GEOLOGY OF THE KIRŞEHİR MASSIF AND THE ÇANKIRI BASIN

GEOLOGY OF TURKEY

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KIRŞEHIR BLOCK IS SURROUNDED BY ANKARA-ERZINCAN AND INNER TAURIDE SUTURES





METAMORPHIC ROCKS, OPHIOLITES, GRANITES, SEDIMENTARY BASINS







Figure 2. Geological and tectonic map of the Kirşehir Block modified after *MTA* [2002]. Stretching lineation orientations and shear senses are simplified after *Gautier et al.* [2002, 2008], *lgk et al.* [2008], *lgk* [2009], *Lefebvre* [2011], and *Lefebvre et al.* [2011, 2015]. Locations of extensional detachments come from *Gautier et al.* [2008], *Lefebvre* [2011], and *Lefebvre et al.* [2011, 2015]. Locations of extensional detachments come from *Gautier et al.* [2008], *Lefebvre* [2011], and *Lefebvre et al.* [2011, 2015]. Locations of thrust faults based on *Köksal and Göncüoglu* [1997], *MTA* [2002], *Yürür and Genç* [2006], *Gülyüz et al.* [2013], *Advokaat et al.* [2014], and *lgk et al.* [2014]. ABB = Ayhan-Büyükkişla Basin; BG = Baranadağ granitoid; ÇB = Çiçekdağı Basin; ÇG = Çiçekdağı Granitoid; ÇO = Çiçekdağı Ophiolite; KD = Kaman Detachment; KG = Kurancalı Gabbro; KO = Karsantı Ophiolite; KyG = Karacayır Granitoid; SO = Sarıkaraman ophiolite; ST = Savcılı Thrust; and YB = Yozgat Batholith. Numbers behind ages refer to listings in Table 1, which also provide the details and references of the ages.

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- The metamorphic rocks of the Kırşehir Block were subjected to regional hightemperature, medium-pressure conditions and consist of greenschist to upper amphibolite-facies marbles, calcsilicates, metapelites, and quartzites.
- The P-T estimates in the Kırşehir massif reach 6.5–7.5 kbar/ 700–770°C.
- Those are overprinted at 3–4 kbar/800°C during granite intrusion.



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The regional foliation was cut by a prominent belt of granitoids.

- The granitoids' geochemistry shows that they were derived from a mantle source enriched by subduction-related fluids, further contaminated by partial melts of continental crust
- The granitoids are largely undeformed, clearly postdating the regional foliation, and intruded at pressures varying from 2.6 to 5.3 kbar.
- The granitoids intrude not only the Kırşehir Block but also the overlying ophiolites and ophiolitic mélange
- A detachment fault that accommodated exhumation of the Kırşehir massif relative to ophiolitic mélange was intruded
- The Kırşehir Block was buried below oceanic lithosphere represented by the ophiolite remnants and was then intensely deformed and metamorphosed.
- The block was subsequently intruded by the granitoid belt.

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OPHIOLITE EMPLACEMENT AND GRANITE INTRUSIONS







EXHUMATION OF METAMORPHIC MASSIFS



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Amphibolites, calcsilicates, schists

Calcite Micro-fabrics :

Pr: Protolith

M: Mylonite

PM: Proto-mylonite

C: Cataclasite

PA-PM: Partially Annealed Proto-mylonite

SR: Statically Recrystallised marble





- A) Isoclinally folded calcsilicates.
- B) Crosscutting relationship between the main foliation plane and the protomylonitic shear bands.
- C) Protomylonitic and mylonitic marble types involved in a brecciated zone.
- D) Cataclastic corridors affecting protolith-type marble.
- E) Tectonic breccias in the vicinity of a major strike-slip fault crossing the section.
- F) Vertically oriented and folded very coarsegrained marble cut by oblique veins in the vicinity of Baranadağ pluton.



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CRETACEOUS SEDIMENTARY COVER







FOLDING OF THE GRANITE BELT DEVELOPMENT OF THRUSTS



GEOLOGY OF THE ÇANKIRI BASIN



The Çankırı Basin is one of the largest sedimentary basins of Central Anatolia. It is surrounded by Ankara-Erzincan suture separating the Sakarya and the Kırşehir Continental fragments.



6 TECTONOSTRATIGRAPHIC UNITS HAVE BEEN DIFFERENTIATED IN AND AROUND THE ÇANKIRI BASIN:

- Kırşehir Unit (Mesozoic ?)
- Karakaya Unit (Triassic)
- Sakarya Unit (Liassic-Cretaceous)
- Kalecik Unit (Upper Cretaceous)
- İskilip Unit (Eocene-Oligocene)
- Çankırı Unit (Miocene)

ТІМЕ	TECTONIC UNIT	LITHOLOGY	TECTONIC SETTING	TECTONIC EVENTS
LATE	ÇANKIRI UNIT	Terrestrial clastics and evaporites	Inter-mountain basin	Neo-tectonic phase
OLIGOCENE- EOCENE	İSKİLİP UNIT (İU)	Terrestrial clastics Regressive clastics and volcanics Flysch and volcanics Transgressive clastics	Post-collisional molasse basin	Closing of Çankırı basin Opening of Çankırı basin
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CENOMANIAN LIAS	SAKARYA UNIT (SU)	Flysch and volcanics Calciturbidite Pelagic carbonate Neritic carbonate Transgressive clastics	Ensialic arc Passive margin Carbonate platform Rift-related basins	Subduction - Under ocean floor - Under continent Opening of Neo-Tethys
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The Çankırı Basin has a omega shape and imbricated structure. The tectonic units forming this omega shape thrust over each other toward the basin center. Branches of the North Anatolian Fault cut all these structures



Tectonostratigraphic units and their interrelations



KARAKAYA UNIT



 The Sakarya Continent has metamorphic basement formed from phyllites, metabasalts, cherts with marble and ophiolite blocks of Upper Paleozoic to Triassic age. This unit was affected by greenschist and blueschist metamorphism.

• These strongly deformed rocks are unconformably overlain by the Sakarya Unit.



Karakaya remnants

The Karakaya Unit has been regarded as a remnant of an accretionary complex associated with fore-arc deposits of the Karakaya Ocean, a branch of Palaeo-Tethys. This Ocean closed at the end of Triassic and amalgamated into the basement of the Sakarya Continent

THE KARAKAYA UNIT IS UNCONFORMABLY OVERLAIN BY THE SAKARYA UNIT AND ALSO THRUST OVER THIS UNIT



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SAKARYA UNIT

- It is represented by Liassic to Lower Cretaceous passive margin sediments which in turn pass into volcanic-bearing Upper Cretaceous flysch and associated magmatic arc units.
- This arc developed during the Late Cretaceous in response to north-dipping subduction of the northern branch of the Neo-Tethys Ocean.



The Sakarya Unit starts at the base with coarse clastics of Liassic, deposited in an horst-graben topography. In places, thick rift volcanics associate these clastics.



Up the section are thick carbonates of Malm age. They are neritic in character on the horsts and pelagic within the grabens.





During the Early Cretaceous all the region subsided and thinly-bedded pelagic limestones deposited.

Liassic-Early Cretaceous period of the Sakarya Unit indicates the developement of a south facing passive margin sedimentary prism along the southern margin of the Sakarya Continent.



Uppermost part of the Sakarya Unit is represented by flysch-type sediments. Ophiolite and limestone blocks are common within this unit.

In the northern part of the Çankırı Basin this flysch alternate with thick andesitic lava and pyroclastics.







Geochemical data from the Upper Cretaceous volcanics of the Sakarya Unit indicate an ensialic arc origin. This imply that Liassic-Early Cretaceous south-facing passive margin of the Sakarya Continent turned into an active margin as a result of the northward subduction of the Ankara-Erzincan Ocean which opened during the Liassic-Early Cretaceous interval.

KALECİK UNIT

Yaylacayı forma



A 5-10 kilometres-wide ophiolitic belt separates the Kirşehir Continent plus the Çankırı basin from the Sakarya Continent.

The Sakarya and Karakaya Units are thrust over this ophiolitic belt and this belt itself is thrust over the **Eocene-Oligocene sediments of** the Çankırı basin towards the center of the basin.

The rocks forming this belt are named as the Kalecik Unit and represent the Ankara--Erzincan suture.

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KALECİK UNIT

The İskilip unit unconformably overlies the Kalecik Unit.

The Kalecik Unit comprises two nappes:

•The upper nappe consists of an ophiolitic mélange. This mélange is formed from blocks and tectonic slices of ophiolitic rocks, epi-ophiolitic sediments and flyschtype clastics including debris-flows and continentderived blocks.

In the structurally lower slices, and esitic and basaltic volcanic rocks were also added to the mélange.
 These volcanic rocks have the same characteristics as those of the lower nappe.

•All these lithologies were imbricated with each other and formed a south-vergent imbricate structure

GENERALIZED STRATIGRAPHIC SECTION OF THE KALECIK UNIT



The lower nappe is formed from two parts with a gradual transitional contact:

 a lower part consisting of volcanics, volcanoclastics, pelagic sediments and ophiolites, the Yaylaçayı formation,

• an upper part consisting of terrigenous clastics, the Yapraklı formation.

GENERALIZED STRATIGRAPHIC SECTION OF THE KALECIK UNIT



The Yaylaçayı formation unor nonconformably rests on an ophiolitic substratum with a thin pelagic limestone or a thin olistostromal conglomerate of Cenomanian age. This ophiolitic substratum can be correlated with the upper nappe.

Up the section, basalts, basaltic andesites and their pyroclastic equivalents are seen. Upwards they increase and become the dominant lithology of the formation.



Basalts and cherts within the base of the Yaylaçayı Formation





Pillow lava and pelagic limestones of the Yaylaçayı formation



Geochemical data indicate that the Yaylaçayı magmatics were produced in island-arcs and /or oceanic islands.



Radial cooling structure (rose structure) within the Yaylaçayı basalts

Leucite basalt dykes



GENERALIZED STRATIGRAPHIC SECTION OF THE KALECIK UNIT



The Yapraklı formation is represented by regressive clastics. In this succession, some neritic limestone blocks and lenticular turbidite and debrisflow channels also occur. Pebbles of these channels are mainly continent-derived clastics.

They grade upward into a sandstone-marl alternation with shallow-water fossils indicating a Maastrichtian age. There are also some coal measures within the upper parts.



The Kalecik Unit represents the Ankara-Erzincan suture and consists of two different mélange belts which developed along different subduction zones contemporaneously.

The northern mélange developed along the southern border of the Sakarya Continent, while the southern one was a product of an intraoceanic subduction.



After the closing of the Ankara-Yozgat Ocean most of the area uplifted but a small basin remained in the place of the latter Çankırı basin. Some Maastrichtian-Palaeocene sediments deposited within this remnant basin.

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İSKİLİP UNIT

It is a sedimentary succession of Eocene-Oligocene age.

It rests unconformably on the Late Cretaceous and older units.

This unit has also an imbricated structure.



The İskilip Unit starts at the base with alluvial fan deposits of Upper Palaeocene-Lower Eocene and grades upward into nummulite-bearing clastics with thick coal measures.





Up the section is a turbidite sequence. In the upper parts of this sequence there are some ophiolite and melange block derived from the Kalecik Unit.

After the emplacement of these blocks, the succession gains a regressive character and comprises some coal measures.

Some andesitic and basaltic lavas and pyroclastics associated to the sedimentation.



These volcanics were more voluminous around the basin and were continuous up to Oligocene.





The Upper Eocene part of the sequence is mainly represented by coarse clastics and nummulitebearing shallow marine limestones and marls.

The Oligocene is represented by continental fan deposits, mainly red conglomerates. The İskilip Unit starts with continental deposits then grades upward into deepening and fining upward sequences which imply normal fault-controlled opening of the Çankırı Basin since Early Eocene.



The Çankırı Basin opened as a post collisional basin on the Kırşehir and Sakarya Continents and on the Ankara-Erzincan Suture

During the Early-Middle Eocene the basin reached its deepest and largest position.



At the end of Middle Eocene, the basin shoulders uplifted by thrust faults and the basin started to shallow.



At the end of the Eocene, the Çankırı basin was an intramontane basin surrounded by thrusts. The basin filled during the Oligocene. It also remained as an intramontane basin during the Miocene



TIME	TECTONIC UNIT			
			TECTONIC SETTING	TECTONIC EVENTS
MIOCENE	ÇANKIRI UNIT	Terrestrial clastics and evaporites	Inter-mountain basin	Neo-tectonic phase
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ÇANKIRI UNIT

This unit is represented by fluvial red-beds and evaporites of Late Miocene and unconformably overlies all the older units. It is seen as horizontal beds within the basin but it is affected by strike-slip and thrusts along the basin margins.



CORRELATION CHART OF THE MIOCENE AND YOUNGER SEDIMENTS WITHIN THE ÇANKIRI BASIN (AFTER KAYMAKÇI, 2000).





General view of the ÇANKIRI BASIN