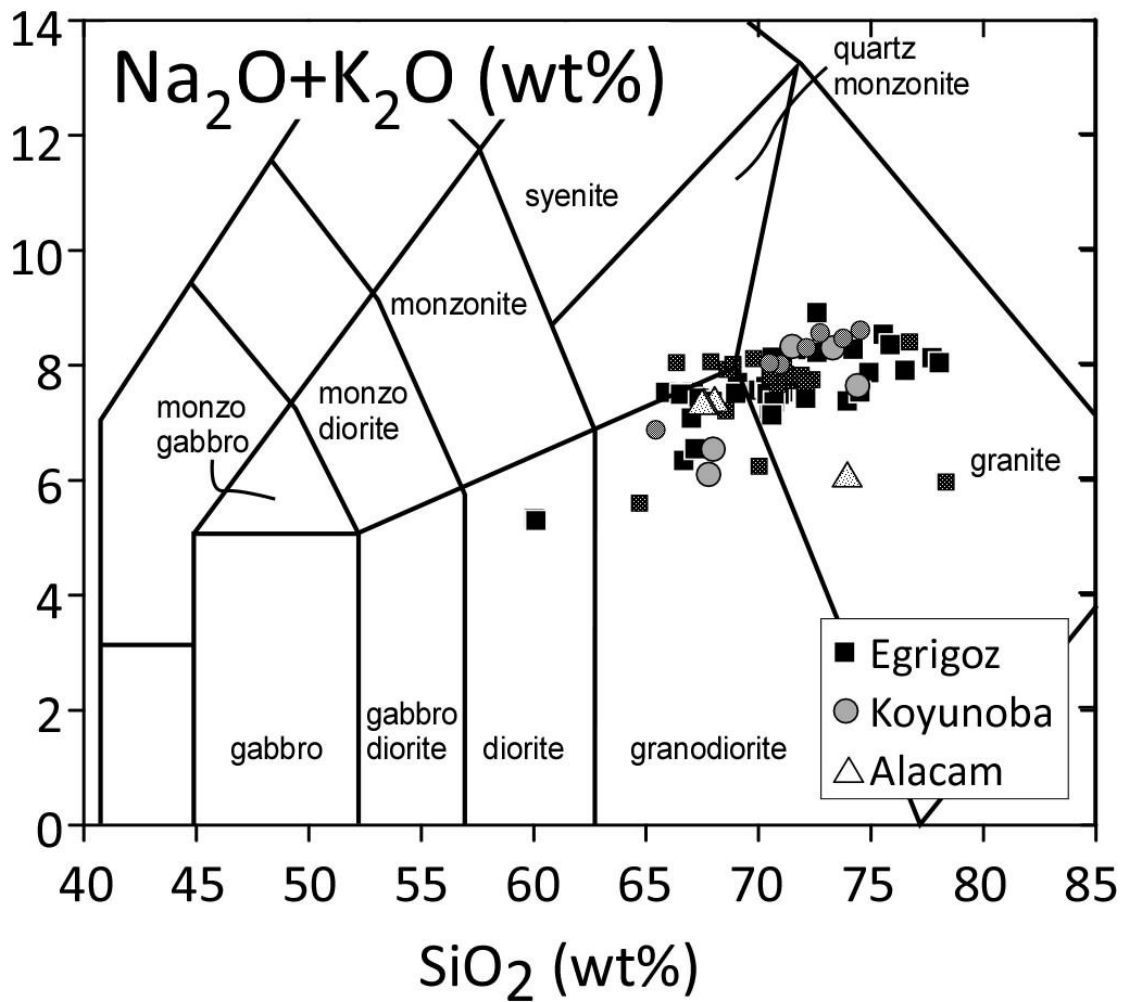


Figure 5-1:  $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$  versus  $\text{SiO}_2$  diagram for the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons (Middlemost, 1994). The plutons range from diorite, granodiorite and, quartz monzonite, to granite. Data from: Ozgenc and Ilbeyli, 2008,  $n=12$ ; Akay, 2009,  $n=20$ ; Erkul et al., 2010,  $n=11$ ; this thesis,  $n=31$  (indicated with hatch marks)

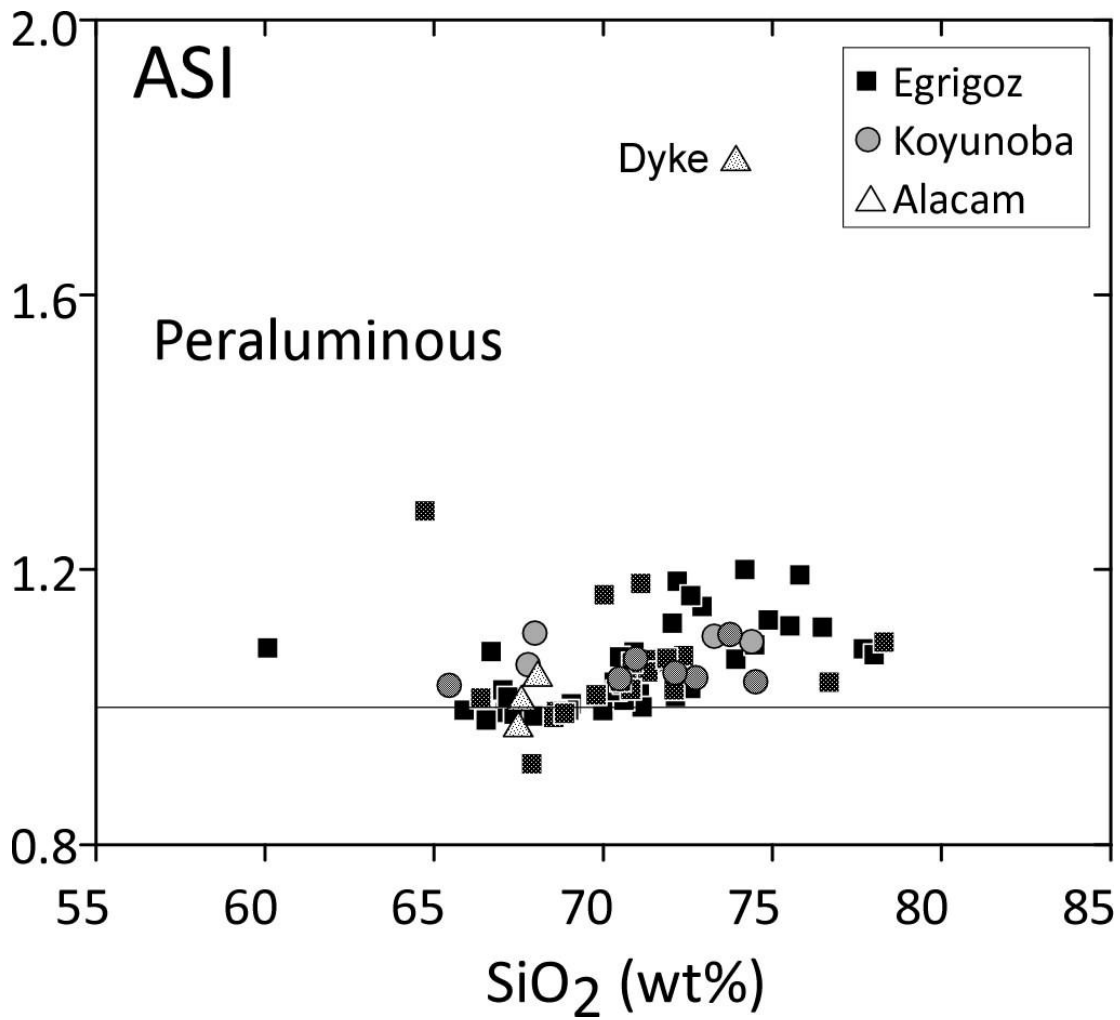


Figure 5-2: Aluminum-saturation index (ASI;  $\text{Al}/(\text{Ca} + 1.67\text{P} + \text{Na} + \text{K})$ ) (molar) vs.  $\text{SiO}_2$  wt. % diagram (after Frost et al., 2001). Data points are the same as in Figure 5-1. Most samples are peraluminous.



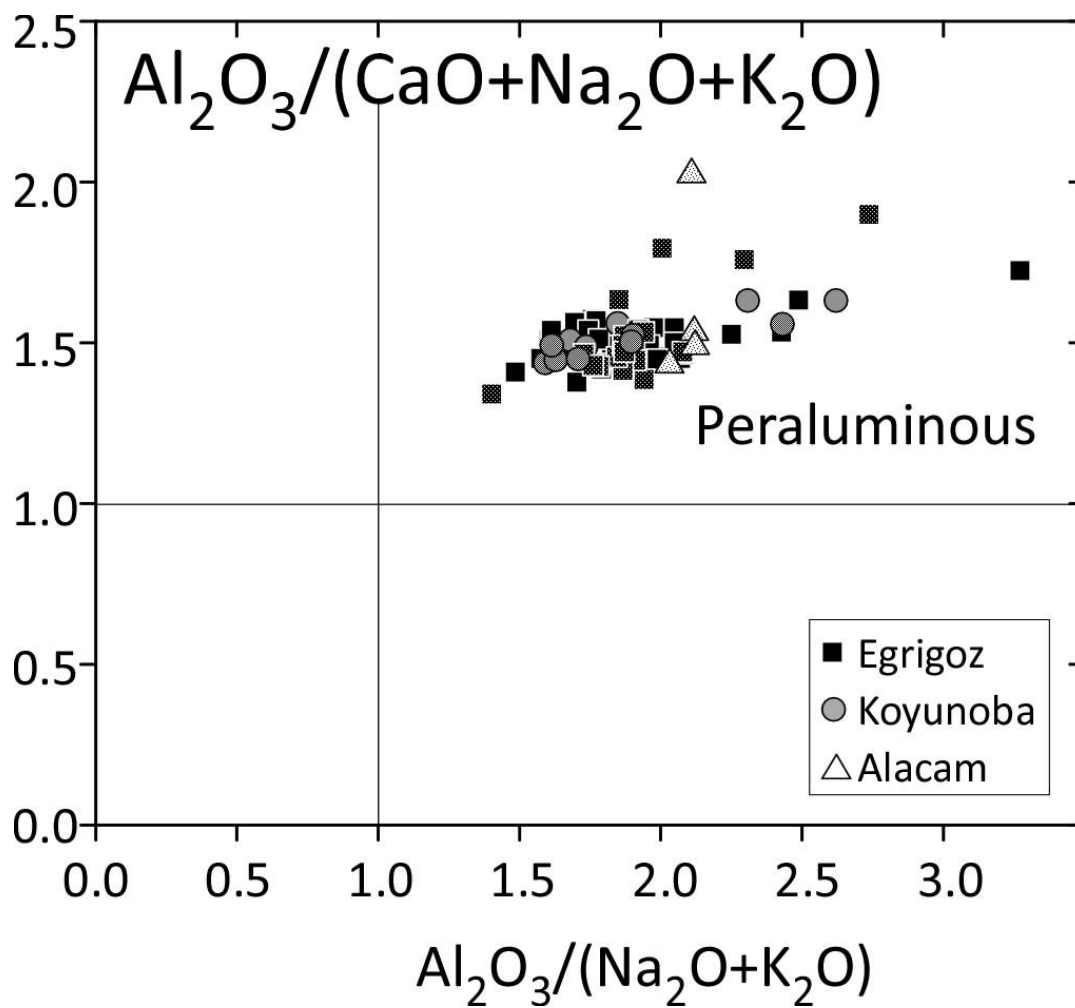


Figure 5-3: Shand's index for granitic protolith (after Maniar and Piccoli, 1989). Data points are the same as in Figure 5-1. Samples plot within the peraluminous field.

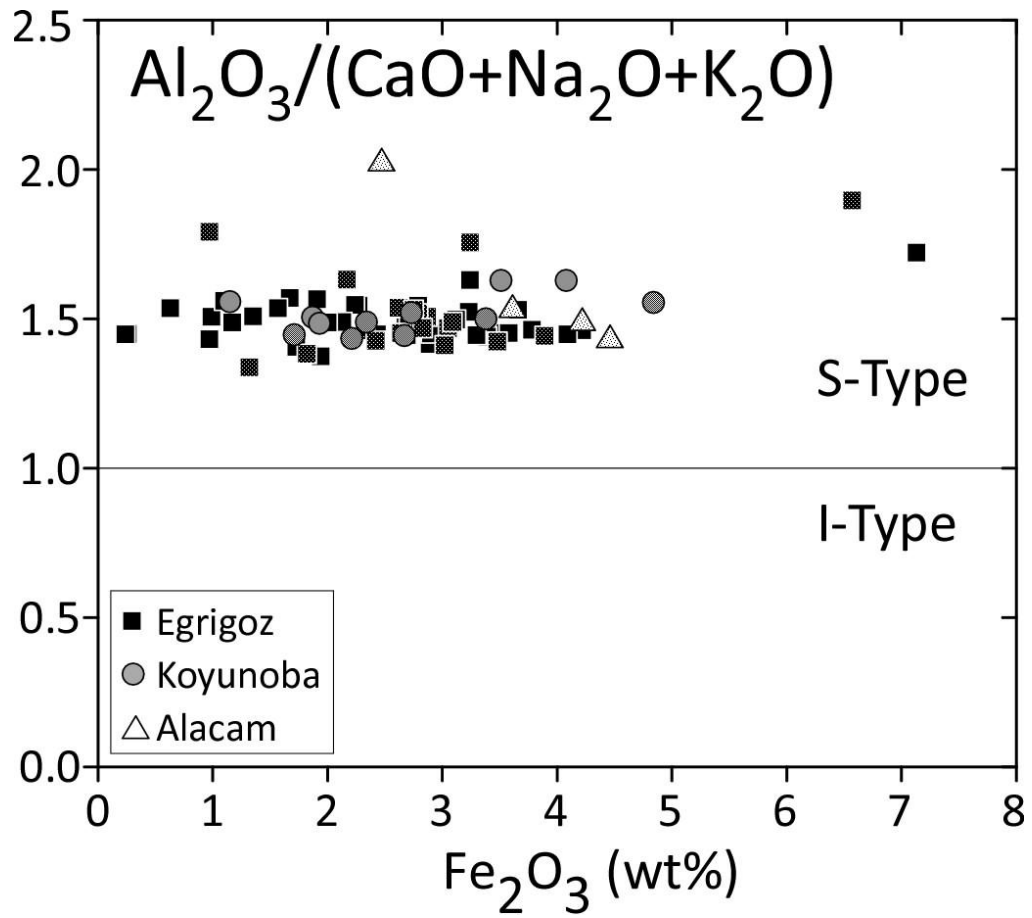


Figure 5-4:  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/(\text{CaO}+\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O})$  vs. wt.  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  wt %. All granitics plot within the S-type field. Data points are the same as in Figure 5-1.

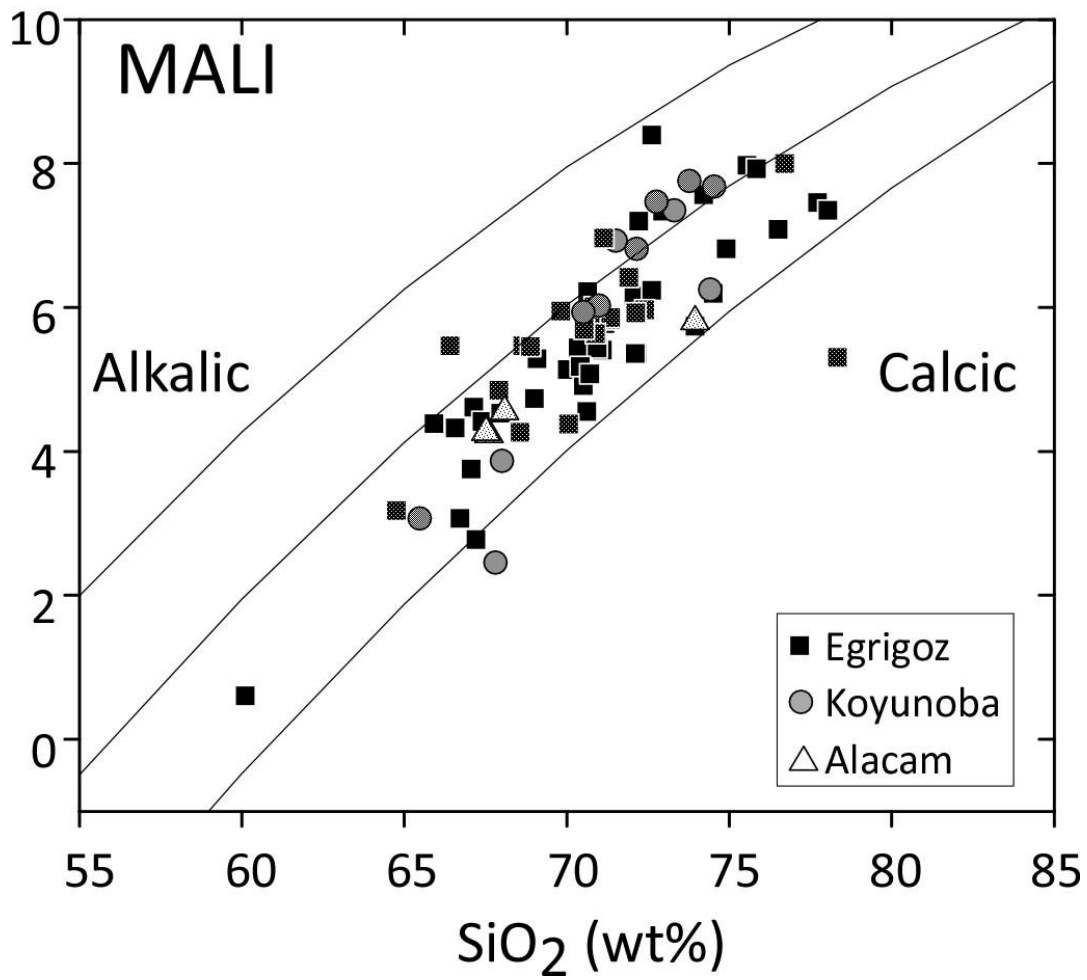


Figure 5-5: Modified Alkaline Lime Index (MALI;  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O}-\text{CaO}$ ) vs.  $\text{SiO}_2$  wt. % after Le Maitre et al (1989). Data points are the same as in Figure 5-1.

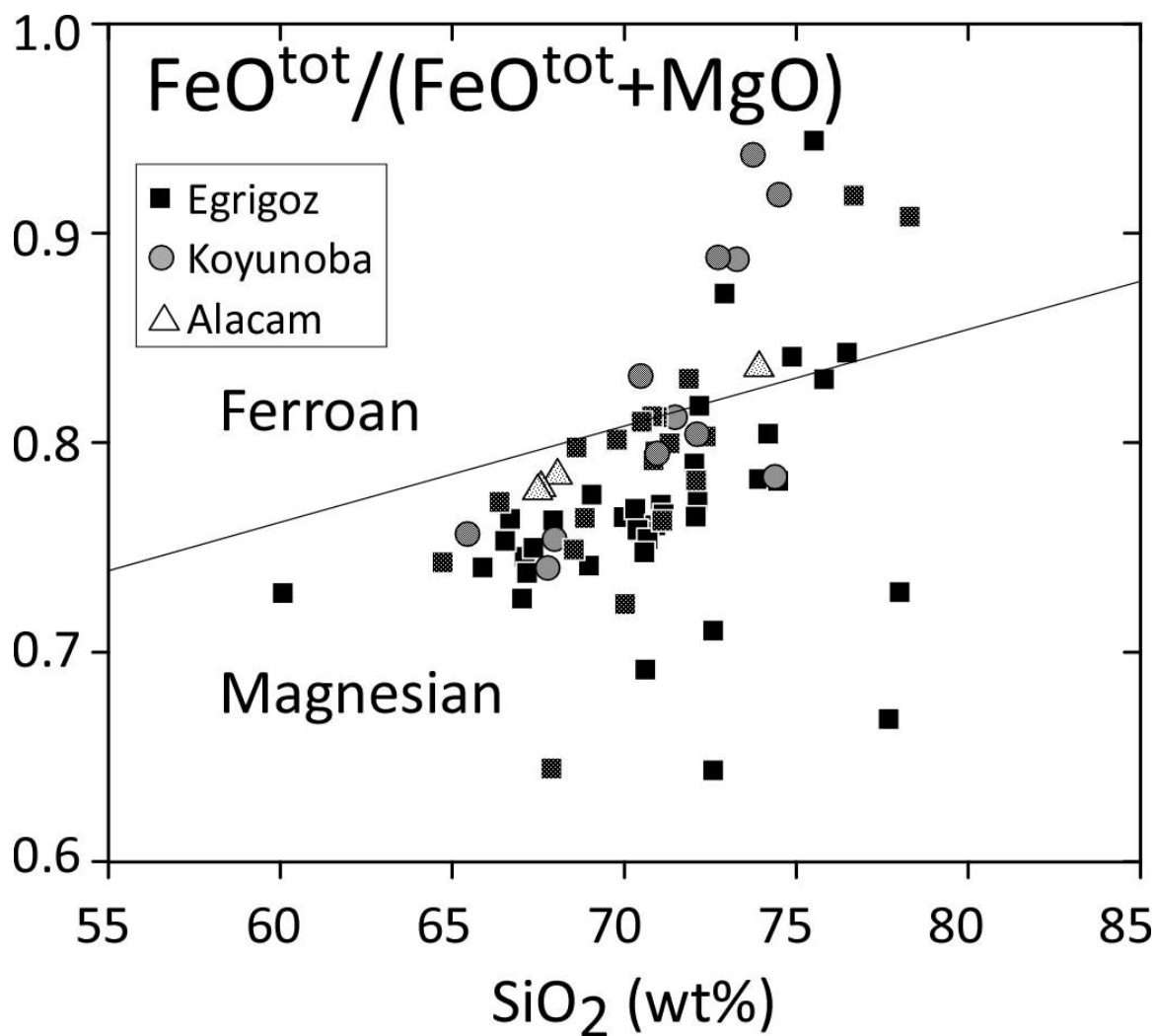


Figure 5-6:  $\text{FeO}^{\text{tot}}/(\text{FeO}^{\text{tot}} + \text{MgO})$  vs.  $\text{SiO}_2$  wt. % diagram (after Frost et al., 2001). Data points are the same as in Figure 5-1. Koyunoba and Alacam samples become more ferroan with increasing  $\text{SiO}_2$ .

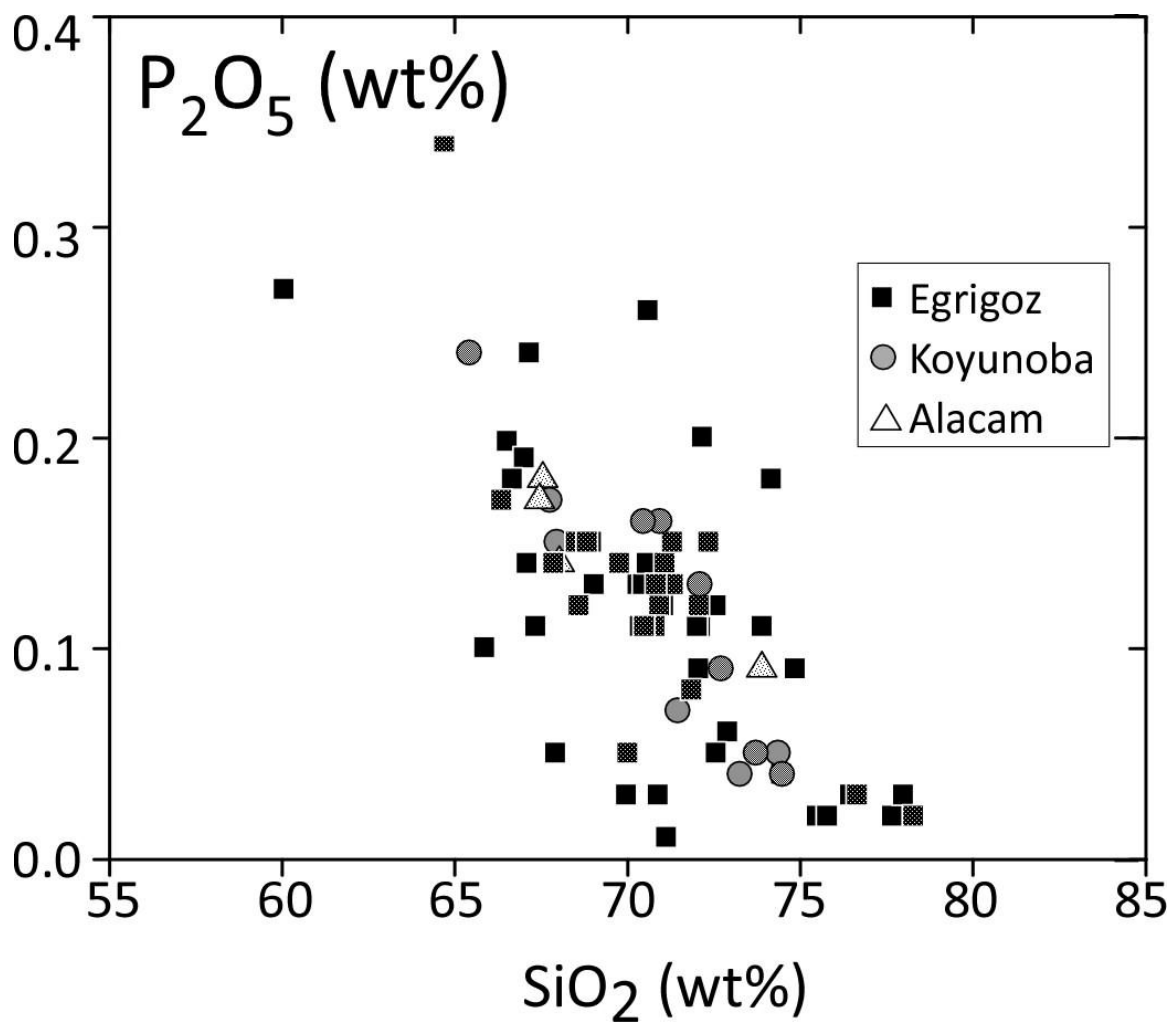


Figure 5-7:  $P_2O_5$  vs.  $SiO_2$  wt. % diagram for the plutons analyzed in this study showing fractional crystallization. Data points are the same as in Figure 5-1.

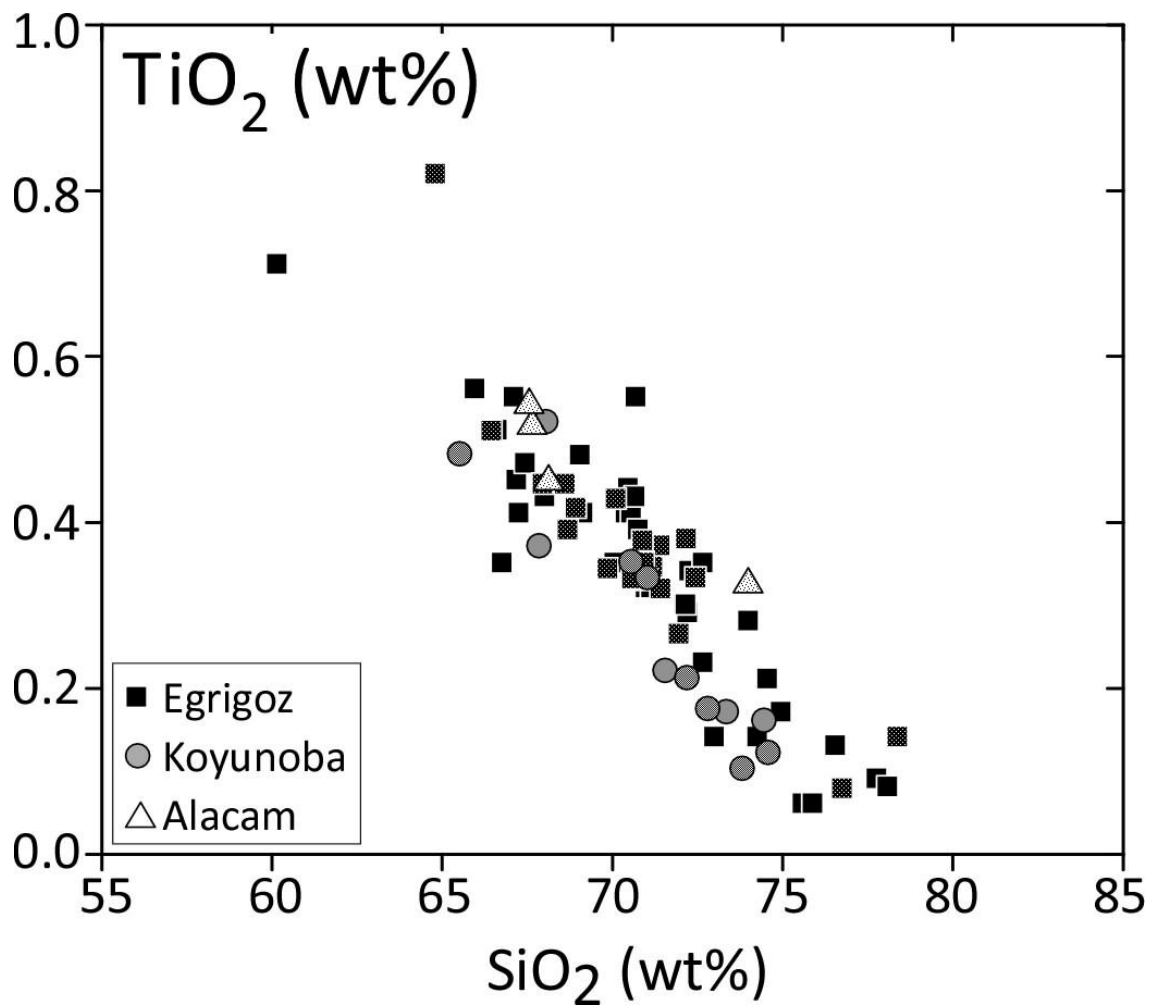


Figure 5-8: Major element Harker diagram (TiO<sub>2</sub> vs. SiO<sub>2</sub> wt. %) showing fractional crystallization. Data points are the same as in Figure 5-1.

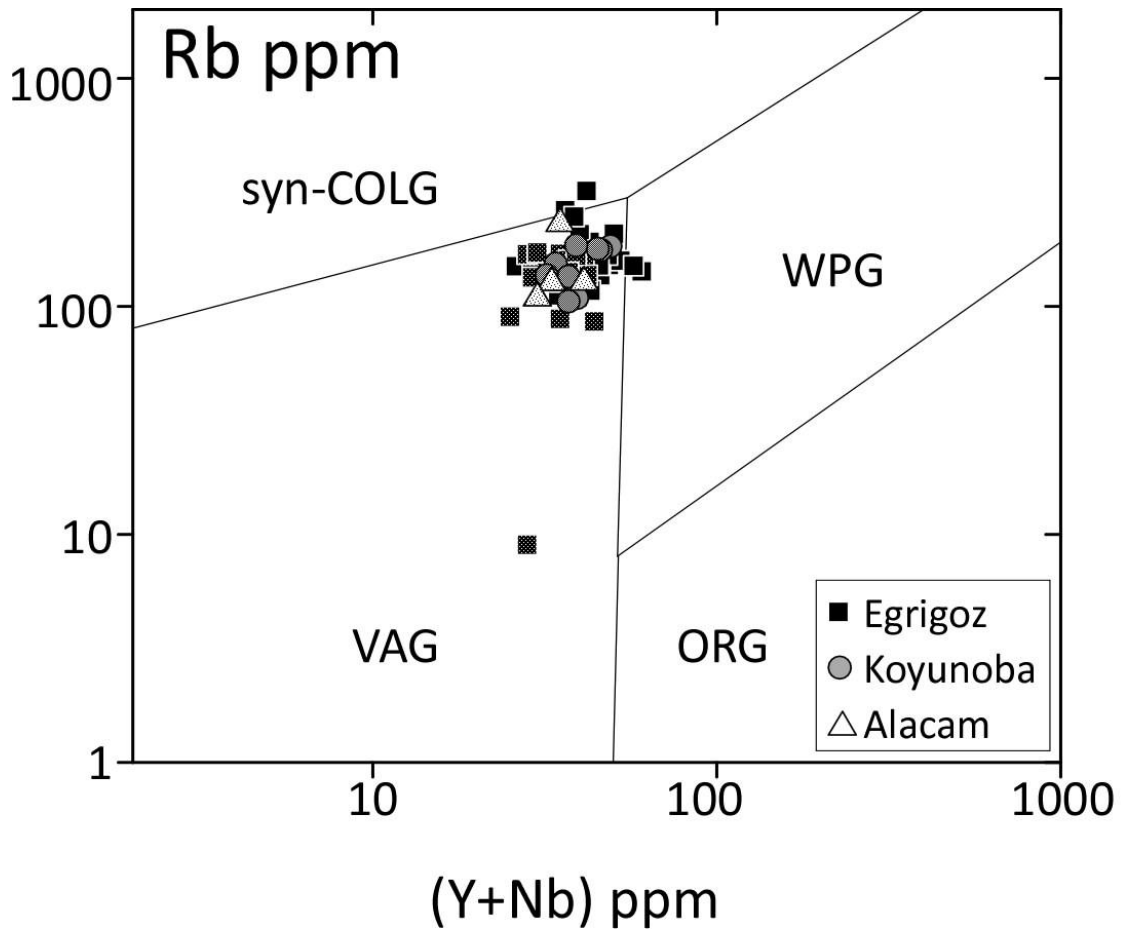


Figure 5-9: Rb vs. (Y+Nb) discrimination diagram for granitics showing the syn-collisional granites (syn-COLG), within-plate granites (WPG), volcanic-arc granites (VAG), and ocean ridge granites (ORG) (Pearce et al., 1984). Data points are the same as in Figure 5-1.

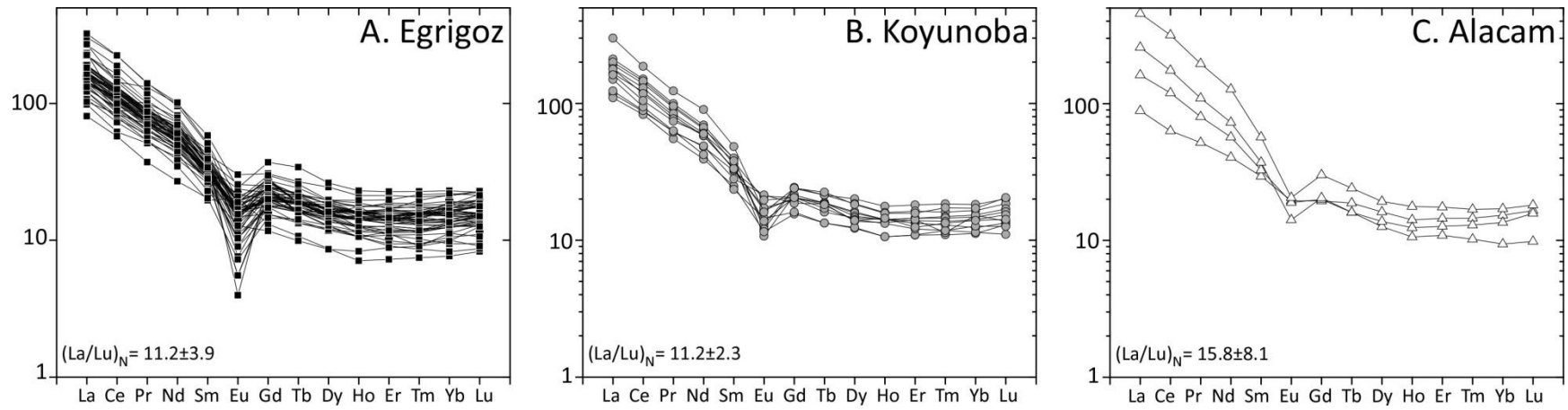


Figure 5-10: Chondrite-normalized (Sun and McDonough, 1989) rare earth element (REE) patterns for the Egrigoz (A), Koyunoba (B), and Alacam (C) granitoids. Data is the same as in Figure 5-1.



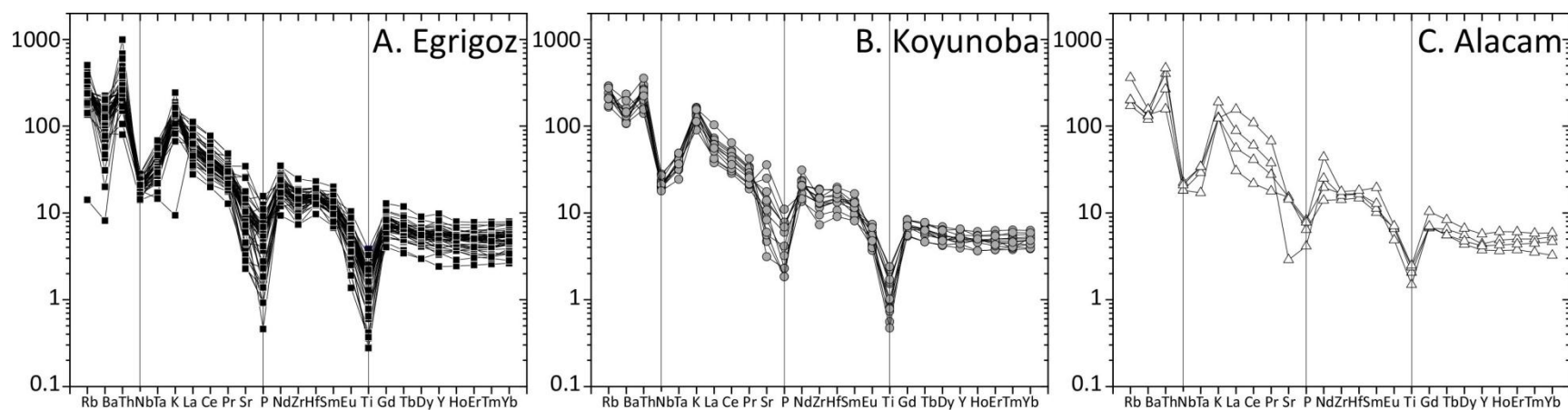


Figure 5-11: Spider diagrams normalized to primitive mantle (Sun and McDonough, 1989) for the Egrigoz (A), Koyunoba (B), and Alacam (C) granitoids. Data is the same as in Figure 5-1.

Table 5.1. Major element concentrations from the Egrigoz pluton.

|                                | AT02A | AT02B | AT03 | AT04A | AT04B | AT05A | AT05B | AT06 | AT07A | AT08 | AT15A | AT15B | AT15C | AT16 |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 57.1  | 71.1  | 67.9 | 68.6  | 66.4  | 68.6  | 68.9  | 71.0 | 69.8  | 71.4 | 72.4  | 71.3  | 70.9  | 70.8 |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 14.3  | 14.8  | 15.5 | 14.7  | 15.2  | 14.9  | 14.8  | 14.9 | 14.8  | 14.7 | 14.4  | 14.4  | 14.8  | 14.1 |
| Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 6.07  | 2.17  | 1.82 | 3.48  | 3.89  | 3.05  | 3.02  | 2.87 | 2.64  | 2.62 | 2.79  | 3.09  | 2.75  | 3.48 |
| MnO                            | 0.11  | 0.05  | 0.03 | 0.04  | 0.03  | 0.03  | 0.02  | 0.04 | 0.03  | 0.03 | 0.05  | 0.05  | 0.05  | 0.05 |
| MgO                            | 4.58  | 0.68  | 1.01 | 0.89  | 1.16  | 1.03  | 0.94  | 0.67 | 0.66  | 0.66 | 0.69  | 0.78  | 0.73  | 0.81 |
| CaO                            | 5.04  | 1.06  | 3.19 | 2.44  | 2.56  | 2.94  | 2.54  | 2.05 | 2.15  | 1.89 | 1.77  | 1.93  | 2.02  | 1.95 |
| Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 2.78  | 3.72  | 4.53 | 3.44  | 3.40  | 3.78  | 3.34  | 3.75 | 3.71  | 3.82 | 3.53  | 3.52  | 3.70  | 3.03 |
| K <sub>2</sub> O               | 4.01  | 4.25  | 3.45 | 4.41  | 4.57  | 3.37  | 4.60  | 4.09 | 4.33  | 3.84 | 4.15  | 4.21  | 3.90  | 4.87 |
| TiO <sub>2</sub>               | 0.79  | 0.35  | 0.45 | 0.39  | 0.51  | 0.45  | 0.42  | 0.33 | 0.34  | 0.32 | 0.33  | 0.37  | 0.35  | 0.38 |
| P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>  | 0.39  | 0.14  | 0.14 | 0.12  | 0.17  | 0.15  | 0.15  | 0.12 | 0.14  | 0.13 | 0.15  | 0.15  | 0.13  | 0.11 |
| LOI                            | 4.27  | 1.90  | 1.12 | 1.00  | 0.80  | 0.92  | 0.93  | 0.72 | 1.07  | 0.94 | 0.71  | 0.82  | 0.78  | 0.74 |
| Total                          | 99.4  | 100   | 99.1 | 99.5  | 98.7  | 99.1  | 99.7  | 100  | 99.7  | 100  | 101   | 101   | 100   | 100  |

Elements reported as weight percent oxide. Detection limit for all elements is 0.001 wt% with the exception of MnO (0.01%) and TiO<sub>2</sub> (0.01%), Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is measured total. All elements were obtained using Fusion Inductively Coupled Plasma Spectrometry. LOI = Loss of Ignition. See Figure 2-4 and Table 3-1 for sample locations.

Table 5.2. Major element concentrations from the Koyunoba pluton.

|                                | AT09 | AT10 | AT11  | AT12 | AT13 | AT14 | AT17 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 74.5 | 72.8 | 73.76 | 65.5 | 71.0 | 70.5 | 72.1 |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 13.6 | 13.8 | 13.52 | 16.6 | 15.1 | 15.1 | 14.0 |
| Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 2.21 | 2.67 | 2.34  | 4.84 | 2.73 | 3.38 | 1.71 |
| MnO                            | 0.07 | 0.05 | 0.05  | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.02 |
| MgO                            | 0.20 | 0.34 | 0.16  | 1.57 | 0.71 | 0.69 | 0.42 |
| CaO                            | 0.90 | 1.06 | 0.68  | 3.82 | 1.97 | 2.08 | 1.46 |
| Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 3.95 | 3.91 | 3.46  | 3.55 | 3.71 | 3.99 | 3.45 |
| K <sub>2</sub> O               | 4.57 | 4.56 | 4.92  | 3.28 | 4.23 | 3.97 | 4.77 |
| TiO <sub>2</sub>               | 0.12 | 0.17 | 0.10  | 0.48 | 0.33 | 0.35 | 0.21 |
| P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>  | 0.04 | 0.09 | 0.05  | 0.24 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.13 |
| LOI                            | 0.51 | 0.71 | 0.99  | 0.77 | 0.58 | 0.68 | 0.54 |
| Total                          | 101  | 100  | 100   | 101  | 101  | 101  | 98.9 |

Detection limits and methods same as for Table 5.1.

Table 5.3. Major element concentrations from the Alacam pluton.

|                                | AT19 | AT20A | AT20B | AT21 |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|-------|------|
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 68.1 | 67.6  | 73.9  | 67.5 |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 15.4 | 15.4  | 12.7  | 14.7 |
| Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 3.61 | 4.22  | 2.47  | 4.46 |
| MnO                            | 0.07 | 0.08  | 0.07  | 0.07 |
| MgO                            | 1.00 | 1.21  | 0.49  | 1.29 |
| CaO                            | 2.78 | 3.07  | 0.25  | 3.02 |
| Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 3.53 | 3.56  | 0.36  | 3.54 |
| K <sub>2</sub> O               | 3.75 | 3.69  | 5.64  | 3.69 |
| TiO <sub>2</sub>               | 0.45 | 0.52  | 0.32  | 0.54 |
| P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>  | 0.14 | 0.18  | 0.09  | 0.17 |
| LOI                            | 0.67 | 0.69  | 2.86  | 0.55 |
| Total                          | 99.5 | 100   | 99.2  | 99.5 |

Detection limits and methods same as for Table 5.1.

Table 5.4. Trace element concentrations from the Egrigoz pluton.

|    | AT02A | AT02B | AT03 | AT04A | AT04B | AT05A | AT05B | AT06 | AT07A | AT08 | AT15A | AT15B | AT15C | AT16 |
|----|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Sc | 18    | 6     | 8    | 5     | 7     | 7     | 7     | 6    | 6     | 5    | 6     | 6     | 5     | 6    |
| Be | 3     | 4     | 3    | 3     | 3     | 3     | 3     | 4    | 4     | 6    | 3     | 4     | 3     | 3    |
| V  | 133   | 27    | 51   | 39    | 53    | 44    | 43    | 23   | 25    | 24   | 25    | 26    | 25    | 40   |
| Ba | 1568  | 794   | 1249 | 1566  | 1318  | 658   | 1195  | 758  | 948   | 733  | 971   | 935   | 899   | 781  |
| Sr | 463   | 176   | 304  | 269   | 271   | 276   | 264   | 210  | 229   | 210  | 210   | 219   | 236   | 210  |
| Y  | 28    | 26    | 22   | 23    | 21    | 22    | 18    | 25   | 27    | 26   | 22    | 22    | 18    | 16   |
| Zr | 169   | 165   | 169  | 170   | 193   | 172   | 141   | 157  | 163   | 160  | 159   | 167   | 166   | 148  |
| Cr | 230   | nd    | nd   | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd   | nd    | nd   | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd   |
| Co | 19    | 2     | 1    | 3     | 3     | 3     | 2     | 2    | 2     | 2    | 2     | 3     | 2     | 3    |
| Ni | 70    | nd    | nd   | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd   | nd    | nd   | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd   |
| Cu | 20    | nd    | nd   | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd   | nd    | 10   | nd    | nd    | 10    | nd   |
| Zn | 60    | nd    | nd   | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd   | 30    | 30   | 40    | 50    | 60    | 50   |
| Ga | 16    | 17    | 17   | 16    | 17    | 17    | 16    | 17   | 17    | 17   | 17    | 16    | 17    | 15   |
| Ge | 2     | 2     | 2    | 2     | 2     | 2     | 2     | 2    | 2     | 2    | 2     | 2     | 2     | 2    |
| Rb | 147   | 142   | 88   | 152   | 150   | 128   | 138   | 163  | 156   | 137  | 170   | 159   | 143   | 169  |
| Nb | 14    | 14    | 13   | 14    | 14    | 13    | 12    | 14   | 14    | 16   | 13    | 15    | 11    | 12   |
| Mo | nd    | nd    | nd   | nd    | nd    | nd    | 4     | 3    | nd    | nd   | 3     | nd    | nd    | nd   |
| Ag | 0.5   | 0.5   | 0.6  | 0.5   | 0.6   | 0.6   | nd    | 0.5  | 0.5   | nd   | 0.5   | nd    | 0.5   | nd   |
| Sn | 3     | 6     | 9    | 4     | 5     | 5     | 6     | 5    | 6     | 5    | 5     | 5     | 5     | 3    |
| Sb | 3.8   | nd    | nd   | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd   | nd    | nd   | nd    | nd    | nd    | nd   |
| Cs | 1.4   | 2.1   | 1.5  | 4.9   | 4.8   | 4.8   | 3.7   | 10.3 | 5.3   | 4.7  | 6.5   | 11.5  | 7.9   | 5.9  |
| La | 45.1  | 72.1  | 63.6 | 34.3  | 53    | 33.9  | 33.4  | 38.8 | 38.1  | 30.3 | 33.9  | 34.6  | 36.4  | 44.6 |
| Ce | 91.7  | 136   | 115  | 66.2  | 100   | 65.2  | 63.2  | 75.5 | 73.1  | 56.9 | 64.7  | 66.6  | 69.1  | 81   |
| Pr | 10.2  | 13.4  | 11.3 | 6.94  | 10    | 6.84  | 6.57  | 7.84 | 7.59  | 6.18 | 6.77  | 7.06  | 7.14  | 7.86 |
| Nd | 38.6  | 44.7  | 38   | 24.4  | 34.6  | 24.4  | 22.7  | 27.7 | 26.6  | 22.5 | 24    | 24.9  | 24.8  | 26   |
| Sm | 7.2   | 7.6   | 6.2  | 4.7   | 6     | 4.6   | 4.4   | 5.4  | 5.2   | 4.8  | 4.8   | 4.9   | 4.7   | 4.3  |
| Eu | 1.65  | 0.87  | 1.14 | 1     | 1.12  | 0.99  | 1.04  | 0.85 | 0.9   | 0.86 | 0.9   | 0.9   | 0.95  | 0.86 |

|    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Gd | 6.1  | 5.6  | 4.6  | 4    | 4.9  | 4    | 3.7  | 4.4  | 4.5  | 4.3  | 4.1  | 4.2  | 4    | 3.2  |
| Tb | 0.9  | 0.9  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.6  | 0.6  | 0.7  | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.6  | 0.5  |
| Dy | 5    | 4.9  | 4    | 3.9  | 3.9  | 3.7  | 3.5  | 4.3  | 4.7  | 4.3  | 3.8  | 4    | 3.6  | 3    |
| Ho | 1    | 1    | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.9  | 1    | 0.9  | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.6  |
| Er | 2.8  | 2.9  | 2.4  | 2.4  | 2.2  | 2.3  | 2.1  | 2.6  | 3    | 2.6  | 2.2  | 2.3  | 2.1  | 1.8  |
| Tm | 0.42 | 0.44 | 0.36 | 0.38 | 0.33 | 0.35 | 0.31 | 0.4  | 0.46 | 0.4  | 0.34 | 0.36 | 0.31 | 0.28 |
| Yb | 2.7  | 2.9  | 2.4  | 2.7  | 2.2  | 2.3  | 2.1  | 2.7  | 3.1  | 2.8  | 2.3  | 2.4  | 2.1  | 1.9  |
| Lu | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.39 | 0.46 | 0.35 | 0.37 | 0.34 | 0.45 | 0.5  | 0.46 | 0.39 | 0.4  | 0.34 | 0.33 |
| Hf | 4.6  | 4.7  | 4.8  | 4.9  | 5.4  | 5    | 4.1  | 4.5  | 4.9  | 4.8  | 4.5  | 4.7  | 4.6  | 4.2  |
| Ta | 0.9  | 1.5  | 1    | 1.5  | 0.9  | 1.1  | 1    | 1.6  | 1.5  | 2.2  | 1.2  | 1.3  | 1.1  | 1.2  |
| W  | 2    | nd   | nd   | nd   | nd   | nd   | nd   | nd   | nd   | nd   | 2    | 1    | nd   | nd   |
| Tl | 1.3  | 0.8  | 0.4  | 0.7  | 0.8  | 0.6  | 0.7  | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.8  |
| Pb | 27   | 23   | 22   | 42   | 28   | 22   | 28   | 31   | 35   | 31   | 34   | 29   | 41   | 34   |
| Th | 20   | 26.7 | 29.6 | 18.9 | 22.1 | 19.5 | 18.1 | 23.3 | 20.1 | 25.5 | 18.8 | 18.5 | 18.2 | 84.3 |
| U  | 5.3  | 6.4  | 6.2  | 7.4  | 4.4  | 6.7  | 5.1  | 8    | 10.1 | 8.3  | 7.6  | 6.3  | 6.2  | 13.8 |

All elements reported as parts per million (ppm). The elements Sc, Be, V, Ba, Sr, Y, Zr were obtained using Fusion Inductively Coupled Plasma Spectrometry. All other elements were detected using Fusion Inductively Coupled Plasma/ Mass Spectrometry.

Detection limits: Lu = 0.04 ppm; Pr, Eu, Tm = 0.05 ppm; La, Ce, Nd, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Yb, Ta, Tl, Th, U = 0.1 ppm; In and Hf = 0.2 ppm; Bi = 0.4 ppm; Sc, Be, Co, Ga, Ge, Nb, Sn, W = 1ppm; Sr, Y, Rb, Mo = 2 ppm; Ba = 3 ppm; Zr = 4 ppm; V, As, Pb = 5 ppm; Cu = 10 ppm; Cr and Ni = 20 ppm. Zn = 30. Bi, As, and In were measured but not detected (nd).

Table 5.5. Trace element concentrations from the Koyunoba pluton.

|    | AT09 | AT10 | AT11 | AT12 | AT13 | AT14 | AT17 |
|----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Sc | 4    | 4    | 4    | 8    | 5    | 5    | 4    |
| Be | 5    | 5    | 4    | 4    | 3    | 4    | 3    |
| V  | nd   | 9    | nd   | 65   | 23   | 22   | 15   |
| Ba | 748  | 796  | 788  | 1637 | 974  | 1130 | 795  |
| Sr | 99   | 118  | 66   | 758  | 279  | 294  | 205  |
| Y  | 29   | 25   | 23   | 23   | 20   | 21   | 18   |
| Zr | 134  | 142  | 129  | 144  | 171  | 211  | 106  |
| Co | nd   | 1    | nd   | 5    | 3    | 2    | 1    |
| Cu | 10   | nd   | 10   | 10   | nd   | nd   | nd   |
| Zn | 40   | 40   | 50   | 50   | nd   | 50   | nd   |
| Ga | 17   | 17   | 16   | 18   | 17   | 17   | 15   |
| Ge | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    |
| Rb | 177  | 179  | 185  | 105  | 154  | 135  | 137  |
| Nb | 17   | 20   | 16   | 14   | 14   | 16   | 14   |
| Mo | nd   | nd   | nd   | nd   | nd   | nd   | 3    |
| Ag | nd   | nd   | nd   | nd   | 0.5  | 0.6  | nd   |
| Sn | 5    | 4    | 6    | 7    | 4    | 4    | 3    |
| Cs | 9    | 6.5  | 5.5  | 7.3  | 4.7  | 5.9  | 3.5  |
| La | 49.9 | 45.2 | 47.5 | 27.8 | 39.2 | 42.4 | 26   |
| Ce | 92.3 | 85.4 | 89.1 | 53.4 | 74.1 | 79.4 | 50.7 |
| Pr | 9.45 | 8.85 | 9.07 | 5.93 | 7.71 | 8.01 | 5.24 |
| Nd | 32.4 | 30.4 | 31.2 | 22.5 | 27   | 28.2 | 18.3 |
| Sm | 6    | 6.1  | 5.5  | 4.9  | 5.1  | 5    | 3.8  |
| Eu | 0.74 | 0.7  | 0.62 | 1.22 | 0.96 | 1    | 0.67 |
| Gd | 5    | 4.9  | 4.4  | 4.2  | 4.2  | 4.1  | 3.2  |
| Tb | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.6  | 0.5  |
| Dy | 5.1  | 4.7  | 4.1  | 4    | 3.8  | 3.7  | 3.1  |
| Ho | 1    | 0.9  | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.6  |
| Er | 3    | 2.7  | 2.4  | 2.4  | 2.2  | 2.3  | 1.8  |
| Tm | 0.47 | 0.41 | 0.38 | 0.37 | 0.33 | 0.35 | 0.28 |
| Yb | 3.1  | 2.8  | 2.6  | 2.5  | 2.1  | 2.4  | 1.9  |
| Lu | 0.51 | 0.47 | 0.43 | 0.41 | 0.34 | 0.39 | 0.33 |
| Hf | 4.2  | 4.5  | 4.2  | 4.1  | 4.8  | 5.6  | 3.3  |
| Ta | 2    | 1.9  | 1.5  | 1.4  | 1.3  | 1.3  | 1.7  |
| W  | 2    | nd   | 2    | nd   | nd   | nd   | nd   |
| Tl | 0.9  | 0.7  | 0.9  | 0.6  | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.6  |
| Pb | 40   | 41   | 50   | 34   | 43   | 47   | 54   |
| Th | 24.3 | 25.4 | 22.7 | 11.9 | 20.1 | 21.2 | 16.2 |
| U  | 7.3  | 4.9  | 3.6  | 6.1  | 5    | 2.5  | 7    |

Methods and detection limits are the same as Table 5.4. Bi, Cr, As, Sb, and In were measured but not detected (nd).

Table 5.6. Trace element concentrations from the Alacam pluton.

|    | AT19 | AT20A | AT20B | AT21 |
|----|------|-------|-------|------|
| Sc | 7    | 9     | 5     | 9    |
| Be | 3    | 3     | 2     | 3    |
| V  | 55   | 55    | 25    | 66   |
| Ba | 943  | 837   | 1095  | 919  |
| Sr | 320  | 320   | 61    | 303  |
| Y  | 20   | 17    | 19    | 26   |
| Zr | 159  | 186   | 177   | 198  |
| Co | 4    | 5     | 2     | 6    |
| Zn | 60   | 90    | 80    | 50   |
| Ga | 17   | 17    | 14    | 18   |
| Ge | 2    | 2     | 2     | 2    |
| As | nd   | nd    | 15    | nd   |
| Rb | 127  | 109   | 231   | 128  |
| Nb | 13   | 13    | 16    | 15   |
| Mo | nd   | nd    | 9     | nd   |
| Ag | nd   | 0.5   | 0.6   | 0.6  |
| Sn | 4    | 2     | 3     | 4    |
| Sb | nd   | nd    | 5.5   | nd   |
| Cs | 8    | 5.3   | 20    | 10.2 |
| La | 21   | 38.3  | 61    | 108  |
| Ce | 38.6 | 73.3  | 107   | 194  |
| Pr | 4.93 | 7.62  | 10.4  | 18.6 |
| Nd | 18.9 | 26.6  | 34    | 59.5 |
| Sm | 4.5  | 5     | 5.7   | 8.7  |
| Eu | 1.13 | 1.1   | 0.82  | 1.19 |
| Gd | 4    | 4.1   | 4.2   | 6.2  |
| Tb | 0.7  | 0.6   | 0.6   | 0.9  |
| Dy | 4.1  | 3.2   | 3.5   | 4.9  |
| Ho | 0.8  | 0.6   | 0.7   | 1    |
| Er | 2.4  | 1.8   | 2.1   | 2.9  |
| Tm | 0.37 | 0.26  | 0.33  | 0.43 |
| Yb | 2.6  | 1.6   | 2.3   | 2.9  |
| Lu | 0.42 | 0.25  | 0.4   | 0.46 |
| Hf | 4.6  | 5.1   | 5.1   | 5.6  |
| Ta | 1.2  | 0.7   | 1.4   | 1.4  |
| W  | 1    | nd    | 3     | nd   |
| Tl | 0.8  | 0.7   | 2.2   | 0.7  |
| Pb | 28   | 26    | 23    | 24   |
| Th | 13.4 | 22.8  | 34.3  | 39.7 |
| U  | 6.1  | 4.1   | 9.8   | 6    |

Methods and detection limits are the same as Table 5.4. Bi, Cr, Ni, Cu, and In were measured but not detected (nd).



## Chapter 6: Cathodoluminescence Imagery and Discussion

### 6.1 INTRODUCTION

In this study, cathodoluminescence (CL) is used to understand the structural history of the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons by identifying mineral distribution and compositions, cracks and vein textures, mineral zoning, and potential fluid alteration (e.g., Ramseyer et al., 1992; Cox et al., 1996; Stirling et al., 1999; Goetze et al., 2000; Sorensen et al., 2006). CL is also used to better understand ion microprobe zircon ages (see Chapter 7) by identifying the textural relationships of the zircons within the samples. CL colors (wavelengths) and intensities depend upon imperfections in the host lattice and the presence of activators and quenchers (e.g., Kopp, 1981). Activators, such as manganese ( $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ) in calcite and titanium ( $\text{Ti}^{4+}$ ) in alkali feldspar, are elements incorporated into the crystal structure that produce visible light when struck by an electron beam. Quenchers, such as ferrous iron ( $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ), modify the energy level arrangement so little or no visible light is produced (Marshall, 1988). Because CL is affected by subtle differences in the amounts of impurities and crystal defects, it is possible for two samples of the same mineral to behave differently (Marshall, 1977; Kopp, 1981; Sorensen et al., 2006). For example, zoned plagioclase records magmatic and subsolidus evolution (Cox et al., 1996; Stirling et al., 1999; Goetze et al., 2000; Janousek et al., 2001; Leichmann et al., 2003).

Each mineral imaged in the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons shows a characteristic color. Qualitative terms are used to describe the colors seen with CL (e.g. Sorensen et al., 2006; Parsons et al., 2008). Plagioclase grains are shades of green and yellow due to the presence of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  (e.g., Greake et al., 1972). Alkali feldspars are seen in shades of blue due to activators  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$ , and  $\text{Ga}^{3+}$  (Geake et al., 1973; Mariano and Ring, 1975; De St. Jorre and Smith, 1990; Finch and Klein, 1999). When

oxidized, alkali feldspar can turn a shade of red (from blue) due to trace amounts of Fe changing oxidation state. In igneous rocks, quartz only weakly luminesces (activators unknown) and is seen as brown or dull black. Subtle variations of colors in feldspars and quartz are typically attributed to different amounts of activators and quenchers and may distinguish different generations of crystallization (Marshall, 1988). Bright yellow apatite and bright white zircon grains are also visible in CL. Calcite, a secondary mineral acquired during fluid alteration, can be seen as bright orange and is typically located along cracks, grain boundaries, and within cracked plagioclase cores. Biotite, muscovite, hornblende, rutile, and monazite are not visible in CL.

## **6.2. CL INTERPRETATIONS**

### **6.2.1 Egrigoz pluton**

Samples WA12B, AT05A, and AT16 were collected from the Egrigoz pluton and contain Qtz + Pl + Kfs + Bt + Ms + Chl + Ap + Cal + Rt + Zrn + FeO (Table 3-2) (mineral abbreviations after Kretz, 1983). Sample WA12B, collected from the southern portion of the Egrigoz pluton (see Figure 2-4), contains plagioclase of at least two distinct grain sizes (~1mm, ~3mm) suggesting magma mixing (e.g., Salisbury et al., 2008). Large (~3mm) retrogressed plagioclase grains are surrounded by alkali feldspar, quartz, and biotite. Plagioclase grains have brighter green cores and darker green rims. Higher amounts of calcium are responsible for bright yellow-green CL in plagioclase (Catlos et al., 2011). Corroded cores in all plagioclase may be relic crystals from previous magmas (Janousek et al., 2004). Red-rimmed feldspars and crack boundaries are indicative of post-crystallization oxidation from fluid alteration (Finch and Klein, 1999). Multiple generations of microcracks document episodes of deformation. Large intergranular cracks crosscut plagioclase, alkali feldspar, and quartz and are overprinted by plagioclase

intragranular cleavage cracks. The cleavage cracks propagate towards the corroded cores. These cracks may have acted as conduits allowing fluids to infiltrate the cores and replace plagioclase with muscovite by metasomatism (Kretz et al., 1989). Microcracks propagate through quartz and feldspars and were likely formed during post-crystallization deformation. Grain-boundary migration and recrystallization can be seen along the plagioclase and alkali feldspar grains. Grains are texturally resorbed as alkali-feldspar intrudes brownish-green plagioclase. “Flame-type” structures within alkali feldspar grains may be due to different chemical compositions within each grain or edge effects due to microcracks (Catlos et al., 2011). Accessory minerals, specifically apatite and zircon, are found primarily clustered within biotite grains.

Sample AT16 (Figure 6-2) was collected approximately 15 kilometers from sample WA12B but shows largely similar textures. This rock was collected from the middle of the Egrigoz pluton (see Figure 2-4) and contains an abundance of accessory minerals, specifically apatite and zircon. Apatite and zircon are concentrated within biotite grains. Plagioclase grains of different sizes show a range of zoning types including normal zoning, with high-Ca cores and lower-Ca rims, patchy zoning, and weakly oscillatory zoning with darker cores, brighter mid-rims, and darker outer-rims. Corroded plagioclase cores are also present. Alkali feldspar, which is more abundant than plagioclase, exhibits “flame-type” structures and shows patchy reddish zoning. Unlike sample WA12B, sample AT16 shows calcite-filled cracks within quartz and feldspar grains. Calcite is seen within cleavage cracks of hornblende grains. Cross-cutting relationships of microcracks within quartz and feldspars document multiple episodes of deformation. Intergrowths of alkali-feldspar within plagioclase show that alkali feldspar, aided by hydrothermal fluids, is working to replace plagioclase (Drake et al., 2008; Morad et al., 2010).

Sample AT05A (Figure 6-3) was collected from the most northern part of the Egrigoz pluton (see Figure 2-4) and is significantly more altered than the other Egrigoz samples. This rock contains considerably more alkali feldspar than plagioclase. One large alkali feldspar grain envelopes quartz, biotite, and corroded plagioclase grains. Plagioclase grains appear corroded and contain swarms of microcracks. Alkali feldspar is altering and replacing plagioclase (Morad, 2010) as evidenced by brighter blue regions within the plagioclase grains. Veins within deteriorated plagioclase are filled with alkali feldspar which likely acted as conduits to facilitate a reaction between alkali feldspar and plagioclase (Morad et al., 2010). Calcite can be found in deteriorated plagioclase cores and can also be seen filling microcracks within quartz and alkali feldspar. “Flame-type” structures exist within the large alkali feldspar grain. Apatite and zircon are concentrated in small biotite grains as is typical for the Egrigoz granitic samples.

### **6.3.2 Koyunoba pluton CL interpretations**

Samples AT10, AT12, and AT14 were collected from the Koyunoba pluton and contain Qtz+Pl+Kfs+Bt+Ap+Hbl+Ilm+Rt+Zrn+FeO+Mnz (Table 3-2). Sample AT10 (Figure 6-4) shows evidence of fluid-induced alteration. Zoning in large subhedral plagioclase grains has been overprinted by microcracks and grains appear chemically altered. Some plagioclase grains have low-Ca cores with high-Ca rims. Many have corroded cores replaced by muscovite and others have high-Ca cores with low-Ca rims. The edges of the plagioclase grains appear in reaction with matrix minerals including quartz and alkali feldspar. Two generations of quartz are seen as large (~1-3mm) fragmented grains with altered edges or small (~200 $\mu$ ) circular grains along grain boundaries of feldspars. The smaller quartz grains may be the result of dissolved silica within hydrothermal fluids that traveled through microcracks and precipitated along grain

boundaries. Grain boundaries between quartz and alkali feldspar show evidence of fluid alteration as the alkali feldspar is being altered to a reddish hue. A reaction texture between plagioclase and alkali feldspar can be seen as brownish-green rims between the two feldspars. Apatite and zircon are concentrated near biotite grains as was seen in the Egrigoz samples.

Sample AT12 (Figure 6-5), collected 2.5 kilometers southeast of AT10, has a cumulate-like texture and shows evidence of fluid alteration and crystal settling. Similar to sample AT10, alkali feldspar is reacting with plagioclase as evidenced by myrmekite. Coarse-grained apatites, commonly associated with biotites, are evidence of crystal settling. Plagioclase grains of at least two different sizes contain multiple generations of microcracks and veins filled with alkali feldspar and quartz. Grain boundary migration between plagioclase and alkali feldspar is also documented. This rock shows ample evidence of fluid interactions as evidenced by the alteration of alkali feldspar to a reddish-brown hue along grain boundaries and microcracks.

Sample AT14 (Figure 6-6) was collected from the northern Koyunoba pluton (see Figure 2-4). The absence of red-rimmed feldspars suggests that the oxidation front did not reach the center of the pluton. CL images reveal coarse-grained granitics with subhedral plagioclase grains and large alkali feldspar and quartz grains. Myrmekite indicates alkali feldspar is replacing plagioclase. Plagioclase phenocrysts of at least two different sizes have deteriorated cores and multiple generations of microcracks. Some plagioclase grains contain cores of muscovite. Apatite and zircon are found near biotite grains as is typical of the imaged granitics.

### 6.3.3 Alacam pluton CL interpretations

Samples AT19, AT20A, and AT20B were collected from the Alacam pluton and contain Qtz+Pl+Kfs+Bt+Ap+Ms+Cal+Hbl+Ilm+Rt+Zrn+FeO (Table 3-2) (see Figure 2-4). Sample AT19 (Figure 6-7) shows calcite present in cores of plagioclase, veins of quartz, and cleavage cracks of hornblende. Red edges along cracks and grain boundaries within feldspars show evidence of fluid alteration. Plagioclase grains of multiple sizes have cracked and deteriorated cores filled with muscovite and calcite. Microcracks through plagioclase grains allow fluid to enter the cores. Quartz appears to be filling in grain boundaries and microcracks within alkali feldspar. Apatite and zircon grains are concentrated within biotite grains as is typical of these granitics.

Sample AT20A (Figure 6-8) shows large deteriorating plagioclase grains locally surrounded by alkali feldspar. Plagioclase grains contain larger microcracks cross-cutting smaller microcrack swarms. In some places, corrosion textures exist between the alkali feldspar and plagioclase grains. These textures are evidenced by alteration of the plagioclase to a darker olive green. Alkali feldspar grains exhibit “flame-type” structures, indicating two different compositions present. Orange calcite is seen within biotite grains. Quartz microfractures are filled with both alkali feldspar and plagioclase. Sample AT20A also contains abundant apatite and zircon.

Sample AT20B (Figure 6-9) was collected from a hydrothermally altered dacite dyke within the Alacam pluton and contains biotite and subhedral plagioclase phenocrysts in a groundmass of alkali feldspar and quartz. Plagioclase grains have a mottled texture and appear in shades of yellow to tan. The red groundmass gives evidence of oxidation. Calcite and recrystallized alkali feldspar are concentrated in vesicles within the groundmass. Accessory minerals are scarce but some zircons can be found concentrated in biotite grains and the groundmass.

## 6.4 SUMMARY

CL images of the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons show evidence of a complicated tectonic history that includes magma mixing, multiple stages of brittle deformation and mineral growth, and fluid alteration. Fluid interaction is evidenced in most samples by the alteration of CL colors along grain boundaries and microcracks, patchy zoning within feldspars, chemical alteration of plagioclase grains, and the presence of myrmekite, calcite, and muscovite. Different grain sizes and zoning patterns of plagioclase (Salisbury et al., 2008), corroded relic cores (Janousek et al., 2004), and “flame-type” structures within alkali feldspar (Catlos et al., 2011) are evidence of magma mixing. Multiple episodes of brittle deformation are documented by cross-cutting relationships of microcracks including large intergranular microcracks, intragranular swarms of microcracks, and cleavage microcracks. Accessory minerals, specifically zircon and apatite, are typically located within biotite grains. Geochemistry analyses indicate plutons were emplaced in a post-collisional volcanic arc setting and experienced typical fractional crystallization, but geochemistry alone cannot be used to document the complicated tectonic history of the plutons. These CL images were also used to interpret the geochronologic data described in Chapter 7 of this thesis.

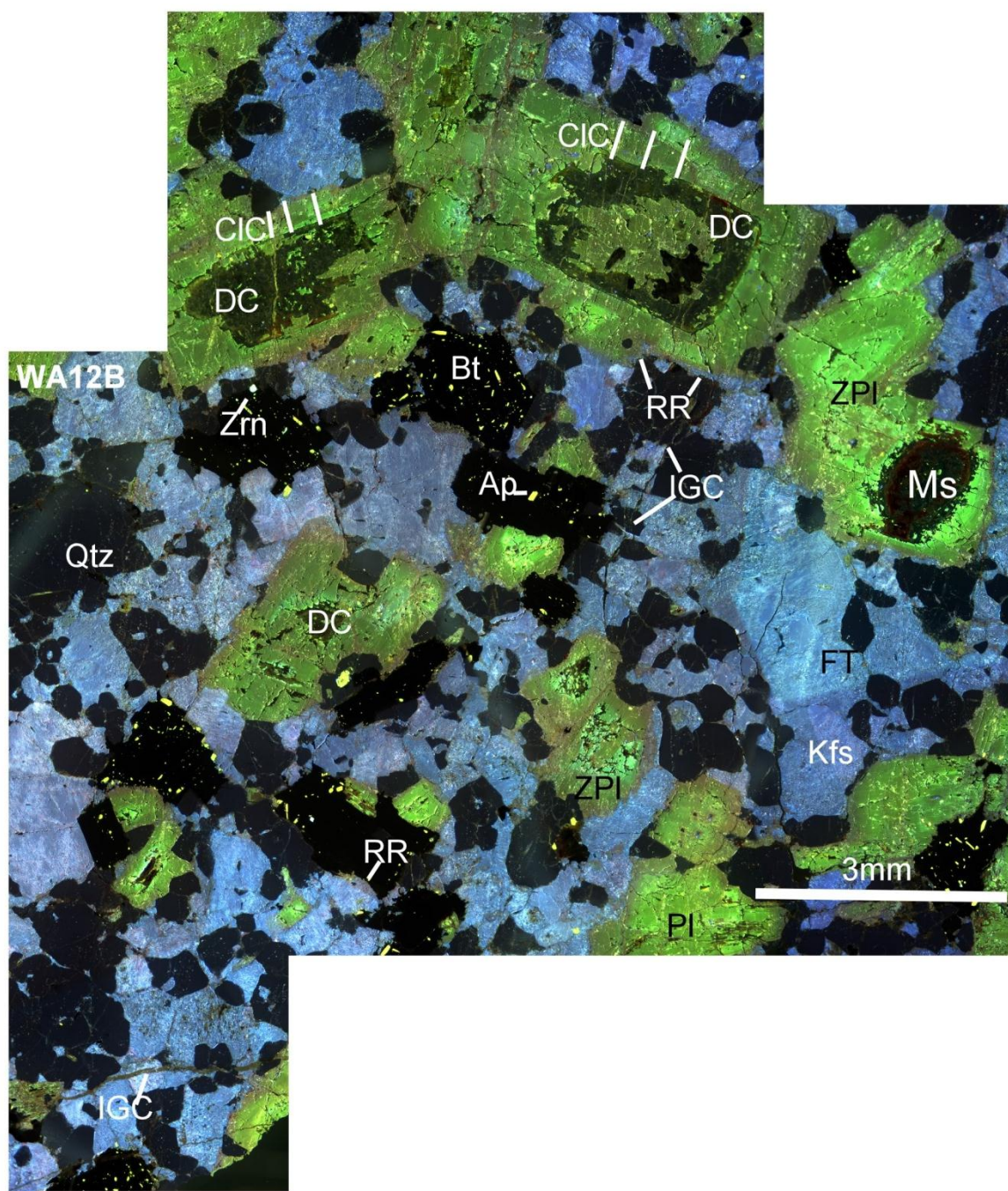


Figure 6-1: CL image of Egrigoz granitic sample WA12B. Pl=plagioclase, Qtz= quartz, Kfs=alkali feldspar, Bt= biotite, Ms=muscovite, Ap=apatite, Zrn=zircon, ZPl=zoned plagioclase, DC= deteriorated cores, RR= red rims, IGC= intergranular cracks, CIC=cleavage cracks, FT=flame textures. Abbreviations after Kretz (1983).



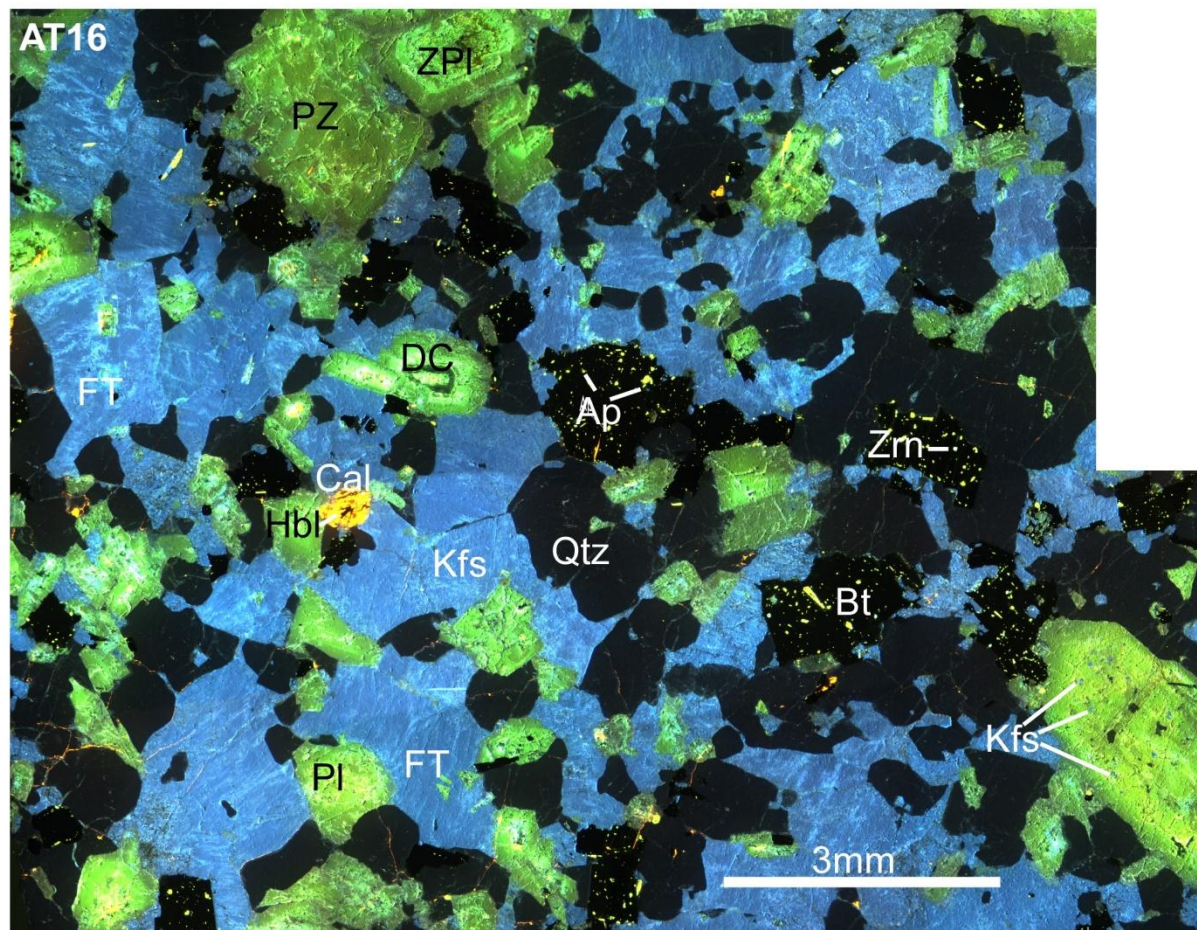


Figure 6-2: CL image of Egrigoz granitic sample AT16. Pl=plagioclase, Qtz= quartz, Kfs=alkali feldspar, Bt= biotite, Cal=calcite, Hbl=hornblende, Ap=apatite, Zrn=zircon, ZPl=zoned plagioclase, PZ=patchy zoning, DC= deteriorated cores, FT=flame textures. Abbreviations after Kretz (1983).

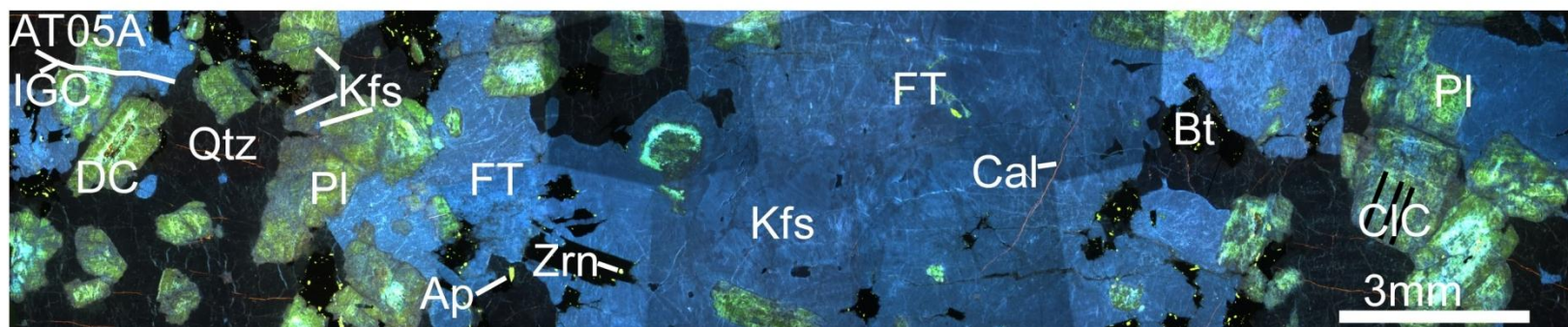


Figure 6-3: CL image of Egrigoz granitic sample AT05A. Pl=plagioclase, Qtz= quartz, Kfs=alkali feldspar, Pl=plagioclase, Bt= biotite, Cal=calcite, Ap=apatite, Zrn=zircon, DC= deteriorated cores, FT=flame textures, IGC=intergranular cracks, CIC=cleavage cracks. Abbreviations after Kretz (1983).



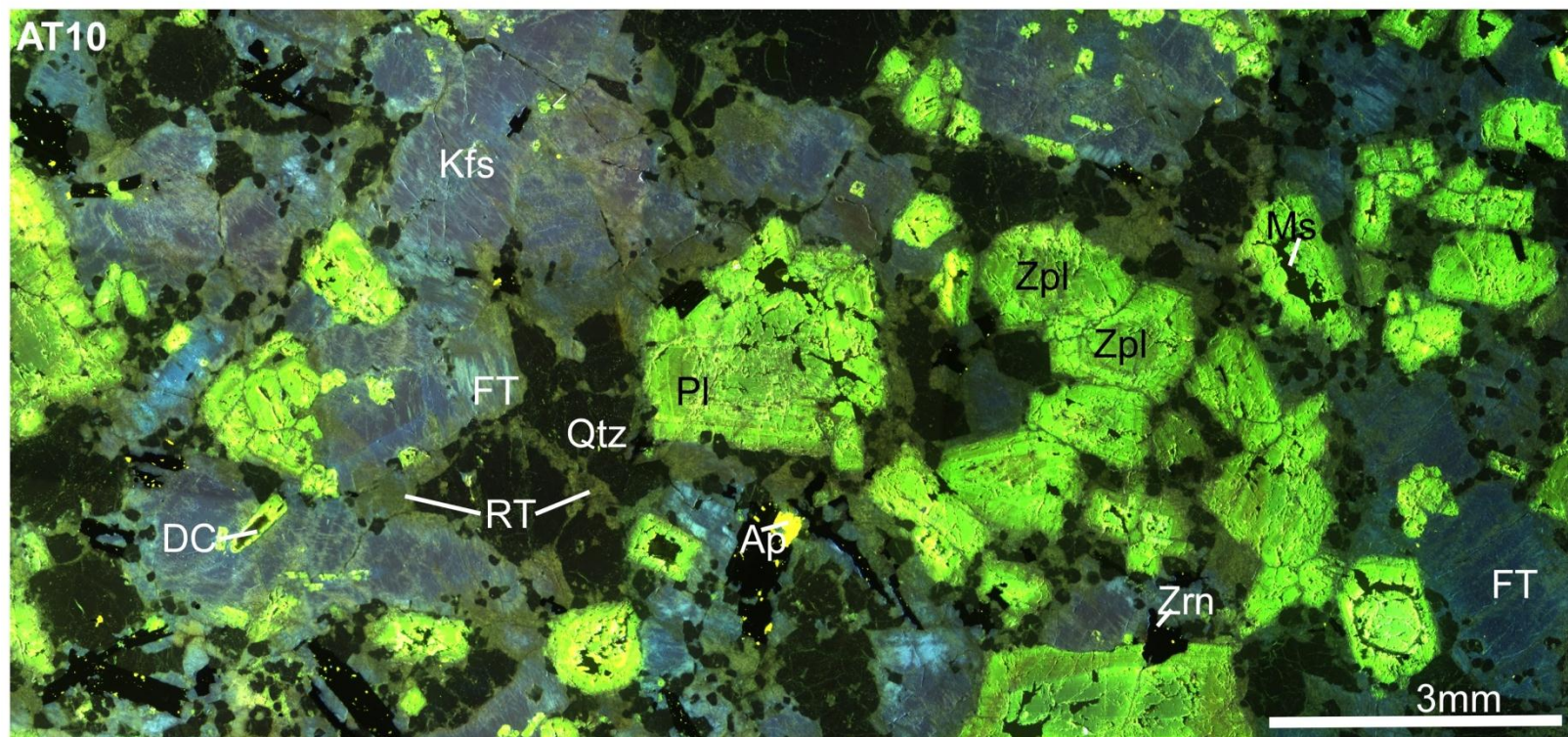


Figure 6-4: CL image of Koyunoba granitic sample AT10. Pl=plagioclase, Qtz= quartz, Kfs=alkali feldspar, Bt= biotite, Ms=muscovite, Cal=calcite, Ap=apatite, Zrn=zircon, ZPl=zoned plagioclase, DC= deteriorated cores, FT=flame textures, RT=reaction textures. Abbreviations after Kretz (1983).



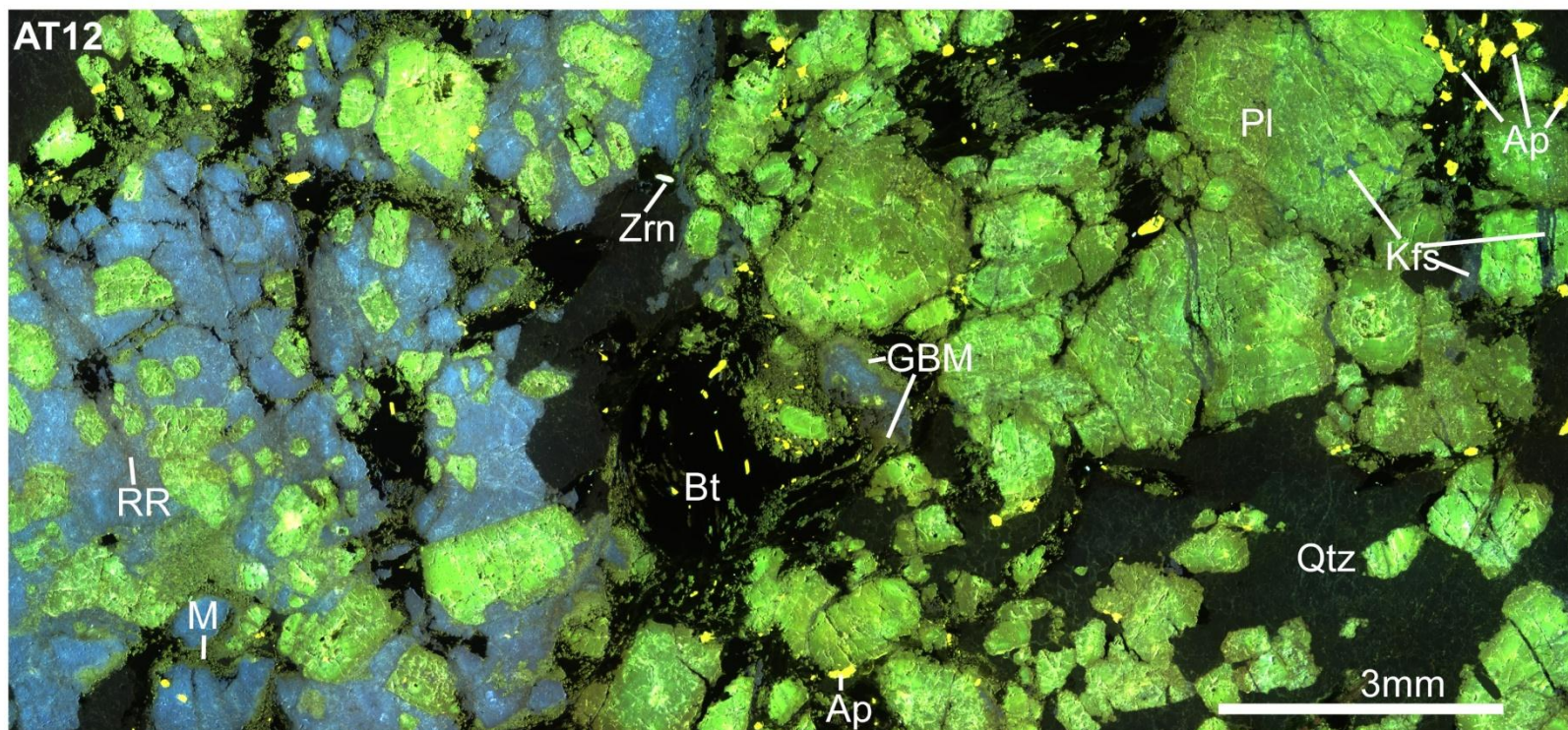


Figure 6-5: CL image of Koyunoba granitic sample AT12. Pl=plagioclase, Qtz= quartz, Kfs=alkali feldspar, Bt= biotite, Ap=apatite, Zrn=zircon, GBM=grain boundary migration, M=myrmekite, RR=red rims. Abbreviations after Kretz (1983).



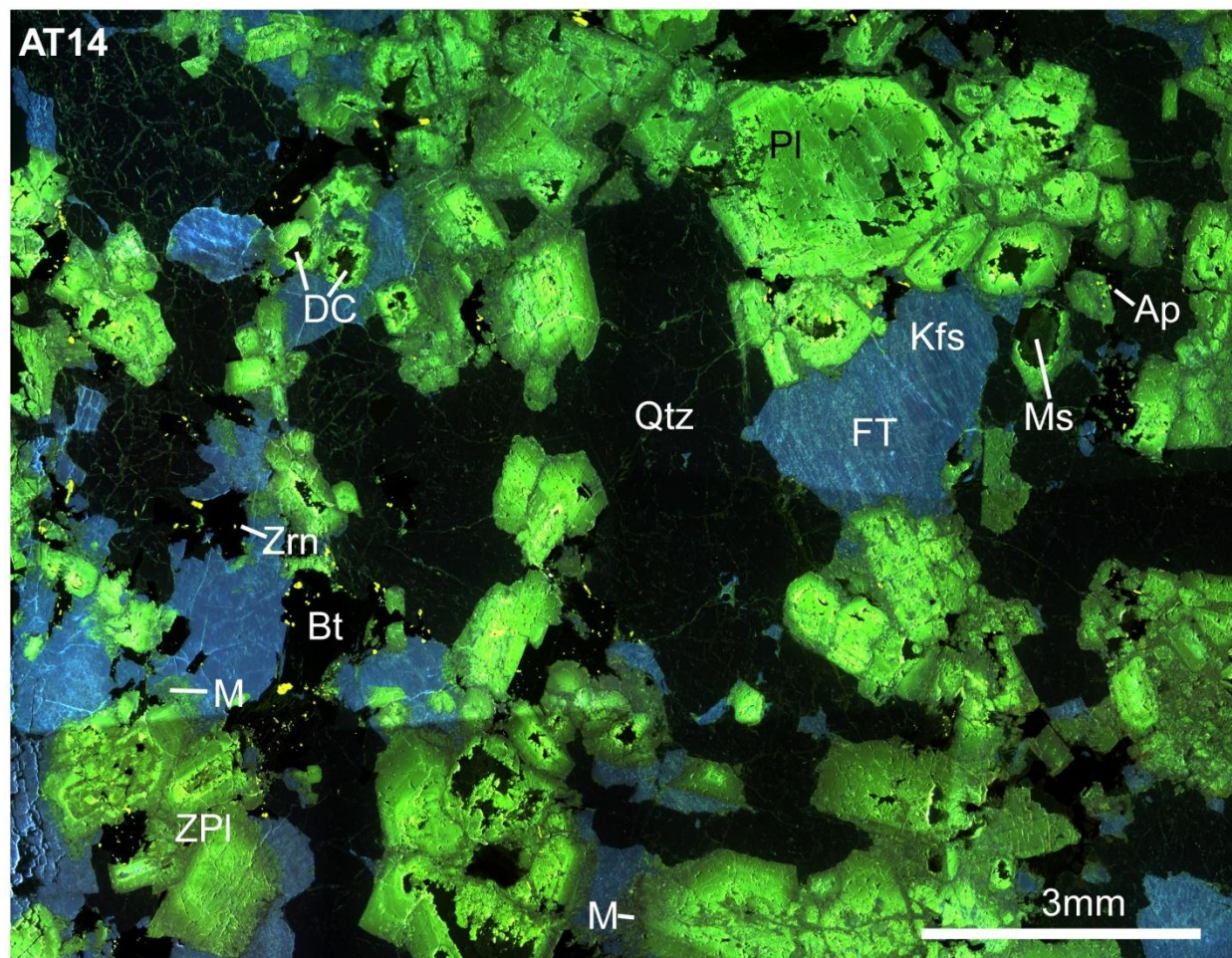


Figure 6-6: CL image of Koyunoba granitic sample AT14. Pl=plagioclase, Qtz= quartz, Kfs=alkali feldspar, Bt= biotite, Ms=muscovite, Ap=apatite, Zrn=zircon, ZPl=zoned plagioclase, DC=deteriorated cores, FT=flame texture, M=myrmekite. Abbreviations after Kretz (1983).



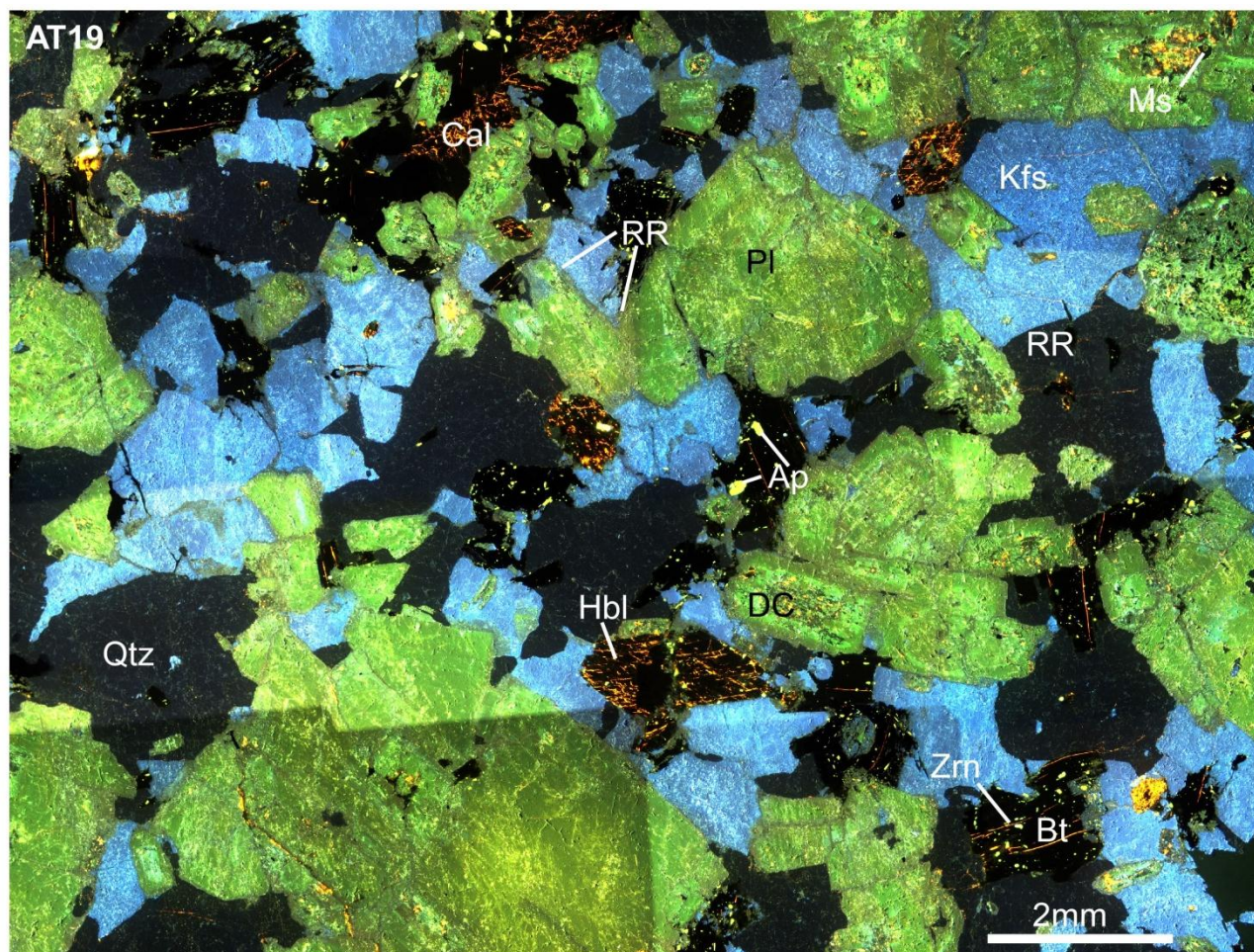


Figure 6-7: CL image of Alacam granitic sample AT19. Pl=plagioclase, Qtz= quartz, Kfs=alkali feldspar, Bt= biotite, Ms=muscovite, Cal=calcite, Hbl=hornblende, Ap=apatite, Zrn=zircon, DC=deteriorated cores, M=myrmekite, RR=red rims. Abbreviations after Kretz (1983).



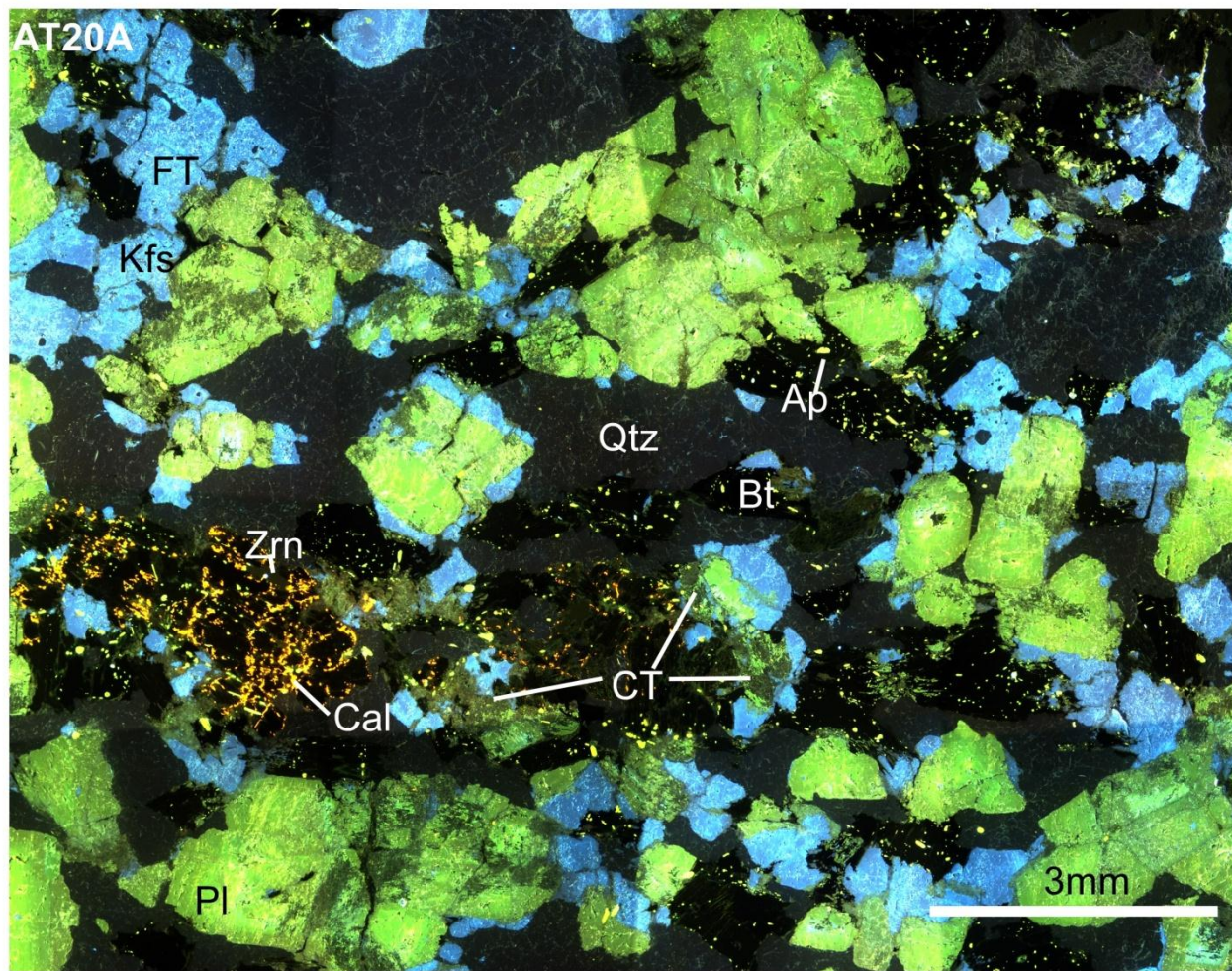


Figure 6-8: CL image of Alacam granitic sample AT20A. Pl=plagioclase, Qtz= quartz, Kfs=alkali feldspar, Bt= biotite, Cal=calcite, Ap=apatite, Zrn=zircon, FT=flame texture, CT=corroded textures. Abbreviations after Kretz (1983).



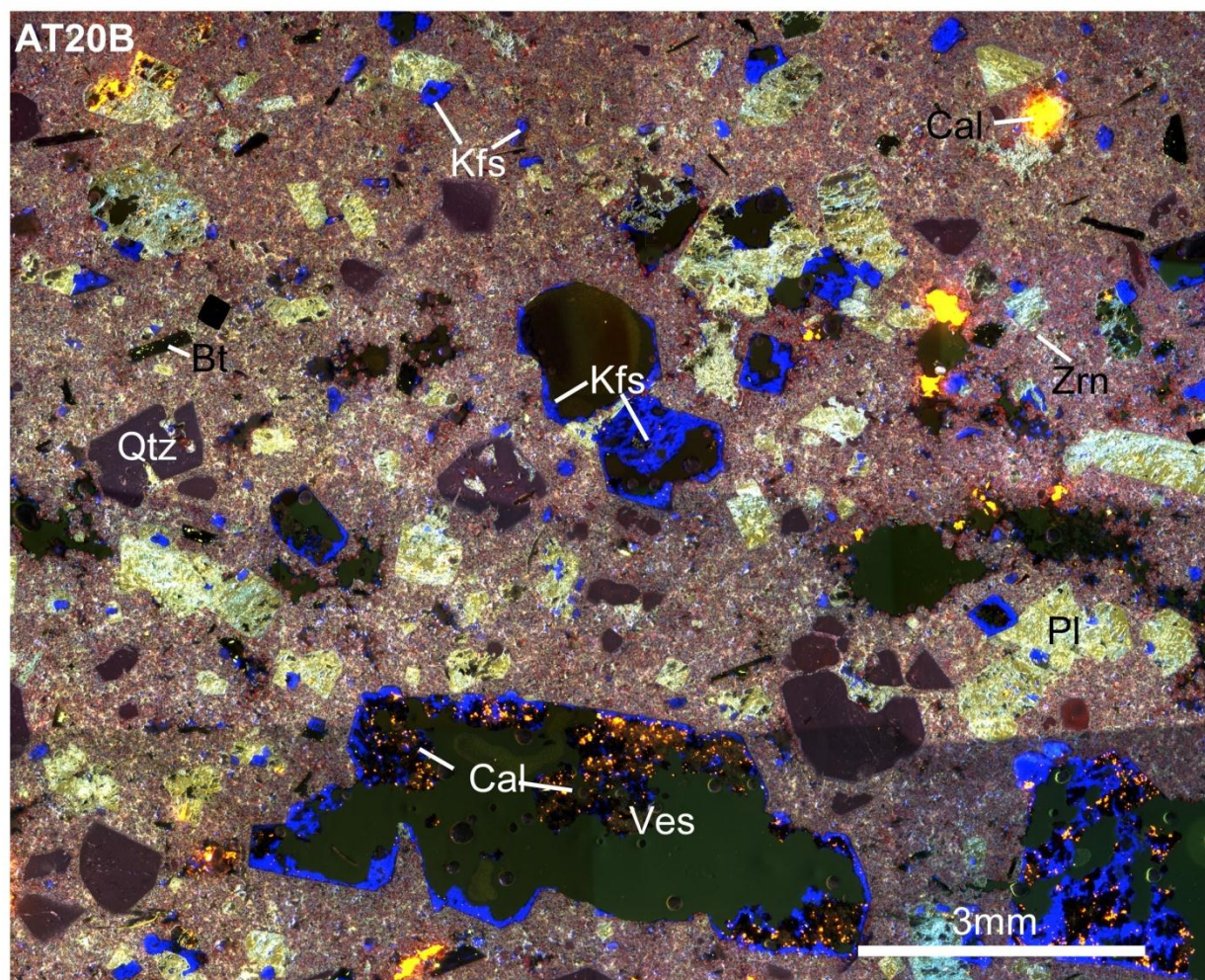


Figure 6-9: CL image of Alacam dacite dyke sample AT20B. Pl=plagioclase, Qtz= quartz, Kfs=alkali feldspar, Bt= biotite, Cal=calcite, Zrn=zircon, Ves=vesicle. Abbreviations after Kretz (1983).



## Chapter 7: Geochronological Analyses and Discussion

### 7.1 INTRODUCTION

Zircon ( $\text{ZrSiO}_4$ ) is one of the most commonly used minerals for isotopic age determinations due to its common occurrence in a wide variety of rocks, relative high abundance in uranium, high closure temperature ( $T_c > 800^\circ\text{C}$ , Cherniak and Watson, 2001), and resistance to age resetting (Schneider et al., 1999; Mouri et al., 2008). The internal structure of zircon grains visible by cathodoluminescence (CL) can exhibit complex zoning. Inherited cores from previous crystallization events may be present (Vavra, 1990; Pidgeon, 1992) and outer rims of zircons commonly time the latest crystallization event (e.g., Mouri et al., 2008).

In this study, *in situ* (in thin section) ages were obtained using the ion microprobe for eight samples (Egrigoz: WA12B, AT05A, AT15; Koyunoba: AT12, AT14; Alacam: AT19, AT20A, AT20B). The preservation of the zircon grain and rock fabric allows for a clear interpretation of the age. A detailed description of methods can be found in Chapter 3 of this thesis and is briefly reviewed here. Intensities of sputtered  $^{94}\text{Zr}_2\text{O}$ ,  $^{204}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{206}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{207}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ , Th, U, and UO ions were measured in 15 magnet cycles to calculate the ion microprobe age. A calibration curve was developed by calibrating the U-Pb sensitivity as a function of  $\text{UO}^+/\text{U}^+$  of a standard zircon AS3 (Figure 7-1). Ideally the  $\text{UO}^+/\text{U}^+$  ratio of the unknown zircon lies within the range defined by the standard's calibration curve, which ranges from  $7.028 \pm 0.014$  to  $8.634 \pm 0.045$ . The calibration line used to calculate the ages in this thesis is  $\text{UO}^+/\text{U}^+ = 0.428(^{206}\text{Pb}^+/\text{U}^+ \text{ RSF}) + 5.798 \pm 0.116$ . Reported ages are corrected for common lead either using the  $^{204}\text{Pb}$  correction or the  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{208}\text{Pb}$  correction assuming common  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 18.86$ ,  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 15.62$ , and  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb} = 38.34$ .

## 7.2 AGE OF THE EGRIGOZ PLUTON

Previously reported ages of the Egrigoz pluton range from  $2972 \pm 13$  Ma (inherited  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  zircon; Ring and Collins, 2005) to  $19.3 \pm 4.4$  Ma (U-Pb zircon; Hasozbek et al., 2010) (see Table 2-1). The Archean age was reported from the core of a single zircon and is interpreted as an inherited age from previous crystallization events. Late Oligocene to early Miocene ages are often cited as timing pluton crystallization (e.g. Ring and Collins, 2005).

In this study, five zircons were dated from sample WA12B (Figure 7-2 and 7-3), four zircons were dated from sample AT05A (Figure 7-2 and 7-4), and five zircons were dated from sample AT16 (Figure 7-2 and 7-5, see Table 7-1). Sample WA12 was collected from the southern section of the pluton, AT16 from the core of the pluton, and AT05 from the northern section of the pluton (Figure 2-4).

Overall, zircon ages from the Egrigoz pluton yield late Oligocene to early Miocene ages ranging from  $24.1 \pm 1.3$  Ma to  $15.9 \pm 0.9$  Ma with an average of  $20.0 \pm 1.1$  Ma ( $\pm 1\sigma$ ) and a Mean Square Weighted Deviation (MSWD) of 4.7. MSWD measures the scatter of individual ages and has an expected value of one when the observed deviations from the regression line are within analytical error (Wendt and Carl, 1991). In our case, the dated samples are inconsistent with a single population.

Five zircon grains from southern section of the Egrigoz pluton (sample WA12B, Figure 2-4) yield Miocene ages.  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  ages range from  $22.2 \pm 1.1$  Ma to  $18.9 \pm 1.4$  Ma (Figures 7-2 and 7-3, Table 7-1). The oldest zircon also yields a  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  age of  $22.8 \pm 2.3$  Ma (zircon 5, Table 7-1). Four of the dated zircon grains are located within biotite grains and one zircon (zircon 4,  $20.2 \pm 0.7$  Ma) is located along a grain boundary between biotite, quartz, and altered alkali feldspar (Figure 7-3D). Three zircons are concordant while two zircons show reverse discordance on the concordia diagram (Figure

7-2A). When the two geochronometers,  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  and  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ , give equivalent ages, the dated mineral is concordant and will plot on the line (Figure 7-2) (Faure, 1986). Note that in some cases, the  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  ages yield large errors; we attribute this to ion microprobe detection limits in measuring small amounts of radiogenic  $^{207}\text{Pb}$ . Reverse discordance may be due to radiogenic Pb gain brought in by hydrothermal fluids or analytical artifacts (Aleinikoff et al., 1993). The reverse discordance in Figure 7-2A is likely due to an overcorrection of the amount of common Pb in the dated grain.

Four zircon grains from the northern Egrigoz pluton (sample AT05A, Figure 2-4) yield late Oligocene to early Miocene ages from  $24.1 \pm 1.3$  Ma to  $19.0 \pm 0.7$  Ma (Figures 7-2 and 7-4, Table 7-1). One zircon (zircon 6,  $19.5 \pm 0.9$  Ma), located with iron oxide in a small biotite surrounded by alkali feldspar, also gave a  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  age of  $17.5 \pm 1.9$  Ma. The youngest dated zircon (zircon 3,  $19.0 \pm 0.7$  Ma) is located between biotite and plagioclase. The oldest dated grain (zircon 4,  $24.1 \pm 1.3$  Ma) is located within plagioclase surrounding alkali feldspar. The other dated zircons (zircon 6,  $19.5 \pm 0.9$ ; zircon 2,  $21.1 \pm 0.8$  Ma) are located within grain boundaries between biotite and feldspar. All zircons are concordant (Figure 7-2B)

Five zircon grains from the core of the Egrigoz pluton (sample AT16, Figure 2-4) yield Miocene ages ranging from  $22.6 \pm 2.0$  Ma to  $15.9 \pm 0.9$  Ma (Figures 7-2 and 7-5, Table 7-1). Three zircons, including the youngest (zircon 5;  $15.9 \pm 0.9$  Ma) and the oldest (zircon 2,  $22.6 \pm 2.0$  Ma), are located within biotite grains. Two zircons (zircon 1,  $17.1 \pm 0.8$  Ma; zircon 4,  $19.5 \pm 0.9$  Ma) are both located within grain boundaries between biotite, quartz, and feldspar. Three zircons are concordant (Figure 7-2C), where as the youngest zircon 5 is reversely discordant. One zircon is discordant on the concordia diagram (zircon 4,  $19.5 \pm 0.9$  Ma). Discordance is common in zircons due to Pb loss (Faure, 1986).

### 7.3 AGE OF THE KOYUNOBA PLUTON

Previously reported ages of the Koyunoba pluton range from  $540\pm 96$  Ma (inherited U-Pb zircon; Ring and Collins, 2005) to  $19.9\pm 3.1$  Ma (U-Pb zircon; Ring and Collins, 2005) (see Table 2-1). The Cambrian aged-zircon likely formed during the Pan-African orogeny, whereas the Miocene ages have been attributed again to pluton crystallization (e.g., Ring and Collins, 2005).

In this study, six zircons were dated from sample AT12 (Figures 7-6 and 7-7) and four zircons were dated from sample AT14 (Figures 7-6 and 7-8, Table 7-2). AT12 was collected from the eastern section and AT14 was collected from the northern section of the pluton (Figure 2-4). Overall, zircon ages from the Koyunoba pluton yield late Oligocene to early Miocene ages ranging from  $29.9\pm 3.9$  Ma to  $14.6\pm 2.6$  Ma, with an average of  $22.6\pm 2.2$  Ma ( $\pm 1\sigma$ ) and MSWD of 2.8.

Six zircon grains from the eastern section of the Koyunoba pluton (sample AT12, Figure 2-4) were dated and range from  $29.9\pm 3.9$  Ma to  $19.7\pm 2.7$  Ma (Figures 7-6 and 7-7, Table 7-2). Two spots on the largest zircon, located within a biotite grain with quartz inclusions, yield ages of  $24.3\pm 1.5$  Ma and  $20.3\pm 1.2$  Ma. The oldest dated zircon in this sample (zircon 3,  $29.9\pm 3.9$  Ma) is surrounded by iron oxide within a biotite grain. The youngest dated zircon (zircon 2,  $19.7\pm 2.7$  Ma) and the largest (zircon 5,  $20.3\pm 1.2$  Ma and  $24.3\pm 1.5$  Ma) lie within biotite grains. One zircon is located within plagioclase (zircon 4,  $23.8\pm 1.5$  Ma) and one is located within a crack (zircon 6,  $20.7\pm 2.3$  Ma). Five zircons are concordant and one zircon (zircon 5, two spots) shows reverse discordance on the concordia diagram (Figure 7-6A).

Four zircon grains were dated from the northern section of the Koyunoba pluton (sample AT14, Figure 2-4) and yield late Oligocene to Miocene ages ranging from  $26.5\pm 2.5$  Ma to  $14.6\pm 2.6$  Ma (Figures 7-6 and 7-8). The oldest zircon (zircon 1,  $26.5\pm 2.5$

Ma) is located within a quartz inclusion in biotite. The youngest zircon (zircon 2,  $14.6 \pm 2.6$ ) is located at the edge of a biotite grain. The core of the biotite contains a zircon that yields  $21.8 \pm 1.4$  Ma (zircon 3). One zircon is located within quartz (zircon 4,  $21.3 \pm 1.1$ ). Four zircons are concordant and one zircon (zircon 3) is discordant (Figure 7-6B).

#### **7.4 AGE OF THE ALACAM PLUTON**

Previously reported ages of the Alacam pluton range from  $38.5 \pm 1.8$  Ma (K-Ar orthoclase; Bingol et al., 1982) to  $20.2 \pm 1.4$  Ma (U-Pb zircon; Hasozbek et al., 2010) (see Table 2-1). The late Eocene age may document the closing of the Neotethys Ocean. Similar to the Egrigoz and Koyunoba plutons, crystallization of the Alacam pluton is thought to be early Miocene (e.g., Hasozbek et al., 2010).

In this study, three zircons were dated from sample AT19 (Figures 7-9 and 7-10), four were dated from sample AT20A (Figures 7-9 and 7-11), and one was dated from sample AT20B (Figures 7-9 and 7-12) (see Table 7-3). All samples were collected from roughly the same location (Figure 2-4). Overall, zircon ages from the Alacam pluton yield late Oligocene to Miocene ages ranging from  $25.2 \pm 1.5$  Ma to  $17.2 \pm 0.9$  Ma with an average age of  $20.8 \pm 1.4$  Ma ( $\pm 1\sigma$ ) and MSWD of 4.9.

Three zircon grains from sample AT19 were dated and range from  $25.2 \pm 1.5$  Ma to  $19.7 \pm 1.9$  Ma (Figures 7-9 and 7-10, Table 7-3). The youngest zircon (zircon 3,  $19.7 \pm 1.9$  Ma) is located within a deteriorating plagioclase grain surrounded by biotite. Two zircons (zircon 1,  $20.6 \pm 2.1$  Ma and zircon 2,  $25.2 \pm 1.5$  Ma) are located within biotite grains. All zircons are concordant (Figure 7-9A)

Four zircon grains from sample AT20A (Figures 7-9 and 7-11, Table 7-3) were dated and range from  $22.6 \pm 1.4$  Ma to  $18.8 \pm 0.8$  Ma. The oldest zircon grain (zircon 2,

22.6±1.4 Ma) is located within quartz. Two zircons, including the youngest (zircon 3, 18.8±0.8 Ma) are located within biotite grains with apatite inclusions. One zircon (zircon 1, 20.8±1.1 Ma) is located within grain boundaries between deteriorating plagioclase and biotite. Two zircons (zircon 1, 20.8±1.1 Ma and zircon 2, 22.6±1.4 Ma) are concordant and two (zircon 3, 18.8±0.8 Ma and zircon 4, 21.8 ± 1.1 Ma) show reverse discordance on the concordia diagram (Figure 7-9B).

One zircon grain from sample AT20B yielded 17.2±0.9 Ma (Figures 7-9 and 7-12, Table 7-3). Sample AT20B was collected from a dacite dyke within the Alacam pluton and the zircon, which is located within the quartz/alkali feldspar groundmass, is the youngest found in the pluton. The zircon shows reverse discordance on the concordia diagram (Figure 7-9B, zircon 5).

## 7.5 DISCUSSION

Ages from the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons range from 29.9±3.9 Ma to 14.6±2.6 Ma, with an average of 21.0±1.2 Ma (Figure 7-13). All dated zircons plot near concordia. Due to uncertainty in measurements, it is difficult to evaluate if the grains were initially Oligocene but experienced mid Miocene Pb loss. Reverse discordance is likely due to an overcorrection of the amount of common Pb in the dated grain. Large uncertainties in some of the  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  ages are due to small amounts of these isotopes in the measured samples.

The majority of zircons are within or adjacent to biotite grains and range in size from 10-120µm. Due to their small size, we cannot see chemical differences or zoning patterns in the zircons that would assist in identifying clear core/rim relationships. However, no pattern between textural relationships within the thin sections and ion microprobe ages was found. For example, in the Egrigoz pluton, sample WA12 has an

18.9±1.4 Ma age in the core of a biotite grain (Figure 7-3A and B) and also shows a 22.2±1.1 Ma age in the rim of a grain (Figure 7-3E and F). Finding zircons cluster near biotite is a common igneous texture (Mackenzie and Guilford, 1980), and suggests that they are products of crystallization, rather than inheritance. If the zircon grains were assimilated from an external source, the expectation is that they would be texturally scattered throughout the sample. In addition, zircon grains in a magmatic pluton are expected to show similar size and morphological character unless complex magma intrusions have occurred and rounding of grains are due to resorption (Deer et al., 1992).

To further assist in interpreting the ages, we used the geochemistry of the rock to estimate the zircon saturation temperatures of the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons, which average 782±13°C (Watson and Harrison, 1983, Table 7-4). Zircon saturation temperatures are interpreted as estimating initial magma temperature at the source (e.g., Miller et al., 2003). In our samples, no relationship is found between ion microprobe age and zircon saturation temperature. A greater zircon saturation temperature is commonly observed in I-type granites (800-900°C) than for S-type granites ( $\leq$ 700°C) (Watson and Harrison, 1983). The calculated zircon saturation temperature of our dated samples lies between S-type and I-type. These relatively high temperatures would result in the dissolution of most inherited zircons before attainment of saturation thus explaining the lack of inherited grains found in our samples (Watson and Harrison, 1983).

The Rhodope Massif, approximately 200km to the north, was intruded by granitoids of similar Oligocene age (29±1 Ma to 33±2 Ma; Dinter, 1998). Oligocene ages are also found in the Evciler pluton of the Kazdag metamorphic core complex to the west (25.0±0.3 Ma; Birkle and Satir, 1995). The Kazdag Massif, located south of the Rhodope, is largely thought to have been created during the Late Oligocene (Papanikolaou and

Demirtasli, 1987; Okay and Satir, 2000; Okay et al., 2008). Late Miocene ages are documented for granitoids within the central Menderes Massif (Salihi and Turgutlu plutons:  $15.0 \pm 2.8$  Ma; Catlos et al., 2010;  $15.0 \pm 0.3$  Ma and  $16.1 \pm 0.2$  Ma; Glodny and Hetzel, 2007). The ages of the dacite dyke are consistent with ages of acid volcanic domes in the northern Menderes Massif ( $17.3 \pm 0.4$  Ma; Seyitoglu et al., 1992). Ages are consistent with the hypothesis that magmatism in the Aegean occurred in pulses beginning in the Eocene and continuing into the Miocene, and largely propagating from north to south (Dilek and Altunkaynak, 2007).

The range of ages reported here suggest that the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons crystallized over a ~15 m.y. time frame, predominantly centered around 21 Ma. These plutons may have started to crystallize as early as the Oligocene and were crystallized by middle Miocene. The CL textures suggest the plutons are products of magma mixing and have experienced some fluid-rock interactions during either crystallization or exhumation.



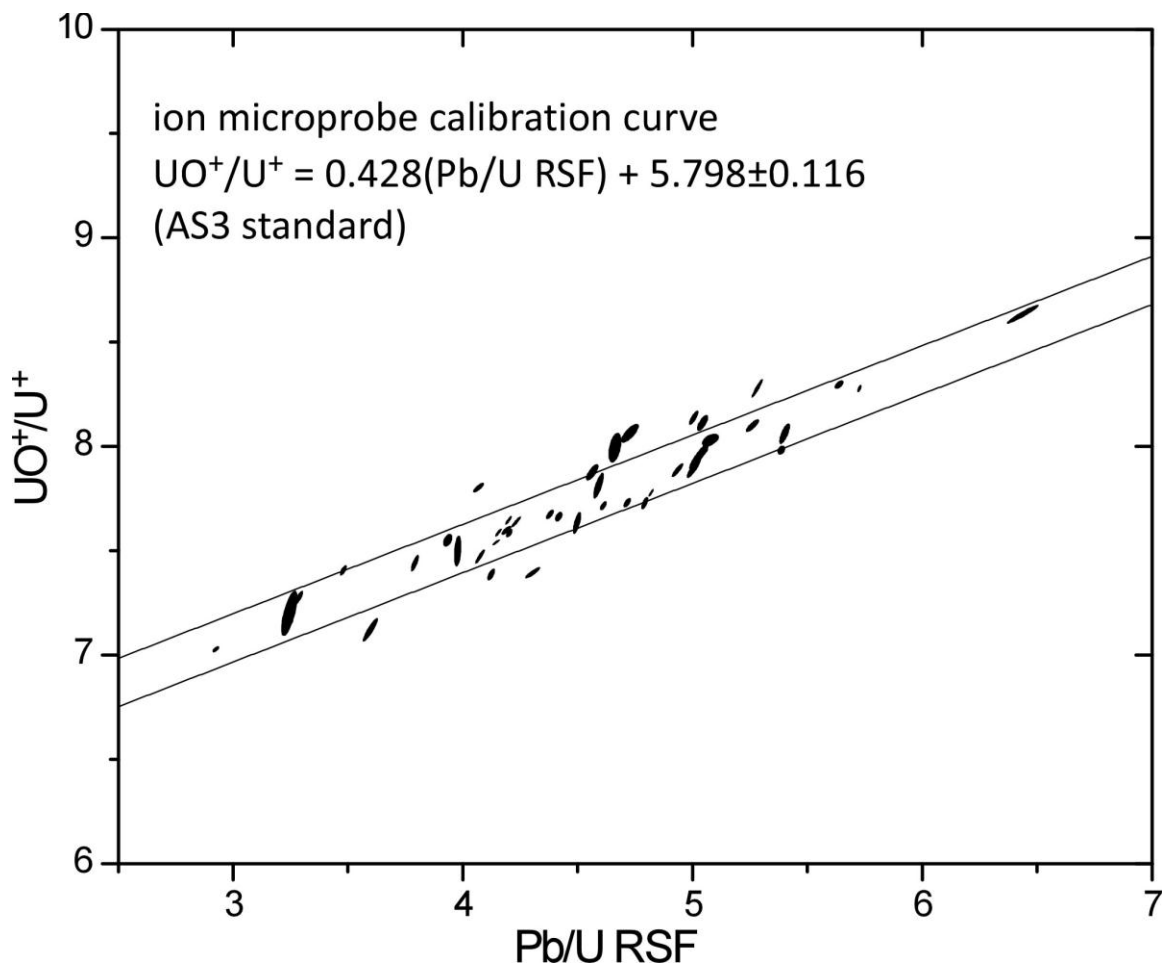


Figure 7-1: Ion microprobe calibration of  $UO^+/U^+$  vs.  $Pb/U$  Relative sensitivity factor (RSF). This curve was developed using zircon standard AS3 that has an age of  $1099 \text{ Ma} \pm 1\sigma$  (Schneider et al., 1999)

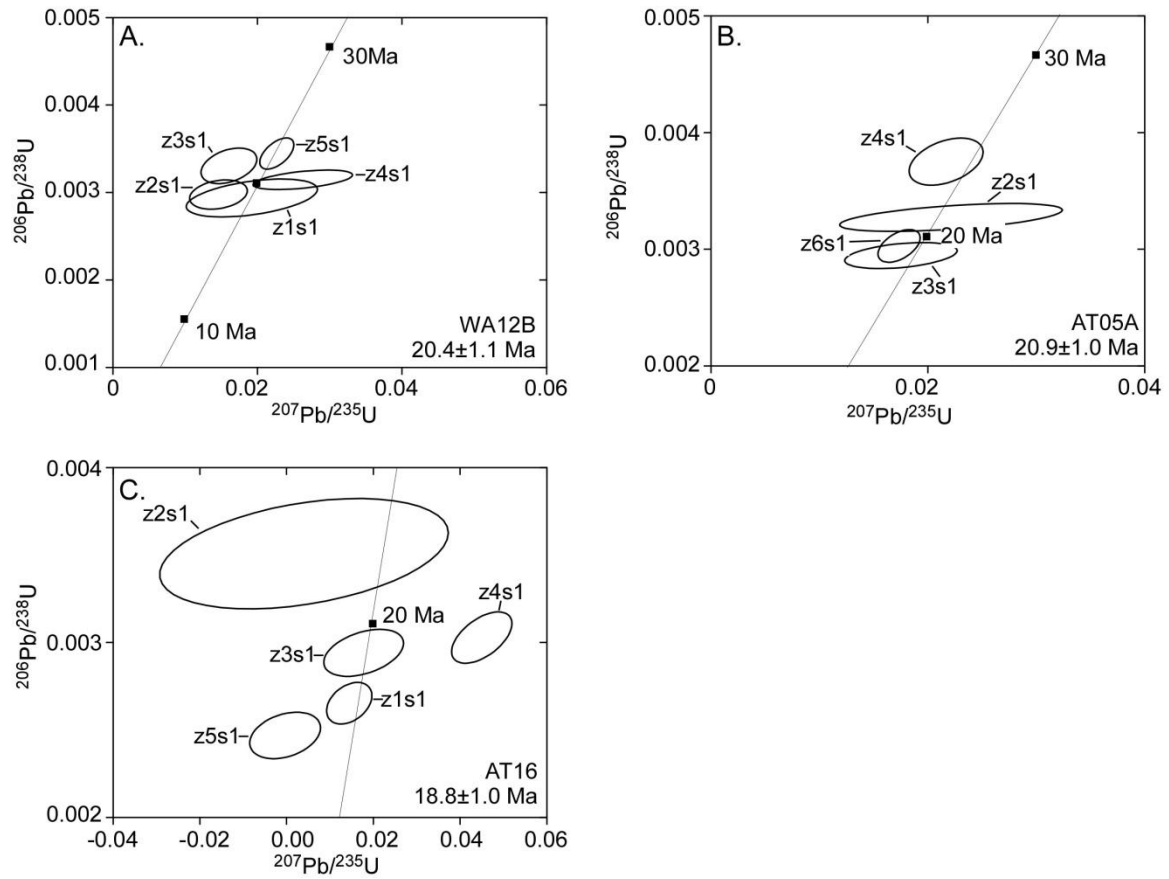


Figure 7-2: Concordia diagrams from the Egrigoz pluton samples (A) WA12B, (B) AT05A, and (C) AT16. Ages on concordia are provided for reference. Nomenclature (z#s#) refers to the zircon number and spot number. Average  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  age is provided for each sample

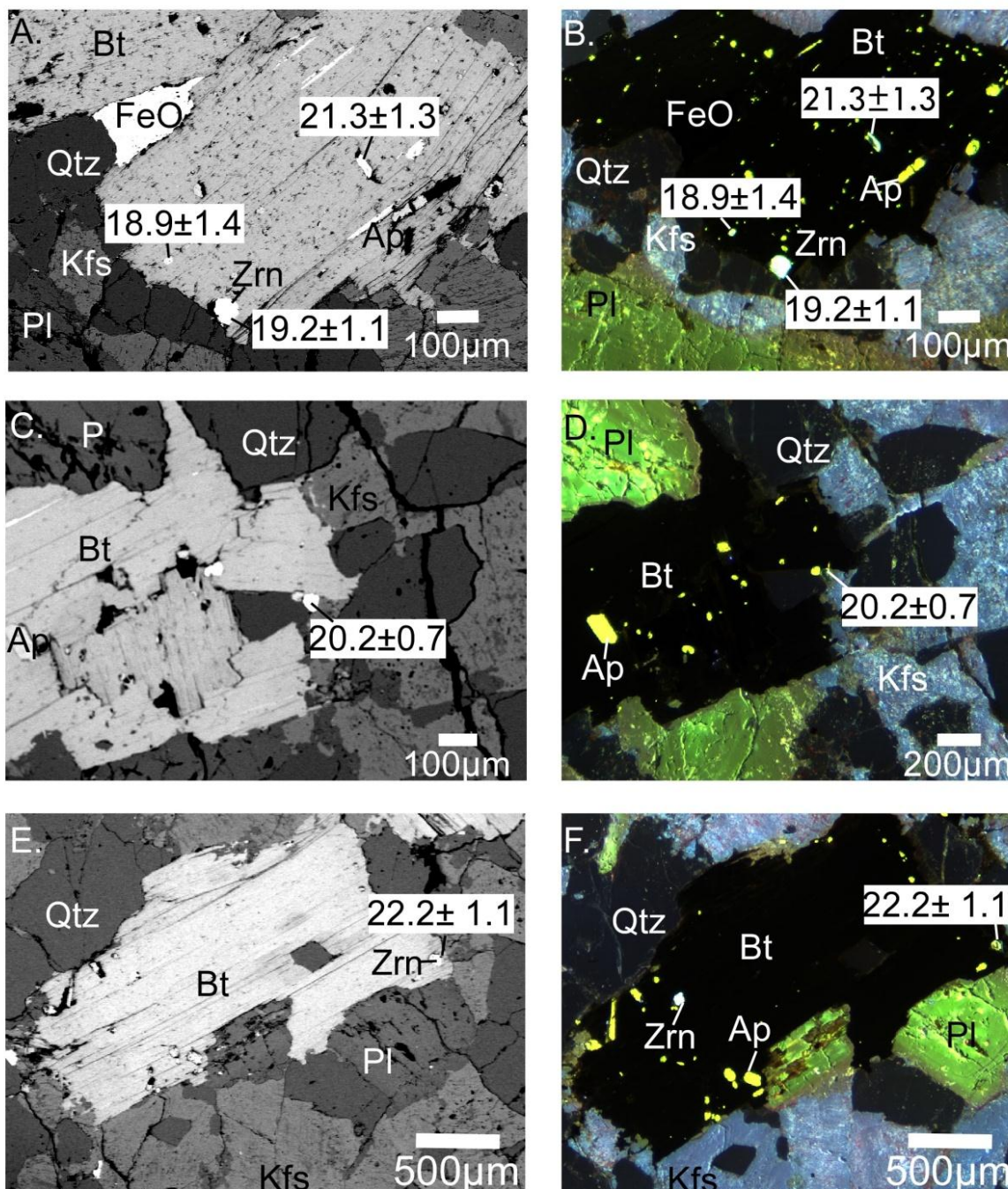


Figure 7-3: Backscatter electron (BSE) and corresponding cathodoluminescence (CL) images of *in situ* dated zircons from sample WA12 of the Egrigoz pluton. Mineral abbreviations after Kretz (1983). Ages are reported in millions of years.

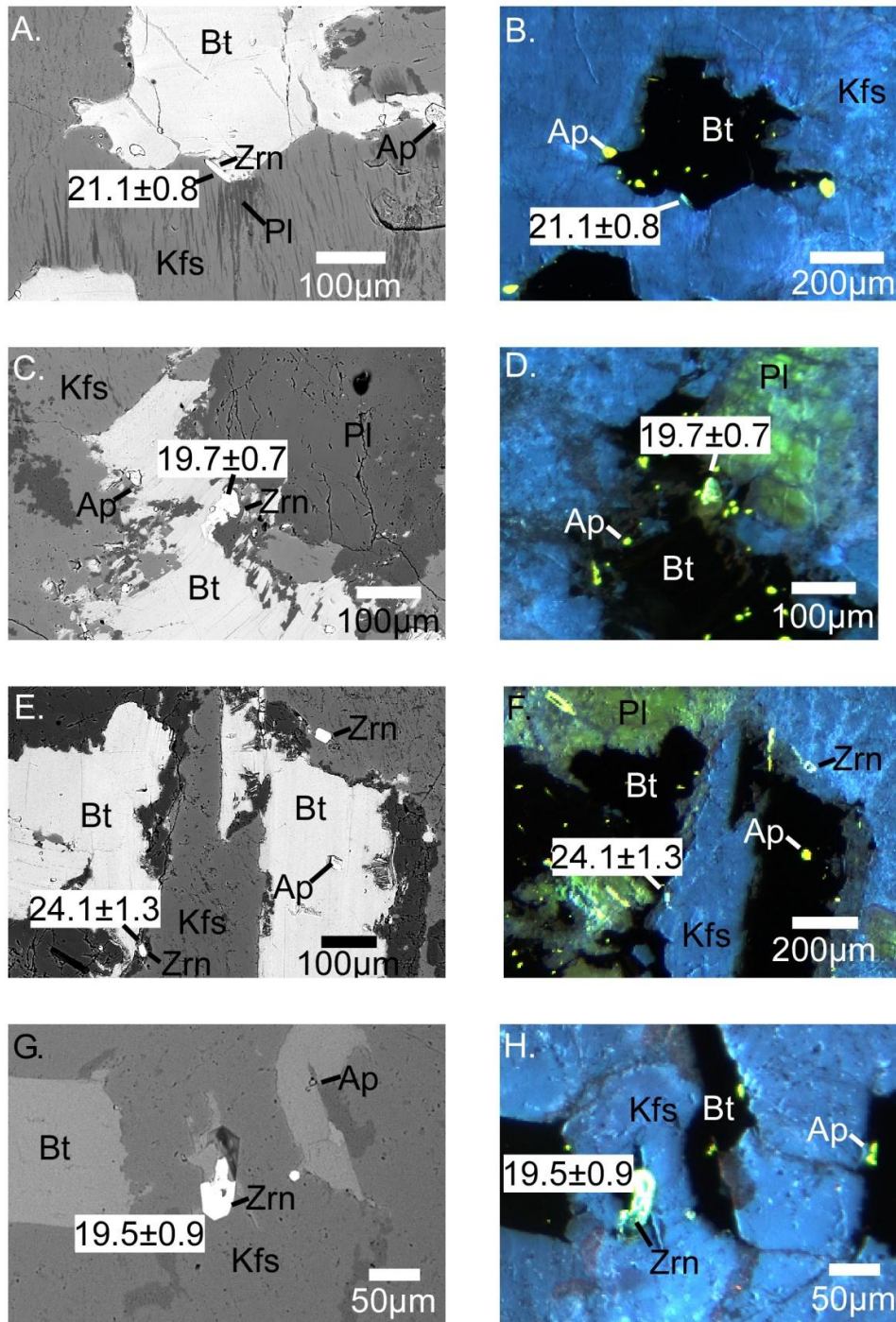


Figure 7-4: Backscatter electron (BSE) and corresponding cathodoluminescence (CL) images of *in situ* dated zircons from sample AT05A of the Egrigoz pluton. Mineral abbreviations after Kretz (1983). Ages are reported in millions of years.



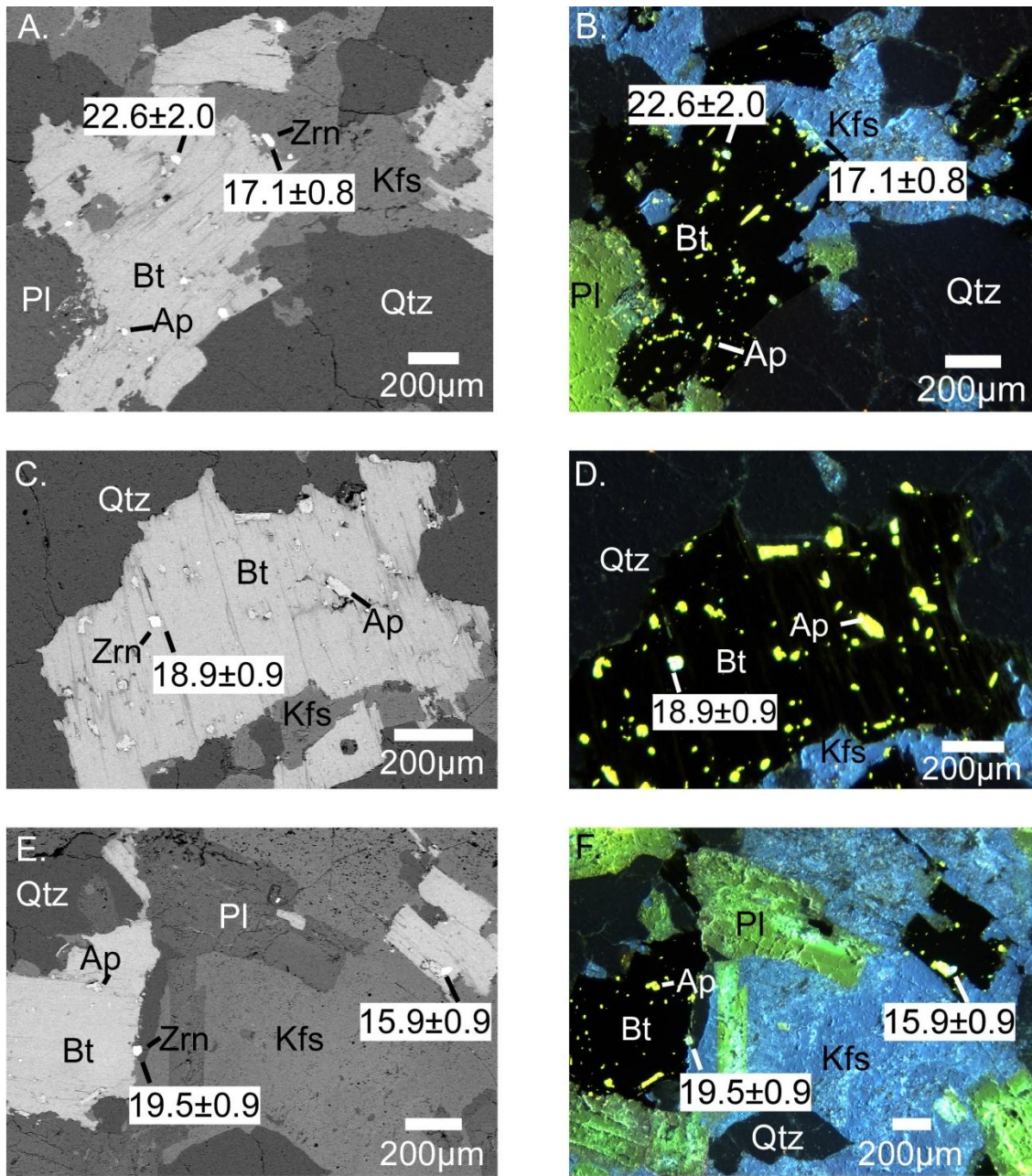


Figure 7-5: Backscatter electron (BSE) and corresponding cathodoluminescence (CL) images of *in situ* dated zircons from sample AT16 of the Egrigoz pluton. Mineral abbreviations after Kretz (1983). Ages are reported in millions of years.

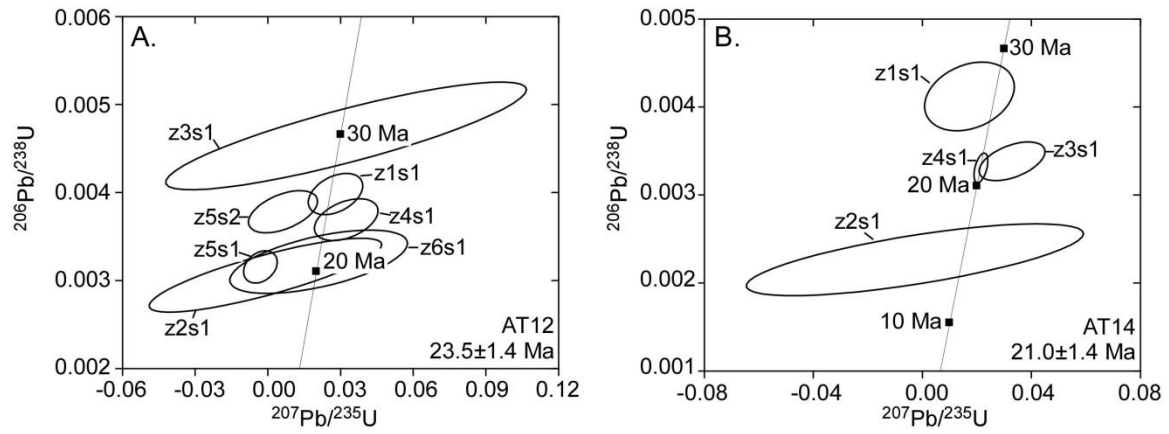


Figure 7-6: Concordia diagrams from the Koyunoba pluton samples (A) AT12 and (B) AT14. Ages on concordia are provided for reference. Nomenclature (z#s#) refers to the zircon number and spot number. Average  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  age is provided for each sample.



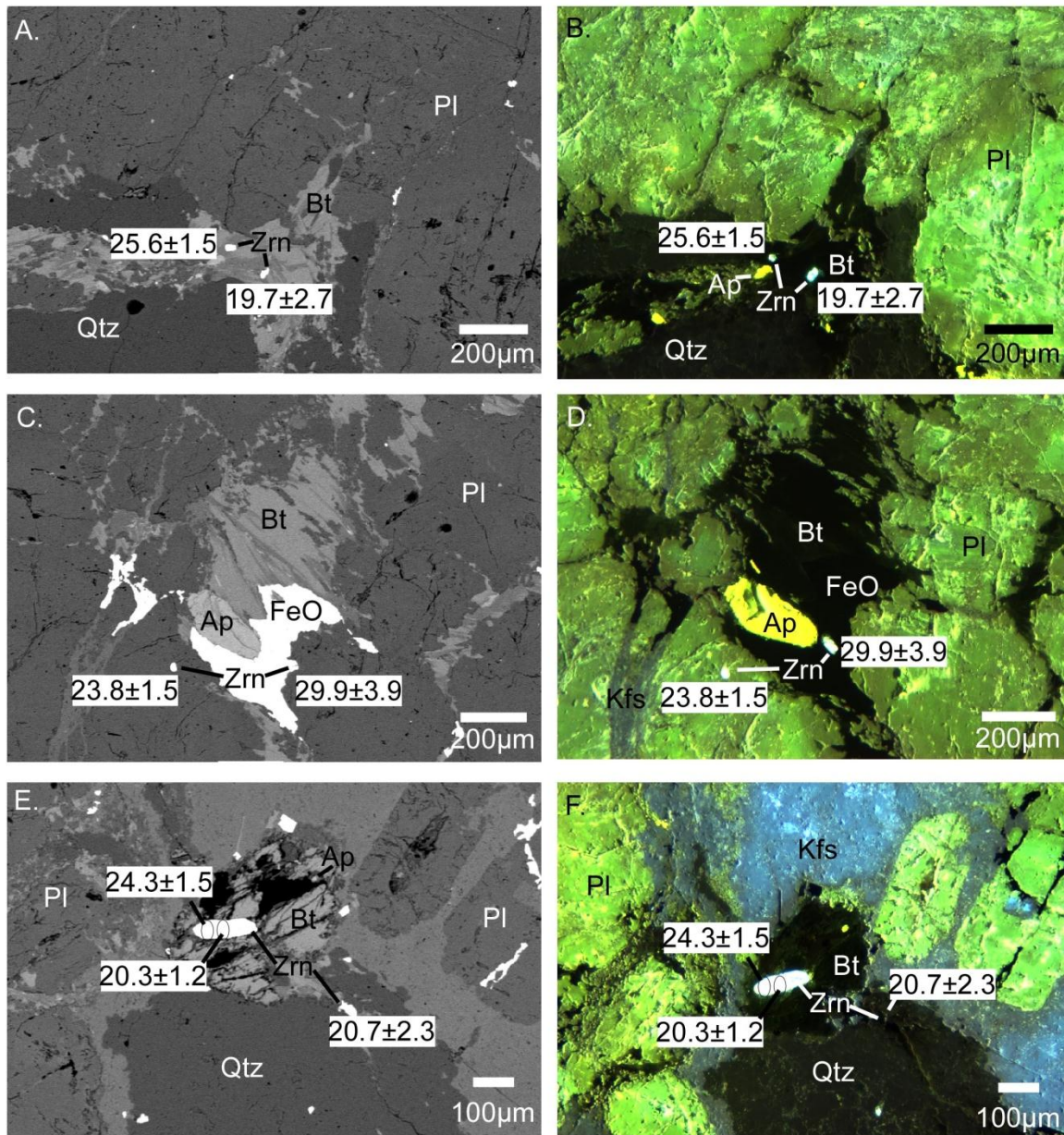


Figure 7-7: Backscatter electron (BSE) and corresponding cathodoluminescence (CL) images of *in situ* dated zircons from sample AT12 of the Koyunoba pluton. Mineral abbreviations after Kretz (1983). Ages are reported in millions of years.

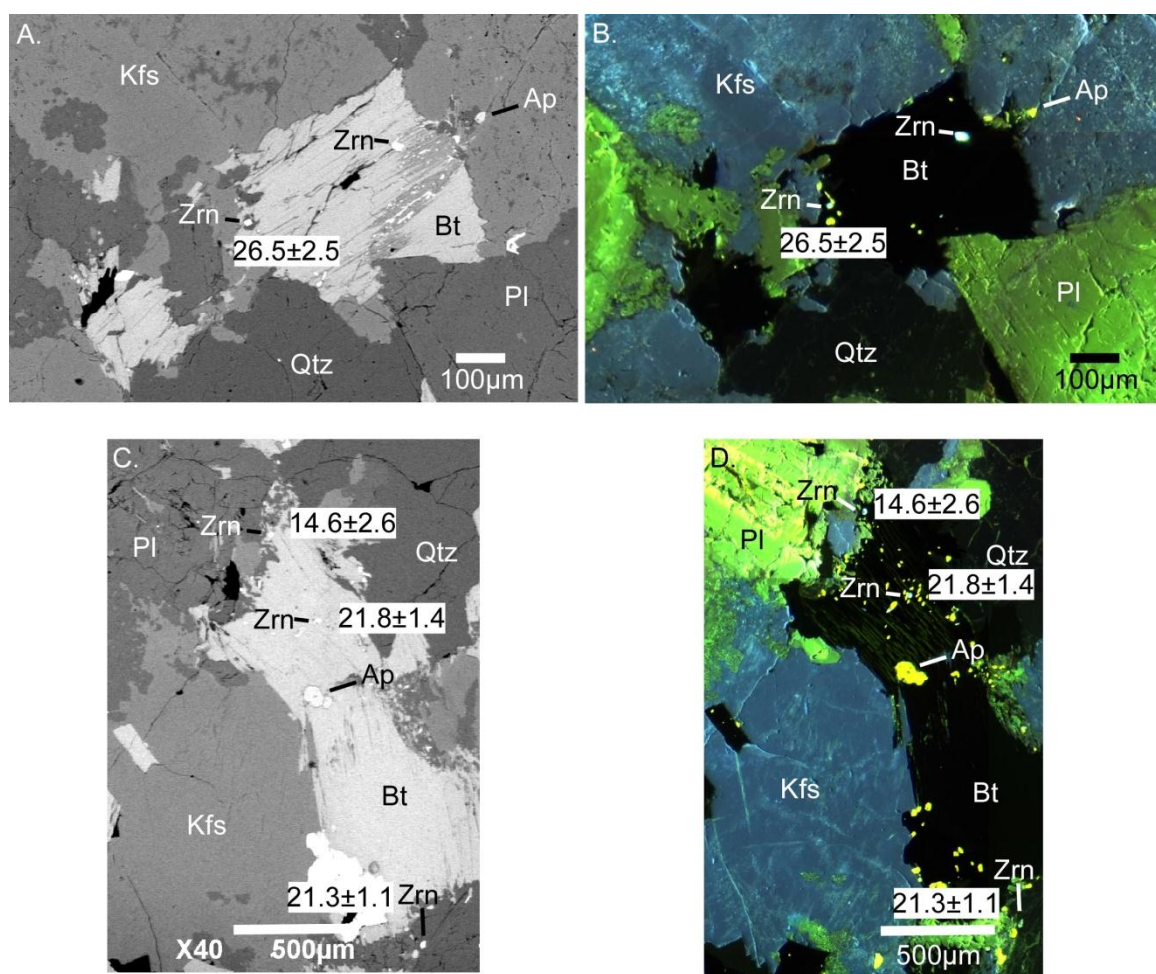


Figure 7-8: Backscatter electron (BSE) and corresponding cathodoluminescence (CL) images of *in situ* dated zircons from sample AT14 of the Koyunoba pluton. Mineral abbreviations after Kretz (1983). Ages are reported in millions of years.



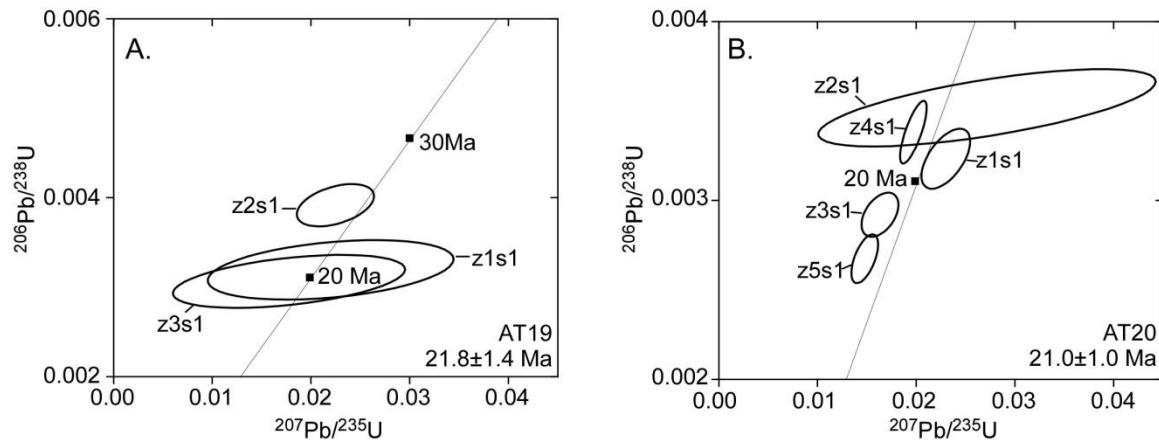


Figure 7-9: Concordia diagrams from the Alacam pluton samples (A) AT19 and (B) AT20. Ages on concordia are provided for reference. Nomenclature (z#s#) refers to the zircon number and spot number. Average  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  age is provided for each sample.

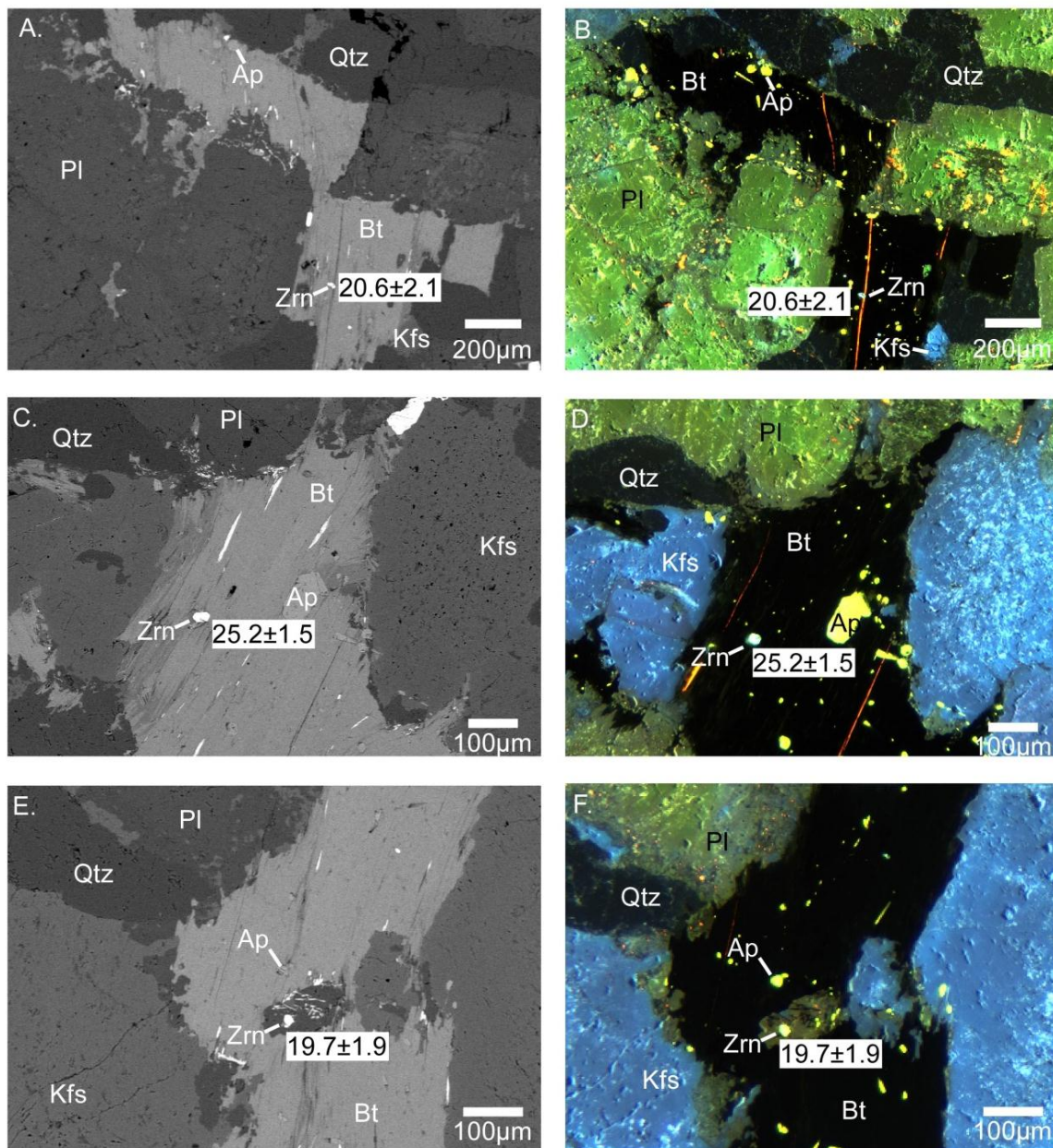


Figure 7-10: Backscatter electron (BSE) and corresponding cathodoluminescence (CL) images of *in situ* dated zircons from sample AT19 of the Alacam pluton. Mineral abbreviations after Kretz (1983). Ages are reported in millions of years.

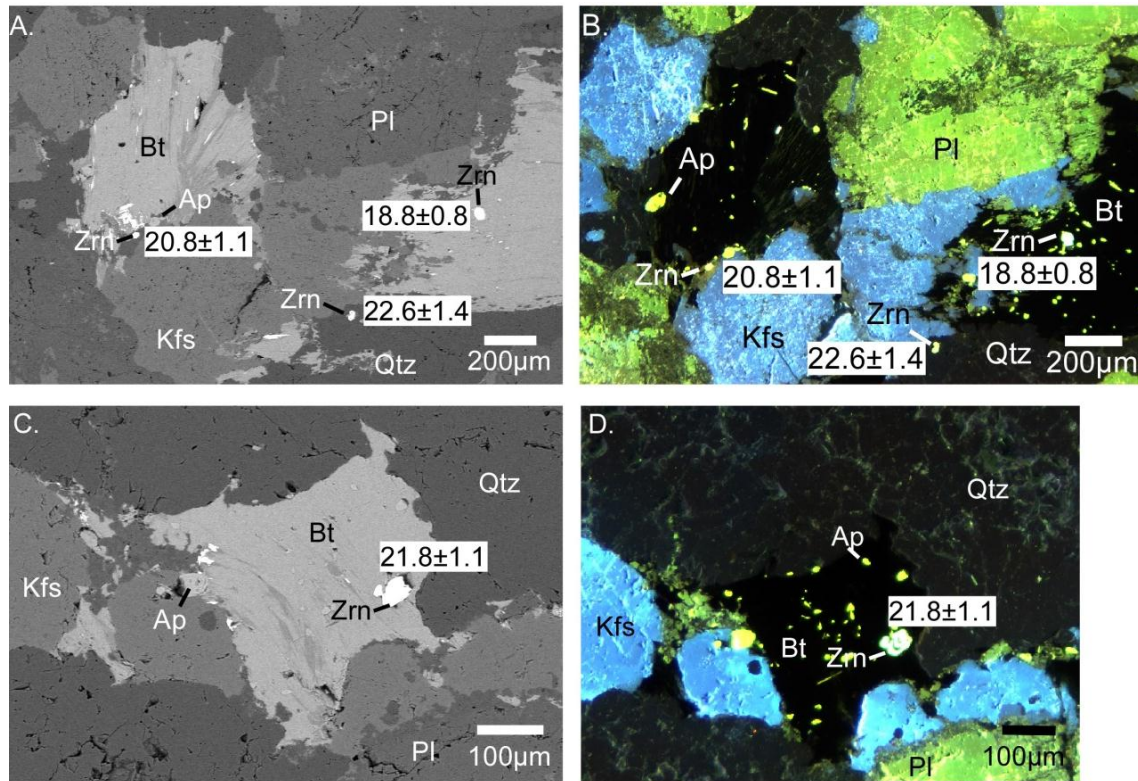


Figure 7-11: Backscatter electron (BSE) and corresponding cathodoluminescence (CL) images of *in situ* dated zircons from sample AT20A of the Alacam pluton. Mineral abbreviations after Kretz (1983). Ages are reported in millions of years.



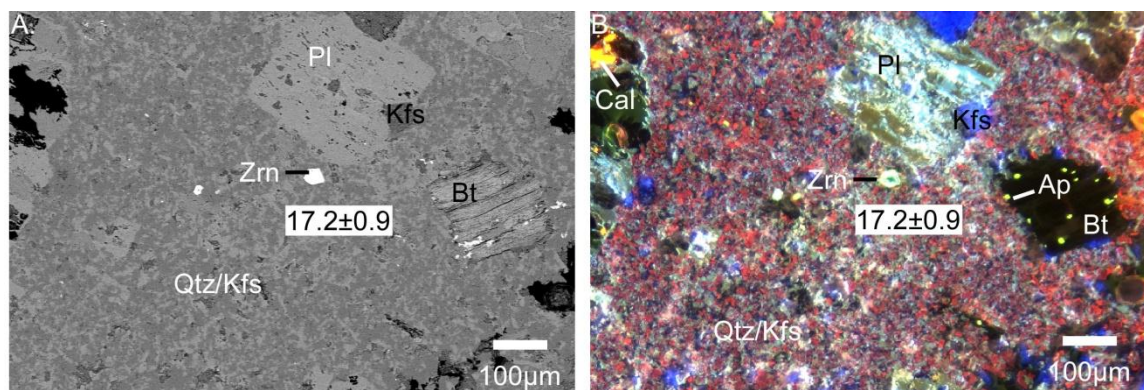


Figure 7-12: Backscatter electron (BSE) and corresponding cathodoluminescence (CL) images of the *in situ* dated zircon from sample AT20B, a dacite dyke within the Alacam pluton. Ages are reported in millions of years.

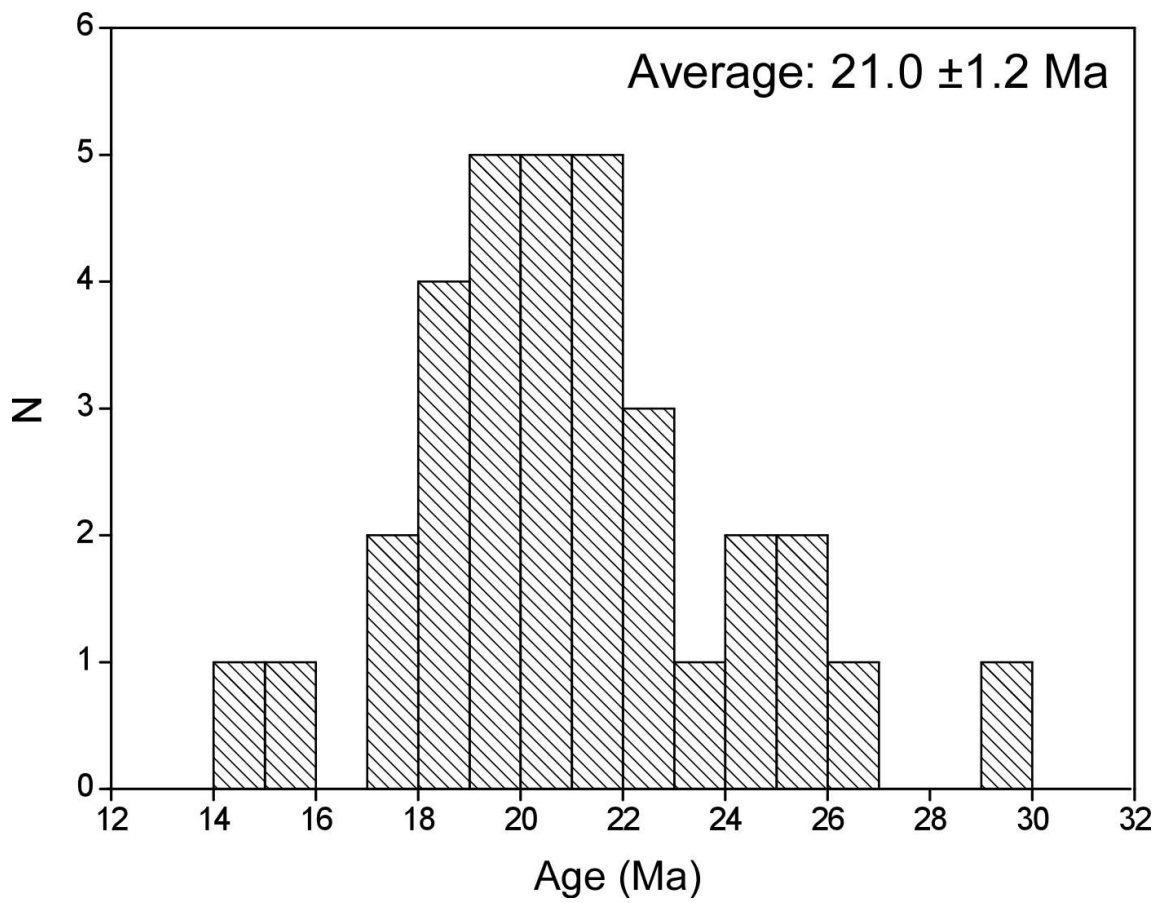


Figure 7-13: Histogram of ion microprobe ages from the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons. Ages range from  $29.9 \pm 3.9$  Ma— $14.6 \pm 2.6$  Ma with an average age of  $21.0 \pm 1.2$  Ma.

Table 7-1:  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  ion microprobe zircon ages from the Egrigoz pluton.

| zircon#_spot#                             | $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ Age<br>$\pm 1\sigma$ | $^{206}\text{Pb}^*\%$<br>$\pm 1\sigma$ | $^{206}\text{Pb}^*/^{238}\text{U}$<br>$\pm 1\sigma$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}^*/^{235}\text{U} \pm 1\sigma$ | UO+/U+<br>$\pm 1\sigma$ |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| AT16 (39° 16' 30.10" N 29° 03' 25.50" E)  |                                                       |                                        |                                                     |                                                |                         |
| z2_s1                                     | 22.6±2.0                                              | 14.6±5.3                               | 3.507E-03<br>±3.157E-04                             | 3.992E-03<br>±3.328E-02                        | 7.485±0.03<br>8         |
| z4_s1                                     | 19.5±0.9                                              | 92.1±1.6                               | 3.028E-03<br>±1.469E-04                             | 4.501E-02<br>±6.954E-03                        | 8.416±0.02<br>9         |
| z3_s1                                     | 18.9±0.9                                              | 79.8±1.9                               | 2.941E-03<br>±1.346E-04                             | 1.777E-02<br>±9.206E-03                        | 8.854±0.04<br>6         |
| z1_s1                                     | 17.1±0.8                                              | 81.7±1.4                               | 2.652E-03<br>±1.188E-04                             | 1.444E-02<br>±5.222E-03                        | 8.773±0.05<br>3         |
| z5_s1                                     | 15.9±0.9                                              | 67.9±2.3                               | 2.468E-03<br>±1.329E-04                             | -3.400E-04<br>±8.176E-03                       | 8.426±0.03<br>8         |
| WA12B (39° 08' 34.90" N 29° 03' 24.70" E) |                                                       |                                        |                                                     |                                                |                         |
| z5_s1                                     | 22.2±1.1                                              | 96.6±0.4                               | 3.445E-03<br>±1.784E-04                             | 2.268E-02<br>±2.358E-03                        | 8.078±0.02<br>2         |
| z3_s1                                     | 21.3±1.3                                              | 87.7±0.9                               | 3.305E-03<br>±2.033E-04                             | 1.606E-02<br>±3.864E-03                        | 7.829±0.04<br>1         |
| z4_s1                                     | 20.2±0.7                                              | 66.3±1.6                               | 3.145E-03<br>±1.109E-04                             | 2.627E-02<br>±6.873E-03                        | 10.20±0.03<br>6         |
| z2_s1                                     | 19.2±1.1                                              | 97.7±1.0                               | 2.976E-03<br>±1.674E-04                             | 1.461E-02<br>±4.000E-03                        | 8.128±0.05<br>1         |
| z1_s1                                     | 18.9±1.4                                              | 68.4±2.5                               | 2.937E-03<br>±2.167E-04                             | 1.922E-02<br>±9.092E-03                        | 8.279±0.14<br>0         |
| AT05A (39° 25' 43.40" N 29° 07' 18.20" E) |                                                       |                                        |                                                     |                                                |                         |
| z4_s1                                     | 24.1±1.3                                              | 84.7±0.6                               | 3.752E-03<br>±2.022E-04                             | 2.169E-02<br>±3.413E-03                        | 7.993±0.02<br>0         |
| z2_s1                                     | 21.1±0.8                                              | 60.6±2.2                               | 3.273E-03<br>±1.196E-04                             | 2.214E-02<br>±1.028E-02                        | 10.32±0.05<br>6         |
| z6_s1                                     | 19.5±0.9                                              | 97.1±0.5                               | 3.028E-03<br>±1.401E-04                             | 1.735E-02<br>±1.945E-03                        | 8.342±0.02<br>0         |
| z3_s1 <sup>C</sup>                        | 19.0±0.7                                              | 95.4±1.2                               | 2.946E-03<br>±1.115E-04                             | 1.753E-02<br>±5.188E-03                        | 9.188±0.06<br>0         |

Notes: <sup>C</sup> denotes using the  $^{204}\text{Pb}$  correction, all others use the  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{208}\text{Pb}$  correction assuming common  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}=18.86$ ,  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}=15.62$ ,  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}=38.34$ . Ideally the UO+/U+ lies within the range defined by the calibration curve from 7.028±0.014 to 8.634±0.045. Note that WA12Bz5\_s1 also gave a  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  age of 22.8±2.3 Ma, AT05Az4\_s1 gave a  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  age of 21.8±3.4 Ma, and AT05Az6\_s1 gave a  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  age of 17.5±1.9 Ma. The average age of the dated zircons is 20.0±1.1 Ma with a MSWD of 4.7.

Table 7-2:  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  ion microprobe zircon ages from the Koyunoba pluton.

| zircon#_spo<br>t#                        | $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ Age<br>$\pm 1\sigma$ | $^{206}\text{Pb}^*\%$<br>$\pm 1\sigma$ | $^{206}\text{Pb}^*/^{238}\text{U}$<br>$\pm 1\sigma$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}^*/^{235}\text{U} \pm 1\sigma$ | UO+/U+<br>$\pm 1\sigma$ |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| AT12 (39° 13' 07.10" N 28° 53' 43.60" E) |                                                       |                                        |                                                     |                                                |                         |
| z3_s1                                    | 29.9±3.9                                              | 6.4±12.6                               | 4.643E-03<br>±6.128E-04                             | 3.226E-02<br>±7.449E-02                        | 8.815±0.04<br>2         |
| z1_s1                                    | 25.6±1.5                                              | 59.8±2.0                               | 3.983E-03<br>±2.344E-04                             | 2.793E-02<br>±1.124E-02                        | 7.933±0.02<br>9         |
| z5_s2                                    | 24.3±1.5                                              | 88.7±3.1                               | 3.782E-03<br>±2.394E-04                             | 6.246E-03<br>±1.425E-02                        | 7.976±0.02<br>0         |
| z4_s1                                    | 23.8±1.5                                              | 59.6±2.4                               | 3.692E-03<br>±2.373E-04                             | 3.234E-02<br>±1.312E-02                        | 7.814±0.02<br>4         |
| z6_s1                                    | 20.7±2.3                                              | 42.0±7.6                               | 3.213E-03<br>±3.600E-04                             | 2.097E-02<br>±3.668E-02                        | 8.087±0.03<br>4         |
| z5_s1                                    | 20.3±1.2                                              | 89.1±1.9                               | 3.155E-03<br>±1.832E-04                             | -3.044E-03<br>±6.945E-03                       | 7.978±0.05<br>1         |
| z2_s1 <sup>C</sup>                       | 19.7±2.7                                              | 23.5±12.5                              | 3.060E-03<br>±4.202E-04                             | -9.694E-04<br>±4.800E-02                       | 7.969±0.03<br>3         |
| AT14 (39° 16' 59.06" N 28° 54' 30.70" E) |                                                       |                                        |                                                     |                                                |                         |
| z1_s1                                    | 26.5±2.5                                              | 61.2±2.5                               | 4.120E-03<br>±3.905E-04                             | 1.727E-02<br>±1.647E-02                        | 7.127±0.04<br>2         |
| z3_s1                                    | 21.8±1.4                                              | 73.7±2.6                               | 3.383E-03<br>±2.201E-04                             | 3.292E-02<br>±1.208E-02                        | 7.896±0.04<br>8         |
| z4_s1                                    | 21.3±1.1                                              | 95.6±0.4                               | 3.307E-03<br>±1.683E-04                             | 2.149E-02<br>±2.543E-03                        | 8.100±0.02<br>2         |
| z2_s1                                    | 14.6±2.6                                              | 8.0±17.7                               | 2.264E-03<br>±4.083E-04                             | -2.738E-03<br>±6.188E-02                       | 11.34±0.14<br>6         |

Notes: <sup>C</sup> denotes using the  $^{204}\text{Pb}$  correction, all others use the  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{208}\text{Pb}$  correction assuming common  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}=18.86$ ,  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}=15.62$ ,  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}=38.34$ . Ideally the UO+/U+ lies within the range defined by the calibration curve from  $7.028\pm0.014$  to  $8.634\pm0.045$ . Note that AT14z4\_s1 gave a  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  age of  $21.6\pm3.5$  Ma. The average age of the dated zircons is  $22.6\pm2.2$  Ma with a MSWD of 2.8.

Table 7-3:  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$  ion microprobe zircon ages from the Alacam pluton.

| zircon#_spo<br>t#                         | $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ Age<br>$\pm 1\sigma$ | $^{206}\text{Pb}^*\%$<br>$\pm 1\sigma$ | $^{206}\text{Pb}^*/^{238}\text{U}$<br>$\pm 1\sigma$ | $^{207}\text{Pb}^*/^{235}\text{U} \pm 1\sigma$ | UO+/U+<br>$\pm 1\sigma$ |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| AT20A (39° 20' 34.60" N 28° 68' 31.80" E) |                                                       |                                        |                                                     |                                                |                         |
| z2_s1 <sup>C</sup>                        | 22.6±1.4                                              | 47.9±4.0                               | 3.517E-03<br>±2.163E-04                             | 2.717E-02<br>±1.710E-02                        | 8.335±0.03<br>9         |
| z4_s1 <sup>C</sup>                        | 21.8±1.1                                              | 99.0±0.2                               | 3.381E-03<br>±1.753E-04                             | 1.971E-02<br>±1.346E-03                        | 8.049±0.01<br>1         |
| z1_s1 <sup>C</sup>                        | 20.8±1.1                                              | 97.4±0.5                               | 3.233E-03<br>±1.678E-04                             | 2.300E-02<br>±2.466E-03                        | 8.079±0.01<br>4         |
| z3_s1 <sup>C</sup>                        | 18.8±0.8                                              | 97.6±0.5                               | 2.920E-03<br>±1.231E-04                             | 1.632E-02<br>±1.870E-03                        | 8.614±0.01<br>3         |
| AT20B (39° 20' 34.60" N 28° 68' 31.80" E) |                                                       |                                        |                                                     |                                                |                         |
| z5_s1 <sup>C</sup>                        | 17.2±0.9                                              | 98.7±0.3                               | 2.674E-03<br>±1.364E-04                             | 1.478E-02<br>±1.355E-03                        | 8.177±0.03<br>5         |
| AT19 (39° 20' 22.30" N 28° 49' 01.20" E)  |                                                       |                                        |                                                     |                                                |                         |
| z2_s1                                     | 25.2±1.5                                              | 81.2±0.6                               | 3.916E-03<br>±2.363E-04                             | 2.247E-02<br>±3.917E-03                        | 7.821±0.05<br>2         |
| z1_s1                                     | 20.6±2.1                                              | 56.3±2.6                               | 3.193E-03<br>±3.330E-04                             | 2.199E-02<br>±1.246E-02                        | 7.000±0.02<br>9         |
| z3_s1 <sup>C</sup>                        | 19.7±1.9                                              | 62.0±3.3                               | 3.064E-03<br>±2.960E-04                             | 1.777E-02<br>±1.177E-02                        | 7.630±0.07<br>0         |

Notes: <sup>C</sup>= denotes using the  $^{204}\text{Pb}$  correction, all others use the  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{208}\text{Pb}$  correction assuming common  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}=18.86$ ,  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}=15.62$ ,  $^{208}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}=38.34$ . Ideally the UO+/U+ lies within the range defined by the calibration curve from  $7.028\pm0.014$  to  $8.634\pm0.045$ . Note that AT20Az1\_s1 also gave a  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  age of  $23.1\pm2.4$  Ma, AT20Az3\_s1 gave a  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  age of  $16.4\pm1.9$ , AT20Az4\_s1 gave a  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  age of  $19.8\pm1.3$  Ma, AT20Bz1\_s1 gave a  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  age of  $14.9\pm1.4$  Ma, and AT19z2\_s1 gave a  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  age of  $22.6\pm3.9$  Ma. The average age of the dated zircons is  $20.8\pm1.4$  Ma with a MSWD of 4.9.



Table 7-4: Average zircon saturation temperatures of dated samples. Calculations after Watson and Harrison (1983).

| Sample | Zr Saturation Temperature (°C) |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| WA12B  | 788                            |
| AT16   | 774                            |
| AT05A  | 780                            |
| AT12   | 762                            |
| AT14   | 805                            |
| AT19   | 778                            |
| AT20A  | 786                            |
| AT20B  | 845                            |

## Chapter 8: Conclusions

### 8.1 OUTCOMES OF THE RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Several analytical techniques have been used to understand the crystallization and exhumation of the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons in western Turkey including remote sensing, major and trace element geochemical analyses, cathodoluminescence (CL) imaging, and *in situ* ion microprobe zircon dating. Understanding the tectonic history of these three plutons aids in further constraining the complicated geodynamic evolution of the Menderes Massif. Research questions are:

1. *When did the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons crystallize and what are their probable source rocks and source regions?* The Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons crystallized over a period of at least 15 million years between the Oligocene and early Miocene. The plutons are S-type, peraluminous, granite to granodiorites. The granites are similar geochemically and likely had a similar source. The heterogeneity in the plutons themselves caused by magma mixing, partial melting, crustal contamination, and post-emplacement fluid interactions makes it difficult to identify a specific source, but we speculate the plutons source from partial melting of the subducting Mediterranean sea floor and overlying lower-middle crust of the Eurasian plate in a post-collisional volcanic arc setting (e.g., Dilek et al., 2009).
2. *How are the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons related to one another structurally, geochemically, and tectonically?* Similar major and trace element geochemistry, coeval zircon crystallization ages, and lack of evidence of a detachment fault separating the Alacam pluton from the Egrigoz and Koyunoba pluton support the hypothesis that the plutons are related and share a similar source and tectonic history. CL images show that all plutons experienced fluid-

rock interactions, as evidenced by the variation of CL colors along grain boundaries and microcracks, patchy feldspar zoning, chemical alteration of plagioclase grains, and the presence of calcite precipitated in microcracks and muscovite in deteriorated plagioclase cores.

3. *How and when did the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons exhume?* The Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons began crystallizing as early as 29 Ma and finished by 15 Ma. Pulsed exhumation is evidenced by multiple episodes of brittle deformation shown as cross-cutting microcracks. It is unclear if a single detachment worked to exhume these plutons. Lineations are evidence that the exhumation of the plutons is tectonically controlled. Model A of Corti (Figure 1-1) suggests that there would be clearly identifiable detachments working to exhume these rocks. Our data more closely resembles model B (Figure 1-1B) where granites are working their way to the surface due to large-scale extension.

## **8.2 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

Geochemical and geochronological data suggest that the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons formed in a post-collisional regime caused by the north-dipping subduction of the African plate under the Eurasian plate along the Hellenic trench. Exhumation of the plutons due to large-scale extension in the Menderes Massif was complete by ~15 Ma. Geochemical analyses show the plutons have similar sources, crystallized over the same time period, and show similar degrees of alteration and interaction with fluids. CL data indicates that the plutons experienced similar deformation histories, noted by the generations of mineral growth, multiple episodes of brittle deformation, and fluid alteration. Data collected from the Egrigoz, Koyunoba and Alacam plutons reported here is consistent with extension initiating in the Menderes

Massif due to subduction roll-back in the late Oligocene and continuing into the Miocene. Complex textures, generations of mineral growth, multiple episodes of deformation, and fluid alteration make it difficult to link ages to a specific tectonic events. The following is an attempt to outline the summary of contributions and future research related to the research questions.

1. *The Northern Menderes Massif plutons are peraluminous S-type granite to granodiorites.* Peraluminous magmas are formed from the melting of mafic rocks (Ellis and Thompson, 1986) or melting pelitic or semi-pelitic rocks (Holtz and Johannes, 1991). S-type granites are thought to form from melted metasedimentary rocks and are strongly peraluminous with high silica contents (Chappell and White, 1974; Frost et al., 2001). These plutons have been reported to be I-type and metaluminous (Ozgenç and Ilbeyli, 2008; Dilek et al., 2009; Ilbeyli and Kibici, 2009; Akay, 2009) but the difference likely reflects a heterogeneity in the plutons themselves caused by magma mixing, partial melting, crustal contamination, and post-emplacement fluid interactions (Hibbard, 1981; Rollinson, 1993; Andersson and Eklund, 1994; Janousek et al., 2004; Purvis and Robertson, 2005; Pietranik and Waight, 2008; Catlos et al., 2010).
2. *The Northern Menderes Massif plutons were emplaced in a post-collisional volcanic-arc setting and range from magnesian to ferroan with increasing Si contents.* The trace element geochemistry is consistent with the rocks analyzed here being emplaced in a volcanic-arc, forming in the overriding plate of a subduction zone. Magnesian granites are typical of subduction zones whereas ferroan granites are typical of extensional environments (Frost and Lindsley, 1991; Frost et al., 2001) and the presence of both may reflect a change in tectonic settings between compression and extension in the Aegean region.

3. *Geochemical analyses show little difference between the three plutons also consistent with the rocks arising from a similar source.* Major and trace element analyses (Figures 5-10 and 5-11) and in situ ion microprobe zircon ages (Figure 7-13) show little difference between the three plutons suggesting the plutons share a similar source and are not separated by a major structure.
4. *A detachment does not exist between the western edge of the Egrigoz and Koyunoba and eastern edge of the Alacam pluton.* A difference in geochemical analyses would be expected if a detachment separated the plutons. No digital elevation evidence supports the existence of the low angle Simav detachment along the western border of the Egrigoz and Koyunoba plutons. Fieldwork in the Simav area also found no evidence of a detachment fault. CL data indicates that the plutons experienced similar deformation histories and ion microprobe ages indicate that the plutons crystallized during the same time period (Figure 7-13).
5. *Extension lineations are present in the hanging wall of the Simav normal fault.* The hillshade raster shows ~E-W lineations (Figure 4-5) likely due to large-scale ~N-S extension (ten Veen et al., 2009) that are more defined in the hanging wall of the main Simav normal fault. There is no offset of extension lineations between the footwall and hanging wall of the inferred Simav detachment and no grooves paralleling extension were found on the footwall. Extension lineations continue across plutons inferring that extension continued after the exhumation of these rocks.
6. *CL images document a complicated tectonic history including magma mixing, multiple episodes of brittle deformation, and fluid alteration.* Fluid interaction is evidenced in all samples by the variation of CL colors along grain boundaries and microcracks, patchy zoning within feldspars, chemical alteration of plagioclase

grains, and the presence of calcite precipitated in microcracks and muscovite in deteriorated plagioclase cores. Different grain sizes and zoning patterns of plagioclase (Salisbury et al., 2008), corroded relic cores (Janousek et al., 2004), and “flame-type” structures within alkali feldspar (Catlos et al., 2011) are evidence of magma mixing. Multiple episodes of brittle deformation are documented by cross-cutting relationships of microcracks including large intergranular microcracks, intragranular swarms of microcracks, and cleavage microcracks.

7. *The Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons crystallized over a ~15 m.y. time frame, predominantly centered around 21 Ma.* Ages from the Egrigoz, Koyunoba, and Alacam plutons range from  $29.9 \pm 3.9$  Ma to  $14.6 \pm 2.6$  Ma, with an average of  $21.0 \pm 1.2$  Ma (Figure 7-13). A 15 m.y. time period for the crystallization of these granitics is not unusual; continual generation of magmas in a mantle wedge is possible, even after the cessation of subduction (Harris et al., 1994). The plutons may have started to crystallize as early as the Oligocene and were exhumed by the Middle Miocene. Zircon ages are consistent with the magmatism largely propagating from the north to the south in the Aegean region (Dilek and Altunkaynak, 2007; Jolivet and Brun, 2010).

### **8.3 FUTURE RESEARCH**

The data reported here directly impacts our understanding of the Northern Menderes Massif metamorphic core complex. Suggested areas for future research are:

1. *Explore how the extension lineations seen in the digital topography are evidenced in the field and their relationship to the exhumation of the plutons.* Mylonite zones have been reported to exist in some areas along the boundaries

of the Koyunoba and Egrigoz plutons (e.g. Isik and Tekeli, 2001; Isik et al., 2004; Ring et al., 2005). Mylonites are formed in ductile shear zones (Sibson, 1977) and may indicate the presence of a low angle detachment fault. The relationship of these mylonites to the Alacam pluton is unclear and should be investigated in future work.

2. *Identification and characterization of skarn zones, created by the reaction between host rocks and intruding magma.* These zones contain information that can assist in our understanding different paragenetic, spatial, and temporal characteristics related to the emplacement of the plutons (e.g., Oyman, 2011).
3. *Similar studies could be done on other plutons in the Aegean region.* Several plutons exist in western Turkey, notably the Cataldag, Goynukbelen, Ilica, Kozak, Orhaneli, Salihli, Turgutlu, and Topuk plutons. These methods (i.e. remote sensing, CL imaging, and *in situ* datings) have only been applied to the Salihi and Turgultu plutons in central Turkey. Applying these same techniques to plutons in the Rhodope and Kazdag massifs could lend insight to the timing and nature of extension in the Aegean region.

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