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# A study on the magnetite skarn mineralization (Gümüşhane, Türkiye): a magnetic survey

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Abstract: Iron (Fe)-skarn mineralizations (Çambaşı, Dereli, Eğrikar, Karadağ, Kopuz, Sekü, Donguldere, Arnastal, Özdil, Ögene, İkizdere, Ovit Dağı, Kartiba, etc.) in the eastern part of the Pontides (NE Türkiye) are accommodated in the Pontide paleomagmatic arc and the eastern part of the Pontides Metallogenic Belt containing numerous various deposits. Fe-skarn mineralization around the Arnastal Plateau (Gümüşhane-Türkiye) is fragmentary in this area, which is covered with plants (grasses, flowers, etc.). Thus, it was attempted to describe the subsurface structures and Fe mineralization using an interpretation of the available geological and existing magnetic data in this area. Granitoid and volcano-sedimentary series (Upper Cretaceous) outcrop in the study area. These volcanosedimentary series consist of limestone, sandy limestone, marl, andesite, quartz andesite, basalt, and their equivalent pyroclastics. They include a thin layer of the red limestone (Upper Cretaceous) and olistolith recrystallized limestones (Jurassic-Lower Cretaceous). Zigana granitoid, intruding into all of these rocks, is high-K calc-alkaline and metaluminous and is classified as quartz monzonite, monzogranite, granite, and syenogranite as a result of its modal composition. Contact pyrometasomatic mineralization occurs in between the limestone and granitoids in the Arnastal Plateau. In addition to petrographic and mineralogical studies, magnetic methods were applied to an area of approximately 10 km<sup>2</sup> to find any covered Fe deposits. Magnetic susceptibility values measured on the outcropped rocks ranged from 1 to 34 (10<sup>-7</sup> SI) for limestone, 78 to 3750 (10<sup>-7</sup> SI) for basalt, and 105 to 3946 (10<sup>-7</sup> SI) for granitoids. It is considered that these ranges express the alteration (physical or chemical) of the rocks, their homogeneity, and the lack or presence of Fe minerals. The magnetic survey was conducted along a study area measuring 12,075 m long with 25 and/or 50 m station spacing. Processing of the magnetic data revealed the presence of eight buried Fe ores that could represent either massive or disseminated mineralization between the Sarıtaş and Kurtdere plateaus. Magnetite ore bodies may be present from the surface to a depth of approximately 15-25 m inside the limestone. In addition to the identification of new magnetite ore mineralization or bodies, a new geological map was designed by determining probable formation boundaries with this magnetic survey.

Key words: Granitoid, magnetite skarn, magnetic method, susceptibility, Türkiye

#### 1. Introduction

Many methods have been developed to determine the location and depth of sources that cause magnetic anomalies (Bilim and Ates, 2003). Mineral exploration in locations where mineralization is linked to altered rocks is useful due to the successful application of rock magnetic techniques (Haidarian Shahri et al., 2010; Pandarinath et al., 2023). Magnetic prospecting is one of the most effective methods used to determine geological structures containing iron (Fe) ore. Fe is one of the most common elements in the Earth's crust, and is constructed of magnetite minerals in addition to some heavy elements (Au, Ag, Cu, Mn, Cr, Fe-titanium, some Fe-sulfide) and oxygen (Mekkawi, 2012). Magnetite deposits containing ferrous minerals, which extend from the Earth's surface to a depth of 1500 m, can be determined effectively via magnetic techniques (Ergin, 1985). The source of magnetic susceptibility in rocks is magnetite, titanomagnetite, ilmenite, pyrrhotite, and ferromagnesian silicate minerals. Additionally, border analysis and normalized full-grade methods are used to determine the position of a buried object with magnetic features (Elmas and Babacan, 2021). In previous studies (e.g., Ishihara, 1977; Ishihara et al., 2000), the magnetic susceptibility of granitic rocks was successfully used to distinguish between magnetite- and ilmenite-series granites using a crude petrographic index. Magnetic susceptibility is also considered as a reliable method in exploration studies (Pandarinath et al. 2014, 2019). Magnetic susceptibil-

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ity of granitoids is highly changeable and has the potential to uncover petrographic and geochemical variations (e.g., Aydın, 1994; Sipahi, 1996; Aydın et al., 1997, 2007; Ishihara et al., 2000; Vincent et al., 2013; Villaseca et al., 2017). In recent years, studies on paleomagnetism in the Pontides, especially in the Cretaceous and Eocene periods, have increased (Aydın et al., 2007; Çinku et al., 2009, Meijers et al., 2010; Çinku et al., 2010a, 2010b, 2011, 2015; Cengiz, 2023). Aydın et al. (2007) showed that magnetic susceptibility studies in the Saruhan Granitoids (NE Türkiye) had an important potential for petrologic exploration in magnetite-series granitic rock. Çinku et al. (2009) investigated the rock magnetic and geochemical characteristics of Upper Cretaceous volcanic rocks in the Pontides (N-NE Türkiye) and determined that the magnetic properties could be interpreted in terms of the concentration, composition, and magma generation. Magnetic data is used as an indicator of spatial distribution, volume, and concentration of magnetically significant minerals (Büyüksaraç et al., 2005; Adagunodo et al., 2015; Navaanchimed et al., 2015).

Thus, this study examined whether there is a mineralization at any depth and aimed to determine the geometry and extent of the magnetite skarn mineralization underneath the surface at the Arnastal Plateau in the eastern Black Sea region (NE Türkiye). The choice of the study area was motivated by the fact that it represents a former mine site, which hosts fragmented deposits. The area is covered by grass, and the use of magnetic prospecting can aid in detecting new buried magnetite ores.

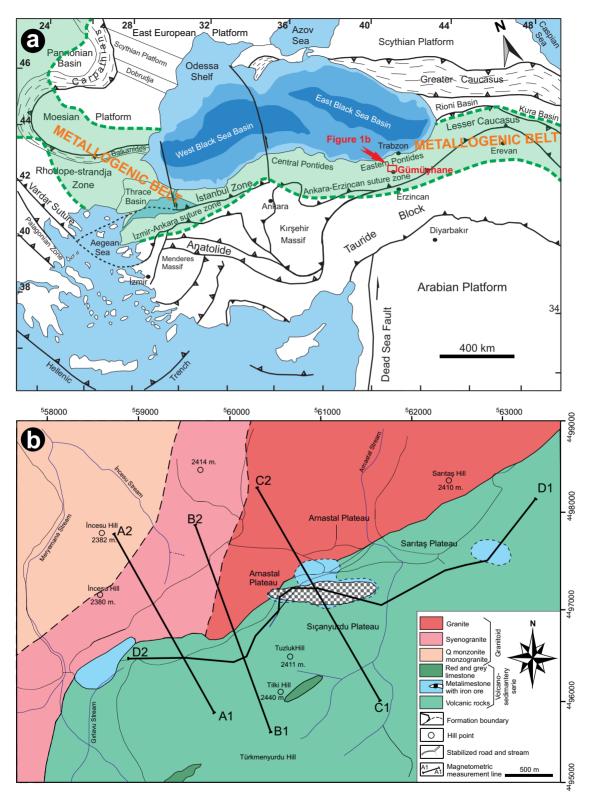
#### 2. Geological setting

The NE Black Sea region of Türkiye hosts the Alpin Metallogenic Belt, which includes skarn mineralization, one of the different types of ore mineralizations in the belt (Figure 1a). The eastern Black Sea Metallogenic Belt, which developed from the Jurassic to the Miocene during the subduction of the Tethyan oceanic crust, is regarded as a magmatic arc (Dixon and Pereira, 1974). The epoch from the Late Triassic to Early Jurassic is regarded as the birth of the Neotethys Ocean during the closure of the Paleotethys Ocean (Şengör and Yılmaz, 1981; Dokuz and Sünnetçi, 2019). The Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous is characterized by platform-type carbonates and less magmatic rocks. The Late Cretaceous rocks in the eastern Sakarya Zone show clear facies differences from north to south related to the northward subduction of the Neotethyan oceanic lithosphere (Yılmaz and Boztuğ, 1996; Şengör et al., 2003; Sipahi and Sadıklar, 2014). The block-faulted tectonic formation played a role in the settlement of granitoid in this magmatic arc (Gedikoğlu, 1978). The long axes of the granitoids being compatible with major tectonic fault directions (NE-SW and NW-SE) in the Black Sea region support the block tectonic formation. Granitoid in differ-

ent geodynamic environments with various compositions and ages (Permo-Carboniferous to Eocene) has been described in the eastern Black Sea region (Moore et al., 1980; Sipahi, 1996, 2011, 2019; Sipahi and Sadıklar, 1996; Kaygusuz et al., 2012, 2014, 2016, 2020; Karslı et al., 2010; Sipahi et al., 2017, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2023; Dokuz and Sünnetçi, 2019). Upper Cretaceous granitoid rocks are dominant in the inner-arc environment of the eastern Sakarya Zone (Yılmaz and Boztuğ, 1996; Şengör et al., 2003; Sipahi et al., 2018). Granitoids in the region have low-K tholeiitic to calc-alkaline metaluminous and peraluminous properties (Karslı et al., 2010; Sipahi, 2011; Sipahi et al., 2018, 2022) and were formed during collisional, crustal thickening, and postcollisional regimes (Yılmaz and Boztuğ, 1996; Okay and Şahintürk, 1997; Boztuğ et al., 2003). The Early Cretaceous to Early Paleocene arc-related granitoids have calc-alkaline and metaluminous I-type characters (Okay and Şahintürk, 1997; Boztuğ et al., 2003; Sipahi et al., 2018). Zigana granitoid (Late Cretaceous, Kaygusuz et al., 2014), which is responsible for the contact metasomatism in the study area, is chemically of high-K calc-alkaline and metaluminous character and is composed of quartz monzonite, monzogranite, granite, and syenogranite (Figure 1b; Sipahi, 2011).

#### 3. Magnetometric measurement method

Low-pass filtering, trend analysis, and upward analytical continuation are used to obtain long wavelengths in order to analyze the effects of deep masses, and high-pass filtering, downward analytical elongation, and second derivative analysis are used to obtain short wavelength changes in order to study the effects of near-surface masses (Yüzgül, 2010). The magnetic measurements obtained as a result of field studies must be corrected and interpreted. Land effects are usually minor and neglected unless the topography comprises steep slopes consisting of a high magnetic susceptibility substance (> 0.01 SI) (Sharma, 1997). In these studies, it is assumed that the underground masses are only magnetized by induction, and permanent magnetization is not considered in the interpretation studies (Sharma, 1997). Interpretations are done with two different methods, as direct and computing. The direct method is performed by evaluating data from the field. The interpretation of the graphs obtained from the distributions of the magnetic field anomalies corresponding to the measurement points provides a direct evaluation. For the computing, the deep analytic (downwards) continuation and upward continuation computing methods are used. In the deep analytic elongation method, the potential field data consists of the sum of an infinite number of sinusoidal waves (Griftin, 1949; Roy, 1966). The characteristic behavior of this sinusoidal wave at different harmonics carries information about the source of the potential field. These



**Figure 1.** (a) Tectonic setting of Türkiye in relation to the Eurasian and Afro-Arabian platforms (Okay and Tüysüz, 1999) and (b) geological map of the study area (Sipahi, 2011).

information-bearing harmonics are determined at certain intervals. The small harmonic lengths mainly provide information about deep (regional) sources (Griftin, 1949; Roy, 1966). As the number of harmonics increases, i.e. the length of the harmonic increases, the effect of near-surface sources becomes apparent. The Fourier series is most commonly used to interpret these sinusoidal data (Roy, 1966). In the upward continuation computing method, the underground structures are divided into simple geological units and the corresponding magnetic signatures are then calculated. This process is continued by changing the physical dimensions and properties of the geological structure until the computed values are compatible with the data measured in the field.

The contribution of the magnetic field strength generated by the magnetic object to the measured value can be determined by measuring the magnetic susceptibility of the samples taken from this object. Susceptibility is the term used to describe the magnetic attribute that any material gains from a magnetic field. The ratio of the magnetic field inside of the material to the magnetic field outside of is a constant value. Magnetic susceptibility is a constant value that varies depending on the material's physical and chemical characteristics. It is defined in two ways: the volume susceptibility (k) calculated depending on the volume of the object and the mass susceptibility (x) calculated depending on the mass of the object (Ergin, 1985).

Two proton magnetometers and one susceptibility meter (MS-2 Bartington) were used during the current study. One of the magnetometers (IGS-2 proton magnetometer system) was used as the base station and the other (Elsec 820 proton magnetometer system) served as a rover unit. The sensitivity of both instruments was 0.1 gamma. The base station was generally built on the limestone. The time-domain change of the magnetic field was recorded every 5 min (Table S1). The magnetic susceptibility measurements were taken on the outcropped rocks using the field sensor ( $1 \times 10^{-7}$  SI sensitivity).

The magnetic field intensity values recorded during the present study were plotted as a function of time. After diurnal correction, software with the potential field data processing was employed to grid the magnetic data and their upward continuation. Then, Surfer was used to create the total magnetic intensity (TMI) anomaly maps with reduction to the pole (RTP).

The processing software was an open-source program that includes a graphical user interface (GUI). This software was developed for processing, computing, and mapping of gravity and magnetic data by Arisoy and Dikmen (2011). Its most common application is spatial and frequency domain filtering of gravity and magnetic data.

#### 4. Results

### 4.1. Rock types in the study area

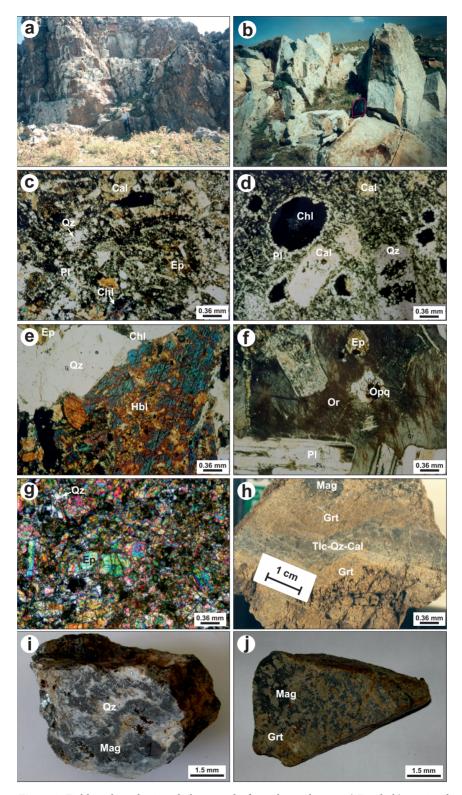
Volcano-sedimentary series (Upper Cretaceous) and granitoid outcrops in the study area are shown in Figures 2a and 2b. The volcano-sedimentary series are cut by granitoid. The presence of soil and grass covering the land has obscured the clear delineation of rock contacts.

Volcano-sedimentary series: Volcanic rocks are dark and light grey andesite, quartz andesite, basalt, and their pyroclastics (autobrecciated andesite, agglomerate, and tuff) (Figure 2a). Secondary epidote, quartz, calcite, and chlorite are seen in these rocks. Macroscopically, pyrrhotite was detected in the cavities of the basalts. Basalt is fractured. Hematite fills the 5-15 cm-wide fractures of the basalt. The volcanic rocks display a microlitic porphyry texture and are composed of plagioclase (An<sub>26,50</sub>), biotite (altered to chlorite) and accessory magnetite, and pyrrhotite. The secondary minerals are sericite, epidote, calcite, quartz, and chlorite (Figures 2c and 2d). Sedimentary rock is generally found as marl, sandy limestone, and limestone. The unit is in a northeast-southwest direction and dips approximately 30°- 45° towards the southwest. Moreover, red, and grey colored biomicrite (Upper Cretaceous; Sipahi, 1996, 2011) containing a thin layer of globotruncana fossils and light grey recrystallized limestone (Jurassic-Lower Cretaceous) as olistolith are also present in the volcano-sedimentary series.

The granitoid is light pink and dark and light gray in some places (Figure 2b). It is very fractured and weathered. Hematite and limonite occurrences are observed along the fractures of the granitoid. The granitoid has a macroscopically coarse, medium, and fine-grained texture, and quartz, plagioclase (An<sub>16-40</sub>), orthoclase, biotite, hornblende, and clinopyroxene (augite) are also seen (Figures 2e and 2f). Apatite and sphene occur as an accessory. The granitoid is composed of quartz monzonite, monzogranite, granite, and syenogranite. Microscopically, the monzogranite is plagioclase, orthoclase, quartz, biotite, and hornblende, while the quartz monzonite is plagioclase, orthoclase, quartz, hornblende, biotite, and pyroxene, in decreasing abundance; the syenogranite is orthoclase, quartz, plagioclase, hornblende, biotite, and sphene, while the granite is quartz, orthoclase, plagioclase, hornblende, and biotite, in decreasing abundance. Epidote and chlorite are also common. The quartz monzonite has a more mafic composition of granite and syenogranite (Sipahi, 2011).

### 4.2. The Fe-skarn mineralization

Contact pyrometasomatic exoskarn mineralization occurred in between the limestone and granitoid at the Arnastal Plateau. The Fe-skarn mineralization between the limestone and the granitoid at the Arnastal Plateau is commonly fractured and distributed, and consists of limestone, skarn minerals, and ore (magnetite and specular hematite)



**Figure 2.** Field, rock, and mineral photographs from the study area. a) Basalt, b) granitoid, c) andesite tuff (sample no: , +N), d) basalt (sample no: 89, +N), e) granite in thin section (sample no: 42, +N), f) quartz monzonite in thin section (sample no: 34, >N), g) epidote in thin section, h) garnet, i) magnetite with quartz, and j) garnet with magnetite. Mineral abbreviations after Whitney and Evans (2010).

fragments. The Fe-skarn mineralization covers an area of approximately 100 × 50 m, and the ore fragments are approximately  $1 \times 0.5$  and  $1 \times 1.5$  m in size, massive, and less banding (Sipahi, 2011). The skarn mineral assemblages in the study area are composed of garnet (andradite), calcite, magnetite, epidote, actinolite, tremolite, quartz, hematite (specular), and, in lesser amounts, pyrrhotine and pyrite at the Arnastal Plateau, and clinopyroxene (diopside), ferri vesuvian, phlogopite at the Camiboğazı Plateau (Sipahi, 2011) (Figures 2g-2j). There is an average of 33.7% Fe in the Fe ore (Sipahi, 1996). Magnetite is generally massive and is sometimes banded (Figure 2i), spotted (Figure 2j), and fractured. It occurs together with hematite, which is generally specular in some samples. Hematite is the most common mineral after magnetite. Pyrite and pyrrhotite are seen less often (<0.1%).

### 4.3. Field study for magnetometry measurement

Based on the geological information previously obtained in the field, the magnetic survey was planned to be carried out on four lines that were determined according to the ore fragments seen on the surface and the contact between the granitoid and sedimentary-volcanic rocks. A geological cross-section is given in Figures 3a–3d for each line showing the types of rocks that were cut and where the measurements were taken.

The field geophysical survey included measurements of the earth's magnetic field and the magnetic susceptibility of the rocks. During this survey, the total components (t) of the magnetic fields were measured at intervals of 25 and/or 50 m along the four selected lines. Since most of the area was covered with recent sediments, surface susceptibility measurements were taken on the few available outcrops (Figure 3e). The first three (A1-A2, B1-B2, and C1-C2) magnetic measurement lines were made to determine the boundaries of the granite-volcano-sedimentary series, which constituted the ore hosting rocks and the basement, respectively, and the fourth (D1-D2) line was planned to determine the possible ore locations based on these first three lines, to delineate the boundaries of the rock units under the overlying material and reveal their changes with depth.

### 4.3.1. A1-A2 magnetic measurement line

Starting from the part where the andesite-basalt unit outcrops in the SE–NW direction, measurements were taken at intervals of 50 m, passing through the covered area to the granitoid outcrop. The magnetic field measurements, which began in the volcanic rocks and ended in the granitoid, were taken at 41 measurement points in total, with a length of 2000 m (Table S2). The surface susceptibility values measured from the outcropped rocks in the field were 1940 (10<sup>-7</sup> SI) for basalt and 105 to 3946 (10<sup>-7</sup> SI) for granite. The magnetic values corresponding to the susceptibility values of these rocks were 724.6 gamma for basalt

and 201.7 to 395.1 gamma for granite, respectively. The magnetic field values in the covered area recorded on this line ranged from 23.1 to 865.7 gamma (Table S2, Figure 4a). Considering the two interpretation methods mentioned above, it was attempted to determine the approximate shapes and depths of the Fe-containing deposits and the boundaries of the geological units in the study area.

#### 4.3.2. B1-B2 magnetic measurement line

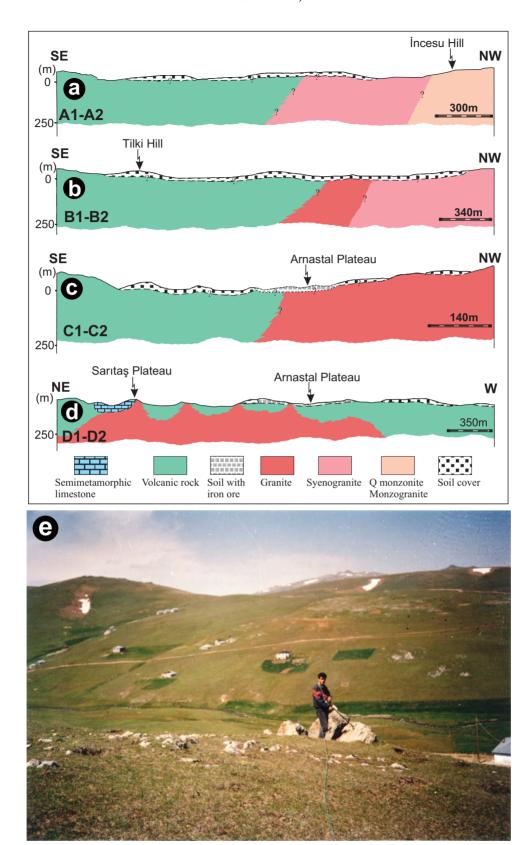
A 2350-m-long magnetic survey was conducted in the NW-SE direction, approximately parallel to the A1-A2 line. A total of 47 measurements were taken at intervals of 50 m<sub>.</sub>(Table S3). The surface susceptibility value measured on the basalt outcrop in the field was  $122 (10^{-7} \text{ SI})$  and the magnetic value corresponding to the susceptibility value of this rock was 523.2 gamma. In general, it is noteworthy that there may be ore bodies between points 10 and 30, and 40 and 45 in the graph (Figure 4b). Magnetite ore can be found between these points in both massive and disseminated forms. In addition, by analyzing the shape of the peaks, an idea about the depths of the Fe ores can be provided (Figure 4b). The volcano-sedimentary seriesgranitoid boundary in the A1-A2 line was estimated as approximately 1-2 m at the edge and 2-5 m in the middle. As with the A1-A2 line, the volcano-sedimentary seriesgranite boundary under the covered part was thought to be at the same depth.

### 4.3.3. C1-C2 magnetic measurement line

This line was approximately parallel to the A1-A2 and B1-B2 lines. It had a length of 2600 m and consisted of 74 magnetic field readings performed from the SE to NW. Starting from the basaltic unit, magnetic measurements were taken towards the granitoid at intervals of 50 m for the first 23 points, at intervals of 25 m between points 23 and 64, and again at intervals of 50 m from point 64 onward (Table S4, Figure 4c). There was no outcrop rock in this line and the magnetic field values in the covered area ranged from – 97.7 to 1950 gamma. In the field, there was magnetite ore in the form of debris in the middle part of the C1-C2 line. There was also limestone in the form of small outcrops in this area.

### 4.3.4. D1-D2 magnetic measurement line

To determine the ore, measurements on the D1-D2 line were taken on the possible volcano-sedimentary seriesgranite boundaries along the dashed lines. A total of 206 magnetic readings located at intervals of 25 m were taken over 5125 m in the NE–SW direction (Table S5, Figure 4d). The surface susceptibility values measured from the outcropped rocks in this line were 1 to 34 ( $10^{-7}$  SI) for limestone, 78 to 3750 ( $10^{-7}$  SI) for basalt, and 219 to 745 ( $10^{-7}$  SI) for granite. The magnetic values corresponding to the susceptibility values of these rocks were 808 to 990.7 gamma on the limestone, 874 to 876.4 gamma on the ba-



**Figure 3.** a–d) Geological cross-sections of the four magnetic measurement lines and e) measurement with a susceptibility instrument on outcrops in the field.

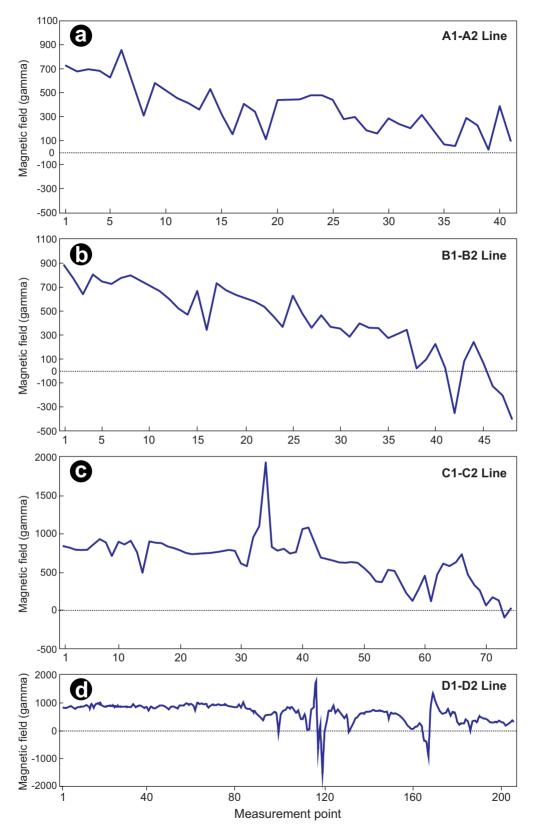


Figure 4. Graphics of the magnetic field anomaly values measured along the lines.

salt, and 725.8 to 910.1 gamma on the granite, respectively. The magnetic field values in the covered area ranged from 1344 to 26.5 gamma.

#### 5. Discussion

In the evaluation of earth magnetic field data, it is aimed to determine parameters such as the horizontal positions, depths, and geometrical properties of underground structures that cause magnetic anomalies (Adagunodo et al., 2015; Öksüm and Dolmaz, 2018). Gravity and magnetic techniques are potential field methods of natural origin, and their data are processed using similar techniques. In magnetic computing, changes in the magnetic field on the surface as a result of masses/ore or rocks with different magnetic susceptibilities (magnetite, ilmenite, hematite, granodiorite, granite, basalt, limestone, etc.) underground are measured. High values obtained after some corrections are applied to the measurements taken on the earth,

such as the sum of shallow (residual) and deep structural (regional) effects. Depending on the purpose of the study, shallow effects are excluded if a deeper and regional structure is focused on, and deep effects are excluded from the anomaly if the aim is to investigate local effects near the surface.

In this study, the TMI and its upward continuation anomaly maps were created using the magnetic values of the A1-A2, B1-B2, and C1-C2 lines from 1996 magnetic measurement data (Tables S2-S4). International geomagnetic reference field values of the Arnastal Plateau locality in 1996 were calculated<sup>1</sup> and an RTP anomaly map was drawn (Figures 5 and 6). Indeed, the TMI values with the RTP were upward and continued to heights of 50, 100, and 200 m, which gave high contrasts compatible with skarn mineralization, and possible skarn mass anomalies that varied depending on depth were revealed (Figure 6). Moreover, the calculation of the first vertical deriva-

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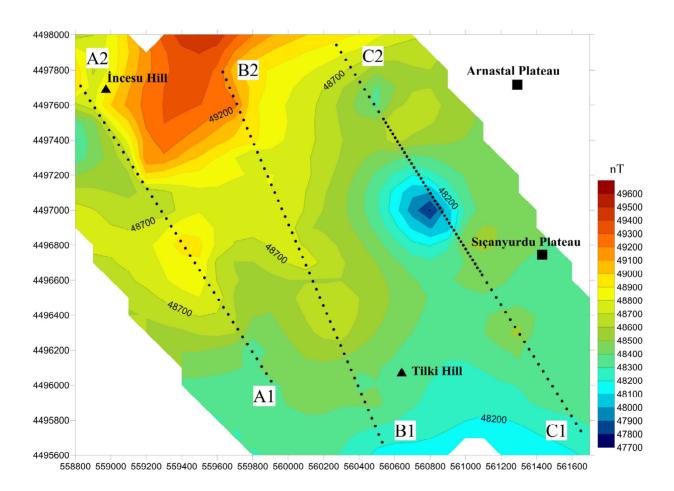


Figure 5. RTP anomaly map.

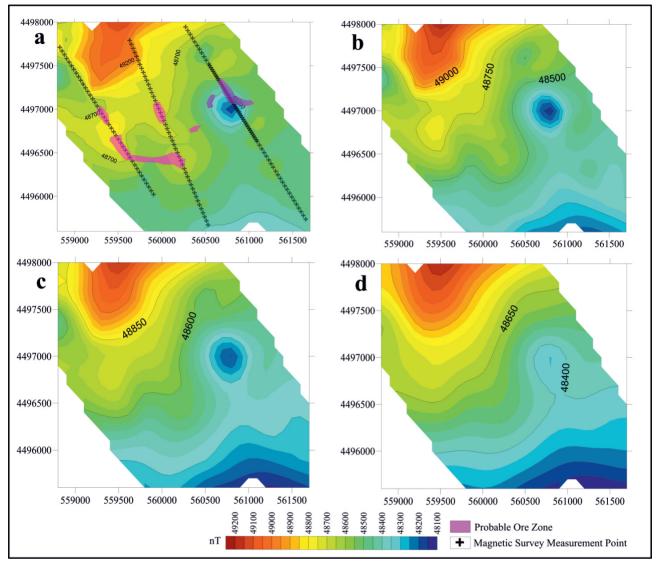


Figure 6. a) RTP anomaly map with probable ore mineralization, b) 50 m upward analytical extension anomaly map, c) 100 m upward analytical extension anomaly map, and d) 200 m upward analytical extension anomaly map.

tive (VD) and the tilt derivative (TDR) of this map made it possible to perform detailed mapping of the subsurface magnetic sources (Figure 7).

# 5.1. A1-A2 magnetic measurement line

It is believed that there are three separate Fe ore-containing units with high susceptibility at a depth of about 50 m in limestone with low susceptibility in the volcanosedimentary series. The low-susceptibility environment is thought to be composed of limestone or impure marble containing scattering Fe ore. In addition, the very small periodic changes in the magnetic value in the covered area indicated the presence of ores in the form of scattering and small masses in the silicified parts of the limestone. A RTP

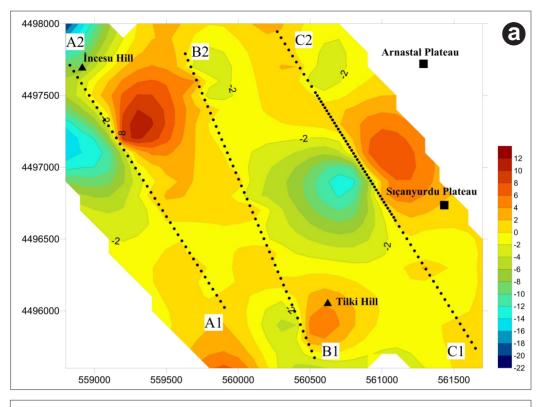
profile was added above the interpreted section and the possible geological section extracted based on the interpretation methods is given in Figure 8a.

#### 5.2. B1-B2 magnetic measurement line

When the graph in Figure 8b was examined, there were masses with high magnetite content between points 10 and 15, 25 and 30, and 40 and 45. Based on two interpretation techniques, it is believed that the surface cover unit started at a depth of approximately 1–2 m at the edges and ranged to a depth of 2–5 m in the middle (Figure 8b).

### 5.3. C1-C2 magnetic measurement line

According to both the direct interpretation of the magnetic data and the deep analytical extension method, one mass was



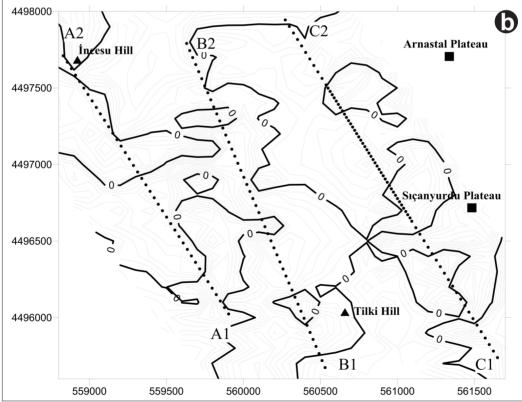
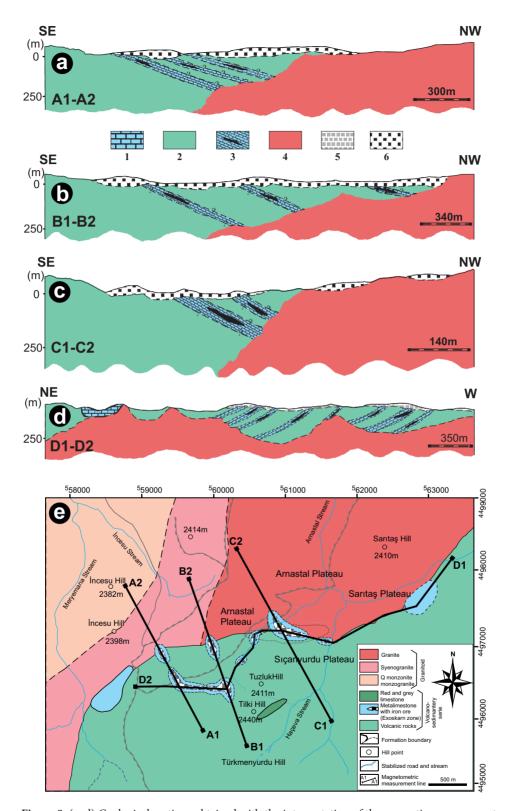


Figure 7. a) VD map and b) TDR map.



**Figure 8.** (a–d) Geological sections obtained with the interpretation of the magnetic measurement values of lines A1-A2, B1-B2, C1-C2, and D1-D2 (1: semimetamorphic limestone, 2: volcanic rock, 3: Fe ore in the limestone, 4: granite, 5: soil cover with little Fe ore, 6: soil cover). (e) Geological map obtained via interpretation of the geology and magnetic anomalies.

located with a high Fe content (Figure 8c) at point 31 and a smaller Fe ore was located a little deeper at point 40. Both of the Fe masses were located in limestone with low susceptibility.

### 5.4. D1-D2 magnetic measurement line

As a result of the interpretation of the magnetic measurements, ore bodies of various sizes were detected in the covered area. Based on the interpretation techniques, granitic rocks with higher susceptibility began at a depth of approximately 275 m and were observed as the basement rock in this line (Figure 8d). The granite formed a border with the volcano-sedimentary series with a highly fluctuating pattern at its depth. It outcropped from place to place in a small area in the east of Sarıtaş Plateau. The presence of limestone between points 74 and 119, 122 and 145, and 148 and 207 was determined from the magnetic measurements. Within the limestone, there were masses with a high Fe content and variable sizes. In general, the parts where possible mineralization was observed were in the limestone and in the granite-limestone contact in the study area (Figure 8d).

### 6. Coevaluation of the magnetic lines

When the surface susceptibility values measured from the rocks in the field were examined, it was the lowest (1 - $34 \times 10^{-7}$  SI) in the limestone, high  $(78 - 1940 \times 10^{-7}$  SI) in the volcanic unit, and very high (693 – 3040  $\times$  10<sup>-7</sup> SI) in the granitoid. This change in the susceptibility values reflects the alteration (physical or chemical) of the rocks, their homogeneity, and the mineralogy. The ore assumed in the four magnetic lines may be in the form of scattering or may have developed in the form of lenses. In the parts where this magnetic mineralization was observed, magnetic mineralization in the surface cover material was determined both in the interpretation and in the field. However, an ore stack in the form of debris was not reflected in the interpretation section. It was attempted to determine the possible ore and formation boundaries by processing the data of these four magnetic lines on geological maps (Figure 8e). Thus, the current geological map was developed via magnetic computing (Figure 8e).

The presence of a lithological trend in the north-east and south-west was observed in the TMI anomaly map with RTP obtained as a result of the magnetic measurements. It was determined that a low magnetic field corridor in a narrow area in the north of the Tilki Tepe, west and northwest of the Siçanyurdu Plateau, and south of the Arnastal Plateau was compatible with the limestone-granite contacts, which is a potential field in terms of the skarn mineralization. As a result of an upward analytical extension, it was determined that the contacts of the mass anomalies due to possible granites and volcanics were very close to the surface. This revealed the conclusion that the narrow magnetic field anomalies, which were compatible

with smaller limestone blocks in terms of volume, had no continuity toward the deeper areas.

#### 7. Conclusion

Fe-skarn mineralization was found as exoskarn around the Sarıtaş and Arnastal plateaus (Gümüşhane, Türkiye) as fragments and the field was covered with plants (grasses, flowers, etc.). Magnetic computing was applied for the first time in the study area to investigate the continuity of the Fe-skarn mineralization under the ground, because the size and spread of the Fe-skarn type mineralization seen in fragments in the Arnastal Plateau could not be fully determined with geological studies.

The units commonly seen in the study area are volcano-sedimentary series (Upper Cretaceous) and granitoids. Limestone, sandy limestone, marl, andesite, quartz andesite, basalt and their pyroclastics occur in the volcano-sedimentary series. This series includes a thin layer of the red limestone (Upper Cretaceous) and olistolith recrystal-lized limestones (Jurassic-Lower Cretaceous). Granitoid (quartz monzonite, syenogranite, granite, and monzogranite as a result of modal composition) intrudes into all of these rocks.

Mineral paragenesis of the contact pyrometasomatic exoskarn mineralization occurring in between the limestone and granitoid in the Arnastal Plateau are ferric vesuvian, boron phlogopite, andradite, calcite, actinolite, tremolite, epidote, quartz, magnetite, hematite, pyrrhotite, and pyrite minerals.

To determine the possible boundaries of the units in the field, their possible geological sections were drawn, and the possible locations of the Fe ore bodies were examined using the magnetic method. The surface susceptibility data measured from the studied rocks showed that it was the lowest  $(1 - 34 \times 10^{-7} \text{ SI})$  in the limestone, high (78 - 1940) $\times$  10<sup>-7</sup> SI) in the volcanic rock, and very high (693 – 3040  $\times$  10<sup>-7</sup> SI) in the granitoid. This change in the susceptibility values points to the alteration (physical or chemical) of the rocks, their homogeneity, and the lack or presence of Fe minerals. The magnetic research was conducted along a study area measuring 12,075 m long with 25 and/or 50 m station spacing. Based on the computation of the magnetic data, it was determined that there may be Fe ore bodies in eight places between the Sarıtaş and Kurtdere plateaus. These Fe ore mineralizations or bodies could be within the limestones and could be scattered and lenticular at a depth of about 15-25 m from the surface.

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**Table S1.** Example of the magnetic measurement values measured at the base station at different time intervals.

| Base field: 47 | 7000           |         |            |            |            |       | Measu | ring range: | 5 min |      |
|----------------|----------------|---------|------------|------------|------------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|------|
| Line: 0        | Grid: 0        |         |            |            |            |       |       |             |       |      |
| Station: 0     |                | Explana | tions (Dif | ference be | tween read | ings) |       |             |       |      |
| Time           | Magnetic field | + 1     | + 2        | + 3        | + 4        | + 5   | + 6   | + 7         | + 8   | + 9  |
| 10:19:50       | 49084.8        | -8.9    | -1.0       | 0.0        | -1.0       | -21.0 | 17.4  | -0.7        | -0.4  | -5.0 |
| 11:09:50       | 49065.7        | -3.9    | -0.2       | -0.2       | -0.3       | -1.7  | -0.7  | 7.1         | -0.1  | -3.0 |
| 11:59:50       | 49063.4        | 2.2     | -0.5       | -9.4       | -0.7       | 0.8   | 0.6   | 1.2         | 2.8   | 2.0  |
| 12:49:50       | 49064.4        | 0.1     | 7.0        | -10.4      | 0.0        | 1.9   | 0.6   | -0.8        | 0.4   | 9.0  |
| 13:39:50       | 49073.0        | 0.9     | 0.5        | 0.9        | -0.6       | 0.2   | 0.2   | 0.2         | 2.0   | 2.0  |
| 14:29:50       | 49079.8        | 0.9     | 2.4        | -1.3       | 0.7        | -0.3  | -0.8  | -1.3        | 0.4   | 0.0  |
| 15:19:50       | 49080.7        | 10.5    | -10.7      | 1.0        | -4.4       | -0.6  | 1.8   | 13.0        | -4.7  | 0.0  |
| 16:09:50       | 49086.6        | 4.4     | -3.6       | 1.4        | -0.8       | 3.1   | 0.0   | 0.9         | 0.3   | -6.0 |
| 16:59:50       | 49086.8        | 0.7     | 0.8        | -0.3       | -1.7       | -3.2  | 0.5   | 3.1         | 1.9   | -0.0 |
| 17:49:50       | 49088.1        | -0.4    | -0.7       | -0.5       | -0.6       | -0.6  | 0.2   | -0.3        | -0.5  | -0.0 |
| 18:39:50       | 49083.4        | 0.6     | 0.2        | 1.4        | -0.2       | -0.9  | 1.7   | -1.5        | -1.0  | -1.0 |

**Table S2.** Values for to the A1-A2 magnetic measurement line.

| Point | Horizontal scale (m) | Time  | TMI     | Magnetic field base value | Magnetic field anomaly | Susceptibility | Rock unit  |
|-------|----------------------|-------|---------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------|
| 1     | 0                    | 10:59 | 48359.8 | 49084.4                   | 724.6                  | 1940           | Basalt     |
| 2     | 50                   | 11:01 | 48405.2 | 49084.4                   | 679.2                  |                | Soil cover |
| 3     | 100                  | 11:03 | 48383.2 | 49079.8                   | 696.6                  |                | Soil cover |
| 4     | 150                  | 11:04 | 48397.4 | 49079.8                   | 682.4                  |                | Soil cover |
| 5     | 200                  | 11:05 | 48455.4 | 49079.8                   | 624.4                  |                | Soil cover |
| 6     | 250                  | 11:07 | 48200   | 49065.7                   | 865.7                  |                | Soil cover |
| 7     | 300                  | 11:10 | 48488.5 | 49065.7                   | 577.2                  |                | Soil cover |
| 8     | 350                  | 11:15 | 48757   | 49061.8                   | 304.8                  |                | Soil cover |
| 9     | 400                  | 11:16 | 48480.7 | 49061.8                   | 581.1                  |                | Soil cover |
| 10    | 450                  | 11:17 | 48545.2 | 49065.5                   | 520.3                  |                | Soil cover |
| 11    | 500                  | 11:18 | 48608.4 | 49065.5                   | 457.1                  |                | Soil cover |
| 12    | 550                  | 11:20 | 48652.3 | 49065.5                   | 413.2                  |                | Soil cover |
| 13    | 600                  | 11:22 | 48704.3 | 49065.5                   | 361.2                  |                | Soil cover |
| 14    | 650                  | 11:25 | 48532.3 | 49065.5                   | 533.2                  |                | Soil cover |
| 15    | 700                  | 11:26 | 48745.3 | 49065.5                   | 320.2                  |                | Soil cover |
| 16    | 750                  | 11:27 | 48919.3 | 49065.5                   | 146.2                  |                | Soil cover |
| 17    | 800                  | 11:29 | 48653.3 | 49065.5                   | 412.2                  |                | Soil cover |
| 18    | 850                  | 11:31 | 48724.2 | 49064                     | 339.8                  |                | Soil cover |
| 19    | 900                  | 11:32 | 48964.5 | 49064                     | 99.5                   |                | Soil cover |
| 20    | 950                  | 11:34 | 48623.5 | 49064                     | 440.5                  |                | Soil cover |
| 21    | 1000                 | 11:35 | 48622.1 | 49064                     | 441.9                  |                | Soil cover |
| 22    | 1050                 | 11:36 | 48619.6 | 49064                     | 444.4                  |                | Soil cover |

Table S2. (Continued).

| 23 | 1100 | 11:38 | 48588.8 | 49065   | 476.2  |      | Soil cover |
|----|------|-------|---------|---------|--------|------|------------|
| 24 | 1150 | 11:41 | 48586.4 | 49065   | 478.6  |      | Soil cover |
| 25 | 1200 | 11:43 | 48633   | 49072.8 | 439.8  |      | Soil cover |
| 26 | 1250 | 11:45 | 48794.2 | 49072.8 | 278.6  |      | Soil cover |
| 27 | 1300 | 11:47 | 48768.3 | 49065.6 | 297.3  |      | Soil cover |
| 28 | 1350 | 11:49 | 48879   | 49065.6 | 186.6  |      | Soil cover |
| 29 | 1400 | 11:51 | 49554.5 | 49065.6 | -488.9 | 1962 | Granite    |
| 30 | 1450 | 11:53 | 48776   | 49062.7 | 286.7  | 466  | Granite    |
| 31 | 1500 | 11:56 | 48825.8 | 49062.7 | 236.9  |      | Soil cover |
| 32 | 1550 | 11:57 | 48861.7 | 49063.4 | 201.7  | 105  | Granite    |
| 33 | 1600 | 11:59 | 48747.5 | 49063.4 | 315.9  |      | Soil cover |
| 34 | 1650 | 12:01 | 48870   | 49063.4 | 193.4  |      | Soil cover |
| 35 | 1700 | 12:03 | 48997.3 | 49065.6 | 68.3   | 1622 | Granite    |
| 36 | 1750 | 12:05 | 49012.9 | 49065.6 | 52.7   | 3946 | Granite    |
| 37 | 1800 | 12:09 | 48772.8 | 49062.9 | 290.1  |      | Soil cover |
| 38 | 1850 | 12:11 | 48834.5 | 49062.9 | 228.4  | 2798 | Granite    |
| 39 | 1900 | 12:13 | 49032.7 | 49054   | 21.3   |      | Soil cover |
| 40 | 1950 | 12:15 | 48658.9 | 49054   | 395.1  | 3040 | Granite    |
| 41 | 2000 | 12:17 | 48962.1 | 49062.7 | 100.6  |      | Soil cover |

**Table S3.** Values for to the B1-B2 magnetic measurement line.

| Point | Horizontal scale (m) | Time  | TMI     | Magnetic field base value | Magnetic field anomaly | Susceptibility | Rock unit  |
|-------|----------------------|-------|---------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------|
| 0     | 0                    | 13:06 | 48186.5 | 49075                     | 888.5                  |                | Soil cover |
| 1     | 50                   | 13:08 | 48302   | 49075                     | 773                    |                | Soil cover |
| 2     | 100                  | 13:09 | 48437.4 | 49073.2                   | 635.8                  |                | Soil cover |
| 3     | 150                  | 13:10 | 48264.7 | 49073.2                   | 808.5                  |                | Soil cover |
| 4     | 200                  | 13:12 | 48326.6 | 49073.2                   | 746.6                  |                | Soil cover |
| 5     | 250                  | 13:14 | 48345.7 | 49073.2                   | 727.5                  |                | Soil cover |
| 6     | 300                  | 13:16 | 48293.1 | 49073.2                   | 780.1                  |                | Soil cover |
| 7     | 350                  | 13:17 | 48274.2 | 49073.2                   | 799                    |                | Soil cover |
| 8     | 400                  | 13:19 | 48319.3 | 49073.2                   | 753.9                  |                | Soil cover |
| 9     | 450                  | 13:20 | 48362.6 | 49073.2                   | 710.6                  |                | Soil cover |
| 10    | 500                  | 13:22 | 48404.8 | 49073.2                   | 668.4                  |                | Soil cover |
| 11    | 550                  | 13:23 | 48468.6 | 49073.2                   | 604.6                  |                | Soil cover |
| 12    | 600                  | 13:25 | 48549   | 49072.2                   | 523.2                  | 122            | Basalt     |
| 13    | 650                  | 13:26 | 48602.8 | 49072.4                   | 469.6                  |                | Soil cover |
| 14    | 700                  | 13:27 | 48392.6 | 49072.4                   | 679.8                  |                | Soil cover |
| 15    | 750                  | 13:28 | 48743   | 49072.4                   | 329.4                  |                | Soil cover |
| 16    | 800                  | 13:30 | 48336.3 | 49073.9                   | 737.6                  |                | Soil cover |

Table S4. (Continued).

| 17 | 850  | 13:32 | 48398.3 | 49073.9 | 675.6 | Soil cover |
|----|------|-------|---------|---------|-------|------------|
| 18 | 900  | 13:33 | 48434.5 | 49073.9 | 639.4 | Soil cover |
| 19 | 950  | 13:34 | 48463.9 | 49073.5 | 609.6 | Soil cover |
| 20 | 1000 | 13:35 | 48491.3 | 49073.5 | 582.2 | Soil cover |
| 21 | 1050 | 13:38 | 48534.6 | 49073.9 | 539.3 | Soil cover |
| 22 | 1100 | 13:40 | 48616.2 | 49073.9 | 457.7 | Soil cover |
| 23 | 1150 | 13:42 | 48708.5 | 49073.9 | 365.4 | Soil cover |
| 24 | 1200 | 13:44 | 48442.3 | 49073.9 | 631.6 | Soil cover |
| 25 | 1250 | 13:45 | 48588.5 | 49073   | 484.5 | Soil cover |
| 26 | 1300 | 13:46 | 48714.4 | 49073   | 358.6 | Soil cover |
| 27 | 1350 | 13:48 | 48605.1 | 49073.4 | 468.3 | Soil cover |
| 28 | 1400 | 13:49 | 48704.8 | 49073.4 | 368.6 | Soil cover |
| 29 | 1450 | 13:53 | 48717.9 | 49073.4 | 355.5 | Soil cover |
| 30 | 1500 | 13:54 | 48786.5 | 49073.4 | 286.9 | Soil cover |
| 31 | 1550 | 13:55 | 48665.1 | 49064.8 | 399.7 | Soil cover |
| 32 | 1600 | 13:57 | 48703.4 | 49064.8 | 361.4 | Soil cover |
| 33 | 1650 | 13:59 | 48703.3 | 49063.6 | 360.3 | Soil cover |
| 34 | 1700 | 14:00 | 48787.7 | 49063.6 | 275.9 | Soil cover |
| 35 | 1750 | 14:02 | 48753.2 | 49063.6 | 310.4 | Soil cover |
| 36 | 1800 | 14:05 | 48716.8 | 49063.6 | 346.8 | Soil cover |
| 37 | 1850 | 14:06 | 49043.5 | 49063.6 | 20.1  | Soil cover |
| 38 | 1900 | 14:07 | 48964.4 | 49065   | 100.6 | Soil cover |
| 39 | 1950 | 14:08 | 48834.1 | 49065   | 230.9 | Soil cover |
| 40 | 2000 | 14:10 | 49035.6 | 49066.3 | 30.7  | Soil cover |
| 41 | 2050 | 14:11 | 49430.8 | 49066.3 | -365  | Soil cover |
| 42 | 2100 | 14:13 | 48983.7 | 49066.3 | 82.6  | Soil cover |
| 43 | 2150 | 14:14 | 48819.1 | 49066.3 | 247.2 | Soil cover |
| 44 | 2200 | 14:16 | 48993.1 | 49064.4 | 71.3  | Soil cover |
| 45 | 2250 | 14:17 | 49188.5 | 49064.4 | -124  | Soil cover |
| 46 | 2300 | 14:18 | 49262.4 | 49064.4 | -198  | Soil cover |
| 47 | 2350 | 14:21 | 49448   | 49054   | -394  | Soil cover |

**Table S4.** Values for to the C1-C2 magnetic measurement line.

| Point | Horizontal scale (m) | Time  | TMI     | Magnetic field base value | Magnetic field anomaly | Susceptibility | Rock unit  |
|-------|----------------------|-------|---------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------|
| 1     | 0                    | 17:17 | 48247.3 | 49085.1                   | 837.8                  |                | Soil cover |
| 2     | 50                   | 17:18 | 48261.2 | 49085.1                   | 823.9                  |                | Soil cover |
| 3     | 100                  | 17:20 | 48289.7 | 49085.1                   | 795.4                  |                | Soil cover |
| 4     | 150                  | 17:24 | 48295.5 | 49083.6                   | 788.1                  |                | Soil cover |
| 5     | 200                  | 17:26 | 48289   | 49083.6                   | 794.6                  |                | Soil cover |
| 6     | 250                  | 17:28 | 48217   | 49087.3                   | 870.3                  |                | Soil cover |
| 7     | 300                  | 17:33 | 48146.7 | 49083.7                   | 937                    |                | Soil cover |
| 8     | 350                  | 17:35 | 48195.2 | 49083.7                   | 888.5                  |                | Soil cover |
| 9     | 400                  | 17:37 | 48385.5 | 49088.7                   | 703.2                  |                | Soil cover |
| 10    | 450                  | 17:40 | 48185.5 | 49088.7                   | 903.2                  |                | Soil cover |
| 11    | 500                  | 17:42 | 48225.2 | 49086.8                   | 861.6                  |                | Soil cover |
| 12    | 550                  | 17:43 | 48175   | 49086.8                   | 911.8                  |                | Soil cover |
| 13    | 600                  | 17:45 | 48321.5 | 49086.8                   | 765.3                  |                | Soil cover |
| 14    | 650                  | 17:46 | 48615.9 | 49086.8                   | 470.9                  |                | Soil cover |
| 15    | 700                  | 17:47 | 48177.7 | 49088.1                   | 910.4                  |                | Soil cover |
| 16    | 750                  | 17:50 | 48200.6 | 49088.1                   | 887.5                  |                | Soil cover |
| 17    | 800                  | 17:52 | 48206.2 | 49087.7                   | 881.5                  |                | Soil cover |
| 18    | 850                  | 17:53 | 48252.5 | 49087.7                   | 835.2                  |                | Soil cover |
| 19    | 900                  | 17:54 | 48273.1 | 49087.7                   | 814.6                  |                | Soil cover |
| 20    | 950                  | 17:56 | 48301.9 | 49087.7                   | 785.8                  |                | Soil cover |
| 21    | 1000                 | 18:00 | 48336.7 | 49087.4                   | 750.7                  |                | Soil cover |
| 22    | 1050                 | 18:01 | 48353.7 | 49087.4                   | 733.7                  |                | Soil cover |
| 23    | 1075                 | 18:03 | 48350   | 49087.6                   | 737.6                  |                | Soil cover |
| 24    | 1100                 | 18:06 | 48342.2 | 49087.6                   | 745.4                  |                | Soil cover |
| 25    | 1125                 | 18:07 | 48336   | 49087.5                   | 751.5                  |                | Soil cover |
| 26    | 1150                 | 18:08 | 48327.9 | 49087.5                   | 759.6                  |                | Soil cover |
| 27    | 1175                 | 18:09 | 48313.4 | 49087.5                   | 774.1                  |                | Soil cover |
| 28    | 1200                 | 18:10 | 48299.7 | 49087.5                   | 787.8                  |                | Soil cover |
| 29    | 1225                 | 18:11 | 48309   | 49087.5                   | 778.5                  |                | Soil cover |
| 30    | 1250                 | 18:12 | 48472.7 | 49087.5                   | 614.8                  |                | Soil cover |
| 31    | 1275                 | 18:15 | 48511.8 | 49087.5                   | 575.7                  |                | Soil cover |
| 32    | 1300                 | 18:17 | 48130   | 49088.3                   | 958.3                  |                | Soil cover |
| 33    | 1325                 | 18:18 | 47983.9 | 49088.3                   | 1104                   |                | Soil cover |
| 34    | 1350                 | 18:19 | 47138.3 | 49088.3                   | 1950                   |                | Soil cover |
| 35    | 1375                 | 18:23 | 48256.6 | 49087.8                   | 831.2                  |                | Soil cover |
| 36    | 1400                 | 18:24 | 48308.1 | 49087.8                   | 779.7                  |                | Soil cover |
| 37    | 1425                 | 18:26 | 48283   | 49087.8                   | 804.8                  |                | Soil cover |
| 38    | 1450                 | 18:29 | 48345   | 49087.6                   | 742.6                  |                | Soil cover |
| 39    | 1475                 | 18:30 | 48327.9 | 49087.6                   | 759.7                  |                | Soil cover |
| 40    | 1500                 | 18:31 | 48021   | 49087.6                   | 1067                   |                | Soil cover |
| 41    | 1525                 | 18.3  | 48000   | 49088.1                   | 1088                   |                | Soil cover |

Table S4. (Continued).

| 42 | 1550 | 18:34 | 48200   | 49088.1 | 888.1 | Soil cover |
|----|------|-------|---------|---------|-------|------------|
| 43 | 1575 | 18:35 | 48394.4 | 49088.1 | 693.7 | Soil cover |
| 44 | 1600 | 18:37 | 48407.6 | 49083.4 | 675.8 | Soil cover |
| 45 | 1625 | 18:38 | 48429   | 49083.4 | 654.4 | Soil cover |
| 46 | 1650 | 18:39 | 48455.4 | 49083.4 | 628   | Soil cover |
| 47 | 1675 | 18:41 | 48460   | 49083.4 | 623.4 | Soil cover |
| 48 | 1700 | 18:42 | 48452.4 | 49083.4 | 631   | Soil cover |
| 49 | 1725 | 18:43 | 48460.2 | 49084   | 623.8 | Soil cover |
| 50 | 1750 | 18:45 | 48523.8 | 49084   | 560.2 | Soil cover |
| 51 | 1775 | 18:46 | 48598.7 | 49084   | 485.3 | Soil cover |
| 52 | 1800 | 18:47 | 48705.5 | 49083.6 | 378.1 | Soil cover |
| 53 | 1825 | 18:50 | 48713.9 | 49083.6 | 369.7 | Soil cover |
| 54 | 1850 | 18:50 | 48552   | 49083.6 | 531.6 | Soil cover |
| 55 | 1875 | 18:51 | 48566   | 49083.6 | 517.6 | Soil cover |
| 56 | 1900 | 18:53 | 48720   | 49084.8 | 364.8 | Soil cover |
| 57 | 1925 | 18:54 | 48860.9 | 49084.8 | 223.9 | Soil cover |
| 58 | 1950 | 18:55 | 48963.1 | 49084.8 | 121.7 | Soil cover |
| 59 | 1975 | 19:04 | 48800.7 | 49082.5 | 281.8 | Soil cover |
| 60 | 2000 | 19:05 | 48617.5 | 49082.5 | 465   | Soil cover |
| 61 | 2025 | 19:06 | 48977.1 | 49082.5 | 105.4 | Soil cover |
| 62 | 2050 | 19:07 | 48616.5 | 49085.1 | 468.6 | Soil cover |
| 63 | 2075 | 19:08 | 48468.8 | 49085.1 | 616.3 | Soil cover |
| 64 | 2100 | 19:09 | 48506.4 | 49085.1 | 578.7 | Soil cover |
| 65 | 2150 | 19:10 | 48458.4 | 49085.1 | 626.7 | Soil cover |
| 66 | 2200 | 19:12 | 48341.5 | 49081.9 | 740.4 | Soil cover |
| 67 | 2250 | 19:13 | 48615.7 | 49081.9 | 466.2 | Soil cover |
| 68 | 2300 | 19:14 | 48742.2 | 49081.9 | 339.7 | Soil cover |
| 69 | 2350 | 19:15 | 48818.8 | 49081.9 | 263.1 | Soil cover |
| 70 | 2400 | 19:16 | 49026   | 49081.9 | 55.9  | Soil cover |
| 71 | 2450 | 19:18 | 48904.8 | 49082.4 | 177.6 | Soil cover |
| 72 | 2500 | 19:20 | 48947   | 49082.4 | 135.4 | Soil cover |
| 73 | 2550 | 19:21 | 49180.1 | 49082.4 | -97.7 | Soil cover |
| 74 | 2600 | 19:23 | 49059.3 | 49082.4 | 23.1  | Soil cover |

**Table S5.** Values for to the D1-D2 magnetic measurement line.

| Point | Horizontal scale (m) | Time | TMI     | Magnetic field base value | Magnetic field anomaly | Susceptibility | Rock unit |
|-------|----------------------|------|---------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1     | 0                    | 8:20 | 48200   | 49076.4                   | 876.4                  | 3750           | Basalt    |
| 2     | 25                   | 8:25 | 48253.3 | 49075.7                   | 822.4                  | 108            | Basalt    |
| 3     | 50                   | 8:33 | 48257.3 | 49077.4                   | 820.1                  |                |           |
| 4     | 75                   | 8:34 | 48238.3 | 49077.4                   | 839.1                  |                |           |
| 5     | 100                  | 8:35 | 48198.6 | 49077.4                   | 878.8                  |                |           |
| 6     | 125                  | 8:37 | 48220.7 | 49076                     | 855.3                  | 1540           | Basalt    |
| 7     | 150                  | 8:39 | 48289.7 | 49076.4                   | 786.7                  |                |           |
| 8     | 175                  | 8:40 | 48233.3 | 49073.6                   | 840.3                  |                |           |
| 9     | 200                  | 8:42 | 48233.8 | 49073.5                   | 839.7                  |                |           |
| 10    | 225                  | 8:44 | 48218   | 49072.8                   | 854.8                  |                |           |
| 11    | 250                  | 8:45 | 48193.2 | 49072.8                   | 879.6                  |                |           |
| 12    | 275                  | 8:46 | 48166.7 | 49074.8                   | 908.1                  |                |           |
| 13    | 300                  | 8:46 | 48222.8 | 49074.8                   | 852                    |                |           |
| 14    | 325                  | 8:47 | 48342.9 | 49074.8                   | 731.9                  |                |           |
| 15    | 350                  | 8:48 | 48113.1 | 49073.7                   | 960.6                  |                |           |
| 16    | 375                  | 8:49 | 48254.6 | 49073.7                   | 819.1                  |                |           |
| 17    | 400                  | 8:50 | 48134.1 | 49073                     | 938.9                  |                |           |
| 18    | 425                  | 8:56 | 48081.7 | 49072.4                   | 990.7                  | 34             | Limestone |
| 19    | 450                  | 9:03 | 48171.8 | 49072.2                   | 900.4                  |                |           |
| 20    | 475                  | 9:03 | 48197.6 | 49072.2                   | 874.6                  |                |           |
| 21    | 500                  | 9:07 | 48198.4 | 49073.2                   | 874.8                  |                |           |
| 22    | 525                  | 9:08 | 48177.7 | 49071.6                   | 893.9                  |                |           |
| 23    | 550                  | 9:09 | 48176.7 | 49071.6                   | 894.9                  |                |           |
| 24    | 575                  | 9:10 | 48186   | 49073.2                   | 887.2                  | 2              | Limestone |
| 25    | 600                  | 9:11 | 48196.2 | 49073.2                   | 877                    |                |           |
| 26    | 625                  | 9:12 | 48191   | 49064.8                   | 873.8                  |                |           |
| 27    | 650                  | 9:15 | 48193.6 | 49073.3                   | 879.7                  |                |           |
| 28    | 675                  | 9:17 | 48200   | 49073.2                   | 873.2                  |                |           |
| 29    | 700                  | 9:18 | 48210.2 | 49072.3                   | 862.1                  |                |           |
| 30    | 725                  | 9:19 | 48215.8 | 49072.3                   | 856.5                  |                |           |
| 31    | 750                  | 9:20 | 48221.8 | 49066.2                   | 844.4                  |                |           |
| 32    | 775                  | 9:23 | 48221.1 | 49065.8                   | 844.7                  |                |           |
| 33    | 800                  | 9:25 | 48121.4 | 49066.4                   | 945                    |                |           |
| 34    | 825                  | 9:27 | 48215.8 | 49065.4                   | 849.6                  |                |           |
| 35    | 850                  | 9:28 | 48187.6 | 49067.2                   | 879.6                  |                |           |
| 36    | 875                  | 9:32 | 48153.5 | 49065.1                   | 911.6                  |                |           |
| 37    | 900                  | 9:33 | 48203.4 | 49065.1                   | 861.7                  |                |           |
| 38    | 925                  | 9:34 | 48236   | 49066.7                   | 830.7                  |                |           |
| 39    | 950                  | 9:35 | 48211.8 | 49066.7                   | 854.9                  |                |           |
| 40    | 975                  | 9:36 | 48347   | 49072.8                   | 725.8                  | 219            | Granite   |
| 41    | 1000                 | 9:41 | 48193.1 | 49071.6                   | 878.5                  | 693            | Granite   |

Table S5. (Continued).

|    | 1    |       |         |         |       |     |           |
|----|------|-------|---------|---------|-------|-----|-----------|
| 42 | 1025 | 9:43  | 48258.4 | 49071.8 | 813.4 |     |           |
| 43 | 1050 | 9:44  | 48257.9 | 49071.3 | 813.4 |     |           |
| 44 | 1075 | 9:45  | 48226   | 49071.3 | 845.3 |     |           |
| 45 | 1100 | 9:47  | 48166   | 49071   | 905   |     |           |
| 46 | 1125 | 9:49  | 48156.6 | 49072.7 | 916.1 |     |           |
| 47 | 1150 | 9:51  | 48183.6 | 49070.6 | 887   |     |           |
| 48 | 1175 | 9:52  | 48233.5 | 49073.1 | 839.6 |     |           |
| 49 | 1200 | 9:53  | 48303   | 49073.1 | 770.1 |     |           |
| 50 | 1225 | 9:54  | 48204.5 | 49070.5 | 866   |     |           |
| 51 | 1250 | 9:56  | 48198   | 49072   | 874   | 78  | Basalt    |
| 52 | 1275 | 9:57  | 48232   | 49072   | 840   |     |           |
| 53 | 1300 | 9:58  | 48254.2 | 49071.6 | 817.4 |     |           |
| 54 | 1325 | 9:59  | 48160   | 49071.6 | 911.6 |     |           |
| 55 | 1350 | 10:01 | 48166.1 | 49072   | 905.9 |     |           |
| 56 | 1375 | 10:02 | 48161.8 | 49071.9 | 910.1 |     |           |
| 57 | 1400 | 10:03 | 48098.6 | 49071.9 | 973.3 |     |           |
| 58 | 1425 | 10:04 | 48128.9 | 49071.5 | 942.6 |     |           |
| 59 | 1450 | 10:05 | 48116.6 | 49071.5 | 954.9 |     |           |
| 60 | 1475 | 10:06 | 48161   | 49071.1 | 910.1 | 745 | Granite   |
| 61 | 1500 | 10:08 | 48329.9 | 49072.8 | 742.9 |     |           |
| 62 | 1525 | 10:09 | 48066   | 49072.8 | 1007  |     |           |
| 63 | 1550 | 10:10 | 48099   | 49071.9 | 972.9 |     |           |
| 64 | 1575 | 10:13 | 48093.6 | 49072.1 | 978.5 | 694 | Granite   |
| 65 | 1600 | 10.2  | 48120.8 | 49071.8 | 951   |     |           |
| 66 | 1625 | 10:17 | 48115.4 | 49071.3 | 955.9 |     |           |
| 67 | 1650 | 10:18 | 48247.4 | 49073   | 825.6 |     |           |
| 68 | 1675 | 10:19 | 48173   | 49073   | 900   |     |           |
| 69 | 1700 | 10:20 | 48133   | 49071.9 | 938.9 |     |           |
| 70 | 1725 | 10:22 | 48153.3 | 49071.5 | 918.2 |     |           |
| 71 | 1750 | 10:23 | 48137   | 49071.5 | 934.5 |     |           |
| 72 | 1775 | 10:25 | 48136.1 | 49072.1 | 936   |     |           |
| 73 | 1800 | 10:26 | 48148.1 | 49071.1 | 923   |     |           |
| 74 | 1825 | 10.4  | 48151.6 | 49071   | 919.4 |     |           |
| 75 | 1850 | 10:36 | 48137.7 | 49072.5 | 934.8 |     |           |
| 76 | 1875 | 10:38 | 48191.3 | 49071.9 | 880.6 | 6   | Limestone |
| 77 | 1900 | 10:40 | 48195.2 | 49069.6 | 874.4 |     |           |
| 78 | 1925 | 10:42 | 48205.5 | 49067.8 | 862.3 |     |           |
| 79 | 1950 | 10:43 | 48219.1 | 49067.8 | 848.7 |     |           |
| 80 | 1975 | 10:44 | 48228.8 | 49069.9 | 841.1 |     |           |
| 81 | 2000 | 10:45 | 48128.5 | 49069.9 | 941.4 |     |           |
| 82 | 2025 | 10:46 | 48239.9 | 49069.4 | 829.5 |     |           |
| 83 | 2050 | 10:47 | 48048   | 49069.4 | 1021  | 1   | Limestone |
| 84 | 2075 | 10:50 | 48265.9 | 49074.7 | 808.8 | 1   | Limestone |

Table S5. (Continued).

| 85  | 2100 | 10:52 | 48283.8 | 49069.6 | 785.8 |           |
|-----|------|-------|---------|---------|-------|-----------|
| 86  | 2125 | 10:53 | 48284.9 | 49069.6 | 784.7 |           |
| 87  | 2150 | 10:54 | 48353.7 | 49069   | 715.3 |           |
| 88  | 2175 | 10.6  | 48367.5 | 49069   | 701.5 |           |
| 89  | 2200 | 10:56 | 48455.5 | 49068.6 | 613.1 |           |
| 90  | 2225 | 10:57 | 48518   | 49068.6 | 550.6 |           |
| 91  | 2250 | 10:58 | 48621.6 | 49069.6 | 448   |           |
| 92  | 2275 | 10:59 | 48698   | 49069.6 | 371.6 |           |
| 93  | 2300 | 10:59 | 48529   | 49069.6 | 540.6 |           |
| 94  | 2325 | 11:00 | 48520   | 49073.2 | 553.2 |           |
| 95  | 2350 | 11:02 | 48506   | 49073.4 | 567.4 |           |
| 96  | 2375 | 11:03 | 48483   | 49073.4 | 590.4 |           |
| 97  | 2400 | 11:05 | 48406.7 | 49073.2 | 666.5 | Limestone |
| 98  | 2425 | 11:08 | 48424.8 | 49073.9 | 649.1 |           |
| 99  | 2450 | 11:10 | 49133   | 49072.3 | -60.7 | Limestone |
| 100 | 2475 | 11:12 | 48491   | 49073.5 | 582.5 |           |
| 101 | 2500 | 11:12 | 48367   | 49073.5 | 706.5 |           |
| 102 | 2525 | 11:13 | 48330.3 | 49073.5 | 743.2 |           |
| 103 | 2550 | 11:14 | 48240   | 49072.9 | 832.9 |           |
| 104 | 2575 | 11:15 | 48258   | 49072.9 | 814.9 |           |
| 105 | 2600 | 11:15 | 48225   | 49072.9 | 848.3 |           |
| 106 | 2625 | 11:16 | 48312   | 49073.3 | 761.5 |           |
| 107 | 2650 | 11:17 | 48436   | 49073.3 | 637.8 |           |
| 108 | 2675 | 11:18 | 48347   | 49073.1 | 726.3 |           |
| 109 | 2700 | 11:19 | 48643   | 49073.1 | 429.8 |           |
| 110 | 2725 | 11:35 | 48652   | 49066.9 | 415.1 |           |
| 111 | 2750 | 11:36 | 48479   | 49066.9 | 587.9 |           |
| 112 | 2775 | 11:37 | 49025   | 49066.9 | 41.9  |           |
| 113 | 2800 | 11:38 | 49012   | 49068.9 | 56.9  |           |
| 114 | 2825 | 11:39 | 48310   | 49068.9 | 758.9 |           |
| 115 | 2850 | 11:40 | 48237   | 49068.5 | 831.5 |           |
| 116 | 2875 | 11:41 | 47328   | 49068.5 | 1741  |           |
| 117 | 2900 | 11:42 | 49706   | 49069.1 | -637  |           |
| 118 | 2925 | 11:44 | 48861   | 49067.9 | 206.7 |           |
| 119 | 2950 | 11:45 | 50605   | 49067.9 | -1537 |           |
| 120 | 2975 | 11:46 | 49150   | 49068.4 | -81.6 |           |
| 121 | 3000 | 11:47 | 48652   | 49068.4 | 416.4 |           |
| 122 | 3025 | 11:48 | 48340   | 49068   | 728   |           |
| 123 | 3050 | 11:50 | 48354   | 49068.3 | 714.3 |           |
| 124 | 3075 | 11:51 | 48170   | 49068.3 | 898.3 |           |
| 125 | 3100 | 11:52 | 48431   | 49069.4 | 638.4 |           |
| 126 | 3125 | 11:53 | 48293   | 49069.4 | 776.4 |           |
| 127 | 3150 | 11:55 | 48410   | 49068.2 | 658.2 | Limestone |

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| 128 | 3175 | 11:56 | 48493 | 49069.7 | 577   |           |
|-----|------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-----------|
| 129 | 3200 | 11:57 | 48616 | 49069.7 | 453.6 | Limestone |
| 130 | 3225 | 11:58 | 48488 | 49068.5 | 580.3 |           |
| 131 | 3250 | 11:59 | 49096 | 49068.5 | -27.7 |           |
| 132 | 3275 | 12:00 | 48972 | 49069.2 | 97.3  |           |
| 133 | 3300 | 12:01 | 48807 | 49069.2 | 262.7 |           |
| 134 | 3325 | 12:02 | 48615 | 49069.7 | 454.7 |           |
| 135 | 3350 | 12:03 | 48574 | 49069.7 | 495.7 |           |
| 136 | 3375 | 12:06 | 48457 | 49069.8 | 612.8 |           |
| 137 | 3400 | 12:07 | 48421 | 49069.8 | 648.8 |           |
| 138 | 3425 | 12:08 | 48441 | 49068.9 | 627.9 |           |
| 139 | 3450 | 12:09 | 48383 | 49068.9 | 685.9 |           |
| 140 | 3475 | 12:10 | 48379 | 49069   | 689.9 |           |
| 141 | 3500 | 12:13 | 48357 | 49069   | 711.8 |           |
| 142 | 3525 | 12:14 | 48312 | 49068.7 | 756.5 |           |
| 143 | 3550 | 12:15 | 48341 | 49068.7 | 727.5 |           |
| 144 | 3575 | 12:16 | 48350 | 49069.5 | 719.6 |           |
| 145 | 3600 | 12:17 | 48339 | 49069.5 | 730.1 |           |
| 146 | 3625 | 12:18 | 48349 | 49065.2 | 716.3 |           |
| 147 | 3650 | 12:19 | 48373 | 49065.2 | 692.3 |           |
| 148 | 3675 | 12.2  | 48376 | 49070.6 | 694.5 |           |
| 149 | 3700 | 12:45 | 48399 | 46082.6 | -2316 |           |
| 150 | 3725 | 12:46 | 48413 | 49072.7 | 659.7 |           |
| 151 | 3750 | 12:47 | 48449 | 49072.7 | 624.1 |           |
| 152 | 3775 | 12:49 | 48453 | 49082   | 628.6 | Basalt    |
| 153 | 3800 | 12:50 | 48478 | 49080.4 | 602.1 |           |
| 154 | 3825 | 12:51 | 48526 | 49080.4 | 554.4 |           |
| 155 | 3850 | 12:51 | 48600 | 49080.4 | 480.4 |           |
| 156 | 3875 | 12:52 | 48694 | 49082.6 | 389   |           |
| 157 | 3900 | 12:52 | 48828 | 49082.6 | 254.2 |           |
| 158 | 3925 | 12:53 | 48922 | 49082.6 | 160.8 |           |
| 159 | 3950 | 12:53 | 48992 | 49082.6 | 90.4  |           |
| 160 | 3975 | 12:54 | 48998 | 49081.2 | 83.1  |           |
| 161 | 4000 | 12:54 | 48938 | 49081.2 | 143.1 |           |
| 162 | 4025 | 12:55 | 48912 | 49081.2 | 169.6 |           |
| 163 | 4050 | 12:56 | 48797 | 49080.8 | 284   |           |
| 164 | 4075 | 12:57 | 48900 | 49080.8 | 180.8 |           |
| 165 | 4100 | 12:58 | 49400 | 49082.5 | -318  |           |
| 166 | 4125 | 13:00 | 49416 | 49073.5 | -343  |           |
| 167 | 4150 | 13:01 | 49970 | 49073.5 | -896  |           |
| 168 | 4175 | 13:02 | 48209 | 49073.4 | 864.5 |           |
| 169 | 4200 | 13:03 | 47729 | 49073.4 | 1344  |           |
| 170 | 4225 | 13:04 | 48012 | 49074.9 | 1063  |           |

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| 171 | 1250 | 12.05 | 40150 | 40074.0 | 0000  |           |
|-----|------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-----------|
| 171 | 4250 | 13:05 | 48152 | 49074.9 | 923.3 |           |
| 172 | 4275 | 13:06 | 48339 | 49073.1 | 734   |           |
| 173 | 4300 | 13:07 | 48430 | 49073.1 | 643.6 |           |
| 174 | 4325 | 13:08 | 48430 | 49073.4 | 643.9 |           |
| 175 | 4350 | 13:08 | 48407 | 49073.4 | 666.3 |           |
| 176 | 4375 | 13:09 | 48283 | 49073.4 | 790.1 |           |
| 177 | 4400 | 13:10 | 48518 | 49073.7 | 556   |           |
| 178 | 4425 | 13:10 | 48383 | 49073.7 | 690.3 |           |
| 179 | 4450 | 13:11 | 48423 | 49073.7 | 651.1 |           |
| 180 | 4475 | 13:12 | 48729 | 49073   | 344.4 |           |
| 181 | 4500 | 13:13 | 48831 | 49073   | 242.2 |           |
| 182 | 4525 | 13:14 | 48784 | 49067.8 | 283.4 |           |
| 183 | 4550 | 13:15 | 48788 | 49067.8 | 280.2 |           |
| 184 | 4575 | 13:16 | 48634 | 49073.5 | 439.3 |           |
| 185 | 4600 | 13:17 | 48747 | 49073.5 | 326.4 |           |
| 186 | 4625 | 13:17 | 49047 | 49073.5 | 26.5  |           |
| 187 | 4650 | 13:18 | 48711 | 49073.5 | 362.5 |           |
| 188 | 4675 | 13:19 | 48691 | 49073.5 | 382.5 |           |
| 189 | 4700 | 13:20 | 48741 | 49068.2 | 326.8 |           |
| 190 | 4725 | 13:21 | 48542 | 49068.2 | 526   |           |
| 191 | 4750 | 13:21 | 48576 | 49068.2 | 492.3 |           |
| 192 | 4775 | 13:22 | 48615 | 49068.8 | 453.6 |           |
| 193 | 4800 | 13:23 | 48641 | 49068.8 | 428.3 | Limestone |
| 194 | 4825 | 13:23 | 48674 | 49068.8 | 394.6 |           |
| 195 | 4850 | 13:24 | 48755 | 49069.7 | 314.3 |           |
| 196 | 4875 | 13:25 | 48762 | 49069.7 | 307.7 |           |
| 197 | 4900 | 13:26 | 48740 | 49069.7 | 329.4 | Limestone |
| 198 | 4925 | 13:27 | 48740 | 49069.7 | 329.4 |           |
| 199 | 4950 | 13:28 | 48712 | 49076.6 | 364.6 |           |
| 200 | 4975 | 13:29 | 48724 | 49076.6 | 352.6 |           |
| 201 | 5000 | 13:30 | 48766 | 49068.5 | 303   |           |
| 202 | 5025 | 13:31 | 48861 | 49068.5 | 207.5 |           |
| 203 | 5050 | 13:31 | 48806 | 49068.5 | 263   |           |
| 204 | 5075 | 13:32 | 48760 | 49068.8 | 309.3 |           |
| 205 | 5100 | 13:32 | 48678 | 49068.8 | 390.8 |           |
| 206 | 5125 | 13:33 | 48774 | 49068.8 | 294.8 |           |