

Geochemical make-up of oceanic peridotites from NW Turkey and the multi-stage melting history of the Tethyan upper mantle

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Abstract We present the whole-rock and the mineral chemical data for upper mantle peridotites from the Harmancık region in NW Turkey and discuss their petrogenetic–tectonic origin. These peridotites are part of a Tethyan ophiolite belt occurring along the İzmir-Ankara-Ercincan suture zone in northern Turkey, and

include depleted lherzolites and refractory harzburgites. The Al_2O_3 contents in orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene from the depleted lherzolite are high, and the Cr-number in the coexisting spinel is low falling within the abyssal field. However, the orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene in the harzburgites have lower Al_2O_3 contents for a given Cr-number of spinel, and plot within the lower end of the abyssal field. The whole-rock geochemical and the mineral chemistry data imply that the Harmancık peridotites formed by different degrees of partial melting (~%10–27) of the mantle. The depleted lherzolite samples have higher MREE and HREE abundances than the harzburgitic peridotites, showing convex-downward patterns. These peridotites represent up to ~16 % melting residue that formed during the initial seafloor spreading stage of the Northern Neotethys. On the other hand, the more refractory harzburgites represent residues after ~4–11 % hydrous partial melting of the previously depleted MOR mantle, which was metasomatized by slab-derived fluids during the early stages of subduction. The Harmancık peridotites, hence, represent the fragments of upper mantle rocks that formed during different stages of the tectonic evolution of the Tethyan oceanic lithosphere in Northern Neotethys. We infer that the multi-stage melting history of the Harmancık peridotites reflect the geochemically heterogeneous character of the Tethyan oceanic lithosphere currently exposed along the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone.

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Introduction

Abyssal peridotites are interpreted to be residual products of variable degrees of adiabatic mantle melting resulting from decompression and melt extraction processes beneath the

mid-ocean spreading centers (e.g. Niu et al. 1997; Hellebrand et al. 2002; Niu 2004). Their geochemical signatures may be well preserved in the bulk-rock and mineral compositions despite extensive serpentinization and seafloor hydrothermal alteration. Recent studies of abyssal peridotites have shown a compositional heterogeneity of the lithospheric mantle that is caused by various geochemical and petrological processes (Kelemen et al. 1997; Niu et al. 1997; Piccardo et al. 2007; Rampone et al. 2008; Uysal et al. 2007). The compositions of abyssal peridotites provide, therefore, important constraints for better understanding the melting and melt extraction processes beneath seafloor spreading centers through time.

Mineralogical and chemical characteristics of dismembered peridotites in ophiolites are also a significant source of information about the melt evolution and dynamics of the upper mantle in different tectonic settings (e.g. Parkinson and Pearce 1998; Flower and Dilek 2003; Uysal et al. 2007; 2012; Seyler et al. 2007; Choi et al. 2008). Anhydrous mafic silicates and spinels show a wide range of chemical compositions largely resulting from primary melting and mixing processes that occurred in the ancient upper mantle. Primary spinel in particular is an important petrogenetic indicator whose chemical composition largely depends on the degree of partial melting, melt-peridotite interactions and physical conditions (i.e. pressure, temperature and oxygen fugacity) of partial melting of the host peridotites (e.g. Dick and Bullen 1984; Arai 1994; Zhou and Robinson 1997; Parkinson and Pearce 1998; Choi et al. 2008). Generally, those peridotite massifs containing economically important chromite deposits are interpreted to be supra-subduction zone type, whereas chromite-free peridotites are attributed to MOR-type abyssal in origin (Edwards et al. 2000).

Most Tethyan ophiolites occurring in the eastern Mediterranean region are interpreted as fragments of SSZ-generated oceanic lithosphere (Pearce et al. 1984; Robertson 1994; Dilek et al. 1999; Parlak et al. 2002; Dilek et al. 2007; Dilek and Flower 2003; Dilek and Furnes 2009) based mainly on the geochemical features of their upper crustal units. Since SSZ ophiolites were in general produced during the latest closing stages of ancient ocean basins (Dilek and Furnes 2011), the Tethyan ophiolites with SSZ characteristics are widely interpreted to have formed in incipient arc-forearc settings shortly before their emplacement on continental margins. These processes may have resulted in limited compositions and degrees of melting of upper mantle peridotites in SSZ tectonic settings, and hence in relatively simple depletion and refertilization events in their evolutionary history. However, recent studies of many Tethyan ophiolites have shown that these fragments of ancient oceanic lithosphere display significant structural and compositional heterogeneities, and their peridotites show chemical fingerprint of various and multiple episodes of

melting, melt extraction, and melt-mantle interaction in a more protracted evolutionary history than previously thought (Batanova and Sobolev 2000; Uysal et al. 2007, 2012; Aldanmaz et al. 2009; Dilek and Furnes 2009; Dilek and Morishita 2009; Dilek and Thy 2009; Pearce and Robinson 2010; Morishita et al. 2011a). These findings suggest that the Tethyan ophiolites, particularly their upper mantle components, have a record of a complex magmatic, geochemical and tectonic evolution, spanning different geodynamic settings within the same ocean basin. This inference has in turn significant implications for paleogeographic reconstructions of paleo-oceans, which are based largely on ophiolite ages and affinities.

Here, we present new bulk-rock and mineral chemical data from a suite of representative upper mantle peridotites from the Harmancık area, occurring along the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone (IAESZ) in NW Turkey, and discuss their petrogenesis reflecting multiple depletion and enrichment events during their evolution in the northern branch of Neotethys. We think that this evolutionary path of the Harmancık peridotites is a common phenomenon for the tectonomagmatic development of the other ophiolites in the Tethyan realm and in the SW Pacific Ocean.

Regional geology

Tethyan ophiolites in Anatolia occur in several ~ E-W-trending belts, which are separated by a series of Gondwana-derived continental fragments (Dilek and Moores 1990; Robertson 1994). Most of the Tethyan ophiolites in the region have SSZ affinities (Dilek and Furnes 2009). These ophiolite belts mark the ancient suture zones, and together with the locally exposed high-pressure blueschist occurrences, provide strong evidence for the polarity of ancient subduction zones and related trench rollback systems (Okay and Kelley 1994; Dilek and Whitney 1997; Rolland et al. 2009). The IAESZ in northern Turkey occurs between the Skarya Zone (continent) to the north and the Anatolide-Tauride continental block to the south (Fig. 1a), and include a serpentinite-matrix mélange, high-P blueschist rocks, greenschist to amphibolite grade mafic rock units, seamount fragments, and relatively intact ophiolite blocks, which are locally extensive and well-preserved (Tankut et al. 1998; Sherlock et al. 1999; Dilek and Thy 2006). The south-directed transport direction of imbricate thrust faults, the generally north-dipping tectonic fabric elements, and the southward ophiolite and blueschist emplacement directions within the IAESZ collectively suggest a north-dipping subduction polarity within the Northern Neotethys during much of the Mesozoic.

The Harmancık peridotites occur tectonically above the Tavşanlı zone along the IAESZ in NW Turkey (Fig. 1a). The Tavşanlı zone, more than 250 km long and 40 km wide, is a

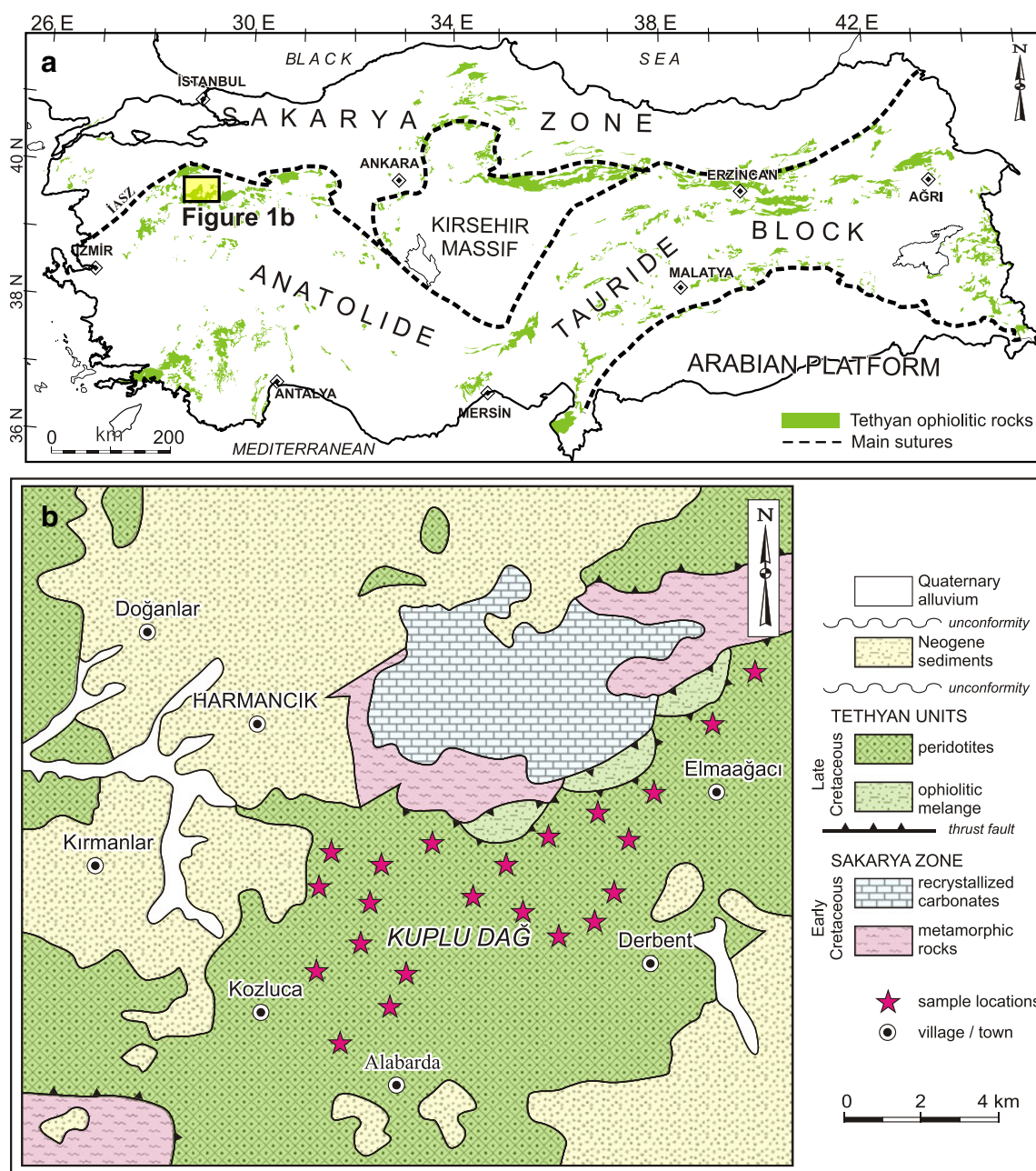


Fig. 1 a Distribution of main ophiolite occurrences and suture zones in Turkey, b Simplified geological map of the Harmancık area, Bursa, in NW Turkey (modified from Manav et al. 2004) showing the locations of the sampled peridotites

HP-LT metamorphic belt that formed by the subduction and southward accretion of the Neotethyan oceanic lithosphere and the passive continental margins of the Anatolide-Tauride block (e.g. Okay 1986; Sherlock et al. 1999; Droop et al. 2005; Altunkaynak and Dilek 2006; Dilek and Altunkaynak 2007). The Tavşanlı zone consists of a continental micaschist-marble sequence, (lawsonite-blueschist facies) and an oceanic accretionary complex, which is commonly referred to as an ophiolitic mélange. This complex includes blueschist-facies metamorphic rocks and a peridotitic massif containing local garnet-bearing amphibolite at

its base (e.g. Okay 1986; Sherlock et al. 1999; Droop et al. 2005; Topuz et al. 2006).

The Harmancık peridotites were emplaced onto the Anatolide-Tauride continental margin during the late Cretaceous (e.g. Özkoçak 1969; Manav et al. 2004). The basement rocks in the area consist of Paleozoic metamorphic rocks that are composed of blueschists and recrystallized carbonates. These are tectonically overlain by thick slabs of peridotites (e.g. Okay 1980; Okay and Kelley 1994; Sherlock et al. 1999) (Fig. 1b). The Harmancık peridotites are unconformably overlain by the Neogene sedimentary units, mainly consisting of

basal conglomerates and coarse-grained sandstones with coal layers deposited in a lacustrine environment.

Analytical methods

Twenty-two peridotite samples collected from the upper mantle units occurring in the Harmançik area of northwestern

Turkey (Fig. 1b) were analyzed for their major oxide and loss on ignition (LOI) concentrations by X-ray fluorescence in the commercial laboratory of ACME (Canada). Trace and rare earth element (REE) analyses of eleven selected samples were performed using an ELAN 9000 ICP-MS at the Geoscience Laboratories, Ontario Geological Survey, Sudbury, Canada, following the analytical protocols of Burnham and Schweyer (2004). The composition of the

Table 1 Quality control results of trace and REE analyses showing the composition of measured and certified values of in-house (MRB-29) and international standard (AGV-2), as well as detection limits (DL), Relative Standard Deviations (RSD), and blank values for each element

	Blank	Standards				DL	RSD%
		In-House		International			
		MRB-29 Measured	MRB-29 Certified	AGV-2 Measured	AGV-2 Certified		
Sc	0.6	37.8	29	14.9	13	1.1	1.87
Ti	3	11,657	11,511	6,285	6,300	7	1.83
V	1	309.8	312	126.2	120	0.8	1.53
Cr	3	295	255	21	17	3	2.34
Co	0.17	53.72	47	17.14	16	0.13	1.87
Ni	2.6	119.6	91	22.7	19	1.6	1.07
Cu	2.4	141.4	150	50.8	53	1.4	0.83
Zn	2	105	117	84	86	7	1.97
Ga	0.02	19.23		20.42	20	0.04	1.03
Rb	0.04	14.59	13.9	68.38	68.6	0.23	0.77
Sr	0.2	305	312	656	658	0.6	0.80
Y	0.03	27.64	25.1	19.83	20	0.05	0.74
Zr	2	172	174	235	230	6	1.57
Nb	0.006	12.359	13.9	13.361	15	0.028	0.94
Cs	0.001	0.246		1.171	1.16	0.013	1.08
Ba	0.4	288.8	289	1141.7	1,140	0.8	0.99
La	0.05	22.59	20.38	38.89	38	0.04	1.25
Ce	0.1	50.95	48.85	71.35	68	0.12	0.55
Pr	0.012	6.65	6.3	8.406	8.3	0.014	0.37
Nd	0.04	28.27	27.68	31.47	30	0.06	0.96
Sm	0.009	6.436	6.21	5.739	5.7	0.012	1.28
Eu	0.0025	1.9944	1.94	1.657	1.54	0.0031	0.83
Gd	0.007	6.097	5.46	4.638	4.69	0.009	0.57
Tb	0.0001	0.9258	0.83	0.6393	0.64	0.0023	2.14
Dy	0.004	5.448	5.1	3.593	3.6	0.009	1.05
Ho	0.001	1.0434	1	0.6911	0.71	0.0025	1.39
Er	0.003	2.871	2.55	1.876	1.79	0.007	1.50
Tm	0.0004	0.3966	0.37	0.2614	0.26	0.0019	1.53
Yb	0.002	2.478	2.35	1.668	1.6	0.009	0.26
Lu	0.0005	0.3563	0.35	0.248	0.25	0.002	0.50
Hf	0.06	4.35	4.72	5.06	5.08	0.14	1.09
Ta	0	0.744	0.83	0.772	0.89	0.023	1.26
Pb	0	4.7		12.8	13	0.6	2.04
Th	0.002	2.657		6.316	6.1	0.018	1.48
U	0.008	0.675		1.994	1.88	0.011	0.88

reference samples (MRB-29, AGV-2) were analyzed as an unknown during the same analytical runs as the Harmançik samples. Quality control results for MRB-29 in-house reference material and AGV-2 international reference material agree well with the recommended values, and are reported in Table 1 with certified values. Detection limits of each element, average blank values and RSD (%) values are also given in Table 1.

More than 1,000 points were analyzed from spinel and silicate phases by WDS mode using a Superprobe Jeol JXA 8,200 at the “Eugen F. Stumpfl Laboratory” at the Montanuniversitaet Leoben (Austria), operated at 15 kV and 10 nA. The analysis of the samples for Si, Ti, Al, Cr, Fe, Mn, Ni, Mg, Ca, Na, K was carried out using the K α lines, and were calibrated on natural K-feldspar, albite, diopside, ferrian-chromite, rhodonite, ilmenite and metallic Ni. The counting times for peak and background were 20 and 10 seconds respectively. The amount of Fe³⁺ in the spinel was calculated assuming the ideal spinel stoichiometry, A²⁺B³⁺₂O₄. Detection limits of the oxides are 0.02 wt.% for Si, Al and K, 0.03 wt.% for Ti, Mg, Ca and Na, 0.07 wt.% for Cr and Fe, 0.08 for Mn and 0.11 for Ni.

Results

Petrography

The analyzed peridotite samples are composed mainly of clinopyroxene-poor lherzolites and clinopyroxene-poor harzburgites (Table 2) that are variably serpentinized. The lherzolite samples are poor in clinopyroxene and have the primary modal mineralogy of 60–80 vol.% olivine, 20–30 vol.% orthopyroxene, 5–8 vol.% clinopyroxene, and up to 3 vol.% spinel. Olivine is present as porphyroclastic grains (<3 mm) and smaller neoblasts (<0.4 mm), both of which have kink-band boundaries. Large orthopyroxene grains (up to 5 mm) are generally fresh and show clinopyroxene exsolution lamellae and kink bands. Clinopyroxene porphyroclasts (<3 mm) are typically surrounded by fine-grained olivine and pyroxene neoblasts. Subhedral to unhedral spinel forms disseminated grains (<1 mm), coexisting with clinopyroxene, orthopyroxene, and olivine.

The harzburgitic samples show porphyroclastic textures and consist of olivine (75–85 vol.%), orthopyroxene (15–20 vol.%), clinopyroxene (<3 vol.%), and spinel (1–1.5 vol.%). Olivine

Table 2 Modal abundance and average compositions of minerals, and whole rock (WR) Al₂O₃ and CaO concentrations of the mantle peridotite samples from the Harmançik ophiolite

	Modal Abundances				WR	WR	Ol	Opx	Cpx	Spl
	Ol vol.%	Opx vol.%	Cpx vol.%	Spl vol.%	Al ₂ O ₃ wt.%	CaO wt.%	Fo	Al ₂ O ₃ wt.%	Al ₂ O ₃ wt.%	Cr#
Lherzolite										
H2	63.1	30.6	3.9	2.4	1.95	2.11	90.3	3.83	3.92	21.2
H4	52.7	41.2	3.7	2.4	1.86	0.04				
H5	53.3	40.1	4.3	2.3	2.21	0.04				
H10A	60.0	34.9	3.2	1.9	1.58	1.68	90.7	3.49	3.45	22.5
H11A	58.6	35.4	3.8	2.2	2.13	2.05	90.5	4.02	4.00	18.3
H19	69.3	25.1	3.8	1.8	1.78	1.94	90.3	4.45	4.84	21.2
H20	63.9	30.1	3.9	2.1	1.84	0.73	90.3	4.10	4.26	21.6
H21	62.4	31.3	4.2	2.1	2.17	2.26	90.5	4.44	5.56	19.3
H22	63.4	30.0	4.3	2.3	2.02	2.31	90.0	3.65	3.73	21.2
H23	71.8	22.2	3.9	2.1	1.99	1.99	90.2	4.26	2.90	28.5
Harzburgite										
H1	67.3	29.9	0.9	1.9	0.75	0.58	91.7	2.21		54.7
H3	55.7	42.0	0.0	2.3	0.94	0.05	91.0			36.9
H6	59.0	38.5	0.0	2.5	1.02	0.05				46.1
H7	58.2	39.9	0.0	1.9	0.95	0.04				
H8	57.5	40.5	0.0	2.0	1.35	0.02				
H13	65.3	29.3	3.4	2.0	0.94	1.30				
H14	58.2	40.0	0.0	1.8	1.16	0.02				
H15	70.0	25.8	2.2	2.0	1.07	1.07	91.0	2.95	2.96	40.8
H16	74.2	22.3	1.6	1.9	0.85	0.83	91.3	2.52	2.53	48.9
H17A	74.0	23.3	1.1	1.6	0.89	0.70	90.1	2.57	3.37	53.1
H18	65.6	32.6	0.1	1.7	1.4	0.7				

$Fo = 100 \times Mg / (Mg + Fe^{2+})$;
 $Cr\# = 100 \times Cr / (Cr + Al)$;
Ol Olivine; *Opx* Orthopyroxene;
Cpx Clinopyroxene; *Spl* Spinel.
 Modal abundances of the mantle phases have been determined by point counting on thin sections at 1 mm point spacing (serpentine minerals were assumed to be after olivine)

grains (up to 6 mm) in these rocks are the most extensively serpentinized minerals and are divided into numerous small grains by a serpentine mesh texture (Fig. 2a). The degree of serpentinization of the harzburgite samples locally attains 74 % in volume. Despite the variable degrees of alteration, we could recognize the primary large crystals of orthopyroxene (Fig. 2b) and olivine relics in all samples. In most of the samples, olivine and orthopyroxene grains display wavy extinction and kink banding. Exsolution of clinopyroxene in orthopyroxene is common in harzburgite samples (Fig. 2c). Primary relict clinopyroxene grains (Fig. 2d) are smaller in size (<2 mm) than orthopyroxene (<5 mm). Subhedral to unhedral, and locally elongated spinels (Fig. 2e and f) are rimmed by thin, ferrian chromite (Fig. 2f), and are the least affected by serpentinization.

Mineral chemistry

Olivine

In the lherzolite samples, the relics of olivine grains range in composition from Fo_{88.8} to Fo_{91.1} (avg. Fo_{90.3}; $\sigma=0.38$) with

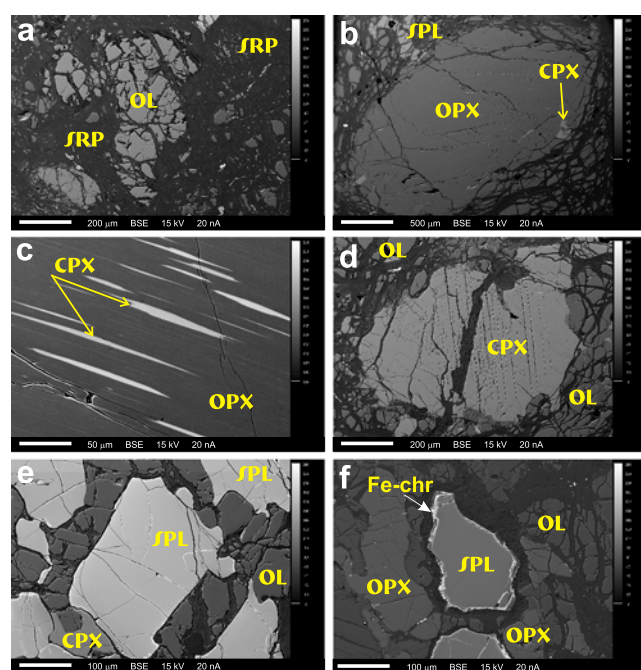


Fig. 2 a–f Back scattered electron images from polished thin sections of the peridotite samples. **a** Highly serpentinized olivine grain and serpentine veins, **b** A large orthopyroxene grain replaced by fine-grained clinopyroxene along its rims in harzburgite (sample H3), **c** Exsolution lamellae of clinopyroxene in orthopyroxene in harzburgite (sample H1), **d** Primary clinopyroxene porphyroblasts in a depleted lherzolite (sample H11A), **e** Subhedral spinel grains coexisting with small clinopyroxene and olivine porphyroblasts in a depleted lherzolite (sample H2), and **f** Spinel grains, with alteration rims of Fe-chromite, coexisting with orthopyroxene and olivine porphyroblasts in a depleted harzburgite (sample H8). OL: olivine, Opx: orthopyroxene, Cpx: clinopyroxene, Spl: spinel, Fe-chr: Ferrian chromite

NiO and MnO contents of 0.26–0.53 wt.% (avg. NiO=0.38; $\sigma=0.05$) and 0.08–0.20 wt.% (avg. MnO=0.14; $\sigma=0.03$), respectively. Olivine in the harzburgite samples has slightly higher Fo (89.6–91.8; avg. Fo_{90.4}; $\sigma=0.55$) and NiO contents (0.34–0.52 wt.%; avg. NiO=0.43 wt.%; $\sigma=0.04$), and almost similar MnO contents (0.04–0.19 wt.%; avg. MnO=0.11; $\sigma=0.03$) in comparison to the olivine in the lherzolite samples. The Ca content of olivine grains in both the lherzolite and harzburgite samples is very low (<0.07 wt.% CaO) (Table 3).

Pyroxene

Pyroxenes in the lherzolite and harzburgite consist of enstatitic orthopyroxene (En_{83.6–90.48}Wo_{0.43–5.30}) and diopside clinopyroxene (En_{40.7–53.0}Wo_{41.0–51.5}). Both pyroxenes have almost similar concentrations of Cr in the lherzolite and harzburgite (0.12–1.82 wt.% Cr₂O₃), but pyroxenes in the harzburgite samples have higher Cr# [$100 \times \text{Cr}/(\text{Cr} + \text{Al})$; Cr#_{opx}=8.7–20.6; avg. 15.3 and $\sigma=2.41$, and Cr#_{cpx}=12.6–27.7; avg. 20.9 and $\sigma=2.63$] than those in the lherzolite (Cr#_{opx}=4.0–12.6; avg. 9.5 and $\sigma=1.1$, and Cr#_{cpx}=9.3–20.0; avg. 13.1 and $\sigma=1.5$) (Tables 4 and 5). The Cr# of pyroxenes displays positive correlations with the Cr# of spinels (not shown). This observation suggests that pyroxene and spinel in these rocks were equilibrated, consistent with a mantle residual origin of the peridotites. The Al₂O₃ content in orthopyroxene varies between 1.64–4.90 wt.% in the lherzolites (avg. 3.89 wt.%; $\sigma=0.59$), and is lower in the harzburgites (1.47–4.64 wt.%; avg. 2.62 and $\sigma=0.47$). Clinopyroxene also shows a higher Al₂O₃ content in the lherzolites (2.44–6.09 wt.%; avg. 4.09 and $\sigma=0.76$) than in the harzburgites (1.88–3.70 wt.%; avg. 2.93 and $\sigma=0.40$). The CaO content of orthopyroxene is higher in the lherzolites (0.35–2.65 wt.%; avg. 0.92 and $\sigma=0.37$) than those in the harzburgites (0.23–2.00 wt.%; avg. 0.80 and $\sigma=0.38$). Similarly, the Na₂O content in clinopyroxene in the lherzolites is higher (0.20–0.64 wt.%; avg. 0.36 and $\sigma=0.09$) than those in the harzburgites (0.20–1.22 wt.%; avg. 0.40 and $\sigma=0.20$) (Tables 4 and 5). The mantle-derived clinopyroxenes plot in the field corresponding to suboceanic peridotites (Fig. 3) in the Na vs. Cr diagram of Kornprobst et al. (1981).}}}}

Spinel

The spinel shows a wider compositional variation than the silicates. The lherzolite samples are represented by spinel with low Cr# (16.4–25.3; avg. 21.1 and $\sigma=1.7$) and high Mg# (67.1–79.1; avg. 74.0 and $\sigma=2.7$), whereas the harzburgite samples contain spinel with higher Cr# (36.6–58.6; avg. 49.5 and $\sigma=5.7$) and lower Mg# (30.9–68.1; avg. 55.0 and $\sigma=2$) (Table 6). The spinels in the lherzolite samples plot in the undepleted end of the abyssal peridotite field of Dick and Bullen (1984) and Arai (1994), whereas the spinel in the

Table 3 Average composition (wt.%) and related cation distribution of olivine from the peridotite samples of the Harmançik ophiolite

Sample	Harzburgite										Lherzolite										DL
	H-1 7	H3 11	H15 8	H16 8	H17A 15	H2 25	H10A 28	H11 38	H19 16	H20 10	H21 26	H22 11	H23 16								
SiO ₂	41.18	40.06	40.47	40.98	40.70	39.89	40.25	39.96	40.20	40.65	40.39	40.29	40.65	0.02							
Al ₂ O ₃	—	—	0.03	—	—	—	—	—	0.06	—	0.06	—	—	0.02							
FeO	8.34	8.93	8.88	8.58	9.16	9.41	9.24	9.54	9.67	9.42	9.23	9.43	9.41	0.07							
MnO	0.14	0.11	0.13	0.09	0.09	0.14	0.13	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.20	0.12	0.13	0.08							
NiO	0.42	0.39	0.45	0.46	0.44	0.41	0.39	0.37	0.39	0.38	0.39	0.40	0.42	0.11							
MgO	51.42	50.88	50.43	50.42	49.18	49.82	50.49	49.93	50.38	50.22	49.51	49.23	48.71	0.03							
CaO	—	—	0.03	—	—	—	—	—	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.03							
Total	101.51	100.37	100.43	100.54	99.56	99.67	100.56	99.95	100.90	100.90	99.83	99.50	99.36	0.03							
Si	0.989	0.978	0.986	0.995	0.999	0.983	0.982	0.982	0.979	0.988	0.991	0.992	1.002	0.002							
Al	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000							
Fe ²⁺	0.168	0.182	0.181	0.174	0.188	0.194	0.189	0.196	0.197	0.192	0.189	0.194	0.194	0.000							
Mn	0.003	0.002	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.004	0.003	0.003	0.003							
Ni	0.008	0.008	0.009	0.009	0.009	0.008	0.008	0.007	0.008	0.007	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008							
Mg	1.842	1.851	1.832	1.825	1.802	1.829	1.836	1.829	1.830	1.819	1.812	1.808	1.789	0.001							
Ca	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.001							
Total	3.010	3.021	3.013	3.005	3.000	3.017	3.017	3.017	3.019	3.011	3.008	3.006	2.997	0.001							
Fo	91.66	91.0	91.0	91.3	90.5	90.4	90.7	90.3	90.3	90.5	90.5	90.3	90.2	0.03							

Fo = 100 × Mg / (Mg + Fe²⁺), N number of point analyses from each sample, —: below detection limit, DL Detection limits

Table 4 Average composition (wt.%) and related cation distribution of orthopyroxene from the peridotite samples of the Harmancık ophiolite

N	Harzburgite							Lherzolite					DL
	H1 24	H15 25	H16 22	H17A 35	H10A 25	H11A 12	H19 25	H20 25	H21 22	H22 56	H2 12	H23 9	
SiO ₂	54.49	54.36	54.59	56.33	54.75	54.76	54.43	54.83	52.98	55.71	55.14	54.83	0.02
TiO ₂	0.04	–	0.03	0.04	–	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.03
Al ₂ O ₃	2.21	2.95	2.52	2.57	3.49	4.02	4.45	4.10	4.44	3.65	3.83	4.26	0.02
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.66	0.67	0.61	0.84	0.51	0.57	0.73	0.67	0.65	0.59	0.58	0.76	0.07
FeO	5.82	6.02	6.11	6.00	6.28	5.88	6.22	6.08	6.03	6.22	5.83	5.93	0.07
MnO	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.09	0.15	0.12	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.12	0.10	0.09	0.08
MgO	33.75	33.99	34.41	32.67	33.91	33.37	32.90	33.78	32.44	33.32	33.48	33.04	0.03
CaO	0.88	0.39	0.69	1.31	0.83	0.80	1.51	0.86	1.02	0.92	0.52	1.10	0.03
Na ₂ O	–	–	–	0.04	–	0.09	0.03	–	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.03
Total	98.00	98.52	99.11	99.90	99.91	99.64	100.46	100.50	97.78	100.60	99.56	100.11	
Si	1.922	1.907	1.906	1.947	1.896	1.898	1.880	1.887	1.877	1.913	1.909	1.893	
Ti	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	
Al	0.092	0.122	0.104	0.105	0.143	0.164	0.181	0.166	0.185	0.148	0.156	0.174	
Cr	0.018	0.019	0.017	0.023	0.014	0.016	0.020	0.018	0.018	0.016	0.016	0.021	
Fe ²⁺	0.172	0.176	0.179	0.173	0.182	0.171	0.180	0.175	0.179	0.179	0.169	0.171	
Mn	0.004	0.005	0.004	0.003	0.004	0.003	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.003	0.003	0.003	
Mg	1.775	1.777	1.793	1.683	1.751	1.724	1.693	1.733	1.714	1.706	1.728	1.701	
Ca	0.033	0.015	0.026	0.049	0.031	0.030	0.056	0.032	0.039	0.034	0.019	0.041	
Na	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.006	0.002	0.000	0.002	0.003	0.001	0.002	
Total	4.018	4.019	4.029	3.986	4.021	4.012	4.017	4.016	4.019	4.003	4.003	4.006	
Wo	1.7	0.7	1.3	2.6	1.6	1.6	2.9	1.6	2.0	1.8	1.0	2.1	
En	89.6	90.3	89.8	88.3	89.2	89.6	87.8	89.4	88.7	88.9	90.2	88.9	
Fs	8.7	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.3	8.9	9.3	9.0	9.3	9.3	8.8	9.0	
Mg#	91.2	91.0	90.9	90.7	90.6	91.0	90.4	90.8	90.5	90.5	91.1	90.8	
Cr#	16.7	13.2	14.0	18.0	8.8	8.7	9.9	9.8	8.9	9.8	9.2	10.6	

N number of point analyses from each sample; Mg# = $100 \times \text{Mg}/(\text{Mg} + \text{Fe}^{2+})$, Cr# = $100 \times \text{Cr}/(\text{Cr} + \text{Al})$, En = $100 \times \text{Mg}/(\text{Mg} + \text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Ca})$, Fs = $100 \times \text{Fe}^{2+}/(\text{Mg} + \text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Ca})$, Wo = $100 \times \text{Ca}/(\text{Mg} + \text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Ca})$, –: below detection limit, DL Detection limits

harzburgite samples plot within the overlap area between the depleted end of the abyssal peridotite field and the undepleted end of the supra-subduction zone (SSZ) peridotite field of Ishii et al. (1992) and Parkinson and Pearce (1998) (Fig. 4).

The TiO₂ content of spinel is low in the lherzolite samples (<0.10 wt.%; avg. 0.03 and $\sigma=0.02$), but spinel in the harzburgite samples may reach up to 0.22 wt.% TiO₂ (avg. 0.12 and $\sigma=0.05$) although some harzburgite samples contain spinel with TiO₂ contents as low as those in the lherzolites. The MnO content of spinel is lower in the lherzolites (<0.19 wt.%; avg. 0.10 and $\sigma=0.03$) than in the harzburgite samples (<0.30 wt.%; avg. 0.16 and $\sigma=0.04$), whereas the NiO content is higher in the lherzolites (0.16–0.38 wt.%; avg. 0.27 and $\sigma=0.04$) than in the harzburgite samples (<0.25 wt.%; avg. 0.12 and $\sigma=0.04$). The Fe³⁺# [=100×Fe³⁺/(Cr+Al+Fe³⁺)] of spinel is low (less than 5.5) in both the lherzolite and harzburgite samples, but the harzburgites contain spinel with slightly higher Fe³⁺# than the lherzolite samples (Table 6). The TiO₂, MnO and Fe³⁺#

correlate positively with Mg#, whereas NiO displays a negative correlation.

Whole-rock chemistry

Major oxides and trace elements

The whole-rock major, trace, and REE analyses of representative peridotite samples are listed in Table 7. The rock samples are serpentinized to varying extents as indicated by a wide range of loss of ignition (LOI) values between 7.50 and 15.90 wt.%. We present the major oxides on a volatile-free basis to reduce the effect of variable element dilution caused by serpentinization. The whole-rock Mg# values of the lherzolite samples are lower (88.2–90.4; avg. 89.5 and $\sigma=0.64$) than those of the harzburgite samples (89.0–91.2; avg. 90.3 and $\sigma=0.70$). As expected, the Al₂O₃ and CaO concentrations in the lherzolite samples (1.58–2.21 wt.%, avg. 1.93 and $\sigma=0.2$, and 0.73–2.31 wt.%, avg.

Table 5 Average composition (wt.%) and related cation distribution of clinopyroxene from the peridotite samples of the Harmançık ophiolite

N	Harzburgite			Lherzolite								DL
	H15 19	H16 20	H17A 14	H10A 21	H19 20	H20 15	H21 22	H22 56	H2 12	H11A 11	H23 10	
SiO ₂	51.82	51.71	53.41	50.20	50.27	50.81	51.49	52.59	52.78	52.05	52.95	0.02
TiO ₂	0.04	0.09	0.11	0.07	0.14	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.18	0.12	0.15	0.03
Al ₂ O ₃	2.96	2.53	3.23	3.45	4.84	4.26	5.55	3.74	3.92	4.00	2.90	0.02
Cr ₂ O ₃	1.07	0.92	1.55	0.80	1.04	0.98	1.07	0.86	0.80	0.70	1.11	0.07
FeO	1.97	2.21	2.37	2.71	2.58	2.31	2.86	2.28	2.29	2.35	2.53	0.07
MnO	0.08	0.08	–	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.10	–	–	–	–	0.08
MgO	17.05	17.74	16.33	19.25	16.73	16.92	18.02	16.79	16.99	17.07	18.18	0.03
CaO	23.98	23.49	22.70	21.14	22.48	22.77	20.43	23.07	22.75	22.38	21.82	0.03
Na ₂ O	0.27	0.29	0.63	0.28	0.39	0.42	0.50	0.32	0.27	0.44	0.26	0.03
Total	99.24	99.06	100.33	97.98	98.55	98.69	100.12	99.77	99.97	99.10	99.90	0.38
Si	1.904	1.904	1.932	1.863	1.859	1.875	1.861	1.912	1.911	1.903	1.920	
Ti	0.001	0.003	0.003	0.002	0.004	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.005	0.003	0.004	
Al	0.128	0.110	0.138	0.151	0.211	0.185	0.237	0.160	0.167	0.172	0.124	
Cr	0.031	0.027	0.044	0.023	0.030	0.028	0.031	0.025	0.023	0.020	0.032	
Fe ²⁺	0.060	0.068	0.072	0.085	0.080	0.071	0.086	0.069	0.069	0.072	0.077	
Mn	0.002	0.002	0.000	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Mg	0.934	0.974	0.881	1.072	0.923	0.931	0.968	0.910	0.917	0.931	0.982	
Ca	0.944	0.926	0.880	0.837	0.891	0.900	0.794	0.899	0.883	0.877	0.848	
Na	0.019	0.021	0.044	0.020	0.028	0.030	0.035	0.023	0.019	0.031	0.019	
Total	4.024	4.034	3.993	4.056	4.028	4.028	4.018	4.000	3.995	4.010	4.004	
Wo	48.7	47.1	48.0	42.0	47.1	47.3	43.0	47.9	47.2	46.7	44.5	
En	48.2	49.5	48.1	53.8	48.7	48.9	52.4	48.5	49.1	49.5	51.5	
Fs	3.1	3.5	3.9	4.3	4.2	3.7	4.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	4.0	
Mg#	93.9	93.5	92.5	92.7	92.0	92.9	91.8	92.9	93.0	92.8	92.8	
Cr#	19.6	19.6	24.3	13.4	12.6	13.3	11.5	13.4	12.0	10.5	20.4	

N number of point analyses from each sample; Mg# = $100 \times \text{Mg} / (\text{Mg} + \text{Fe}^{2+})$, Cr# = $100 \times \text{Cr} / (\text{Cr} + \text{Al})$, En = $100 \times \text{Mg} / (\text{Mg} + \text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Ca})$, Fs = $100 \times \text{Fe}^{2+} / (\text{Mg} + \text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Ca})$, Wo = $100 \times \text{Ca} / (\text{Mg} + \text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{Ca})$, -: below detection limit, DL Detection limits

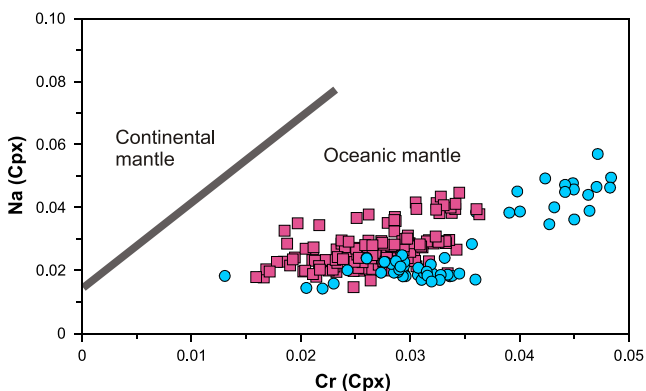


Fig. 3 Na vs. Cr plot for the mantle-derived clinopyroxenes (Kornprobst et al. 1981), showing the composition of clinopyroxenes in the Harmançık upper mantle peridotites. The Harmançık samples plot in the field corresponding to suboceanic peridotites. Symbols used in all figures are as follows: pink square for depleted lherzolite, blue circle for depleted harzburgite

1.90 and $\sigma = 0.5$, respectively) are higher than in the harzburgites (0.75–1.44 wt.%, avg. 1.00 and $\sigma = 0.2$, and 0.58–1.30 wt.%, avg. 0.90 and $\sigma = 0.3$, respectively), although some samples of both rock types have very low CaO contents for a given Al₂O₃ content as a result of Ca depletion during serpentinization (Fig. 5; Table 7). On the basis of CaO and Al₂O₃ concentrations, all lherzolite samples that retained CaO plot within the less depleted abyssal peridotite field, whereas some harzburgite samples plot within the lower end of the abyssal peridotite field (Fig. 5). However, two of the harzburgite samples plot barely within the forearc peridotite field although none of the analyzed harzburgite samples has a highly refractory character.

The whole-rock major, trace, and rare earth element contents of the peridotites are plotted against MgO, and are compared with those of the peridotites recovered from the Izu-Bonin-Mariana forearc system in the Western Pacific

Table 6 Average composition (wt.%) and related cation distribution of spinel from the peridotite samples of the Harmancik ophiolite

N	Harzburgite										Lherzolite										DL
	H1					H2					H3					H4					
	23	8	16	18	22	25	7	35	35	7	25	8	22	24	18	24	21	21			
SiO ₂	0.09	0.08	0.02	0.39	0.18	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.18	0.04	0.08	0.06	0.26	0.05	0.03	0.02			
TiO ₂	0.16	0.05	0.10	0.03	0.14	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.07	–	–	0.08	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.15	0.03			
Al ₂ O ₃	24.81	37.32	28.82	32.31	27.88	25.12	25.12	25.12	48.41	46.94	46.94	51.47	48.38	48.01	49.57	48.65	42.50	0.02			
Cr ₂ O ₃	44.67	32.49	36.74	33.19	39.78	42.18	42.18	42.18	19.44	20.32	20.32	17.24	19.35	19.68	17.69	19.46	25.27	0.07			
Fe ₂ O ₃	2.36	2.30	3.56	3.02	2.92	1.66	1.66	1.66	2.58	1.74	1.74	1.87	2.18	1.99	1.07	2.55	1.81	0.07			
FeO	16.14	13.72	18.07	14.49	15.67	19.58	19.58	19.58	9.56	11.60	11.60	8.96	10.53	11.02	10.04	10.71	11.91	0.07			
MnO	0.16	0.18	–	0.14	0.15	–	–	–	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.18	0.09	0.10	0.09	–	–	0.08			
NiO	0.11	0.17	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.38	0.26	0.26	0.43	0.29	0.27	0.31	0.29	0.27	0.11			
MgO	13.27	16.16	11.91	14.54	13.69	10.57	10.57	10.57	19.34	17.87	17.87	20.11	18.82	18.40	19.05	18.84	17.29	0.03			
Total	101.77	102.46	99.33	98.23	100.54	99.36	99.36	99.36	99.94	99.01	99.01	100.38	99.77	99.56	98.13	100.59	99.22	0.03			
Si	0.003	0.002	0.001	0.012	0.005	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.005	0.005	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.007	0.001	0.001	0.001			
Ti	0.004	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.003	0.003			
Al	0.876	1.229	1.032	1.131	0.981	0.919	0.919	0.919	1.533	1.515	1.515	1.600	1.537	1.534	1.584	1.537	1.398	0.001			
Cr	1.060	0.717	0.882	0.780	0.938	1.038	1.038	1.038	0.413	0.440	0.440	0.359	0.413	0.422	0.379	0.412	0.557	0.001			
Fe ³⁺	0.053	0.048	0.081	0.067	0.066	0.039	0.039	0.039	0.052	0.036	0.036	0.037	0.044	0.041	0.022	0.051	0.038	0.001			
Fe ²⁺	0.405	0.320	0.459	0.360	0.391	0.510	0.510	0.510	0.215	0.266	0.266	0.198	0.237	0.250	0.228	0.240	0.278	0.001			
Mn	0.004	0.004	0.000	0.004	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.004	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000			
Ni	0.003	0.004	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.008	0.006	0.006	0.009	0.006	0.006	0.007	0.006	0.006	0.006			
Mg	0.593	0.673	0.539	0.643	0.609	0.489	0.489	0.489	0.774	0.730	0.730	0.790	0.757	0.743	0.770	0.752	0.719	0.006			
Total	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000			
Mg#	59.4	67.7	54.0	64.1	60.9	49.0	49.0	49.0	78.3	73.3	73.3	80.0	76.1	74.9	77.2	75.8	72.1	0.001			
Cr#	54.7	36.9	46.1	40.8	48.9	53.1	53.1	53.1	21.2	22.5	22.5	18.3	21.2	21.6	19.3	21.2	28.5	0.001			
Fe ³⁺ #	2.7	2.4	4.1	3.4	3.3	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.6	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.1	2.6	2.6	0.001			

Cr# = 100 × Cr / (Cr + Al); Mg# = 100 × Mg / (Mg + Fe²⁺); Fe³⁺# = 100 × Fe³⁺ / (Cr + Al + Fe³⁺); N number of point analyses from each sample, –: below detection limit, DL Detection limits

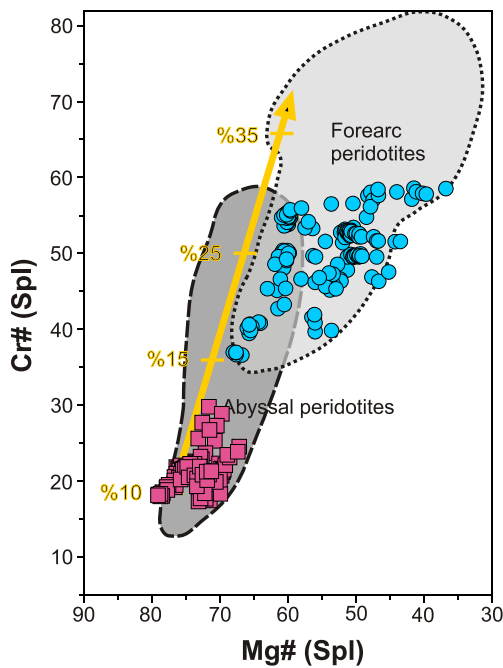


Fig. 4 Spinel compositions of the Harmancik peridotite samples plotted on a Mg# [$100 \times \text{Mg}/(\text{Mg} + \text{Fe}^{2+})$] vs. Cr# [$100 \times \text{Cr}/(\text{Cr} + \text{Al})$] diagram. Spinel fields of abyssal (Dick and Bullen 1984; Arai 1994) and forearc peridotites (Ishii et al. 1992; Parkinson and Pearce 1998) are shown for comparison. Partial melting trend (yellow arrow) is from Arai (1992)

(Fig. 6). The CaO and Al_2O_3 abundances display well-defined inverse linear correlations with the MgO contents, although the CaO content of some highly serpentinized samples are very low and scatter away from the trend. Elements Y, V and Yb, which are all incompatible during partial melting, also show negative correlations with MgO. Instead, La shows no significant correlation with MgO.

Rare Earth Element (REE) patterns

Primitive Mantle (PM)-normalized REE data of the lherzolite and harzburgite samples are shown in Fig. 7. All samples are characterized by low REE contents with the normalized abundances being less than 1 ($\text{REE}_N < 1$) (Fig. 7).

The lherzolite samples display slightly positive slopes from Eu to Lu, and follow partial melting lines. However, the slopes are negative between La and Eu in four out of five lherzolite samples, a fact that is inconsistent with LREE/MREE fractionation in the residua by partial melting (Fig. 7). A lherzolite sample (H21) shows increasing depletion of PM-normalized values towards the more incompatible REE (LREE). Harzburgite samples have lower HREE and MREE concentrations compared to the lherzolite samples, but similarly to the lherzolite samples, they show positive slopes from MREE to HREE (Fig. 7). The patterns of the harzburgite samples resemble those of highly depleted abyssal peridotites or undepleted forearc peridotites from the Izu-Bonin-Mariana

(IBM) forearc system with low REE contents that are also enriched in LREEs. The patterns of the lherzolite samples, on the other hand, plot within the field of abyssal peridotites (Pearce et al. 2000), which are characterized by higher HREE concentrations (Fig. 7).

Discussion

Geochemical features of abyssal vs SSZ peridotites

Mineral compositions and geochemistry of the upper mantle peridotites in ophiolites are a key to understand the extent of melt extraction, fluid phase enrichment, and mantle-melt interaction processes subsequent to melt extraction (e.g. Dick 1989; Johnson et al. 1990; Hellebrand et al. 2002; Seyler et al. 2007; Uysal et al. 2007, 2012; Choi et al. 2008; Dilek and Morishita 2009; Morishita et al. 2011b). Abyssal peridotites generally comprise lherzolites and clinopyroxene-rich harzburgites, formed by MORB-type melt extraction as a result of 5–15 % partial melting of fertile mantle under dry conditions (e.g., Dick and Bullen 1984; Johnson and Dick 1992). The melt that is formed due to low- to moderate-degrees of partial melting of a fertile mantle is commonly rich in TiO_2 , leaving behind a depleted mantle with Ti-poor and Cr-rich (high Cr#) spinel. The TiO_2 content of residual spinel is expected to decrease with an increase in the Cr# of spinel, as the degree of partial melting increases (e.g. Pearce et al. 2000).

Abyssal peridotites contain spinel with Cr# generally ranging between 10 and 40, and rarely reaching 60. Peridotites from back arc basins have also been reported to have similar spinel compositions to those in normal abyssal peridotites (Ohara et al. 2002; Choi et al. 2008). However, the reaction of subsequently-formed MORB-type melts with the upper mantle peridotites in back arc settings may increase the TiO_2 content of spinel without increasing the Cr# (e.g. Choi et al. 2008). The SSZ peridotites, which are the remnants of much higher degrees of partial melting of the upper mantle above a subducting slab, contain spinel with higher Cr# ranging from 38 to 80 (in rare cases exceeding 90), although there is an overlap from Cr# 38 to 58 between depleted abyssal peridotites and undepleted SSZ peridotites (e.g., Arai 1994; Gaetani and Grove 1998). Due to the higher degrees of partial melting, pyroxenes in SSZ-type peridotites are also expected to be depleted in the moderately incompatible elements Al, Ti, and Na. Olivine in these peridotites also has higher Fo contents. Consistent with mineral chemistry characteristics, the whole rock compositions of these peridotites are more depleted in incompatible elements compared to the abyssal peridotites (e.g., Parkinson et al. 1992; Parkinson and Pearce 1998; Pearce et al. 2000; Uysal et al. 2007, 2012).

Table 7 Whole rock major oxides (wt.%), trace elements and REE concentrations (ppm) in mantle peridotites from the Harmançik (NE Turkey) ophiolite

	Harzburgite															Lherzovite											
	H1	H1-2	H3	H6	H7	H8	H8_Dup	H13	H14	H15	H15_Dup	H16	H17A	H18	H2	H4	H5	H12	H10A	H11A	H19	H20	H21	H22	H23		
SiO ₂	44.01	43.84	44.72	43.92	44.79	44.23		43.9	44.81	43.22		42.43	42.57	43.89	43.81	44.72	44.18	42.94	43.23	44.5	42.99	43.68	44	44.17	42.83		
Al ₂ O ₃	0.75	0.76	0.94	1.02	0.95	1.35		0.94	1.16	1.07		0.85	0.89	1.44	1.95	1.86	2.21	1.61	1.58	2.13	1.78	1.84	2.17	2.02	1.99		
Fe ₂ O ₃	7.98	8.06	9.24	9.85	8.49	9.34		8.35	8.26	8.18		8.68	8.67	8.28	9.13	9.59	10.16	10.03	8.88	8.85	8.98	8.96	8.69	8.09	8.44		
MnO	0.11	0.1	0.13	0.06	0.13	0.11		0.12	0.13	0.11		0.11	0.09	0.1	0.12	0.1	0.1	0.09	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.1	0.12	0.12		
MgO	46.14	46.22	44.39	44.55	45.13	44.41		44.89	45.17	45.77		46.51	46.54	45.03	42.12	43.15	42.74	44.7	44.08	41.82	43.75	44.21	42.26	42.66	44.03		
CaO	0.58	0.59	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.02		1.3	0.02	1.07		0.83	0.7	0.69	2.11	0.04	0.04	0.01	1.68	2.05	1.94	0.73	2.26	2.31	1.99		
Na ₂ O	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01		0.01	0.01	0.01		0.01	0.02	0.01	0.08	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.03	0.05		
K ₂ O	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05		0.04	0.05	0.04		0.04	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.05		
P ₂ O ₅	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01		0.01	0.01	0.01		0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01		
C ₂ O ₃	0.38	0.37	0.45	0.51	0.41	0.46		0.45	0.39	0.4		0.4	0.36	0.37	0.48	0.47	0.47	0.56	1.325	0.44	0.37	0.41	0.4	0.42	0.39		
Total	100.04	100.03	100.02	100.04	100.02	100.01		99.97	100.03	99.9		99.9	99.9	99.89	99.89	100.01	100.01	100.03	100.05	100.02	100.02	100.03	100.03	100.03	99.9		
LOI	9.9	9.9	14.6	14.1	15.1	14.6		7.5	14.5	9.4		10.6	10.6	13.4	8.4	15.7	15.9	14.7	9.1	9.8	8.3	12.6	7.6	10.2	13		
Sp#%	55	55	81	78	84	81		42	81	52		59	59	74	47	87	88	82	51	54	46	70	42	57	72		
Mg#	91.2	91.1	89.5	89.0	90.5	89.5		90.5	90.7	90.9		90.5	90.5	90.6	89.2	88.9	88.2	88.8	89.8	89.4	89.7	89.8	89.7	90.4	90.3		
Sc	8.7	8.4	12			15.6		15.6	15.1			6.9			12.9				13.3	14.9		15.6	16.9				
Ti	46.7	46.7	55.5			51		51	51			92			143				125	163		119	290				
V	2.548	2.736				3.803		3.782				2.767			73.8				65.1	68.9		72.7	83.2				
Cr	119	116				134		134				115			102				115	107		129	133				
Ni	2.328	2.382				3.039		3.043				2.286			1.969				2.335	2.055		2.638	2.589				
Cu	6.2	16.1				11.6		12.4				6.2			20.8				19.5	8.5		17.8	27.2				
Zn	47	54				46		50				48			40				43	40		63	67				
Ga	0.91	1.36				1.22		1.24				0.81			1.52				1.29	1.54		1.28	1.43				
Rb	<0.23	<0.23				<0.23		<0.24				<0.23			<0.23				<0.23	0.44		<0.23	<0.23				
Sr	0.8	1.7				0.8		1.0				0.6			0.9				2.0	3.7		1.5	1.8				
Y	0.14	0.39				0.32		0.34				0.21			0.97				0.84	1.06		0.90	1.67				
Zr	<6	<6				<6		<6				<6			<6				<6	<6		<6	<6				
Nb	<0.028	<0.028				<0.028		<0.029				<0.028			0.032				<0.028	0.042		<0.028	<0.028				
Cs	0.015	<0.013				0.014		0.015				0.015			0.034				0.026	0.08		<0.013	0.017				
Ba	1.6	1.9				1.0		1.3				3.9			1.7				4.1	3.9		2.1	5.2				
La	0.0500	0.0600				0.0400		0.0600				0.0600			0.1400				0.0800	0.2100		0.0700	0.0600				
Ce	0.1300	<0.12				<0.12		0.13				0.1500			0.2900				0.1900	0.4300		0.1400	<0.12				
Pr	0.0140	<0.014				<0.014		0.014				0.0160			0.0370				0.0210	0.0580		0.0190	0.0150				
Nd	0.0700	<0.06				<0.06		0.07				0.0600			0.1300				0.1000	0.2100		0.0800	0.0900				
Sm	0.0190	0.0180				0.0130		0.0170				0.0210			0.0460				0.0340	0.0610		0.0360	0.0810				
Eu	0.0059	0.0075				0.0037		0.0045				0.0064			0.0149				0.0129	0.0204		0.0115	0.0332				
Gd	0.0120	0.0230				0.0200		0.0160				0.0210			0.0780				0.0580	0.1040		0.0570	0.1480				
Tb	0.0028	0.0053				0.0025		0.0044				0.0049			0.0178				0.0140	0.0206		0.0140	0.0338				
Dy	0.0150	0.0490				0.0340		0.0390				0.0320			0.1470				0.0990	0.1630		0.1140	0.2530				
Ho	0.0038	0.0130				0.0110		0.0117				0.0080			0.0382				0.0271	0.0408		0.0304	0.0604				
Er	0.0090	0.0460				0.0410		0.0450				0.0230			0.1230				0.0930	0.1330		0.1030	0.1900				

Table 7 (continued)

	Lherzolite																										
	H1	H1-2	H3	H6	H7	H8	H8_Dup	H13	H14	H15	H15_Dup	H16	H17A	H18	H2	H4	H5	H12	H10A	H11A	H19	H20	H21	H22	H23		
Tm	0.0022	0.0084	0.0081	0.0088	0.0058	0.0077	0.0071	0.0038	0.0224	0.0158	0.0229	0.0167	0.0321	0.0167	0.0321	0.0167	0.0321	0.0167	0.0321	0.0167	0.0321	0.0167	0.0321	0.0167	0.0321	0.0167	0.0321
Yb	0.0220	0.0750	0.0670	0.064	0.0500	0.0510	0.0580	0.0280	0.1420	0.1040	0.1530	0.1300	0.2260	0.1300	0.2260	0.1300	0.2260	0.1300	0.2260	0.1300	0.2260	0.1300	0.2260	0.1300	0.2260	0.1300	0.2260
Lu	0.0035	0.0129	0.0123	0.0126	0.0094	0.0103	0.0097	0.0051	0.0266	0.0191	0.0249	0.0212	0.0362	0.0212	0.0362	0.0212	0.0362	0.0212	0.0362	0.0212	0.0362	0.0212	0.0362	0.0212	0.0362	0.0212	0.0362
Hf	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.15	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14	<0.14
Ta	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023	<0.023
Pb	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6	<0.6
Th	<0.018	<0.018	<0.018	<0.019	<0.018	<0.018	<0.018	<0.018	0.026	<0.018	0.008	<0.018	<0.018	<0.018	0.026	<0.018	0.008	<0.018	<0.018	0.026	<0.018	0.008	<0.018	<0.018	<0.018	<0.018	<0.018
U	<0.011	<0.011	<0.011	0.011	0.013	0.012	0.013	<0.011	0.018	0.013	0.012	0.013	<0.011	0.018	0.013	0.012	0.013	<0.011	<0.011	0.018	<0.011	0.013	<0.011	<0.011	<0.011	<0.011	<0.011

LOI Loss on ignition, $Mg\# = (mol) 100 \times MgO / (MgO + FeO)$, $Serp\% = (100/18) \times LOI (wt\%)$

Comparison of the Harmancik peridotites with abyssal and SSZ peridotites

On the basis of mineral compositions and whole rock geochemistry, we have recognized two groups of peridotites, i.e. depleted lherzolites and harzburgites, in the exposed upper mantle section in the Harmancik area in NW Turkey. Considering the Fo contents of the olivine and the Cr# values of the spinel, all the analyzed samples fall into the olivine-spinel mantle array (OSMA) described by Arai (1994), indicating that the Harmancik peridotites represent residual material left behind after partial melting of the upper mantle (Fig. 8a). The depleted lherzolites are represented by low Cr# of spinel and a relatively higher content of Al₂O₃ and TiO₂ in pyroxenes. These lherzolites have higher contents of whole-rock CaO and Al₂O₃, consistent with the modal abundance of clinopyroxene. However, the depleted harzburgite samples are characterized by relatively higher Cr# spinel (Fig. 8a). These rocks display a relatively higher Cr₂O₃ content but similar Mg# in clinopyroxene (Fig. 8b), and the Al₂O₃ contents of their orthopyroxene and clinopyroxene are relatively lower than those of the depleted lherzolite samples (Fig. 9a and b). Based on the mineral and whole-rock compositional data, our depleted lherzolite samples clearly plot in the field of fertile abyssal peridotites, whereas the depleted harzburgite samples straddle the boundary between the abyssal and fore-arc peridotite fields (Figs. 6, 7, 8 and 9). Hence, we infer that the Harmancik peridotites show the characteristics of both abyssal and SSZ type peridotites.

Partial melting and melt-peridotite interaction

The degree of partial melting of the studied peridotite samples can be calculated by using their residual mineral and whole-rock compositions. The composition of primary spinels in upper mantle peridotites is generally highly informative. In fact, Cr# reflects the relative degree of the partial melting (e.g., Hellebrand et al. 2001). The low- to moderately-depleted compositions of the lherzolite and harzburgite samples imply that these rocks underwent low (~10–13 %) to moderate (~15–30 %) degrees of partial melting, respectively (Fig. 4). The progressive depletion of rocks in both the Al₂O₃ and HREE contents from the lherzolites to harzburgites provides strong evidence for increasing degrees of melt extraction from the system during partial melting (Figs. 6 and 7). Thus, significant geochemical variations in our lherzolitic and harzburgitic peridotites are largely the result of various degrees of partial melting.

The Harmancik lherzolites have slightly rising MREE-HREE patterns analogous to fertile abyssal peridotites, which is consistent with small amounts of partial melting as shown in Fig. 7. The steeper slopes of MREE-HREE patterns in depleted harzburgite samples indicate relatively higher degrees of partial melting (Fig. 7). Both peridotite types display

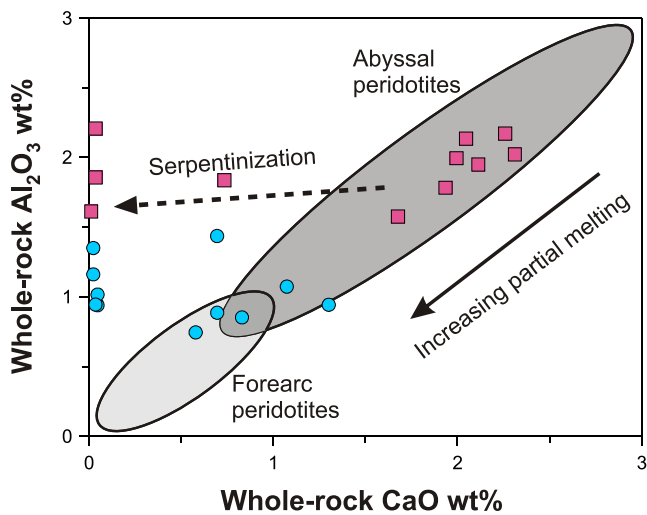


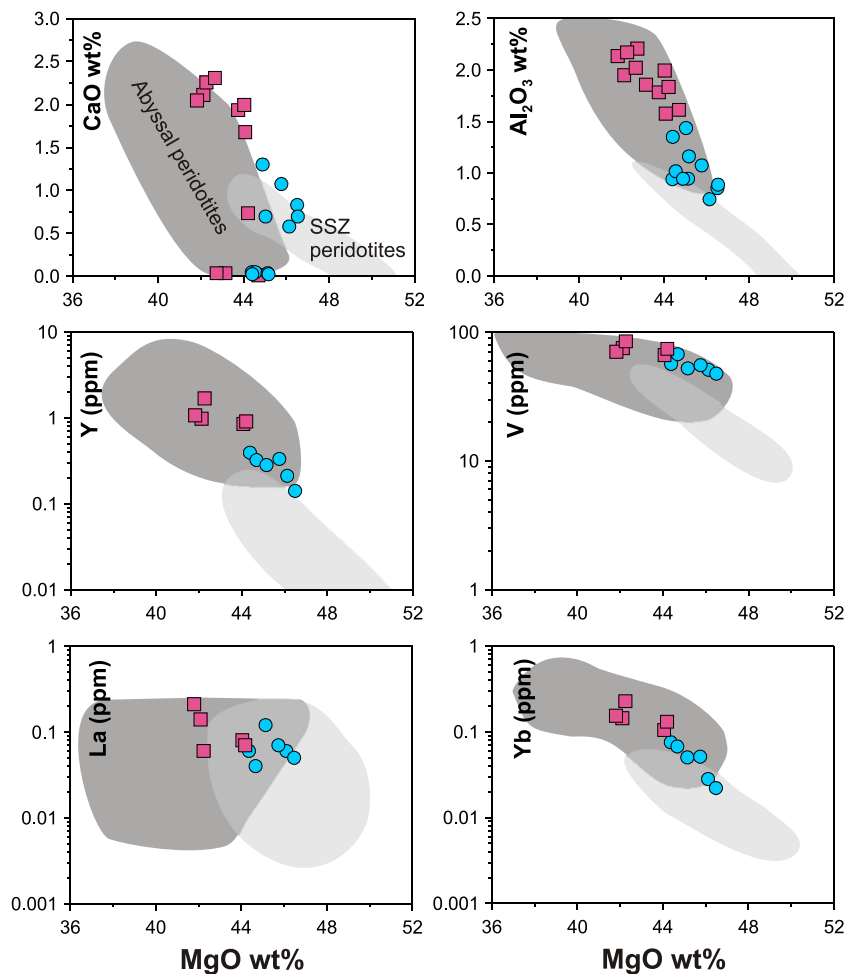
Fig. 5 Whole-rock Al_2O_3 (wt.%) versus CaO (wt.%) plot for the Harmançik peridotites. Abyssal and forearc peridotite fields, as well as the partial melting trend, are taken from Pearce et al. (1992)

LREE enrichments compared to the MREE. This feature is inconsistent with a simple partial melting process, but rather reflects subsequent melt/fluid interaction with mantle rock.

If the peridotites were the products of simple melt extraction, incompatible elements such as TiO_2 should decrease in spinel with an increase in its Cr#, which is a good measure of the degree of partial melting in upper mantle peridotites (Dick and Bullen 1984; Arai 1994). When these peridotites subsequently become affected by reaction with island arc tholeiite (IAT) melts, the TiO_2 contents in spinel show enrichment with increasing Cr# (e.g. Choi et al. 2008). The spinel Cr# versus TiO_2 relationships show that the most refractory harzburgites of the Harmançik peridotites reacted more extensively with percolating melts during porous flow, and that these melts had compositions of subduction-initiation magmas similar to those of the IBM melt compositions in the very early stages of subduction (Fig. 10).

In order to reveal the petrologic processes in the genesis of the Harmançik peridotites, we performed a modelling of non-modal dynamic melting (with open- and closed-system) using the whole-rock trace element data (Fig. 11). Mineral partition coefficients for the models were compiled from McKenzie and O’Nions (1991), Suhr (1999), Green et al. (2000) and Adam and Green (2006). Whole-rock and mineral chemistry of the lherzolithic samples indicate that they

Fig. 6 Variation diagrams of major oxides and trace elements vs. MgO (wt.%) in bulk rock Harmançik peridotite samples. Abyssal (dark grey; Niu et al. 1997) and supra-subduction zone peridotite (light grey; Parkinson and Pearce 1998) fields are also shown for comparison



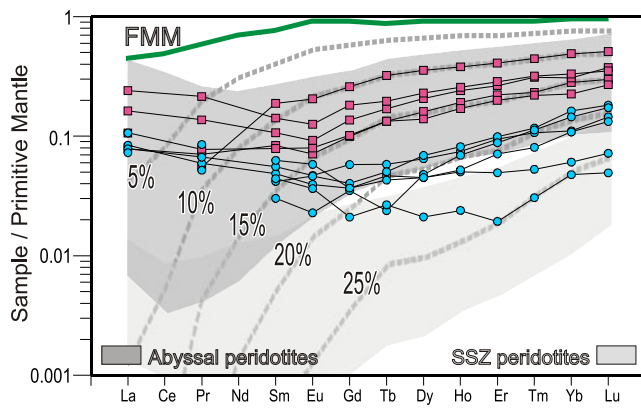


Fig. 7 Primitive Mantle-normalized REE abundances of the Harmancik peridotite samples. Fertile MOR Mantle (FMM; Bedard 1999) composition and partial melting residuals from FMM are also shown. Melting models use non-modal dynamic melting equation with critical melt porosity (Φ) of 1 %, and assume that the source has a spinel facies lherzolitic composition (mineral and melt modes of the spinel lherzolite: $Ol_{0.53(-0.06)} + Op_{x0.27(0.28)} + Cpx_{0.17(0.67)} + Sp_{0.03(0.11)}$; Kinzler 1997). Partition coefficients are compiled from McKenzie and O’Nions (1991), Suhr (1999); Green et al. (2000), Adam and Green (2006). Abyssal (*dark grey*; Niu et al. 1997) and supra-subduction zone peridotite (*light grey*; Parkinson and Pearce 1998) fields are also shown for comparison. Primitive mantle values are from Palme and O’Neil (2004)

most probably represent depleted abyssal-type peridotites formed in a mid-ocean ridge system. Their Ni/Yb ratios with respect to Yb contents are modeled on Fig. 11a. These elements (and their ratios) are not significantly affected by melt/fluid interaction, and are hence highly informative when assessing the degrees of partial melting and depletion events. In the model, the starting composition is Fertile Mid Ocean Ridge Mantle (FMM; Bedard 1999) with spinel lherzolite mineralogy. The mineral and melt modes are $Ol_{0.53(-0.06)} + Op_{x0.27(0.28)} + Cpx_{0.17(0.67)} + Sp_{0.03(0.11)}$ (Kinzler 1997). Although, the mineral chemistry data indicate that the lherzolites underwent ~10–13 % melting, trace element data indicate ~10–17 % of melting (Fig. 11a).

Unlike the compatible and fluid-immobile element Ni, the highly incompatible and fluid-mobile element La is sensitive to melt/fluid and wall-rock interaction, and instead of Ni/Yb, the ratio of La/Yb is more useful for monitoring the degree of melt/fluid interaction on the mantle residues. Therefore, open-system non-modal dynamic melting model, during which a certain amount of melt or fluid continuously interacts with the residua (Ozawa and Shimuzi 1995; Zou 1998), is applied in Fig. 11b. In this model, mass flux rate (β) is defined as the influxing mass fraction (relative to the initial solid) divided by the degree of melting. Considering the heterogeneous interaction between the fluid/melt and the wall rocks, different values of β can be used. Fluxing material is considered as low-degree (1.5 %) basaltic partial melt derived from FMM itself (calculated by non-modal dynamic melting with critical melt porosity, Φ , of 1 %).

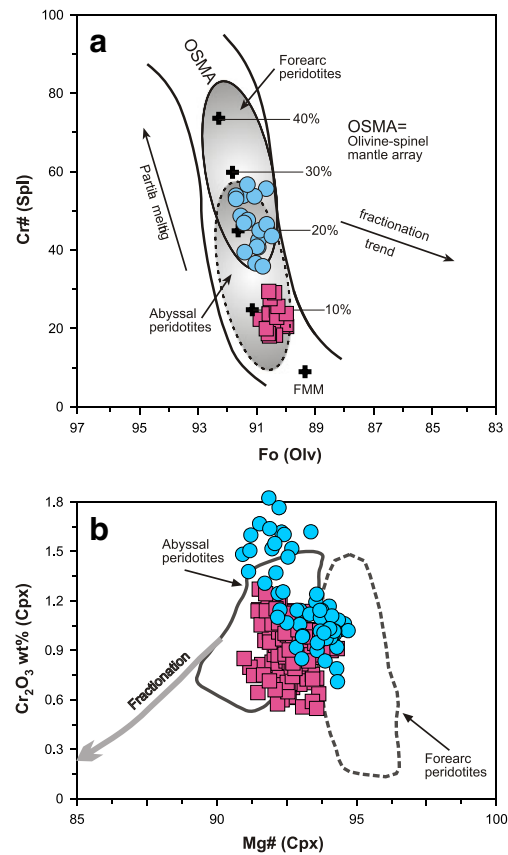


Fig. 8 a Plots of Cr# of spinel vs. Fo content of coexisting olivine. Olivine-spinel mantle array and melting trend are from Arai (1994). Abyssal peridotite field from (Dick and Bullen 1984), forearc peridotite field from (Ishii et al. 1992; Parkinson and Pearce 1998; Pearce et al. 2000). **b** Compositional variations of clinopyroxene in two types of peridotites on a Cr_2O_3 vs. Mg# diagram. Abyssal peridotite field from Johnson et al. (1990); forearc peridotite field from Ishii et al. (1992)

We then use this basaltic component as a fluxing component in the open-system dynamic melting models for the lherzolitic samples. In Fig. 11b, the residual compositions obtained from a closed-system dynamic melting model are also shown for comparison with open-system melting. Open-system melting in Fig. 11b is modeled by considering that basaltic melt is fluxed with a β value of 1 %. On the other hand, such fluxing cannot explain the high La/Yb ratios of the Harmancik lherzolitic rocks, as too high β ratios (up to 25 %) are needed. Even such a high fluxing ratio fails in explaining the REE patterns of the lherzolites (see below). This may indicate that the upper mantle peridotites may have interacted with fluid/melts without melting; such processes can be explained by simple mixing processes to have occurred in a subduction system. This discrepancy shall be discussed below. Nevertheless, assuming that the lherzolitic samples were affected by melt/fluid interaction in a subduction system (without melting), the certain model results obtained from the open-system melting (OSM) trend in Fig. 11b are mixed with a subduction zone component (SZC; Eiler et al. 2000, 2007). The results of

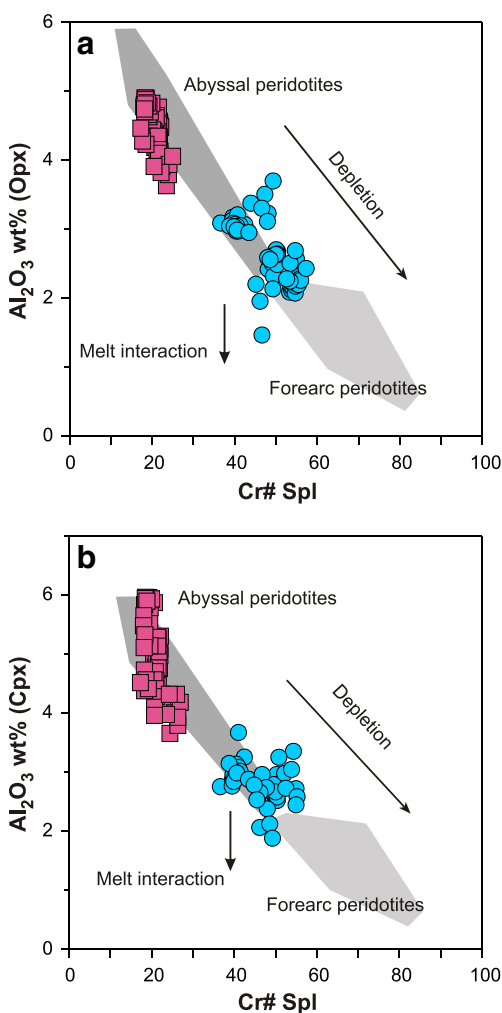


Fig. 9 Plot of Al_2O_3 (wt.%) of orthopyroxene **a**, and clinopyroxene **b** vs. Cr# $[100 \times Cr/(Cr+Al)]$ of coexisting spinel in the Harmancık peridotites. Abyssal and forearc peridotite fields from Bonatti and Michael (1989) and Parkinson et al. (2003)

0.05 %, 0.20 % and 0.07 % mixing of SZC with depleted model peridotite compositions with ratios of 10 %, 13 % and 16 %, respectively, are shown (green asterisk; Model-1, Model-2 and Model-3, respectively) in Fig. 11b. These models explain the La/Yb versus Yb systematics of the lherzolitic samples effectively.

The calculated melting models are also illustrated on PM-normalized REE diagrams in Fig. 11c. Among the lherzolitic samples of the Harmancık peridotites. Sample H21 is characterized by the highest HREE contents (indicating the lowest degrees of melting) and the lowest LREE contents (indicating the lowest degrees of refertilization). Except for sample H21, samples H2 and H10A are characterized by the highest and lowest HREE contents, respectively. Taking into account the REE patterns of these 3 samples, the models 1, 2 and 3 are constructed in Fig. 11b. The results suggest that these samples can be considered as the relicts of partial melting in a mid-ocean setting, but they were also affected from melt/fluid and

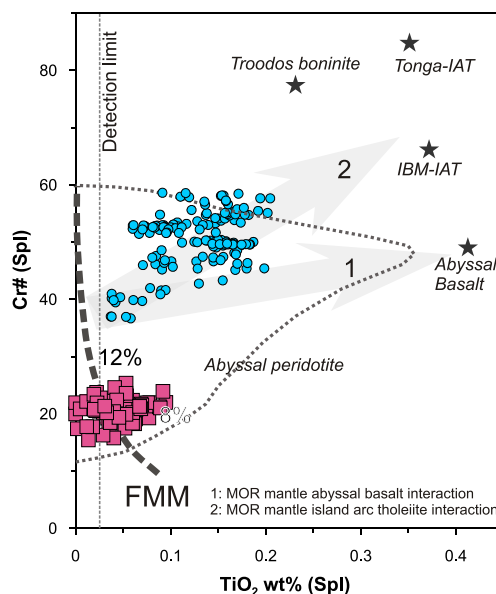


Fig. 10 Cr# $[100 \times Cr/(Cr+Al)]$ vs. TiO_2 (wt.%) in spinel of the Harmancık peridotites. Grey arrows illustrate the effects of MORB melt (arrow 1) and IAT (arrow 2) reaction. Data for Tonga-IAT (island arc tholeiite) and IBM (Izu Bonin-Mariana)-IAT from (Pearce et al. 2000). Abyssal peridotite field from (Dick and Bullen 1984). Filled stars represent the spinel compositions in equilibrium with boninite-, IAT- and MORB-type melts

residua interaction in a subduction system without significant degrees of second-stage partial melting in the mantle wedge. Variations in mixing rates and melting degrees might have also resulted from heterogeneities in the melting and enrichment processes.

The harzburgite samples have lower HREE contents compared to the lherzolites which are assumed to be relicts of a first stage, low-degree partial melting residue formed in a MOR setting. On the basis of the whole-rock and mineral chemistry data, we think that a second-stage partial melting and depletion event may have occurred in a supra-subduction zone (SSZ) setting. Therefore, we infer that the Harmancık harzburgites are the partial melting residues of the lherzolites (i.e., the harzburgites most probably represent the second-stage melting residue of the Harmancık lherzolites).

As a first approximation, Ni/Yb ratios and Yb contents of the harzburgites were modeled in Fig. 11d. The starting composition is assumed to be represented by the most depleted lherzolite sample from the Harmancık (sample H10A), and this corresponds to an ~16 % depleted mantle composition in a MOR setting. The mineral and melt modes are $O10.64(-0.06)+Opx0.27(0.28)+Cpx0.08(0.67)+Sp0.01(0.11)$, which are calculated for 16 % melting. Approximately 4–11 % closed-system dynamic melting of the depleted mantle (represented by sample H10A) can explain the Ni/Yb vs Yb systematics of the harzburgite samples. An open-system dynamic melting model for the harzburgite sample is also shown on the La/Yb vs Yb diagram (Fig. 11e). The results of the open-system

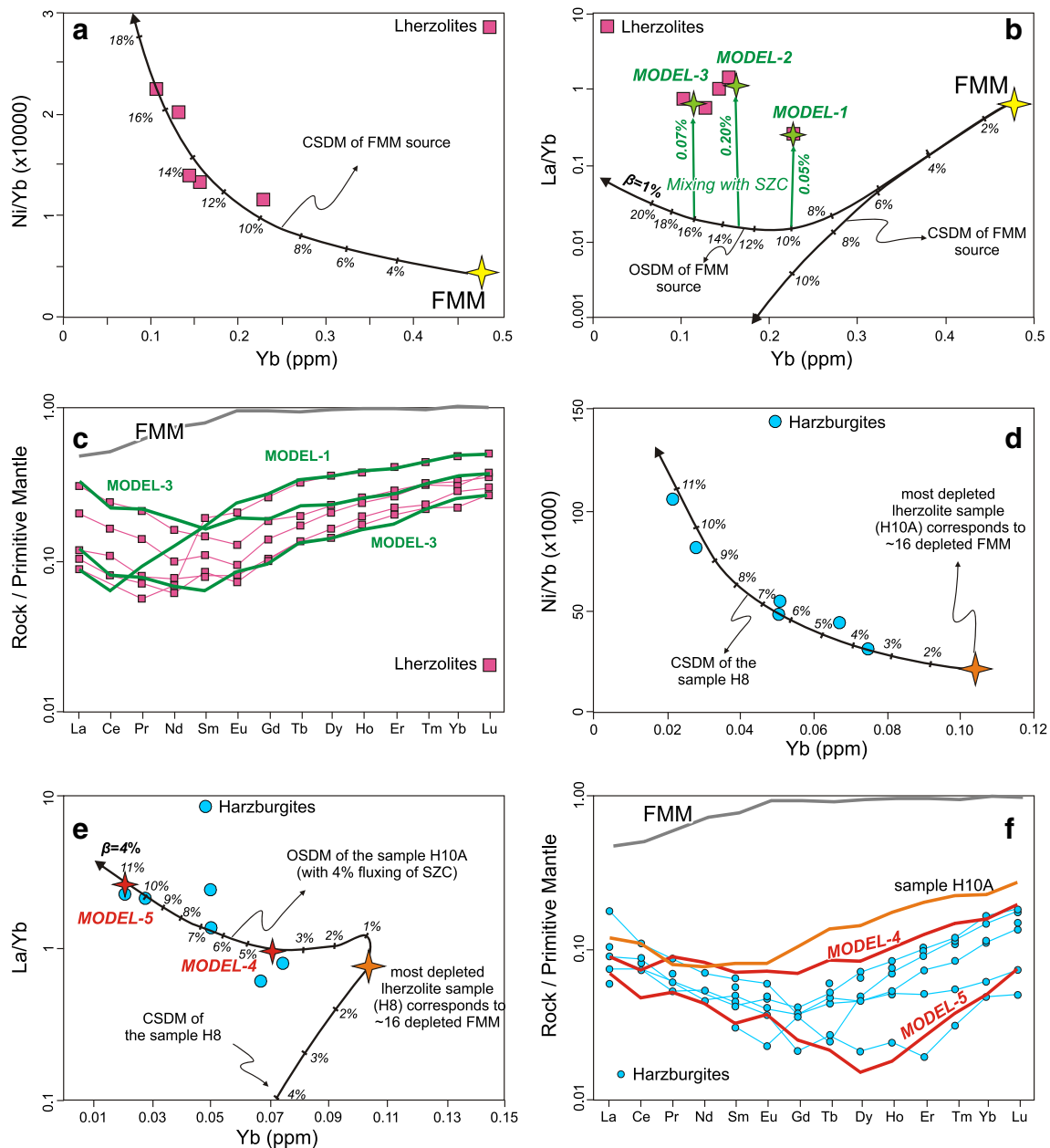


Fig. 11 Closed- and open-system partial melting (CSDM and OSDM, respectively) models for the Harmançik peridotites. Starting composition is Fertile Mid Ocean Ridge Mantle (FMM; Bedard 1999) in (a) to (c) and sample H10A in (d) to (e). Melting models use non-modal dynamic melting equation with critical melt porosity (Φ) of 1 %, and assume that the source has a spinel facies lherzolitic composition (mineral and melt modes: $Ol_{0.53(-0.06)} + Op_{x_{0.27(0.28)}} + Cpx_{0.17(0.67)} + Sp_{0.03(0.11)}$; Kinzler 1997) in (a) to (c) and 16 % depleted spinel facies mantle (mineral and melt modes: $Ol_{0.64(-0.06)} + Op_{x_{0.27(0.28)}} + Cpx_{0.08(0.67)} + Sp_{0.01(0.11)}$). Fluxing material in OSDM models is assumed

as low-degree (1.5 %) basaltic partial melt derived from FMM itself in (b) and subduction zone component (SZC; Eiler et al. 2000; 2007) in (e) and (f). Models 1 to 3 in (b) and (c) are produced by low-degrees (0.05 % to 0.20 %) of simple mixing between SZC and the 10 %, 13 % and 16 % OSDM residuals of FMM, respectively. Models 4 and 5 are produced by 4 % and 11 % OSDM of sample H10A, which is assumed as the starting composition of the second-stage melting. Partition coefficients are compiled from McKenzie and O’Nions (1991), Suhr (1999); Green et al. (2000), Adam and Green (2006). Normalizing values in primitive mantle-normalized diagrams are from Palme and O’Neil (2004)

dynamic melting model show that the harzburgite samples can be produced by ~4–11 % melting of the already 16 % depleted FMM (represented by sample H10A), with $\beta=4$ %. The results of the 4 % and 11 % melting models, Model 4 and Model 5,

respectively, are also shown on PM-normalized REE diagrams in Fig. 11e. Despite the small discrepancies in individual trace element abundances, the patterns of the models fit well with the data. Here, the high β values (~4 %)

with respect to mixing ratios in Models 1–3 can be considered as accompanying melting events in a subduction environment.

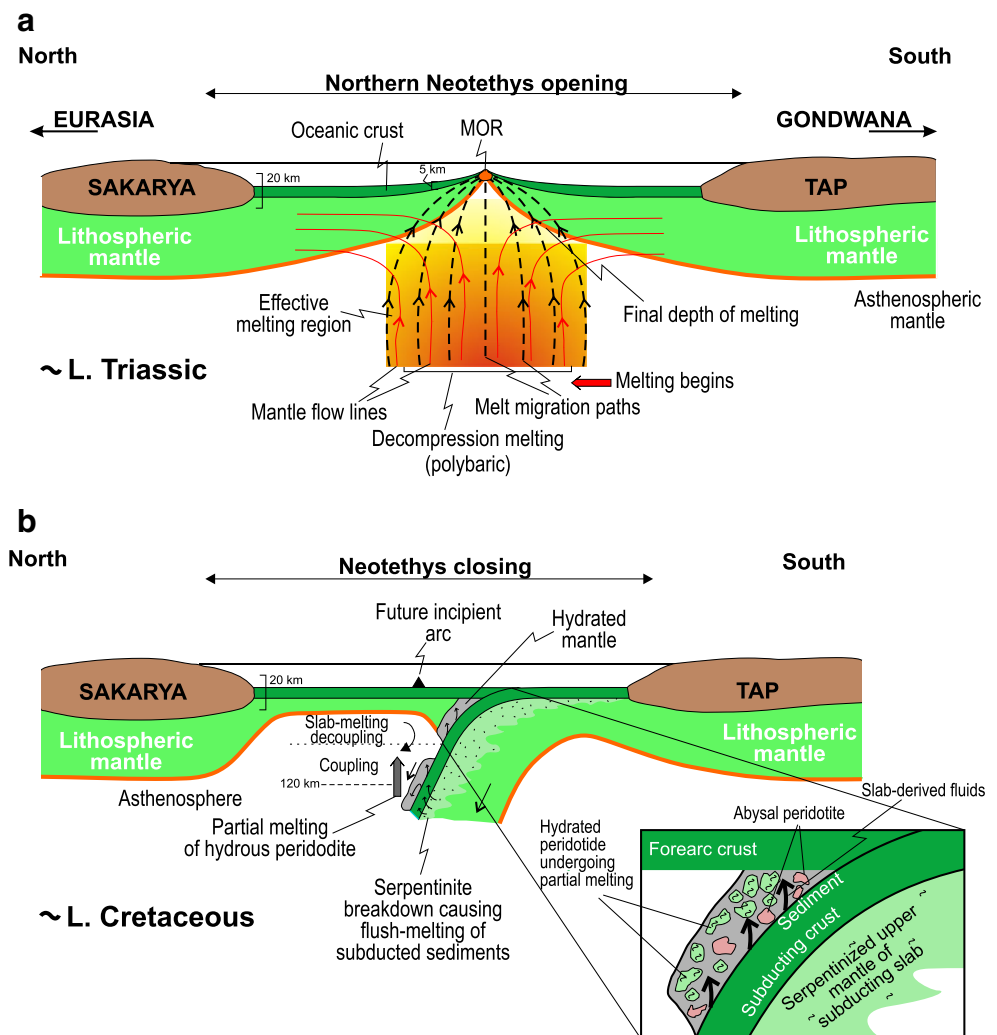
Tectonic setting of the Harmançik ophiolite

Parkinson et al. (1992), Parkinson and Pearce (1998), and Pearce et al. (2000) have shown that both SSZ and abyssal peridotites may occur in forearc tectonic settings although the former are typically dominant. Peridotites in forearc settings may have a variety of origins, ranging from supra-subduction zone peridotites that equilibrated with hydrous fluids and melts derived from the subducting slab to previously formed abyssal peridotites trapped within a forearc region. Abyssal peridotites representing an older lithosphere subsequently emplaced in a forearc setting may not show any evidence for their participation in partial melting in the mantle wedge (Parkinson et al. 1992; Parkinson and Pearce 1998; Pearce et al. 2000; Batanova and Sobolev 2000). The Harmançik peridotite samples have distinct whole-rock geochemical and mineral chemical compositions, suggesting their formation

in several distinct stages. In the first stage, the depleted lherzolites were produced as the residues of anhydrous MOR-type melting beneath the mid-ocean ridge system within the northern branch of Neotethys. This seafloor system evolved between the Sakarya and Tauride-Anatolide continents during the early Mesozoic (Fig. 12a). Nearly 10–16 % anhydrous, decompressional partial melting of a MOR mantle beneath a cold lithospheric lid at the spreading centre formed the depleted lherzolites at this stage. The Harmançik peridotites of this stage are compositionally similar to those occurring in modern intermediate- to slow-spreading mid-ocean ridges (Uysal et al. 2007; Aldanmaz et al. 2009).

The northern branch of Neotethys started collapsing along an intra-oceanic subduction zone as early as in the mid to late Cretaceous, as the entire Tethyan realm experienced regional compression in front of the northward-moving Afro-Arabian plate (Dilek and Moores 1990; Dilek et al. 1999). The previously formed MOR oceanic lithosphere was subsequently emplaced in the upper plate of a north-dipping subduction zone (Fig. 12). In this stage, more

Fig. 12 Petrogenetic–tectonic model for the two-stage evolution of the Harmançik peridotites in the northern branch of Neotethys. See discussion in the text



refractory harzburgites formed as residues after ~4–11 % partial melting of a depleted MORB source (which is the residue of ~16 % partial melting of an FMM source) as a result of subduction initiated magmatism. The evidence for a supra-subduction zone origin of these harzburgites is largely based on the mineralogical and geochemical features of the samples, including the high Cr# of the spinels and the extreme low trace-element concentrations in relict pyroxenes of both the harzburgites and lherzolites. The depleted lherzolites in our study area are thus genetically related to abyssal peridotites, but they have geochemical characteristics that imply a residence time in the mantle wedge of a subduction zone during later stages of their tectonic evolution. Slab-derived fluids, particularly originated from the dehydrated serpentinites in the downgoing slab (inset in Fig. 12b) percolated through the peridotites in the mantle wedge and affected their host mantle rocks heterogeneously at all scales. Some of the abyssal peridotites trapped in this wedge were less hydrated than the surrounding mantle, largely preserving their original geochemical fingerprints (Fig. 12b).

Conclusions

The Harmancık peridotites in NW Turkey are composed of depleted lherzolites and harzburgites. Our geochemical data suggest that the depleted lherzolites representing MORB-type peridotites are residues after ~10–16 % partial melting. They resemble abyssal peridotites that are characterized by small degrees of melt extraction from a MORB source in an oceanic spreading centre. The more refractory Harmancık harzburgites, on the other hand, represent residues after ~4–11 % partial melting of a depleted (~16 % depleted) mantle source. The geochemical signatures of depleted harzburgites are typical of peridotites formed in a SSZ setting. The compositional trends between the depleted lherzolite and the more refractory harzburgite imply that melt-peridotite interaction process played a significant role during their evolution. These processes are evidenced by an increase in Cr# and TiO₂ of the spinels from the depleted lherzolites to more refractory harzburgites (Fig. 10). The geochemical compositions of the more refractory harzburgites indicate that these rocks were affected by melts in the mantle wedge. The enrichment of the LREE in the depleted harzburgite samples indicates interactions between the upper mantle rocks and subduction-derived melts and/or fluids.

Our observations from the Harmancık peridotites indicate that the upper mantle rocks exposed along the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone in northern Turkey are not simply the products of a single melting episode during the evolution of the Mesozoic oceanic lithosphere within Northern Neotethys. Rather, they have a complex multi-stage

melting history, spanning seafloor spreading and SSZ settings. Therefore, we infer that the ophiolite complexes occurring along this suture zone are also compositionally and structurally heterogeneous, composed of nested fragments of oceanic lithosphere that formed in different stages of the tectonic evolution of the northern branch of Neotethys. It should not be surprising, then, to find ophiolitic rocks with different ages (Dilek and Thy 2006), as old as the earliest Mesozoic or even older, along the İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone.

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