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- The restoration of the rotational domains predicts a minimum NE-SW horizontal extension of ~30–35 km across the basin system
- The Sultandağları range may represent a Miocene extensional core complex

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## Rotations of Normal Fault Blocks Quantify Extension in the Central Tauride Intramontane Basins, SW Turkey

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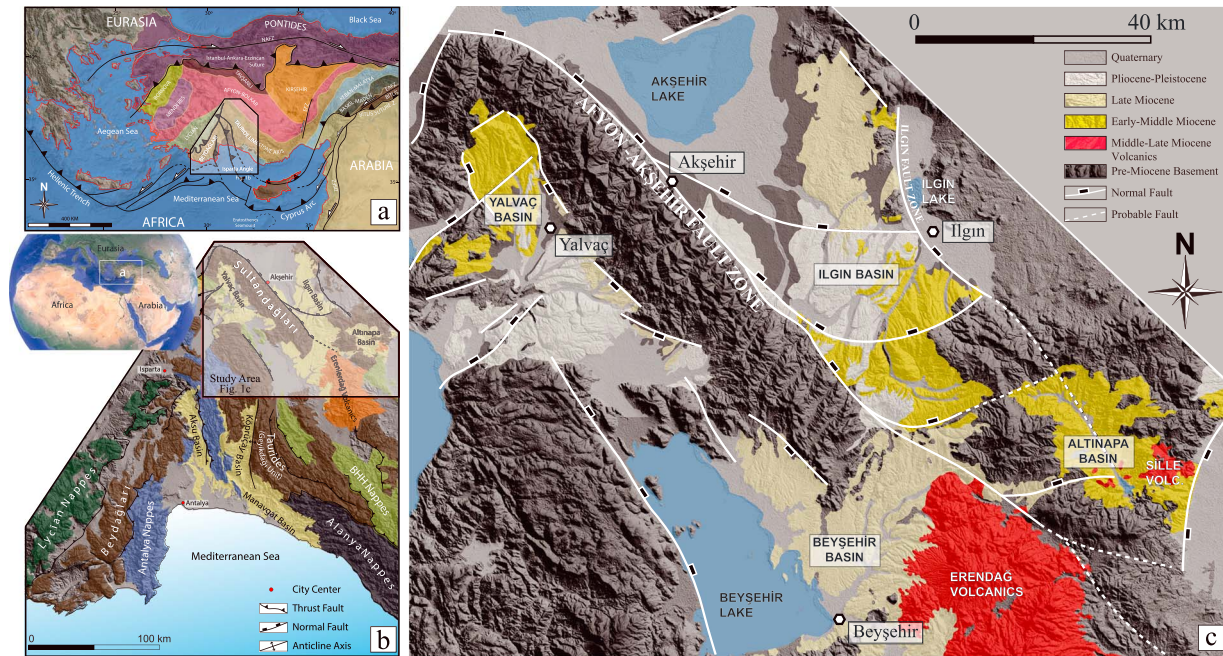
**Abstract** Quantifying the amount of stretching in extensional basin systems is often challenging in the absence of seismic profiles or boreholes. However, when fault spacing and orientation as well as vertical axis rotation patterns are known, map-view restoration may provide a good estimate of total extension. This integrated structural and paleomagnetic approach provides a relatively straightforward tool in extensional basin restoration and fault zone kinematic analysis. Here we provide results of an extensive paleomagnetic survey of the Neogene Central Tauride intramontane basins (SW Turkey), where previous work revealed a complex array of basin-bounding normal faults and relay ramps. In total, 437 oriented cores were sampled at 43 sites distributed within Miocene-Pliocene continental sedimentary rocks from the Ilgın, Altınapa, Yalvaç, and Beyşehir basins. Despite the more or less coherent overall strike of the mountain belt and basins, rotations vary from ~42° clockwise (Yalvaç) to ~10° (Beyşehir), ~21° (Ilgın), and ~30° (Altınapa) counterclockwise. We show that the rotation pattern is related to normal faults and lateral variations in fault displacement superimposed on regional rotation patterns. We restore these to estimate a minimum NE-SW horizontal extension of ~30–35 km across the basin system. As a consequence of our reconstruction, it appears that the Sultandağları range that exposes low-grade metamorphic Paleozoic and Mesozoic rocks of the Geyikdağı and Bolcardağ nappes of the Taurides represents a Miocene extensional core complex.

### 1. Introduction

The amount and rate of extension is an important parameter in assessing physical properties of sedimentary basins (Jarvis & McKenzie, 1980). In smaller basin systems, estimates may be derived from calculating individual normal fault throws if offset markers are constrained, for example, through seismic profiles or borehole data (Gibbs, 1983; Jackson, 1987). In the many occasions where such data are unavailable, however, estimating normal fault displacement is challenging, because displaced markers are buried in hanging walls and may be eroded in footwalls.

An alternative and indirect approach to arrive at first-order estimates of extension is by integrating structural analysis with paleomagnetic analysis of vertical axis rotation patterns. Extensional basins are often laterally discontinuous, and within (half-)grabens, normal fault systems are often segmented, whereby segments are connected through relay ramps (e.g., Larsen, 1988; Ori, 1989; Peacock, 2002; Peacock & Sanderson, 1994; Trudgill & Cartwright, 1994). Such systems, developing at the scale of laterally discontinuous (half) grabens or at the scale of individual normal fault segments, are associated with lateral strain variations, which lead to vertical axis rotations. On a regional scale, lateral variation in regional back-arc basin extension led to major opposite forearc block rotations in, for example, the Aegean region (van Hinsbergen & Schmid, 2012) or the Sea of Japan (e.g., Martin, 2011). On a smaller scale, vertical axis rotations may result from lateral displacement variations on individual faults (Sussman et al., 2004).

Behavior of fault-bounded crustal units may vary from rigid, discrete blocks to regionally uniformly distributed shear. In the case of rigid blocks that remain internally undeformed, strain is accommodated by slip at bounding fault zones and rotation is accommodated by laterally varying displacements along bounding faults (Nelson & Jones, 1987). This model is best applicable to upper crustal, brittle deformation on the scale of individual basins, where the main faults and intervening undeformed blocks are mapped. On larger scale, for example, of large basin complexes, an alternative approach is to abandon the concept of rigidity and use a



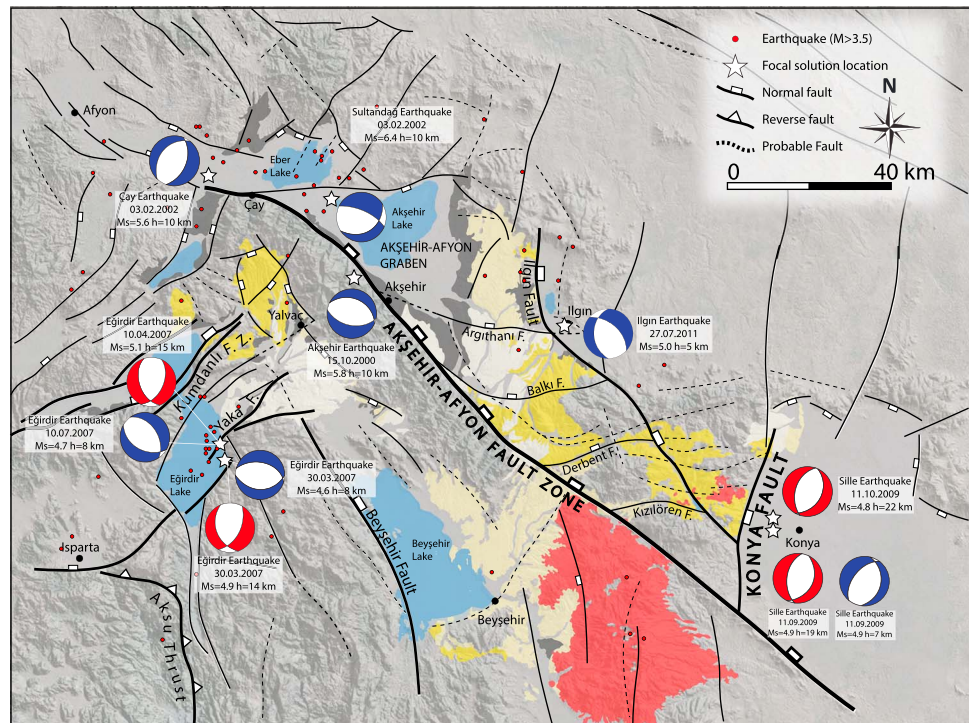
**Figure 1.** (a) Simplified structural map with the major tectonic zones of Turkey overlain on a Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) topographic image. (b) Major tectonic structures and units in the Isparta angle. (c) Simplified geological map of the study area.

continuum description for deformation (McKenzie & Jackson, 1983). In both approaches, blocks within a single domain rotate by the same amount in the same direction (Garfunkel & Ron, 1985; McKenzie & Jackson, 1983; Ron et al., 1984).

Vertical axis rotation analysis may thus help to quantify the amount of regional horizontal strain variations. These relative variations may either provide minimum estimates of total strain across a region and may be converted to total strain if calibrated in one location (e.g., where no deformation occurred, on a lateral edge of an extensional domain). Different senses of vertical block rotation, either clockwise (CW) or counterclockwise (CCW) within a single domain may further help to find style and amount of deformation.

A wide extensional domain hosting the Neogene Central Tauride intramontane basins (CTIB) in SW Turkey is an example of a probably relatively low-strain extensional region where the total amount of extension remains unquantified. Simultaneously with the formation of these basins, a westward convex orocline formed in the Central Taurides (Koç, van Hinsbergen, et al., 2016). This oroclinal bending was associated with several tens of kilometers of shortening to the west and has been attributed to be caused by an isolated *Antalya* slab (Biryol et al., 2011; van der Meer et al., 2018) that may or may not still be connected to the Bey Dağları foreland of SW Turkey (Koç, van Hinsbergen, et al., 2016). The CTIB to the east of the orocline may balance the shortening in the front such that the oroclinal bending was associated with no net displacement between Central and Western Turkey (Figures 1a and 1b). To test this, however, a quantification of Miocene extension in the CTIB is required.

The CTIB hosts a series of Mio-Pliocene continental extensional sedimentary basins, including the Beyşehir, Yalvaç, Ilgin, and Altınapa basins, which are located in the hanging walls of major normal fault systems that are structurally well mapped (Koç et al., 2017; Koç, Kaymakci, et al., 2016; Koç et al., 2012; Koçyiğit & Özacar, 2003; Figure 1c). The present-day tectonic regime in these continental basins shows that the region experiences active extension, as portrayed by active seismicity, earthquake focal mechanisms, field data including fault plane solutions, and GPS measurements (Kalyoncuoğlu et al., 2011; Koç et al., 2017; Koç, Kaymakci, et al., 2016; Koç et al., 2012; Koçyiğit & Özacar, 2003; Reilinger et al., 2006; Figure 2). Basin analysis revealed that the modern extensional regime in these continental basins started in at least Middle Miocene times and probably already in the Early Miocene when the first sediments started accumulating (Koç et al., 2017; Koç, Kaymakci, et al., 2016; Koç et al., 2012). What makes these basins particularly complex is that bounding normal fault



**Figure 2.** Major structures of the region are shown on a shaded relief image, with moment tensor solutions of the recent major earthquakes. Beach balls with red show focal mechanism solutions from Harvard Global Centroid Moment Tensor (CMT) catalog, and beach balls with blue indicate focal mechanism solutions from Ergin et al. (2009), Taymaz et al. (2004), Poyraz et al. (2014), Earthquake Research Department (ERD, Ankara), and Institute of Technology (ETH) of Zurich (ETHZ) catalogs. Label for earthquake mechanism indicates date, magnitude, and hypocenter depth.

systems are multidirectional and strike at angles of  $\sim 90^\circ$  to each other, and on the scale of the basins, multidirectional, dominantly NE-SW and NW-SE extension prevailed from the Miocene to the present (Koç et al., 2017; Koç, Kaymakci, et al., 2016; Koç et al., 2012).

Here we provide results of an extensive paleomagnetic study constraining vertical axis rotation in the Beyşehir, Yalvaç, Iğın, and Altınapa basins since the Miocene. We integrate the results with constraints on normal fault geometry, pattern, and evolution to arrive at a first-order map-view reconstruction that allows estimating horizontal extension in the study area. We discuss these results within the context of the tectonic and geodynamic evolution of the Central Tauride region and illustrate the general use of paleomagnetic constraints in estimating crustal extension by restoring tectonic rotations.

## 2. Geological Setting and Structural Geological Constraints

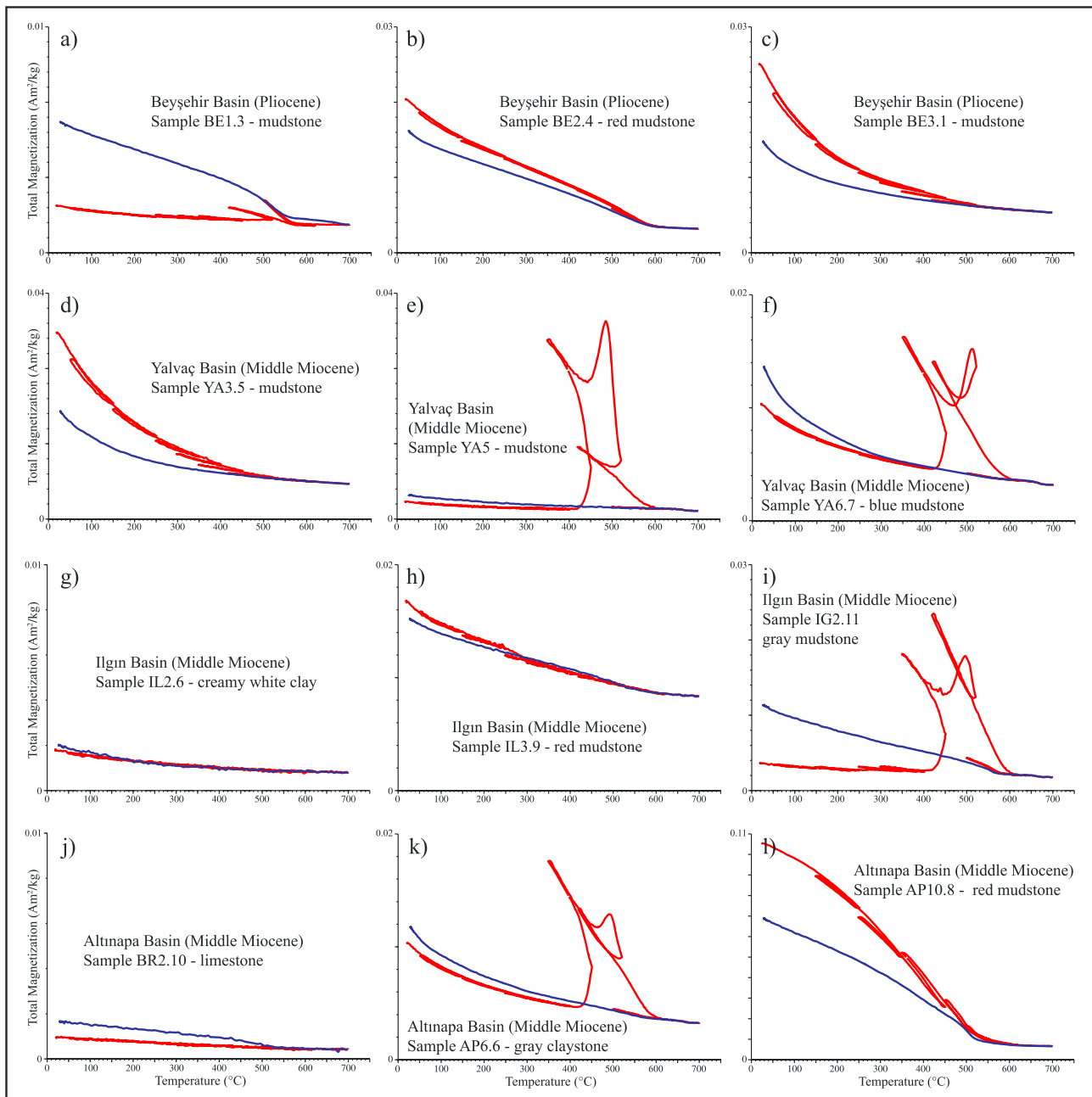
Complex deformation in Anatolia is caused by long-lived convergence between Africa and Eurasia since the Cretaceous (Figure 1a). The convergence was accommodated by northward subduction at multiple subduction zones that consumed a complex paleogeography of continental platforms and basins collectively referred to as the Adria-Turkey Plate (Stampfli et al., 1991) or Greater Adria (Gaina et al., 2013), of which the Anatolian part is referred to as the Anatolide-Tauride block (s) (Barrier & Vrielynck, 2008; Dewey & Şengör, 1979; Gürer et al., 2016; Okay, 1986; Pourteau et al., 2010; Robertson, 2004; Şengör & Yılmaz, 1981; van Hinsbergen et al., 2016). The İzmir-Ankara-Erzincan suture zone runs along the southern margin of Pontides, which have been part of Eurasia since at least mid-Mesozoic time, and marks the former position of the Northern Branch of the Neotethys (Şengör & Yılmaz, 1981). A second subduction zone originated within the Neotethys ocean to the north of the (Anatolide)-Taurides in Late Cretaceous time. It accommodated subduction of the continental lower crust during the latest Cretaceous to Eocene during which time continental upper crust was stacked into the Taurides fold-thrust belt. The Taurides and Africa were separated by this subsequently consumed oceanic lithosphere of the Southern Branch of the Neotethys (Gürer

et al., 2016; Menant et al., 2016; van Hinsbergen, Kaymakci, et al., 2010; van Hinsbergen et al., 2016). This subduction zone is still active today along the Cyprus subduction zone to the west of the island of Cyprus (Granot, 2016; Khair & Tsokas, 1999). Anatolia is located on the overriding plate of this complex subduction system with bow-like trenches forming at the junction of Aegean and Cyprus arcs (Figure 1a). In Eastern Turkey, this Southern Branch has been entirely subducted and is demarcated by the Bitlis suture zone, with the arrest of subduction at the end of the Middle Miocene (Faccenna et al., 2006; Hüsing et al., 2009; Keskin, 2003; Okay et al., 2010; Şengör et al., 2003; Şengör & Yılmaz, 1981). Subduction along the Cyprus arc is in its latest stages, and subduction of the stretched African continental margin and overlying Cretaceous obducted ophiolitic klippen has occurred since the Late Miocene on Cyprus and was probably associated with slab break-off since the Middle Miocene (Biryol et al., 2011; Faccenna et al., 2006; Gans et al., 2009; Schildgen et al., 2014; van der Meer et al., 2018). To the west, the Antalya slab is located below the Bay of Antalya, is separated by a gap from the Cyprus slab (Biryol et al., 2011; van der Meer et al., 2018), and may have been decoupled from the African plate since the Eocene.

During this intense deformation history of shortening, a fold and thrust belt formed a carbonate-dominated mountain range in southern Turkey, with dominantly south (west) ward thrusting until Late Eocene time (Altınır et al., 1999; Andrew & Robertson, 2002; Mackintosh & Robertson, 2009; Meijers et al., 2011; Özer et al., 2004; Ricou et al., 1975). The belt shows major large-displacement thrusts and smaller-scale duplexes and imbricates, and today its high topography (at elevations up to 2,200 m) is covered by Neogene sedimentary basins (Figures 1b and 1c). These basins formed in the upper plate above the Cyprus and Antalya slabs and were filled by marine to continental sediments and volcanics. The dominantly marine basins (Aksu, Manavgat, and Küprüçay basins, Figure 1b) are located mainly in the central and southern limb of the belt while the continental basins started to form in the north, since the Early Miocene. These intramontane basins include the Altınapa, Yalvaç, Ilgın, and Beyşehir basins (Figure 1c), which are the main concern of this study. The stratigraphy of the Altınapa basin is displaying Early Miocene fining upward fluvio-lacustrine sediments (which we name the lower Altınapa unit), unconformably overlain by Middle Miocene lacustrine and volcanoclastic sediments, as well as andesitic lavas (upper Altınapa unit).  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  dating from volcanoclastic levels provide 11.8–11.6 Ma ages and the main basin forming phase occurred prior to 11.8 Ma (Koç et al., 2012). The Ilgın basin (IB) shows a similar stratigraphy with the earliest age recorded in Early Miocene lacustrine deposits at Harami (Krijgsman et al., 1996). These deposits are the distal equivalent of Early Miocene red clastic deposits in the western edge of the IB. These red clastics are unconformably overlain by Middle Miocene lacustrine deposits (Koç et al., 2017). This age is also supported by the radiometric age determinations from pumice deposits in the stratigraphy of the IB (11.61 Ma). A similar stratigraphy was recently documented from the Yalvaç basin (YB) with the clearest depocenter represented by Middle Miocene fine-grained lacustrine deposits (Koç, Kaymakci, et al., 2016). The onset of sedimentation in the YB is not known precisely, but available biostratigraphic control shows that it must have started during or before the Middle Miocene. The Beyşehir basin (BB) also contains lacustrine sediments and volcanics, and these comprise the youngest deposits we sampled, with the Early Miocene–Pliocene age (Keller et al., 1977; Tatar et al., 2002).

The major (normal) faults bounding these continental basins are the Beyşehir fault bordering the west side of Beyşehir Lake and BB, the major Akşehir-Afyon fault zone bordering the western limit of the IB (Figure 2). These major faults also governed basin formation, with proximal facies close to the basin margins and basinward grading into lacustrine deposits, representing local depocenters. Between the Akşehir-Afyon fault zone and Ilgın fault a number of E-W trending normal faults have been documented (Koç et al., 2017) (Figure 2) that redistribute the strain laterally and connect to these major faults through relay ramp geometry. Paleostress inversion analysis based on growth faults shows that the basins formed during multidirectional extension, with NE-SW to E-W extension dominating over subordinate N-S extension (Koç et al., 2017).

Despite the long and intense history of shortening caused by Africa-Europe convergence, the present-day tectonic regime as portrayed by active seismicity, earthquake focal mechanisms, field data, including fault plane solutions, and GPS measurements shows that these basins experienced extension, and extension-related subsidence is controlled by these basin bounding faults. Focal mechanism solutions of moderate-size earthquakes in historic times along the major faults indicate regionally multidirectional extension, with the range-bounding major normal faults accommodating dip-slip NE-SW extensions that occur in tandem with NW-SE extension accommodated along less prominent fault zones (Ergin et al., 2009; Koç et al., 2017; Poyraz et al., 2014; Taymaz et al., 2004; Tiryakioğlu et al., 2013; Figure 2).



**Figure 3.** Thermomagnetic curves using six heating and cooling cycles (red lines) up to 700 °C for representative samples. The final cooling segment (blue line) is indicated with a thicker line. A noisy appearance is indicative of a weak magnetic signal. See text for explanation of the thermomagnetic behavior.

### 3. Paleomagnetic Sampling and Analysis

In total, 437 oriented cores were sampled at 42 sites distributed within Miocene-Pliocene continental (mostly lacustrine) sedimentary rocks from the CTIB at the eastern limb (Ilgın and Altınapa basins) and central part (Yalvaç and Beyşehir basins) of the Isparta angle. We sampled fresh sedimentary rock in exposures away from major brittle faults to minimize rotations reflecting local deformation. From the IB 12 sites were sampled, 17 sites come from the Altınapa basin, 8 sites were collected from the YB, and 5 from the BB (Figures 2 and 6). Samples were taken from limestones, silt, and claystones, and from a few tuffs deposited in lacustrine environments. Samples were drilled using a gasoline powered motor drill, and sample orientations were measured with a magnetic compass. Sample orientations as well as bedding attitudes were corrected for present-day

declination (+4.5°). At least 10 standard oriented cores were collected from each site after removing the weathered surface of the outcrop. In the laboratory, samples were cut into standard specimens, providing in most cases two or more specimens per core (referred to as A and B specimens, for deeper and shallower parts of the core, respectively).

To determine magnetic carriers of the ChRM in the samples, thermomagnetic runs were carried out in air (Figure 3), using a modified horizontal translation-type Curie balance, with a sensitivity of  $\sim 5 \times 10^{-9} \text{ Am}^2$  (Mullender et al., 1993). Approximately 50–100 mg of powdered rock sample (depending on the magnetic intensity of the sample) was put into a quartz-glass sample holder held in place by quartz wool. The measurement procedure consists of six heating and cooling cycles up to a maximum of 700 °C with 10 °C/min rates.

Approximately 660 specimens were demagnetized (Table 1). Thermal stepwise demagnetization of  $\sim 440$  specimens was performed in (20–30°) temperature steps from room temperature up to 400–680 °C (depending on the maximum unblocking temperature) to verify the reproducibility of alternating field (AF) demagnetization performed on  $\sim 220$  specimens (16 steps from 0 to 100 mT). AF demagnetization was carried out in an in-house developed robotized 2G DC SQUID magnetometer (noise level  $3 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Am}^2$ ; Mullender et al., 2016), which provides significantly better results on samples with low natural remanent magnetization (NRM) intensity.

Paleomagnetic statistical analysis was carried out using the online platform paleomagnetism.org (Koymans et al., 2016), and all data files are provided in the supporting information. Stepwise demagnetization of the NRM is displayed in orthogonal vector diagrams (Figure 4, Zijdeveld, 1967). Magnetization components were determined using principle component analysis (Kirschvink, 1980) on approximately five to seven successive temperature or AF steps in the majority of the specimens. A great circle approach (McFadden & McElhinny, 1988) was used when the samples yielded directions intermediate between those of two (different) components with overlapping temperature or coercivity spectra (Figures 4o and 4p). This method iteratively determines the direction in the plane (great circle) that lies closest to the mean direction of well-determined NRM directions (set points) and the iterated great circle solutions.

Site mean directions and their statistical properties were calculated from the ChRM directions (Figure 5). A fixed cutoff (45°) was applied on the virtual geomagnetic pole (VGP) distribution, and corresponding directions were rejected. The error in declination ( $\Delta D_x$ ) and inclination ( $\Delta I_x$ ) were calculated separately from A95 (the 95% cone of confidence of VGPs) following Butler (1992). We derive  $N$ -dependent minimum and maximum values of A95 according to Deenen et al. (2011, 2014). We prefer this approach, since it provides a value of A95 that is then compared to expected values for sufficient sampling of paleosecular variation (PSV), that is, A95 must be within the range A95min–A95max.

The directions of the accepted sites are then grouped into localities that has then a mean based on the actual data (all individual directions) rather than on an average of site means. Since there are no major differences in the number of samples per site, single sites do not bias the final average. Nevertheless, for comparison, we have added locality means based on site means to Table 1. This provides very similar, final results (i.e., the amount of rotation) but different and flawed statistical parameters.

To assess whether two distributions share a common distribution, we use the nonparametric coordinate bootstrap method developed by Tauxe (2010), which uses the actual data. To test the primary origin of the ChRM, fold tests (following Tauxe & Watson, 1994) were performed on the regional data sets within a general area and age window.

#### 4. Paleomagnetic Results

Thermomagnetic curves obtained by Curie Balance measurements are shown in Figure 3. The heating curves of most samples (Figure 3a–3d and 3l) have highest unblocking temperatures ranging 530–580 °C pointing to the presence of (Ti-poor) magnetite. Often, samples show the presence of pyrite (Figures 3e, 3f, 3i, and 3k) that transforms to magnetite above 400 °C (Passier et al., 2001). The newly formed magnetite is subsequently demagnetized/oxidized above 500 °C. In thermal demagnetization experiments, the newly formed magnetite creates spurious NRM directions. Occasionally, samples (Figures 3g, 3j, and 3h) show that the magnetization is very weak and the curves show only the paramagnetic contribution. In these samples, the Curie temperature is not clear.

**Table 1**  
Table Showing All Paleomagnetic Data From This Study

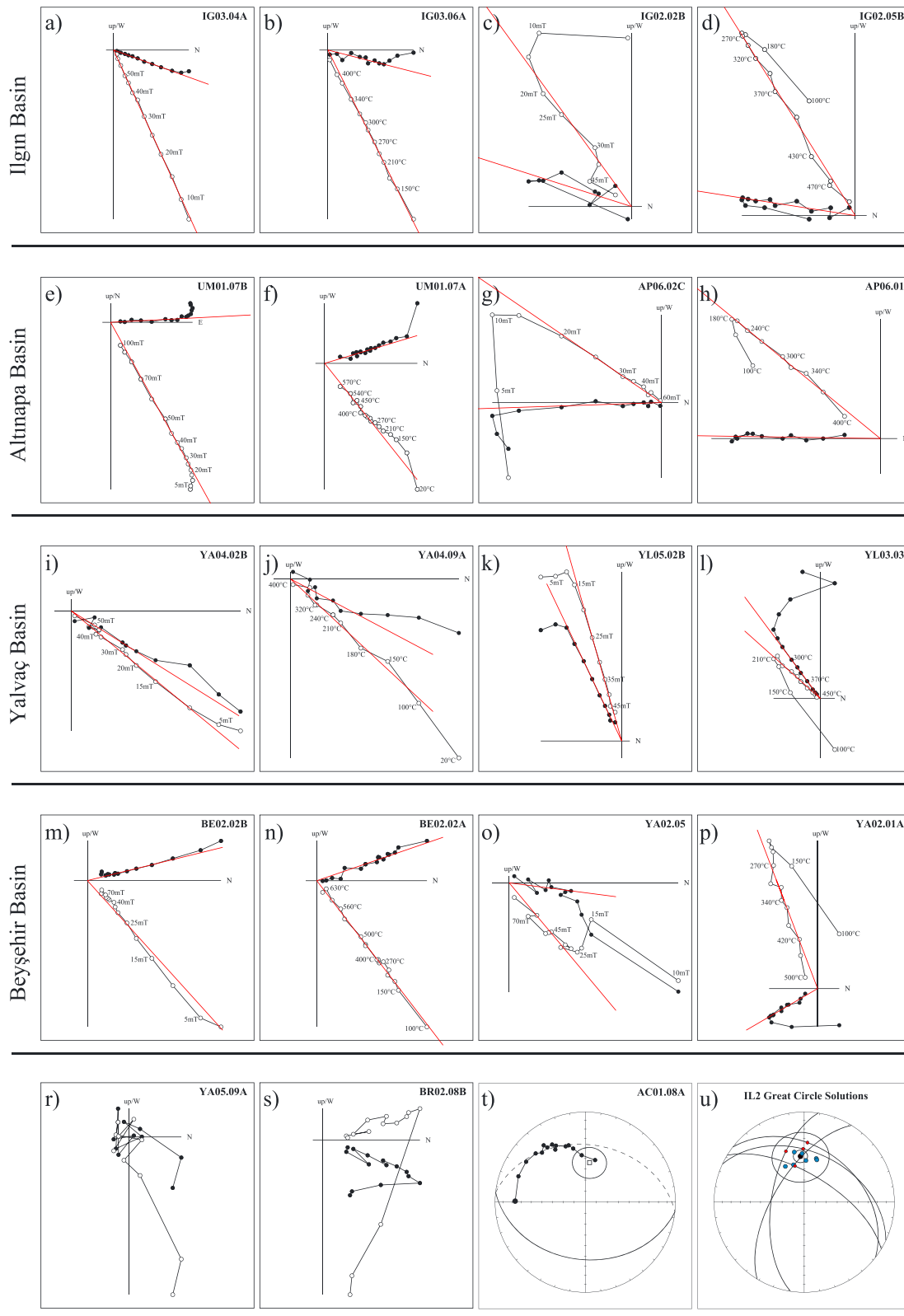
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<b>Beşşehir basin (BB)</b>																							
<b>Pliocene</b>																							
BE1	37.7080	31.7428	13	13	13	7.1	61.6	9.9	6.1	61.6	5.3	33.3	4.3 < 7.3 < 16.3	000/00	13	7.1	61.6	9.9	6.1	61.6	5.3	33.3	33.3
BE2 (spot reading)	37.9178	31.5910	14	14	14	345.5	51.8	3.2	2.9	269.9	2.4	215.8	2.7 < A <sub>95min</sub> (4.2)	000/00	14	345.5	51.8	3.2	2.9	269.9	2.4	215.8	215.8
BE3	37.8992	31.5519	9	5	5	332.1	41.4	13.7	16.8	37.4	12.7	38.5	6.3 < 12.5 < 29.7	000/00	5	332.1	41.4	13.7	16.8	37.4	12.7	38.5	38.5
YL1	37.7575	31.6816	9	6	6	352.6	59.4	12.3	8.3	99.7	6.7	51.9	5.9 < 9.4 < 26.5	000/00	6	352.6	59.4	12.3	8.3	99.7	6.7	51.9	51.9
YA2	38.1827	31.2767	16	13	13	158.3	-64.6	11.2	6.0	58.7	5.5	29.9	4.3 < 7.7 < 16.3	245/24	13	158.8	-40.6	6.3	7.8	58.7	5.5	53.0	53.0
<b>Late Miocene</b>																							
Erenlerdag	37.5000	32.1000	8	8	8	2.4	50.2	14.9	14.2	12.2	16.5	20.0	5.2 < 12.7 < 22.1	000/00	8	2.4	50.2	14.9	14.2	12.2	16.5	20.0	20.0
Volc. <sup>1,2</sup> (N)	37.5000	32.1000	10	10	10	172.5	-46.8	18.0	19.0	14.3	13.2	10.3	4.8 < 15.8 < 19.2	000/00	10	172.5	-46.8	18.0	19.0	14.3	13.2	10.3	10.3
Volc. <sup>1,2</sup> (R)	37.5000	32.1000	18	18	16	1.7	46.1	8.5	9.2	18.3	8.9	25.0	4.0 < 7.5 < 14.3	000/00	16	1.7	46.1	8.5	9.2	18.3	8.9	25.0	25.0
Volc. <sup>1,2</sup> (N + R)			39	32	32	356.1	56.0	7.4	5.8	21.3	5.6	19.2	3.0 < 6.0 < 9.2		32	356.1	56.0	7.4	5.8	21.3	5.6	19.2	19.2
Mean (N)			26	23	23	166.0	-57.3	10.8	8.0	19.2	7.1	13.6	3.4 < 8.5 < 11.4		23	164.3	-43.4	8.2	9.6	23.3	6.4	17.7	17.7
Mean (R)			65	55	55	352.0	56.6	6.3	4.8	20.3	4.4	15.7	2.4 < 5.0 < 6.6		55	350.4	50.9	5.8	5.4	19.1	4.5	16.0	16.0
Mean (site avs.)			6	5	5	349.7	55.4	18.7	14.8	36.3	12.9	26.9	6.3 < 15.0 < 29.7		5	348.6	50.6	17.7	16.6	34.6	13.2	26.8	26.8
<b>Yalvaç basin (YB)</b>																							
<b>Middle Miocene</b>																							
YA3	38.3863	31.1373	15	15	15	32.3	40.8	5.8	7.3	50.8	5.4	52.1	4.1 < 5.3 < 14.9	047/36	15	43.0	56.3	8.5	6.5	50.8	5.4	32.6	32.6
YA4	38.3961	31.1222	15	13	13	352.5	46.6	5.9	6.3	66.0	5.1	63.5	4.3 < 5.2 < 16.3	092/18	13	4.5	48.4	6.4	6.5	66.0	5.1	56.5	56.5
YA5 (PDF)	38.4145	31.1060	18	16	16	196.3	-35.5	6.7	9.4	37.6	6.1	35.0	4.0 < 6.3 < 14.3	008/11	16	223.5	-46.3	8.2	8.8	37.6	6.1	26.8	26.8
YA6	38.4495	31.0801	18	16	16	206.0	-36.1	2.2	3.0	329.5	2.0	32.1	2.1 < A <sub>95min</sub> (4.0)	044/32	16	239.0	-46.4	2.4	2.6	329.5	2.0	29.1	29.1
YL2 (spot reading)	38.3922	31.1226	18	16	16	229.5	-32.3	5.3	7.9	96.9	4.7	83.1	4.6 < 5.0 < 18.1	053/37	16	239.0	-46.4	2.4	2.6	329.5	2.0	29.1	29.1
YL3	38.4136	31.1054	11	11	11	207.8	-26.3	6.7	11.2	30.5	7.0	35.1	4.1 < 6.5 < 14.9	078/12	11	236.9	-38.2	5.5	7.3	96.9	4.7	80.6	80.6
YL4	38.4569	31.0612	19	15	15	207.8	-26.3	6.7	11.2	30.5	7.0	35.1	4.1 < 6.5 < 14.9	075/31	15	225.5	-48.0	8.9	9.2	30.5	7.0	24.9	24.9
YL5	38.4670	31.0402	16	15	15	241.3	-52.1	4.1	3.7	125.7	3.3	115.8	3.4 < A <sub>95min</sub> (4.0)	197/28	16	198.7	-61.8	5.9	3.6	125.7	3.3	73.9	73.9
Mean (N)			15	15	15	32.3	40.8	5.8	7.3	50.8	5.4	52.1	4.1 < 5.3 < 14.9		15	43.0	56.3	8.5	6.5	50.8	5.4	32.6	32.6
Mean (R)			64	58	58	216.2	-38.5	5.4	7.2	16.0	4.8	14.6	2.4 < 5.1 < 6.4		58	222.2	-50.2	5.2	5.0	25.0	3.8	18.4	18.4
Mean (N + R)			79	73	73	35.4	39.0	4.5	5.8	18.7	3.9	17.1	2.2 < 4.1 < 5.5		73	42.3	51.5	4.5	4.1	27.4	3.2	20.1	20.1
Mean (site avs.)			8	5	5	36.1	38.4	18.5	24.4	23.7	16.0	20.8	6.3 < 17.2 < 29.7		5	43.5	50.7	15.9	14.9	43.2	11.8	32.9	32.9
<b>Iğın basin (İB)</b>																							
<b>Middle Miocene</b>																							
IL3	38.1521	31.8157	12	11	11	159.0	-49.0	10.0	9.9	30.8	8.4	28.9	4.6 < 8.6 < 18.1	060/06	11	159.6	-55.0	11.7	9.4	30.8	8.4	24.2	24.2
AC1	38.0297	31.9155	14	11	11	315.2	33.9	7.7	11.1	36.2	7.7	40.6	4.6 < 7.3 < 18.1	260/08	11	318.1	27.6	7.0	11.3	36.2	7.7	46.7	46.7
IL2	38.1864	31.8472	14	12	12	355.3	47.7	8.0	8.3	52.9	6.9	39.2	4.4 < 7.0 < 17.1	140/14	12	339.8	54.3	9.4	7.8	52.9	6.0	32.5	32.5
IL4 (PDF)	38.1753	31.8368	18	11	11	0.1	51.4	12.4	11.4	26.4	9.1	19.9	4.6 < 10.5 < 18.1	095/21	11	354.8	72.3	26.9	9.0	26.4	9.1	11.5	11.5
IG1	38.0805	31.8832	18	12	12	347.4	51.0	10.8	10.1	25.8	8.7	23.2	4.4 < 9.2 < 17.1	152/10	12	334.8	52.6	11.3	9.9	25.8	8.7	22.2	22.2
IG2	38.0806	31.8815	18	14	14	182.4	-48.8	5.8	5.8	71.8	4.7	62.8	4.2 < 5.1 < 15.6	154/25	14	150.7	-54.5	6.7	5.5	71.8	4.7	53.7	53.7
IG3 (spot reading)	38.0807	31.8806	17	17	17	10.0	63.4	3.4	1.9	425.1	1.7	219.8	2.4 < A <sub>95min</sub> (3.9)	205/16	17	345.4	55.8	2.6	2.0	425.1	1.7	302.2	302.2
IG4	38.0807	31.8798	17	17	17	359.1	56.6	5.2	3.9	144.4	3.0	75.7	3.9 < 4.1 < 13.8	153/10	17	343.7	59.8	5.4	3.6	144.4	3.0	76.5	76.5
IG5	38.0424	31.8729	17	14	14	342.3	48.1	8.5	8.6	38.3	6.5	30.0	4.2 < 7.4 < 15.6	282/12	14	347.4	37.4	6.8	9.1	38.3	6.3	40.7	40.7
IG6	38.0496	31.8386	14	9	9	340.5	41.6	9.4	11.5	47.2	7.6	36.6	5.0 < 8.6 < 20.5	160/06	9	335.3	40.9	9.5	11.8	47.2	7.6	36.0	36.0
IG7	38.1118	31.7361	70	64	64	349.4	50.2	3.9	3.8	37.3	2.9	28.8	2.3 < 3.4 < 6.0	102/25	64	341.1	50.0	4.0	3.9	30.3	3.3	27.3	27.3
Mean (N)			30	25	25	172.3	-49.5	6.7	6.6	33.3	5.2	26.0	3.3 < 5.8 < 10.8		25	154.5	-54.8	6.2	5.0	45.3	4.4	34.0	34.0
Mean (R)			100	89	89	350.2	50.0	3.4	3.2	36.4	2.5	28.1	2.0 < 2.9 < 4.8		89	339.4	51.4	3.4	3.1	32.4	2.7	28.1	28.1
Mean (N + R)			12	7	7	349.0	49.3	7.9	7.7	113.0	5.7	79.6	5.5 < 6.8 < 24.1		7	338.9	50.8	7.6	7.1	81.2	6.7	88.9	88.9
Mean (site avs.)			14	13	13	4.5	34.5	5.9	8.4	53.4	5.7	57.0	4.3 < 5.5 < 16.3	046/04	13	6.6	37.3	6.1	8.2	53.4	5.7	54.5	54.5
Early Miocene			15	15	15	180.1	-56.9	6.1	4.6	95.4	3.9	63.6	4.1 < 4.8 < 14.9	285/31	15	187.7	-27.0	3.3	5.5	95.4	3.9	141.1	141.1
AC2 (RM)	38.0765	31.8300	15	15	15	180.1	-56.9	6.1	4.6	95.4	3.9	63.6	4.1 < 4.8 < 14.9	285/31	15	187.7	-27.0	3.3	5.5	95.4	3.9	141.1	141.1

**Table 1** (continued)

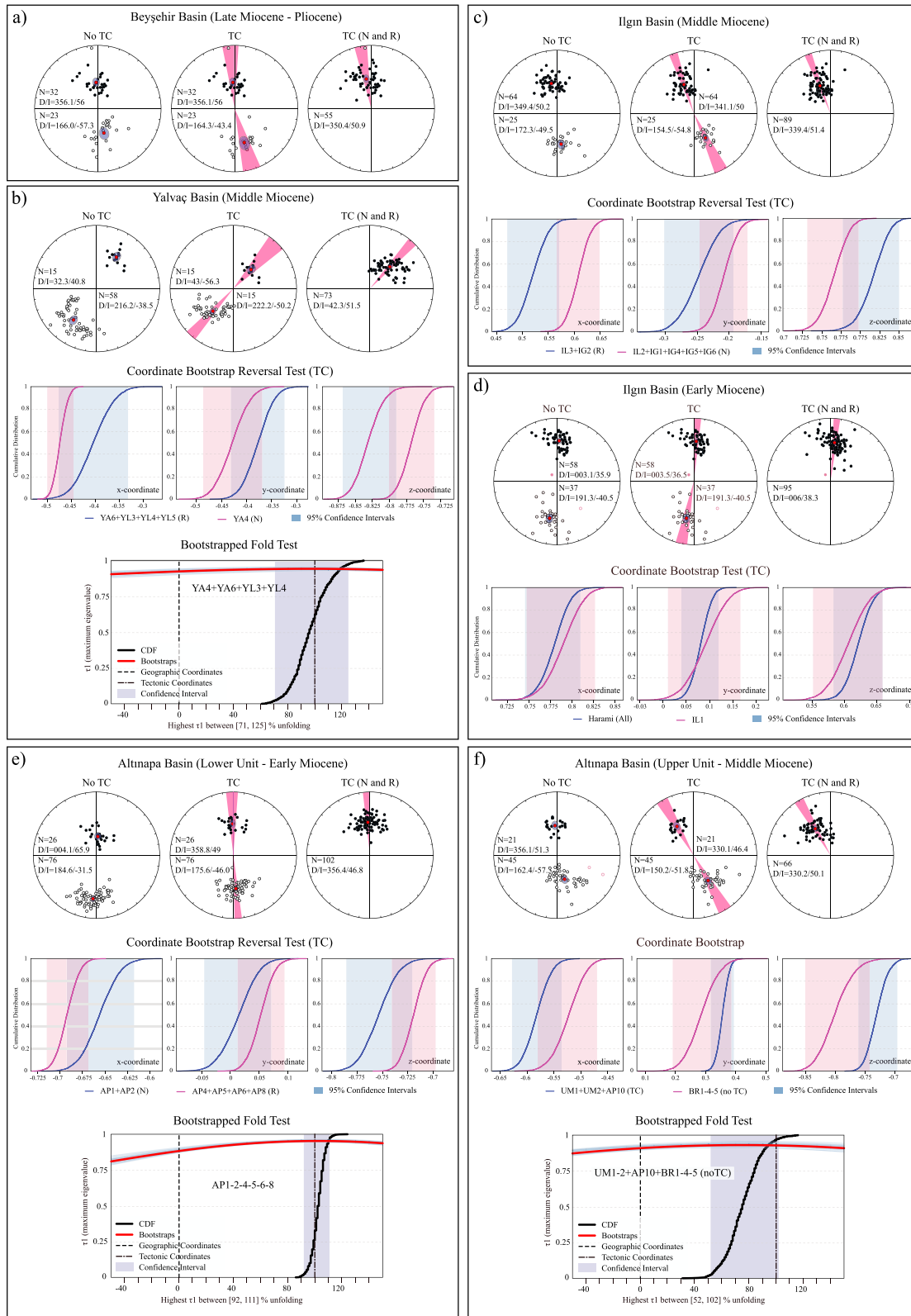
	Lat	Long	N	N <sub>d</sub>	N <sub>45</sub>	ChRM directions-in situ						ChRM directions-tilt corrected												
						I	ΔDX	ΔIx	k	α <sub>95</sub>	κ	A <sub>95min</sub> < A <sub>95max</sub>	Strike/dip	N <sub>45</sub>	D	I	ΔDX	ΔIx	k	α <sub>95</sub>	κ			
Harami <sup>3</sup> (N)	38.4500	31.8700	45	47	44	2.6	36.2	3.9	5.3	30.5	4.0	36.2	2.6	36.2	3.9	5.3	30.5	4.0	36.2					
Harami <sup>3</sup> (R)	38.4500	31.8700	37	36	36	191.3	-40.5	5.3	6.7	23.2	5.1	24.7	2.9	4.9	8.6	6.7	23.2	5.1	24.7					
Mean (N)			59	58	57	3.1	35.9	3.2	4.5	34.1	3.3	39.9	2.4	3.0	6.4	4.5	33.9	3.3	39.4					
Mean (R)			37	37	36	191.3	-40.5	5.3	6.7	23.2	5.1	24.7	2.9	4.9	8.6	6.7	23.2	5.1	24.7					
Mean (N + R)			96	95	94	5.7	37.9	3.0	4.0	26.2	2.9	27.8	1.9	2.8	4.7	4.0	26.4	2.9	27.9					
Mean (site avs.)			3	2	2	5.2	36.5	6.9	9.5	797.0	8.9	1498.0	9.1	6.5	53.0	3.1	8664.8	2.7	12960.9					
Altinapa basin (AB) - Miocene																								
Upper AB - M. Miocene																								
AP10	37.9250	32.2430	12	12	12	186.5	-63.4	12.2	6.9	47.5	6.4	26.4	4.4	8.6	17.1	190/30	12	146.0	8.1	8.2	47.5	7.0	39.0	
UM1	37.9297	32.2254	18	15	15	351.1	50.8	6.4	6.0	65.2	4.8	50.3	4.1	5.4	14.9	160/21	15	326.0	48.6	6.3	65.2	4.8	50.1	
UM2	37.9266	32.2415	6	6	6	9.0	51.5	12.0	11.0	54.4	9.2	44.5	5.9	10.1	26.5	190/30	6	338.9	40.4	9.3	11.7	54.4	9.2	62.8
BR1 (PTM)	37.9902	32.2284	14	12	12	158.0	-55.8	13.3	10.4	19.8	10.0	17.4	4.4	10.7	17.1	306/34	12	184.2	-32.7	9.8	14.5	19.8	10.0	22.7
BR2 (PDF)	38.0482	32.2876	14	12	12	358.0	55.4	6.1	4.9	98.4	4.4	77.9	4.4	4.9	17.1	037/38	12	67.2	62.8	8.3	4.8	98.4	4.4	54.1
BR3 (PDF)	38.0284	32.2515	15	14	14	358.9	55.9	7.6	5.9	76.2	4.6	43.4	4.2	6.1	15.6	094/36	14	255.5	84.1	46.4	4.3	76.2	4.6	23.6
BR4 (PTM)	38.0034	32.2091	11	11	11	138.1	-46.2	14.5	15.6	18.7	10.8	13.6	4.6	12.8	18.1	185/31	11	126.8	-19.8	8.9	16.0	18.7	10.8	28.1
BR5 (PTM)	38.0313	32.1695	13	5	5	172.4	-58.6	17.6	12.3	40.7	12.1	32.8	6.3	13.6	29.7	105/16	5	151.0	-71.5	32.4	11.3	40.7	12.1	20.4
Sille volcanics <sup>1</sup>	37.9000	32.4000	5	5	5	155.2	-53.1	17.2	14.8	45.5	11.5	29.8	6.3	14.3	29.7	000/00	5	155.2	-53.1	17.2	14.8	45.5	11.5	29.8
Mean (N)			21	21	21	356.1	51.3	6.2	5.8	51.7	4.5	37.0	3.6	5.3	12		21	330.1	46.4	5.6	6.0	49.6	4.6	42.6
Mean (R)			55	45	43	162.4	-57.3	7.4	5.5	22.1	4.7	14.9	2.7	5.8	7.7		45	150.2	-51.8	6.3	5.7	22.9	4.5	17.1
Mean (N + R)			66	64	64	347.5	55.4	5.4	4.3	25.2	3.6	17.2	2.3	4.4	6		66	330.2	50.1	4.6	4.4	27.2	3.4	20.9
Mean (site avs.)			9	7	7	346.0	55.4	14.9	11.8	45.2	9.1	26.1	5.5	12	24.1		7	332.8	50.5	9.6	9.1	75.8	7.0	54.8
Lower AB - E. Miocene																								
AP1	37.8977	32.3018	14	12	12	354.8	60.3	13.6	8.8	36.3	7.3	19.2	4.4	10.2	17.1	280/12	12	359.8	48.8	9.9	9.8	36.3	7.3	26.7
AP2	37.8977	32.3013	14	14	14	15.4	70.0	13.0	5.1	65.5	4.9	28.2	4.2	7.6	15.6	246/11	14	357.9	49.1	6.5	6.5	65.5	4.9	50.5
AP3 (PDF)	37.8986	32.2920	13	13	13	359.9	51.6	10.4	9.5	31.0	7.6	23.2	4.3	8.8	16.3	272/22	13	1.8	29.7	6.7	10.5	31.0	7.6	42.8
AP4	37.9347	32.3007	25	25	25	183.2	-29.1	4.3	6.9	44.6	4.4	49.2	3.3	4.2	10.83	118/14	25	178.0	-41.0	5.1	6.4	44.6	4.4	38.7
AP5	37.9345	32.2995	22	22	22	191.7	-26.8	5.1	8.4	36.7	5.2	40.1	3.5	5.0	11.7	127/29	22	177.4	-50.3	7.5	7.1	36.7	5.2	24.2
AP6	37.9342	32.2992	19	19	19	173.6	-35.7	4.3	6.0	82.3	3.7	70.5	3.7	4.0	12.8	093/14	19	170.2	-49.2	5.4	5.3	82.3	3.7	52.4
AP7 (spot reading)	37.9337	32.2988	16	16	16	178.9	-34.9	2.6	3.6	171.8	2.8	211.5	2.4	A95min (4.0)		112/24	16	165.2	-54.9	4.0	3.3	171.8	2.8	126.9
AP8	37.9311	32.2985	13	10	10	192.5	-38.5	11.5	15.2	25.8	9.7	21.4	4.8	10.7	19.2	168/20	10	175.5	-42.5	12.4	14.8	25.8	9.7	19.4
AP9 (spot reading)	37.9303	32.2984	14	14	14	180.8	-32.8	3.5	5.2	72.5	4.7	143.7	<b>3.3</b>	A95min (4.2)		168/20	14	167.6	-33.4	3.5	5.1	72.5	4.7	146.8
Mean (N)			28	26	26	4.1	65.9	10.1	5.0	37.8	4.7	18.7	3.3	6.7	10.5		26	358.8	49.0	5.4	5.4	49.7	4.1	37.1
Mean (R)			79	76	76	184.6	-31.0	3.0	4.6	32.3	2.9	32.4	2.1	2.9	5.4		76	175.6	-46.0	3.4	3.7	38.8	2.6	29.7
Mean (N + R)			107	102	101	4.5	39.7	3.9	5.0	16.5	3.6	16.3	1.9	3.6	4.5		102	356.4	46.8	2.9	3.1	40.9	2.2	31.2
Mean (site avs.)			9	6	6	4.9	43.6	16.9	19.6	18.8	15.8	20.4	5.9	15.2	26.5		6	356.5	46.9	4.1	4.3	312.9	3.8	343.5

Note. Lat = latitude of the sites; Long = longitude of the site; N = number of measured samples; Nd = number of samples after interpretation; N45 = number of samples application of a fixed cutoff (45°); D = declination; I = inclination; ΔDX = declination error; ΔIx = inclination error; k = estimate of the precision parameter determined from the ChRM directions; α95 = cone of confidence determined from the ChRM directions; K = precision parameter determined from the mean virtual geomagnetic pole (VGP) direction; A95 = cone of confidence determined from the mean VGP direction. A95min and A95max correspond to the confidence envelope of Deenen et al. (2011). If A95 falls within this envelope the distribution likely represents paleosecular variation. If A95 < A95min the distribution is too tight and represents a spot reading of the field. All values are given before and after correction for bedding tilt. Strike/dip, bedding planes for the samples included in the calculation of the ChRM directions. PTM = post-tilt magnetization; RM = remagnetization; PDF = present-day magnetic field; Mean (site avs.) = locality mean calculated from site averages. 1 = data from Tatar et al. (2002); 2 = data from Platzman et al. (1998); 3 = data from Krijgsman et al. (1996).

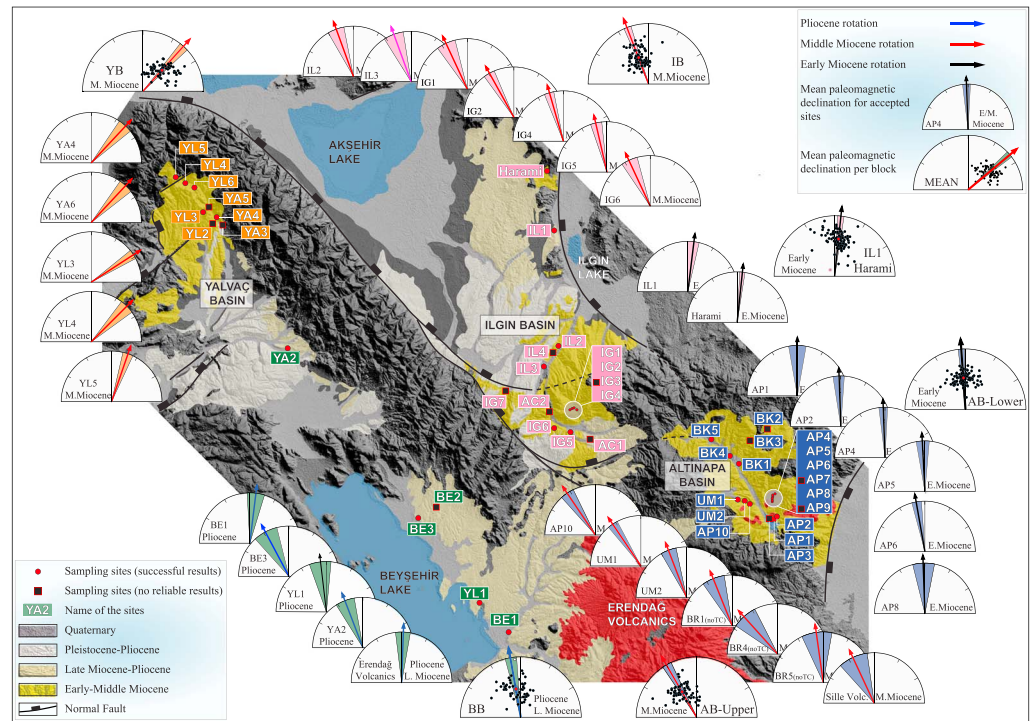




**Figure 4.** Orthogonal vector diagrams (Zijderveld, 1967) showing representative demagnetization diagrams for all basins. Closed (open) circles indicate projection on the horizontal (vertical) plane. All diagrams are in a geographic reference frame. For several samples, both alternating field (steps in milli Tesla) and thermal (steps in degree Celsius) demagnetization diagrams are given to show their similarity. For some sites, we used great circles and calculated great circle solutions according to McFadden and McElhinny (1988).



**Figure 5.** Equal area projection of the ChRM directions for the (a) Beyşehir, (b) Yalvaç, (c, d) Iğın, and (e, f) Altınapa basins. Closed (open) symbols indicate projection on lower (upper) hemisphere. Large red circles with blue transparent ellipse denote, respectively, the mean directions and the ( $\Delta D_x$ ,  $\Delta I_x$ ) ellipse. For all basins except Beyşehir the final normal and reversed distributions share a common distribution following the bootstrap coordinate test (Tauxe, 2010). In addition, the results from the Yalvaç and Altınapa show positive fold tests.



**Figure 6.** Map showing the locations of the sites and their declinations (arrows) with their corresponding  $\Delta D_x$  (colored shading). The same shading color indicates sites from the same basin or unit (lower and upper Altınapa units), the color of the arrow refers to the age of the sites: Early Miocene (black), Middle Miocene (red), and Late Miocene to Pliocene (blue). The mean per basin or unit is given in the larger equal area projections together with all used individual directions (dots). We also include the results from Harami (Krijgsman et al., 1996).

Equal area projections of the mean ChRM directions of all sites are displayed in Figure 5. Details per locality are given in Figure 6 and Table 1. In many samples, a small viscous component is removed at low temperatures (100 °C) or at low AFs (~10 mT). A secondary component with a recent direction—close to the geocentric axial dipole (GAD) field for the locality—is generally removed at temperatures around 200–240 °C (Figure 4). Thermal demagnetization analysis supports that in many cases the principal magnetic carrier of the ChRM in samples is carried by (Ti-poor) magnetite (530–580 °C), in line with the Curie balance results. If transformation of pyrite to magnetite occurs, the results above 400 °C are often obscured in the thermal demagnetizations.

In our analysis of the four basins below, we include previously published paleomagnetic results. Tatar et al. (2002) reported paleomagnetic data from 5 lavas of the Middle Miocene (~11.8 Ma) Sille volcanics in the east of the IB and 18 lava sites from the Miocene (~8–12 Ma) Erenlerdağ volcanics in the southeast of the BB. Platzman et al. (1998) added another three lava sites from the Erenlerdağ volcanics. Using the criterion that lava sites must have  $k > 50$  (Biggin et al., 2008), we accepted the 5 sites for the Sille volcanics plus  $16 + 2 = 18$  volcanic sites to represent the Erenlerdağ volcanics. Finally, we used the original data for the Early Miocene (~23–21.5 Ma) Harami section in the IB reported by Krijgsman et al. (1996).

#### 4.1. Beyşehir Basin

We collected five sites from Pliocene sediments of BB (Table 1; Figure 5a), of which four (BE1, BE2, BE3, and YL1) have normal and one (YA2) has reversed polarity. The sites gave well-defined components decaying toward the origin, both with AF and thermal demagnetization. Site BE2 yields a very tight clustering with  $A95 = 2.7^\circ < A95_{min} = 4.2^\circ$ , however, and hence does not represent PSV (spot reading of the field or remagnetization); this site was therefore rejected.

The single reversed site (YA2) shows a positive reversal test with one of the normal sites (BE3) but not with the other two normal sites (BE1 and YL1). Although these latter two sites are close to the GAD field, we see no reason to exclude them from our average considering the consistent and overall good quality of the

demagnetization results. We then combine our new results ( $N = 37$ ) with previously reported data ( $N = 18$ ) from the Upper Miocene to the Pliocene Erenlerdağ volcanics (Platzman et al., 1998; Tatar et al., 2002), showing that the BB underwent a CCW vertical axis rotation of  $9.6 \pm 5.8^\circ$  since the Late Mio-Pliocene.

#### 4.2. Yalvaç Basin

We collected eight sites from Middle Miocene fluvio-lacustrine clastic sediments and marls in the YB, two normal (YA4 and YA5), five reversed (YA6, YL2, YL3, YL4, and YL5), and one (YA3) that did not yield any interpretable results (Table 1 and Figure 5b). Site YA5 yielded normal directions that before and after tilt correction are close to the recent GAD field, and we suspect recent remagnetization; this site was rejected. Site YL2 yields a very tight clustering with  $A95 < A95_{\min}$ , both in geographic and tectonic coordinates, and therefore cannot represent PSV; this site was also rejected. Site YL5 shows a tight clustering in geographic coordinates but passes the  $A95$  criterion in tectonic coordinates and hence was accepted.

The accepted five Miocene sites show both normal (1) and reversed (4) polarities (Table 1). Normal polarity site YA4 gives demagnetization behavior with a well-defined component decaying toward the origin, a data scatter within the range expected from PSV, and a rotated component with the expected inclination for the Miocene paleolatitude of Turkey (Table 1). These criteria support a primary magnetization. The four reversed sites (YA6, YL3, YL4, and YL5) also provide well-defined magnetization components that trend toward the origin of the demagnetization diagrams. The middle Miocene sites of the YB yield a positive reversal test (Figure 5b), while the fold test is also positive provided we do not include YL5 (Figure 5b). The mean of the five sites ( $N = 73$ ) shows a robust and large CW vertical rotation of  $42.3 \pm 4.5^\circ$  since the Middle Miocene.

#### 4.3. Iğın Basin

In the IB, from a total of 13 sites, 11 were collected from Middle Miocene sediments and 2 from Early Miocene sediments. From the two Early Miocene sites, we rejected one site (AC2): it has reversed polarity, but the in situ mean inclination ( $I = -56.9^\circ$ ) of the site corresponds to the recent magnetic field, whereas after tilt correction the inclination of the site is abnormally shallow ( $I = -27.0^\circ$ ), which would require unrealistically high compaction. We suspect this site to be remagnetized during a recent reversed interval, consistent with  $A95 = 3.2^\circ < A95_{\min} = 4.1^\circ$  (Table 1). We accept the other site from Lower Miocene sediments (IL1), which has a negligible net rotation ( $6.6 \pm 6.1^\circ$  CW). This is in excellent agreement with the large data set ( $N = 82$ ) of the Harami section (Krijgsman et al., 1996; Figure 5d) that revealed an identical direction ( $5.9 \pm 3.4^\circ$  CW), as shown by the Cartesian bootstrap test (Figure 5d). The combined Harami + IL1 results then gives a small net rotation ( $6.0 \pm 3.0^\circ$  CW).

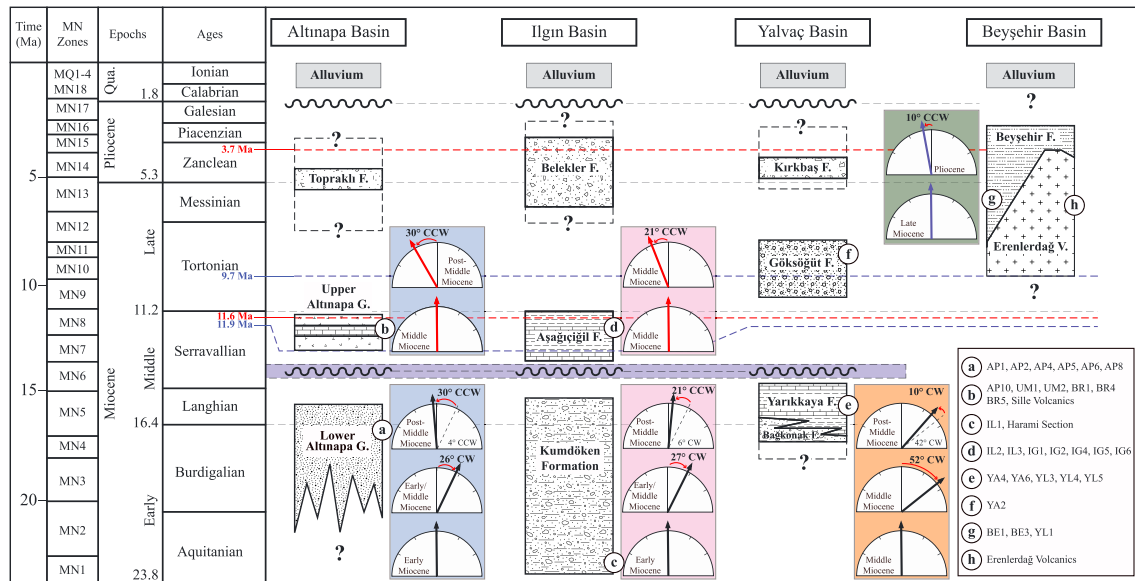
From the 11 Middle Miocene sites, we discard 4 sites. Site AC1 has an anomalously low inclination in geographic coordinates ( $I = 33.9^\circ$ ) that even becomes shallower after tilt correction ( $I = 27.6^\circ$ ). The mean direction in geographic coordinates of site IL4 coincides with the recent magnetic field, whereas in tectonic coordinates, the inclination of the IL4 is too steep ( $I = 72.3^\circ$ ). We interpret this site as representing a recent magnetic field overprint, and hence, we reject this site. Since demagnetization diagrams from site IG7 did not yield interpretable ChRM directions we had to discard this site. Finally, site IG3 yields a very tight clustering with  $A95 < A95_{\min}$ , pointing to a spot reading of the field and was rejected.

The remaining seven sites are of normal (IL2, IG1, IG4, IG5, and IG6) and reversed (IL3 and IG2) polarity (Figure 5c) that all pass the Deenen et al. (2011) criteria (Table 1). The combined normal and combined reversed directions pass the reversal test (Figure 5c) but not the fold test. The combined mean direction provides clear evidence that the IB underwent a net CCW rotation of  $20.6 \pm 3.4^\circ$  since the Middle-Late Miocene.

#### 4.4. Altınapa Basin

The Altınapa basin (AB) has 17 sites, divided in two groups/units that are constrained by their age: 9 sites from the Early Miocene lower Altınapa unit and 8 sites from the Middle Miocene upper Altınapa unit (Koç et al., 2012; Table 1 and Figure 5e).

From the lower Altınapa unit (Figure 5e) we discarded three sites: Site AP3 because it is a recent field overprint as evidenced by its pretilt direction ( $D/I = 360^\circ/52^\circ$ ) and its too low inclination ( $I = 30$ ) after tilt correction; sites AP7 and AP9 have  $A95$  values below  $A95_{\min}$  and must be regarded as spot readings of the field or caused by remagnetization. The other six sites gave both normal (AP1 and AP2) and reversed (AP4, AP5, AP6, and AP8) polarities that provide a positive reversal test (Figure 5e). The fold test applied to all sites



**Figure 7.** Correlation of the unconformity bounded lithological units of each basin. The main angular unconformity surface occurred during the Middle Miocene (~12 Ma). The rotational history is given in the stratigraphy below and above the unconformity surface. Letters a–h along the lithological columns indicate the position of the paleomagnetic sites given in the legend.

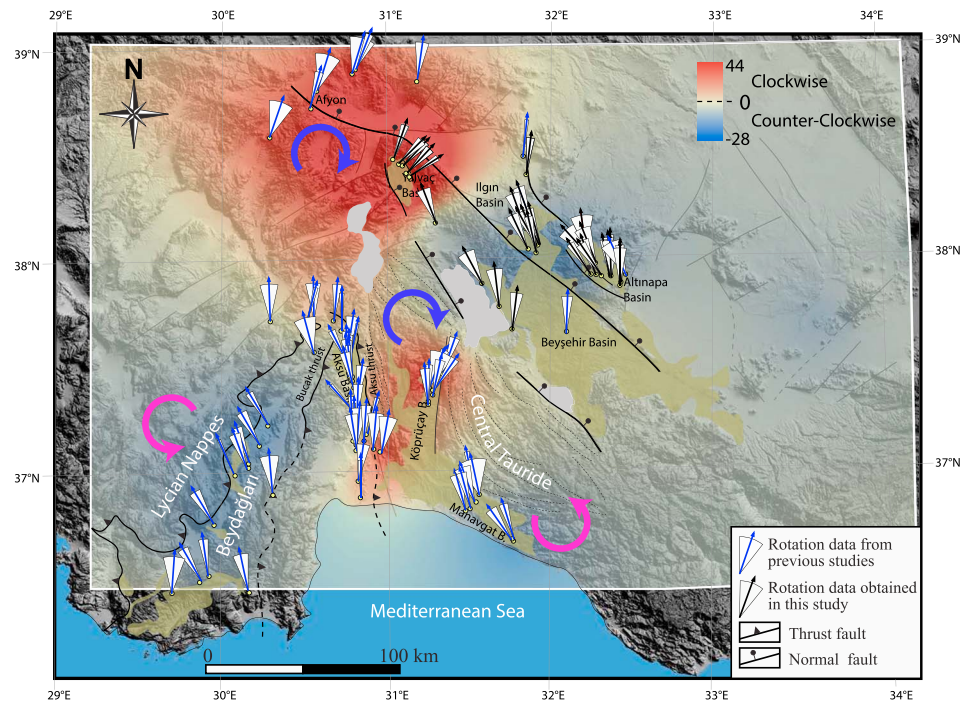
provides a tight cluster around 100% unfolding (Figure 5e). The good and consistent results together ( $N = 102$ ) document a negligible rotation of  $3.6 \pm 2.9^\circ$  CCW after tilt correction. The mean inclination ( $46.8 \pm 3.1^\circ$ ) is within very reasonable values if we take sedimentary compaction into account.

From the upper Altınapa unit (Figure 5f) we discarded two sites (BR2 and BR3) because of a clearly recent overprint before tilt correction (on average  $D/I = 359^\circ/56^\circ$ ) and inconsistent directions after tilt correction (Table 1). Another three sites (BR1, BR4, and BR5) display a clear post-tilt remagnetization based on anomalously low ( $I = 20^\circ$ ,  $I = 33^\circ$ ) or steep ( $I = 72^\circ$ ) inclinations if we apply tilt correction (Table 1). However, their combined pretilt directions are very consistent with the combined tilt corrected directions of AP10, UM1, and UM2; the two distributions share a common distribution according to the coordinate bootstrap test (Figure 5f). In addition, both distributions also share each a common distribution with the Sille volcanics (Tatar et al., 2002), while also the combined normal ((UM1 and UM2) and combined reversed (AP10, BR1, BR4, and BR5) directions share a common distribution. The fold test on our new directions ( $N = 61$ ) shows a 95% interval of [52–102%] unfolding for maximum eigenvalues, so it just includes a positive fold test (Figure 5f). Hence, we joined all directions ( $N = 61$ ) together with the Sille volcanics ( $N = 5$ ) to a single distribution for the Altınapa lower unit ( $N = 66$ ) that shows a considerable CCW rotation of  $29.8 \pm 4.6^\circ$ .

## 5. Discussion

Our new paleomagnetic results of the CTIB reveal that the four studied basins show rotations that differ in space and time (Figures 6 and 7). Together with previously published paleomagnetic data from the Bey Dağları, Aksu, Köprüçay, Manavgat, and Afyon regions from Middle Miocene to Pliocene rocks (Gürsoy et al., 2003; Kissel & Poisson, 1986, 1987; Koç, van Hinsbergen, et al., 2016; Morris & Robertson, 1993; Tatar et al., 2002; van Hinsbergen, Dekkers, & Koç, 2010), we may now attempt a first-order map-view restoration of the kinematic evolution of the region since the early Miocene.

Koç, Kaymakci, et al. (2016) suggested that the Central Tauride orocline represents essentially intraplate deformation, whereby the oroclinal bending is accommodated by the opposite rotation of two limbs of the orocline (Figure 8) that end in pivot points where they connect to a more or less stable Central Anatolia. If this is correct, this would require an increasing amount of ~E-W extension from the pivots to the center of the orocline. The motions of fault blocks along major normal faults in the region (Koç et al., 2017, 2012; Koç, van Hinsbergen, et al., 2016) accommodate rotations as constrained in this paper; hence,



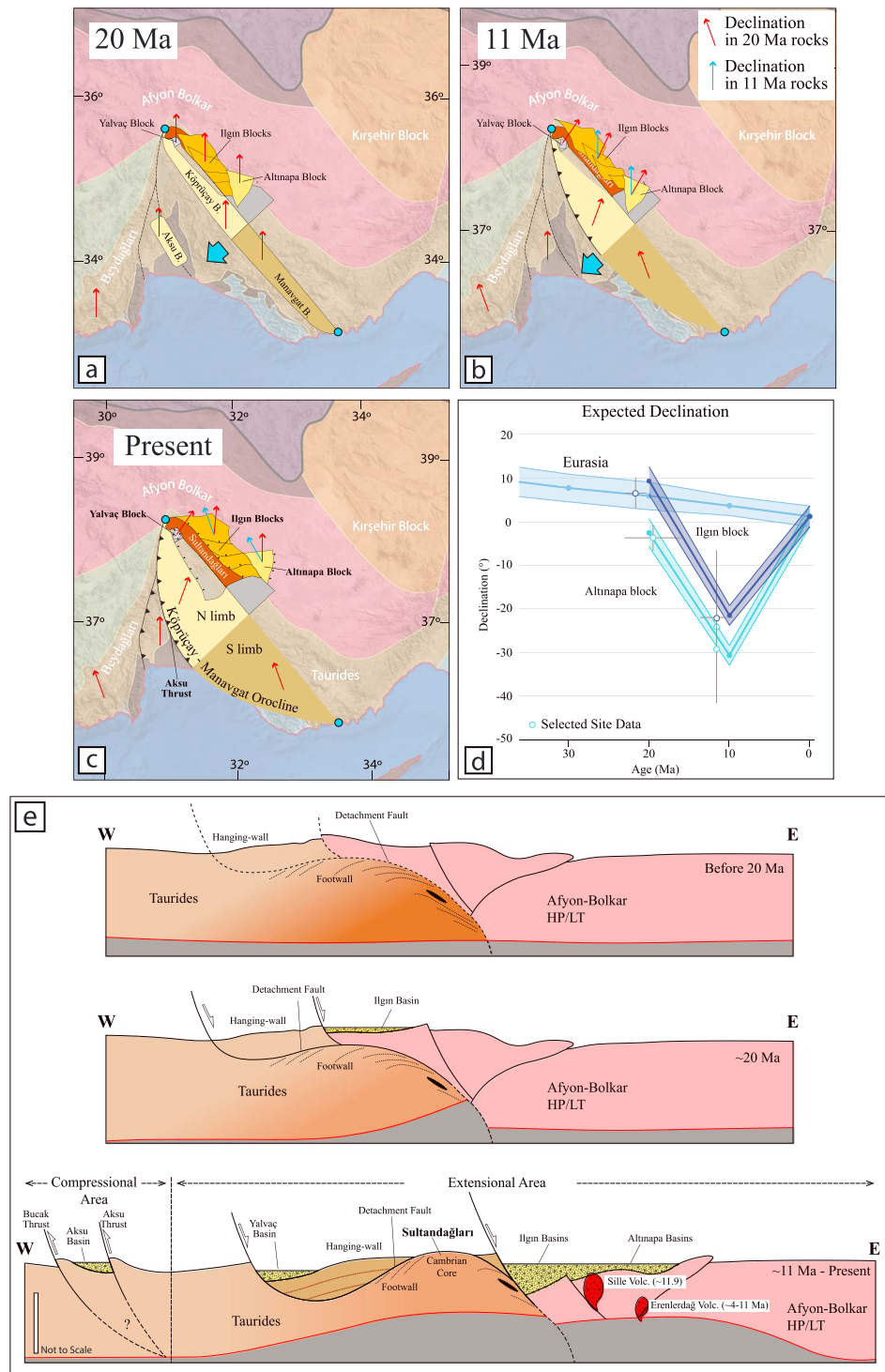
**Figure 8.** Interpolated regional distribution of declination of mean paleomagnetic vectors with cones of 95% confidence from Neogene rock units adjusted for tectonic tilts. All directions are shown with normal polarity. Red and blue colors indicate clockwise and counterclockwise rotational domains.

the aim of our restoration is to assess whether these motions would accommodate the predicted amount of extension relative to Central Anatolia.

We treat Central Anatolia to the east of the documented major normal faults in the Konya and Ilgın regions as a rigid block since ~20 Ma. Major rotations and associated shortening occurred largely in the Oligocene to perhaps earliest Miocene (Advokaat et al., 2014; Gülyüz et al., 2013; Gürer et al., 2016, 2018; Işık et al., 2003). Some Pliocene E-W extension is accommodated to the east of the CTIB, in the Tuz Gölü basin (Fernandez-Blanco et al., 2013) and along the Ecemis fault (Higgins et al., 2015; Jaffey & Robertson, 2005), but documented displacements are small. We therefore assume that the region to the east of the CTIB did not experience major deformation in the last 20 Myr and evaluate this assumption later in the light of our discussion. To the west, the orocline is bounded by the Bey Dağları platform, which has been rotating CCW in Miocene time (Figure 8; Morris & Robertson, 1993; van Hinsbergen, Dekkers, & Koç, 2010), accommodated along the Aksu and Bucak thrusts (Koç, van Hinsbergen, et al., 2016).

We determine a pivot point of the northern limb of the orocline in the region of Afyon, where Gürsoy et al. (2003) identified ~20° CW rotation, similar to that documented by Koç, van Hinsbergen, et al., (2016) in the Köprüçay basin, accommodated since ~20 Ma (Figure 8). The southern limb of the orocline underwent a post-20 Ma, ~20° CCW rotation and thus predicts a limb size equal to the northern limb, which suggests a pivot point relative to a stable Central Anatolia in the Mut basin (Figures 9a–9c). This restoration predicts a maximum amount of post-20 Ma E-W extension around Beyşehir, of up to ~60 km.

Within the CTIB domain, we then identify several fault-bounded blocks, whereby the northern half of the extensional domain to the east of the orocline is well exposed. The southern half is overlain by young volcanics, young sediments, or no sediments, and its kinematic history is therefore more challenging to reconstruct. Our analysis therefore focuses on the northern region, including the Beyşehir, Altınapa, Ilgın, and YBs. From east to west, we include the Altınapa block bounded by the Konya fault in the southeast and the Ilgın fault in the west, and an ill-defined fault in the north buried below the Tuzgölü basin. Within the Ilgın and Akşehir basins, we identify five fault bounded blocks. These are bounded from the Sultandağları footwall by the major normal faults of Akşehir-Afyon in the southwest, from the Altınapa



**Figure 9.** First-order kinematic reconstruction of the central Tauride orocline and the central Tauride intramontane basins, cast in the paleomagnetic reference frame of Torsvik et al. (2012). Reconstruction of the Anatolia versus Eurasia follows van Hinsbergen and Schmid (2012) and Güler and van Hinsbergen (2018). For reference, we superimpose the reconstructed Taurides on the outline of the modern geography of Anatolia. We did not incorporate detailed reconstructions of Beydağları but focus on our study area in the central Taurides instead (a–c). See text for further explanation. Test of our reconstruction of fault block motion against the paleomagnetic constraints is illustrated as local Apparent Polar Wander Paths (APWPs) of the Ilgin and Altınapa basins versus the Eurasian APWP. The predicted rotations of the different blocks by our reconstruction are consistent with the measured paleomagnetic data (d). The evolutionary schematic (not to scale) cross sections illustrate the complex tectonic setting of the region with crustal scale (e).

block and stable Central Anatolia to the east by the Iğın fault, and from each other by the E-W trending Argıthanı, Balkı, Derbent, and Kızılören faults (Figure 2). The Sultandağları massif is assumed to form a coherent block, separated from the main Tauride belt that constitutes the northern limb of the orocline by the Yalvaç-Beyşehir graben, within which the Yalvaç block forms the northernmost part. Finally, the main Beyşehir basin is modeled as a single block bounded to the east by the Akşehir-Afyon fault zone and to the west by the Beyşehir fault. To the north, the boundary with the Sultandağları block is diffuse, and the southern boundary is unconstrained due to overlying young volcanics.

Rotations of these blocks follow from our new paleomagnetic constraints. Rocks in the Iğın and Altınapa basins reveal CCW rotations (Figures 6 and 7) for the Middle Miocene deposits (post ~12 Ma), of, respectively,  $\sim 21 \pm 3^\circ$  CCW (Iğın) and  $\sim 30 \pm 5^\circ$  CCW (Altınapa upper unit). In both basins, we also obtained paleomagnetic data from Lower Miocene sediments, which in the Harami section of the IB was constrained at an age of ~22 Ma (Krijgsman et al., 1996). The IL1 and Harami section in the IB reveal a net rotation of only  $\sim 6 \pm 3^\circ$  CW. This suggests that between ~22 and ~12 Ma, the basin (s) must have undergone first a rotation of  $27 \pm 4^\circ$  CW followed by the post-12 Ma rotation of  $\sim 21^\circ$  CCW. A comparable history affected the Altınapa basin whereby the declination retrieved from the Altınapa lower unit is only  $4^\circ$  CW, suggesting a  $26^\circ$  CW Early-Middle Miocene rotation, followed by a  $\sim 30^\circ$  CCW since the Middle Miocene (Figure 7).

Koç et al. (2017) documented a distinct stratigraphic break in both continental basins—expressed as an angular unconformity (Figure 7). This unconformity marks the change from clastics to lacustrine limestones (intercalating with volcanic input in Altınapa; Koç et al., 2012). The Serravallian unconformity therefore represents the onset of significant subsidence of the Iğın and Altınapa basins. We therefore correlate this change in the sense of rotation in the Iğın and Altınapa basins from regional CW rotation to CCW to this stratigraphic break and associated unconformity, which has an age of ~12 Ma (Koç et al., 2017, 2012; see Figure 7).

The younger YB was subjected to a net rotation (of  $\sim 42^\circ$  CW) since the Middle Miocene, but older (Early Miocene) sediments are not exposed (Figure 7). This is approximately  $25^\circ$  more than the rotation of the northern limb of the orocline, and this additional rotation is thus likely related to a local fault block rotation. In the YB, a similar Serravallian unconformity was identified (Figure 7), but while the unconformity in the Iğın and Altınapa basins marks the change from clastics to lacustrine limestone, in the Yalvac basin it marks the transition from lacustrine limestones to conglomeratic (boulder to block size) clastics (Koç, Kaymakci, et al., 2016). From this analysis we infer that all basins likely underwent a  $\sim 25^\circ$  CW rotation between ~20 and 12 Ma, after which the Iğın and Altınapa basins underwent CCW rotations (of  $21^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$ , respectively). Finally, from the Beyşehir basin, only Upper Miocene and Pliocene sediments and volcanics are available for paleomagnetic analysis and show  $\sim 10 \pm 6^\circ$  CCW rotation.

All major fault zones bounding and cutting the Yalvaç, Iğın, and Altınapa basins are clearly extensional (Koç et al., 2017; Koç, Kaymakci, et al., 2016; Koç et al., 2012; Koçyigit & Saraç, 2000), and the observed rotations since the late Middle Miocene must therefore be related to extensional deformation controlled by low- and/or high-angle normal faults. Our reconstruction now attempts to restore the paleomagnetically documented rotations while obeying the kinematic boundary conditions posed by the documented faults.

First we restore the IB rotations relative to the Sultandağları footwall at 12 Ma. CCW block rotation accommodated by normal faulting is modeled by assuming an Euler pole in the southwest of the rotating domain, whereby the minimum amount of extension is obtained by assuming the pole is located at the fault interface. Assuming that whole basin to the east of the Sultandağları massif rotated as a rigid block would generate an unrealistic reconstruction whereby the northern part of the basin restores west of the YB. We therefore apply a  $\sim 20^\circ$  CCW rotation to each of the smaller fault blocks bounded by the E-W trending normal faults outlined in Figure 2, around poles in the southwest of the fault blocks. This generates a restored overlap between the fault blocks and the Sultandağları massif that represents post-12 Ma extensional slip. This restoration also generates small overlaps between the fault blocks along the E-W trending normal faults. We restore the double rotation history of the Altınapa block in a similar fashion, leading to overlaps along the Iğın fault.

Restoring the 20–12 Ma  $\sim 25^\circ$  CW rotation phase follows a similar approach, but the opposite sense of rotation requires shifting the Euler poles of the fault blocks relative to the Sultandağları footwall to the northwest of the blocks. Restoring the CW rotations then generates an almost complete overlap between the Sultandağları footwall and the hanging wall basin blocks of the Altınapa-IB.



Sedimentological and structural analysis of the YB has revealed that its modern margins are defined by Lower Miocene basin-bounding normal faults and has always been located between the Sultandağları massif and the main Tauride axis. To the south, we have no direct constraints on the structure and stratigraphy. We therefore restore a maximum rotation juxtaposing the western margin of the Sultandağları massif against the eastern margin of the Taurides west of the Beyşehir fault, equaling the ~15-km width of the Yalvac-Beyşehir valley. We model the large (in total 42° CW) rotation of the YB as a local rotation in excess of the regional rotation of the northern oroclinal limb, due to a lateral variation in normal slip along the four basin-bounding normal faults.

We test our restoration of fault block motions against the paleomagnetic constraints following the recent approach of Li et al. (2017; Figure 9d). To this end, we computed the Euler pole of each fault block in our reconstruction relative to South Africa, using the restoration of Anatolian extrusion relative to Eurasia of van Hinsbergen and Schmid (2012), and the Atlantic Plate Circuit summarized in Seton et al. (2012) updated with north Atlantic poles of DeMets et al. (2015). We then used paleomagnetism.org (Koymans et al., 2016) to compute the Global Apparent Polar Wander Path of Torsvik et al. (2012) in the coordinates of our fault blocks (in 10 Myr intervals) and compare these to our in situ paleomagnetic data from each fault block. All block restorations are consistent with the paleomagnetic constraints (Figure 9d). In addition, restoration of these rotations suggests that the basins accommodated simultaneous ~E-W and N-S extension, which is consistent with extensive field documentation based on small-scale growth faults that show bidirectional extension on the basin scale in all CTIB basins (Koç et al., 2017; Koç, Kaymakci, et al., 2016; Koç et al., 2012).

The restoration predicts that up to ~50–60 km of E-W extension was accommodated in the center of the Central Tauride orocline, which is fully consistent with the prediction based on restoring oroclinal bending. This may be used as an argument to confirm that the orocline formed because of a westward pull, or collapse, of the Central Taurides in Miocene time as inferred by Koç, van Hinsbergen, et al. (2016). In other words, we conclude that the CTIB extension is intrinsically related to the formation of the Central Tauride orocline, and any dynamic explanation, likely involving some role for the Antalya slab, should explain both features in tandem.

Finally, we remark that our reconstruction suggests that the Sultandağları range has been entirely exhumed from below the Altınapa-IB in Miocene time. This amounts to ~30–35 km of E-W extension accommodated along a single normal fault (zone) to which the Sultandağları range was the footwall. This predicts that the Sultandağları range, which exposes low-grade metamorphic Paleozoic and Mesozoic rocks of the Geyikdağı and Bolkardağ nappes of the Taurides (e.g., Güngör, 2013), represents a Miocene extensional core complex, bounded by a top-to-the-east detachment of which the IB represents a supradetachment basin. Analogous structures may be seen in the core complex, where the Alasehir or Büyük Menderes detachments bound the central Menderes massif and have exhumed footwalls of similar dimension as the Sultandağları range (e.g., Çiftçi & Bozkurt, 2010; Gessner et al., 2001; Işık et al., 2003). The Yalvac-Beyşehir valley may then be a second-order extensional feature in the doming footwall, equivalent to the Küçük Menderes graben (Seyitoğlu & Işık, 2009).

Typical core complexes are bound by low-angle detachment faults (Davis & Lister, 1988; Lister & Davis, 1989; Wernicke, 1981). Such low-angle detachment faults are initially high-angle normal faults and that due to doming and backrotating of the footwall upon fault motion become low angle (Buck, 1988; Wernicke & Axen, 1988). The modern range-bounding fault of the Sultandağları range is a high-angle normal fault, the Akşehir-Afyon fault zone (Figures 2 and 9e). This modern range-bounding normal fault may thus either be a high-angle normal fault cutting a low-angle detachment, or the range represents a fairly immature stage of core complex formation (Figure 9e). We stress that the inference that the Sultandağları range represents a Miocene core complex is a prediction that follows from our map-view restoration (Figures 9a–9c) based on paleomagnetic and structural constraints from the adjacent basin, and further evaluation of its exhumation history remains a subject for future field study.

## 6. Conclusions

In this study, we provide a paleomagnetic study of Miocene continental sediments in the heart and the eastern limb of the Isparta angle in southwest Turkey. Our results allow us to determine vertical axis rotations,

within the context of the tectonic and geodynamic evolution of the Central Tauride region, and we illustrate the use of paleomagnetic constraints in estimating crustal extension by restoring tectonic rotations. Our main findings can be summarized as follows.

Four different rotational domains are distinguished in the continental basins that are located in the north and east of the Isparta angle: (1) The BB in the north recorded  $\sim 10^\circ$  CCW rotation in Late Miocene-Pliocene, (2) the YB in the northern center shows a net  $42^\circ$  CW rotation since the Middle Miocene, (3) the IB in the east underwent  $\sim 27^\circ$  CW rotation between the Early and Middle Miocene, followed by  $\sim 21^\circ$  CCW rotation since the Middle Miocene, and (4) the Altınapa basin has a similar rotational history showing a  $\sim 26^\circ$  CW rotation between the Early and Middle Miocene, followed by  $\sim 30^\circ$  CCW rotation since the Middle Miocene. We attribute the additional  $\sim 9^\circ$  CW rotation of the Altınapa basin to be caused by the normal relay ramp faults in the IB.

The  $26\text{--}27^\circ$  CW rotation must have happened before  $\sim 12$  Ma that is the age of the angular unconformity, after which the Iğın and Altınapa basins were subjected to  $\sim 20\text{--}30^\circ$  CCW rotation caused by extensional deformation controlled by low- and/or high-angle normal faults. The large net  $\sim 42^\circ$  CW rotation of the YB is in excess of the regional rotation between  $\sim 20$  and 12 Ma that we attribute to lateral variations in normal slip along the four basin-bounding normal faults.

We attempt a first-order map-view restoration of the kinematic evolution of the region based on our new paleomagnetic constraints since the early Miocene. Restoring  $\sim 25^\circ$  CW rotation accommodated by the northern limb of the orocline predicts up to  $\sim 50\text{--}60$  km of extension in the core of the orocline and  $\sim 30\text{--}35$  km of extension in the basins. The reconstruction generates an almost complete overlap between the Sultandağları footwall and the hanging wall basin blocks of the Altınapa-IB. This predicts that the Sultandağları range that exposes low-grade metamorphic rocks represents a Miocene extensional core complex. Our study highlights the view that the Neogene deformation history, and perhaps even active tectonics, may be strongly affected by the westward retreat of the Antalya slab.

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