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# Magmatic sulfides in high-potassium calc-alkaline to shoshonitic and alkaline rocks

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**Abstract.** We investigate the occurrence and chemistry of magmatic sulfides and their chalcophile metal cargo behaviour during the evolution of compositionally different magmas from diverse geodynamic settings both in miner-5 alised and barren systems. The investigated areas are the following: (a) the Miocene Konya magmatic province (hosting the Doğanbey Cu-Mo porphyry and Inlice Au epithermal deposits, representing post-subduction) and (b) the Miocene Usak basin (Elmadag, Itecektepe, and Beydagi vol-10 canoes, the latter associated with the Kişladağ Au porphyry in western Turkey, representing post-subduction). For comparison we also investigate (c) the barren intraplate Plio-Quaternary Kula volcanic field west of Usak. Finally, we discuss and compare all the above areas with the already studied 15 (d) Quaternary Ecuadorian volcanic arc (host to the Miocene Llurimagua Cu–Mo and Cascabel Cu–Au porphyry deposits, representing subduction). The volcanism of the newly studied areas ranges from basalts to andesites-dacites and from high-K calc-alkaline to shoshonitic series. Multiphase mag-20 matic sulfides occur in different amounts in rocks of all investigated areas, and, based on textural and compositional differences, they can be classified into different types according to their crystallisation at different stages of magma evolution (early versus late saturation). Our results suggest that 25 independently of the magma composition, geodynamic setting, and association with an ore deposit, sulfide saturation occurred in all investigated magmatic systems. Those systems present similar initial metal contents of the magmas. However, not all studied areas present all sulfide types, and 30 the sulfide composition depends on the nature of the host mineral. A decrease in the sulfide Ni/Cu (a proxy for the

monosulfide solid solution (mss) to intermediate solid solu-

tion (iss) ratio) is noted with magmatic evolution. At an early

stage, Ni-richer, Cu-poorer sulfides are hosted by early crystallising minerals, e.g. olivine–pyroxene, whereas, at a later stage, Cu-rich sulfides are hosted by magnetite. The most common sulfide type in the early saturation stage is composed of a Cu-poor, Ni-rich (pyrrhotite mss) phase and one to two Cu-rich (cubanite, chalcopyrite iss) phases, making up  $\sim 84$  and  $\sim 16$  area % of the sulfide, respectively. Sulfides resulting from the late stage, consisting of Cu-rich phases (chalcopyrite, bornite, digenite iss), are hosted exclusively by magnetite and are found only in evolved rocks (andesites and dacites) of magmatic provinces associated with porphyry Cu (Konya and Ecuador) and porphyry Au (Beydagi) deposits.  $^{45}$ 

#### 1 Introduction

Historically, petrographic and mineral chemistry studies of magmatic sulfides have been carried out on magmatic sulfides associated with orthomagmatic Ni-Cu-PGEmineralised systems (PGE – platinum-group elements 50 50 e.g. Barnes et al., 2017; Mungall and Brenan, 2014). Recent studies, however, highlight the growing research interest in magmatic sulfides in porphyry ore-associated magma (e.g. Halter et al., 2005; Brennecka, 2006; Zhang and Audétat, 2017) and in barren volcanic arc provinces (e.g. Nadeau 55 et al., 2010; Park et al., 2015; Fulignati et al., 2018; Zelenski et al., 2017; Keith et al., 2017; Savelyev et al., 2018) in order to track processes affecting the fertility of these systems. In fact, it is still unclear how sulfide saturation affects the process of magmatic-hydrothermal ore formation. On the 60 one hand, early sulfide saturation will strip off chalcophile and siderophile elements from the melt, rendering the residual melt less fertile. On the other hand, magmatic sulfideand metal-rich cumulates may represent a temporary storage, which subsequently releases chalcophile metals to the magmatic hydrothermal system (e.g. Nadeau et al., 2010; Wilkinson, 2013; Fontboté et al., 2017).

Georgatou et al. (2018) described the occurrence, texture, and composition of magmatic sulfides in relation to the whole rock chemistry of Quaternary Ecuadorian volcanic rocks. Sulfides were found in all rocks ranging in composition from basalts to dacites, occurring as polymineralic in-10 clusions composed of Fe-rich, Cu-poor, and Cu-rich phases. The inclusions, of variable size (mostly 1–30 µm) and shape (globular, ellipsoidal, angular, and irregular), were hosted mostly by Fe oxides (magnetite - 45 %) and, to a lesser extent, by silicates (amphibole – 27 %, plagioclase – 16 %, and <sub>15</sub> pyroxene – 12 %). The Quaternary Ecuadorian volcanism represents a typical example of high-Sr/Y calc-alkaline magmas (with  $SiO_2 = 50$  wt %-67 wt %) occurring in a subduction geodynamic setting potentially related (Loucks, 2014; Chiaradia and Caricchi, 2017) to porphyry-type deposits 20 (e.g. the Llurimagua Cu-Mo and Cascabel Cu-Au Tertiary porphyry deposits and the El Corazon high-sulfidation Au Miocene epithermal deposit).

Although the majority of porphyry Cu ( $\pm$  Au) deposits are formed in association with subduction-related magmas (e.g. 25 Sillitoe, 1972; Cooke et al., 2005) there is a growing evidence that porphyry deposits are also related to post-subduction magmatism (Richards, 2009). The porphyry deposits found in both these settings present similarities in terms of mineralisation and alteration styles but also differences concern-30 ing the petrogenesis and geochemistry of associated magmas (Shafiei et al., 2009; Richards, 2009; Hou et al., 2011). By comparing the occurrence and composition of magmatic sulfides found in volcanic rocks from different geodynamic settings (which may host porphyry and epithermal deposits; 35 Fig. 1), it is possible to investigate the role of magmatic sulfide saturation with respect to the fertility of the ore-forming systems (e.g. Park et al., 2019; Blundy et al., 2015; Wilkinson, 2013; Audétat and Simon, 2012; Nadeau et al., 2010; Jenner et al., 2010).

In order to investigate the magmatic sulfide occurrence in volcanic rocks characterised by a post-subduction geodynamic setting, we focus our study on three volcanic areas located in western Anatolia (Turkey), namely the Konya volcanic belt, the Usak basin (Elmadag, Itecektepe, and Beydagi 45 volcanoes), and the Kula volcanic field (Fig. 2). The investigated areas represent a suitable integration of and comparison to the Ecuadorian study (Georgatou et al., 2018) for the following reasons: (i) the wide range of SiO<sub>2</sub> content (43 wt %–70 wt %) and alkalinity (from high-K calc-alkaline 50 to shoshonitic and alkaline affinities) characterising the volcanic rocks, (ii) the occurrence of both Cu- and Au-rich porphyry and epithermal-type deposits (Doğanbey Cu porphyry, Inlice Au epithermal in Konya, and Kişladağ Au porphyry in Beydagi) temporally associated with magmatic rocks of 55 these areas, and (iii) the inclusion of the intraplate mafic alkaline volcanic field of Kula, which is not associated with any type of mineralisation.

Compared to the majority of previous studies, which focused only on uncovered sulfides hosted in transparent to semitransparent minerals, by investigating uncovered sulfides we are able to include opaque host minerals (e.g. magnetite, which was a major sulfide host phase for the case of Ecuador; Georgatou et al., 2018) while maintaining the textural relations not only between the sulfide, its host mineral, and the surrounding minerals but also within the sulfide inclusion itself.

#### 2 Geology, magmatism, and mineralisation in western Anatolia

The geodynamic regime in western Anatolia switched from a subduction setting during the Upper Cretaceous to a col- 70 lisional setting in the late Paleocene, resulting in postcollisional extension in the Eocene (Delibaş et al., 2016, 2017; Rabayrol et al., 2019; see Fig. 2a for the general geodynamic setting). Several volcano(-plutonic) complexes of Mio-Pliocene age occur in NE-SW-trending extensional 75 basins and are post-orogenic extensional in nature. They have been divided into three regions (Fig. 2b, c): (i) the Konya region, for which both subduction (Doglioni et al., 2002, 2009; Innocenti et al., 2005) and post-subduction (Pe-Piper and Piper, 2001; Dilek and Altunkaynak, 2007) geodynamic regimes have been suggested, is taken here to represent a post-subduction geodynamic regime as supported by recent evidence presented by Rabayrol et al. (2019); (ii) the Usak-Güre basin, including three volcanic centres (Elmadag, Itecektepe and Beydagi), corresponds to a post-subduction, 85 locally extensional setting (Prelević et al., 2012; Ersoy et al., 2010); and (iii) the Kula volcanic field results from asthenospheric upwelling associated with extension in a postsubduction setting (Tokçaer et al., 2005; Alici et al., 2002).

#### 2.1 Konya

The Konya volcanic belt is located S-SW of the city of Konya (Fig. 2b). It is composed of volcanic domes and ignimbrites of mid-Miocene to Pliocene age (Keller et al., 1977; Temel, 2001). The basement includes Permian metamorphic rocks, Triassic limestone and shales, Jurassic ophiolites, radiolarites, and limestones, and Cretaceous sandstones and quartzites (Temel et al., 1998). The erupted products are andesites to dacites with high-K calc-alkaline affinity. According to K/Ar ages obtained by Keller et al. (1997), a southwestern migration of magmatism is observed with time, starting with the oldest unit, the Sille volcanics (11.45–11.9 Ma), located in the northeastern part of the Konya volcanic and ending with the Fasillar and Gevrekli domes in the SW of the volcanic belt, which show Pliocene ages (3.75 and 3.35 Ma, respectively).

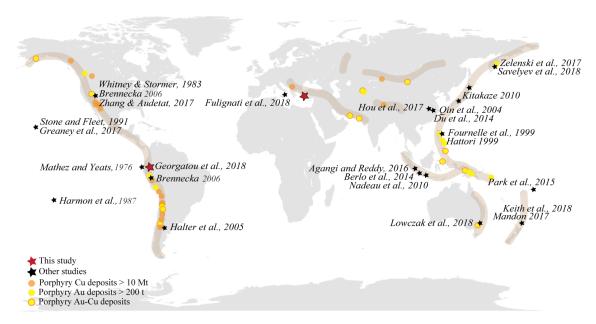


Figure 1. World distribution of arc-related metallogenic belts, showing the biggest Cu and/or Au porphyry deposits; modified from Richards (2013) and Cooke et al. (2005). References of previous studies on magmatic sulfides are depicted with black stars, whereas the areas considered in this study are shown with a bigger red star. [15]

The Konya volcanic belt hosts the Miocene Au epithermal high-sulfidation deposit of Inlice (1.68 t at 2.36 g t Au<sup>-1</sup>; https://mining-atlas.com, last access: 5 October 2010) and the Miocene–Pliocene Doğanbey Cu porphyry deposit 5 (drilling of 273.90 m at 0.13 g t Au<sup>-1</sup>; Stratex International Plc, 2018), both shown in Fig. 2b. Two other prospects (Karacaören and the Oğlakçı) have been discovered by Stratex International in the Konya volcanic belt. For details on the mentioned economic deposits, please see Zürcher et al. (2015) for Inlice and Redwood (2006) and Hall et al. (2007) for Doğanbey.

#### 2.2 Usak-Güre basin

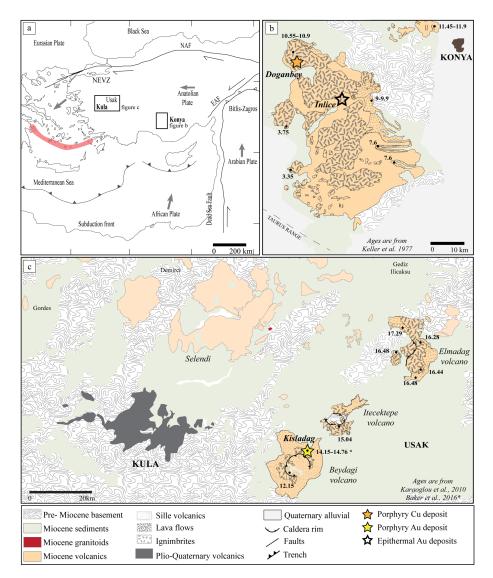
The Usak-Güre basin, situated 300 km west of the Konya volcanic belt, is composed of (i) the Menders Massif, in-15 cluding a metamorphic core composed of metagranites and gneiss (Proterozoic) overlain by Paleozoic schists and Mesozoic marbles, and of (ii) the Upper Cretaceous Ophiolitic mélange of the Izmir-Ankara zone, including unmetamorphosed ultramafic rocks, radiolarites, and altered silicic rocks 20 (Ercan et al., 1978; Çemen et al., 2006). Syn-extensional sedimentation and volcanism associated with the metamorphic complex of the Menders Massif are recorded in detail within the basin. From the early to mid-Miocene, the basin contains three sequences: the Hacibekir Group, the Inay Group, and 25 the Asartepe formation, represented by volcanic and metamorphic rocks (Cemen et al., 2006; Karaoğlu et al., 2010). The Cenozoic volcanism in the Usak-Güre basin occurs in three NE-SW-trending belts wherein the volcanic edifices are aligned. According to the ages obtained by Karaoğlu et al. (2010) and Seyitoglu (1997) it appears that the volcanism migrated from north to south with time: (i) Elmadag (17.29 Ma), (ii) Itecektepe (15.04 Ma), and (iii) Beydagi (12.15 Ma) (see Fig. 2c). Volcanic products include shoshonites, latites, and rhyolitic lavas, followed by dacitic and andesitic pyroclastic deposits. All three volcanoes are composed of dacitic ignimbrites formed by the collapse of their caldera and overlying lava flows.

Among all the volcanic complexes situated in the Usak–Güre basin only the Beydagi complex is mineralised, hosting the Kişladağ Au porphyry (255 t at 0.61 g t Au<sup>-1</sup> and 119 t at 0.4 g t Au<sup>-1</sup> of total indicated and inferred resources, respectively (Baker et al., 2016), with cut-off grade 0.3 g t<sup>-1</sup> and up to 327 ppm of Mo (Sillitoe, 2002); https://www.eldoradogold.com, last access: 30 September 2018).

#### 2.3 Kula volcanic field

The Kula volcanic field is situated west of the Usak province (Fig. 2c), and its volcanic products are late Pliocene to late Quaternary in age (Ercan and Oztunali, 1982; Ercan et al., 1983; Richardson-Bunbury, 1996; Innocenti et al., 2005; Aldanmaz, 2002; Westaway et al., 2004). The rocks include lava flows and tephra deposits of varying mafic alkaline composition (basanite, phonolitic tephrite and trachybasalt). Kula represents an intraplate ocean-island-basalt-like (OIB-like) alkali-basaltic volcanic centre with an asthenospheric mantle signature and no subduction-related inputs (e.g. Agostini et al., 2007; Alici et al., 2002; Tokçaer et al., 2005).

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**Figure 2.** Tectonic (a) and geological maps (**b–c**) of the studied areas and associated Au epithermal and Cu–Au porphyry deposits in western Anatolia. The investigated Miocene volcano–plutonic complexes are Konya (b) and the volcanoes of the Usak basin (Elmadag, Itecektepe, and Beydagi – c) as well as the Quaternary Kula volcano (c). The geological maps have been modified after (b) Keller et al. (1977) and (c) Karaoğlu et al. (2010).

# 3 Analytical methods

After a preliminary screening for magmatic sulfides in 108 thin sections from all investigated volcanic centres, a total of 93 thin polished sections were studied in detail unset a petrographic microscope both in transmitted and reflected light (Table S1 in Supplement S1). Thin sections that had both hydrothermal and magmatic sulfides were excluded from this study due to the difficulty in some cases to distinguish between these two types of sulfides (see distinguishing criteria in Supplement S2). For this reason, unless stated otherwise, the sulfides referred to herein are always meant to be magmatic sulfides. Microphotographs and identification criteria of mineral phases were obtained using a scan-

ning electron microscope (SEM; JEOL JSM7001F digital) with 15 kV accelerating potential and a 1 nA absorbed current at the University of Geneva, Switzerland. Whole rock samples were analysed for major and minor elements by X-ray fluorescence (XRF) analysis using a PANalytical Axiom AX spectrometer and for trace elements by a laser ablation—inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (LA-ICP-MS; Agilent 7700) at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland (Tables 1–3 at https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.Figshare.8230787; Georgatou and Chiaradia, 2019). In situ chemical analysis of sulfides (Table 1) was carried out using a JEOL 8200 probe microanalyser (EPMA) at the University of Geneva, Switzerland (for the complete dataset, see Table 4 from Georgatou and Chiaradia, 2019). Image analysis software (Im-

ageJ© 1.38 software) was used to obtain modal abundances of the phases composing each sulfide in order to reconstruct the bulk area percent sulfide composition (for the complete dataset, see Table 5 from Georgatou and Chiaradia, 2019). 5 For details on analytical methods and their limitations, see Supplement S2.

#### 4 Results

#### 4.1 Whole rock geochemistry

The volcanic rocks of the studied areas display a wide 10 range of SiO<sub>2</sub> and alkali element concentrations ranging from basalts to andesites-dacites with high-K calc-alkaline to shoshonitic affinity (Fig. 3a, b). The Konya volcanic belt is characterised by volcanic products ranging from andesitic to dacitic in composition with a high-K calc-alkaline affinity. 15 In the Usak basin, the Elmadag volcanic complex is composed mostly of shoshonitic trachyandesites, the Itecektepe volcanic unit is characterised by high-K calc-alkaline rocks, mostly andesitic in composition, and the Beydagi volcanic edifice contains rocks ranging from andesites to trachyan-20 desites with high-K calc-alkaline to shoshonitic affinity. Finally, the Kula Quaternary volcano presents the most alkaline and mafic compositions, ranging from tephrites-basanites to phonotephrites. All rocks present a negative correlation of TiO<sub>2</sub> and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with SiO<sub>2</sub>, with Kula being more enriched 25 in TiO<sub>2</sub> and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> than the rest.

In terms of trace element concentrations all rocks show a decrease in Cu and Ni with an increase in SiO<sub>2</sub> (Fig. 3e–f), indicating a compatible behaviour of these elements during magmatic evolution. In addition, all rocks show an enrichment of light relative to heavy rare-earth elements with decreasing Nb, Ta, and Ni passing from intraplate volcanism (Kula) to post-subduction (Elmadag, Itecektepe, Beydagi, Konya).

### 4.2 Sample petrography

35 All studied samples are volcanic rocks with porphyritic textures. Phenocrysts are usually plagioclase, amphibole, pyroxene (mostly clinopyroxene), and, depending on the volcanic centre, olivine, biotite, and to a lesser extent Fe–Ti oxides (mostly Ti–magnetite). The matrix is aphanitic, mostly composed of microlitic plagioclase (< 1 mm) and sometimes amphibole and pyroxene microcrystals. Apatite and anhydrite can also be found as inclusions in pyroxene and Fe–Ti oxide phenocrysts.

#### 4.3 Sulfide petrography and chemistry

<sup>45</sup> Rocks of all study areas contain magmatic sulfides. However, depending on the volcanic centre, sulfides are present in variable amounts, sizes, shapes, and compositions. A comparison of the sulfide occurrences among the different volcanic cen-

tres (also corresponding to different geodynamic settings) is given in Fig. 4. In all studied samples sulfides occur inside phenocrysts and not in the groundmass (Fig. 5), with the exception of the Kula volcano that also presents sulfides as aggregates with oxides and micro-sized silicates in the groundmass (Figs. 4e, xi, 5e) and a few cases in Beydagi (Fig. 4xii). The main host phenocryst for sulfides is magnetite for Konya and Beydagi (42% and 31%, respectively), amphibole for Itecektepe and Kula (85% and 39%), and pyroxene for Elmadag (87%). Sulfides are also hosted in plagioclase. The common occurrence of voids and/or vesicles in contact with the sulfide phases is noteworthy (e.g. Figs. 4v, vii, x, 5g, 6i, 60 f).

Based on petrographic observations and SEM mineral analysis we distinguished six main types of magmatic sulfides: (1) Type 1 sulfides containing two to three distinct phases, namely a Cu-poor and Ni-rich phase (pyrrhotite), 65 an Ni-rich phase (pentlandite), and rarely a Cu-rich phase (cubanite) (Fig. 4a); (2) Type 2 sulfides containing two to four distinct phases, namely a Cu-poor (pyrrhotite), one to two Cu-rich (chalcopyrite ± cubanite), and sometimes an Nirich (pentlandite) phase (Fig. 4b); (3) Type 3 sulfides con- 70 taining a Cu-rich phase (chalcopyrite or chalcocite) and an Fe-rich phase (pyrite/Fig. 4c); (4) Type 4 sulfides containing only Cu-rich phase(s) (chalcopyrite,  $\pm$  cubanite,  $\pm$  bornite), occasionally in contact with anhydrite (Fig. 4d); and (5) Type 5 sulfides containing aggregates of a Cu-poor and Ni-rich 75 (pyrrhotite) sulfide phase and one or more Al-rich oxide phases (magnetite, magnetite-ilmenite, and secondary goethite) (Fig. 4e). Finally, Type 6 sulfides, the so-called "daughter sulfides" (e.g. Savelyev et al., 2018; Fig. 5h), were only observed in three cases in this study within olivine phenocrysts of rocks from Kula. From SEM analysis this latter sulfide type it is composed only of pyrrhotite  $\pm$  pentlandite; however, due to their small size ( $< 0.5 \,\mu\text{m}$ ) they could not be analysed with the EPMA.

Type 1 sulfides are only hosted by olivine; they are gen- 85 erally small (< 30 µm), round, and show pentlandite exsolution flames in pyrrhotite (Fig. 4i). Type 2 sulfides, the most common, are hosted by different phenocrysts (pyroxene, amphibole, magnetite, and plagioclase), presenting a range of sizes (up to 70 µm) and having mostly ellipsoidal 90 to rounded shape (Fig. 4ii-vii). The pentlandite phase in this sulfide type can occur either as an exsolution in the pyrrhotite and/or as an individual phase inside the Ni-rich pyrrhotite (Fig. 4vi), whereas cubanite is mostly present when the sulfide is hosted in amphibole, forming complex exsolution tex- 95 tures with chalcopyrite and presenting irregular roundedresorbed shapes (Fig. 5d). Type 3 and 4 sulfides are only hosted by magnetite phenocrysts occurring in smaller sizes (< 30 and < 20 µm) and presenting ellipsoidal and angular shapes, respectively (Fig. 4viii, ix, x). Type 4 sulfides have 100 been observed in some cases in contact with anhydrite and with zircon inclusions (usually  $< 20 \,\mu m$ ) all hosted by the same magnetite crystal (Fig. 6). Finally, Type 5 consists of

**Table 1.** EPMA summary for individual sulfide analysis (*N* is the number of measurements) corresponding to each sulfide type for every study area. The empty cells (–) correspond to a lack of measurement either because it was below the determination limit or not measured. For the complete dataset, analytical conditions, and detection limits, see Table 4 from Georgatou and Chiaradia (2019).

| Area       | Type (N) |     | Whole ro | EPMA sulfide chemistry (wt %) |      |      |           |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
|------------|----------|-----|----------|-------------------------------|------|------|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
|            |          |     | Cu ppm   | SiO <sub>2</sub> wt %         | S    | Cu   | Fe        | Ni   | As   | Se   | Zn   | Ag   | Au   | Tot |
|            | 2 (17)   | med | 7        | 62                            | 38   | 0.3  | 55        | 0.15 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.5  | 0.02 | 0.22 | 98  |
|            |          | min | 4.2      | 46                            | 35   | 0.01 | 29        | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.5  | 0.01 | 0.15 | _   |
|            |          | max | 29       | 72                            | 53   | 34   | 58        | 0.77 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.5  | 0.02 | 0.27 | _   |
|            |          | av  | 12       | 62                            | 40   | 6.6  | 49        | 0.31 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.5  | 0.02 | 0.22 | 99  |
|            |          | SD  | 6.7      | 3.9                           | 5.7  | 11   | 10        | 0.28 | _    | _    | _    | _    | 0.05 |     |
| .£¢        | 3 (16)   | med | 18       | 59                            | 35   | 32   | 31        | 0.12 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 0.98 | 0.01 | 0.24 | 99  |
| Beydagi    |          | min | 6.7      | 59                            | 33   | 0.17 | 31        | 0.01 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 0.73 | 0.01 | 0.24 | _   |
| Be         |          | max | 18       | 63                            | 53   | 33   | 58        | 1.21 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 3    | 0.02 | 0.24 | _   |
|            |          | av  | 17       | 59                            | 38   | 24   | 35        | 0.32 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 1.4  | 0.01 | 0.24 | 99  |
|            |          | SD  | 2.8      | 1                             | 6.1  | 13   | 7.6       | 0.43 | _    | _    | 0.9  | _    | _    |     |
|            | 5 (6)    | med | 6.7      | 63                            | 38   | 0.78 | 56        | 0.04 | _    | _    | 0.71 | 0.02 | 0.14 | 97  |
|            |          | min | 6.7      | 59                            | 33   | 0.08 | 29        | 0.01 | _    | _    | 0.59 | 0.02 | 0.14 | _   |
|            |          | max | 18       | 63                            | 51   | 32   | 58        | 0.21 | _    | _    | 2.4  | 0.02 | 0.14 | -   |
|            |          | av  | 10       | 61                            | 38   | 11   | 47        | 0.07 | _    | _    | 1.2  | 0.02 | 0.14 | 97  |
|            |          | SD  | 5.6      | 2.1                           | 5.3  | 15   | 13        | 0.07 |      |      | 1.03 | _    |      |     |
| Itecektepe | 2 (26)   | med | 7        | 62                            | 38   | 0.03 | 57        | 0.1  | _    | 0.04 | 0.81 | 0.02 | 0.18 | 97  |
|            |          | min | 5.1      | 61                            | 35   | 0.01 | 52        | 0.02 | _    | 0.04 | 0.57 | 0.01 | 0.18 | _   |
|            |          | max | 13       | 64                            | 39   | 6.1  | 58        | 0.25 | _    | 0.04 | 1.5  | 0.03 | 0.18 | _   |
| Ite        |          | av  | 7.2      | 62                            | 38   | 0.27 | 57        | 0.1  | _    | 0.04 | 0.88 | 0.02 | 0.18 | 97  |
|            |          | SD  | 1.6      | 0.85                          | 0.85 | 1.2  | 1.3       | 0.05 | _    | _    | 0.34 | 0.01 | _    |     |
| 50         | 2 (8)    | med | 26       | 61                            | 37   | 0.14 | 56        | 0.26 | 0.04 | _    | 0.75 | 0.02 | _    | 96  |
| dag        |          | min | 4.3      | 56                            | 35   | 0.01 | 32        | 0.04 | 0.04 | _    | 0.72 | 0.02 | _    | _   |
| Elmadag    |          | max | 63       | 69                            | 39   | 29   | 58        | 1.5  | 0.04 | _    | 0.79 | 0.02 | _    | _   |
| 回          |          | av  | 26       | 61                            | 37   | 4.2  | 53        | 0.4  | 0.04 | _    | 0.75 | 0.02 | _    | 96  |
|            |          | SD  | 12       | 2.9                           | 1.29 | 11   | 8.73      | 0.47 | _    | _    | 0.05 | _    | _    |     |
|            | 1 (10)   | med | 29       | 47                            | 38   | 0.05 | 56        | 4.2  | 0.04 | 0.02 | _    |      | 0.04 | 98  |
|            |          | min | 29       | 47                            | 36   | 0.03 | 45        | 3    | 0.03 | 0.02 | _    | _    | 0.04 | _   |
|            |          | max | 30       | 48                            | 39   | 0.34 | 57<br>5.4 | 14   | 0.06 | 0.03 | _    | _    | 0.04 | _   |
|            |          | av  | 29       | 48                            | 38   | 0.15 | 54        | 6    | 0.04 | 0.02 | _    | _    | 0.04 | 98  |
|            |          | SD  | 0.25     | 0.35                          | 0.76 | 0.14 | 4.4       | 4.3  | 0.01 |      |      |      |      |     |
| _          | 2 (190)  | med | 29       | 47                            | 38   | 0.1  | 58        | 0.77 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 98  |
| Kula       |          | min | 23       | 37                            | 38   | 0.01 | 5.8       | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.03 | _   |
| ×          |          | max | 61       | 66                            | 40   | 32   | 62        | 41   | 0.1  | 0.08 | 0.16 | 0.04 | 0.22 |     |
|            |          | av  | 30       | 47                            | 36   | 2.4  | 54        | 2.9  | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 98  |
|            |          | SD  | 4.2      | 1.7                           | 5.9  | 6.3  | 10        | 7.3  | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 0.04 |     |
|            | 5 (35)   | med | 29       | 47                            | 37   | 0.45 | 59        | 0.78 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 98  |
|            |          | min | 28       | 47                            | 33   | 0.01 | 35        | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.03 | _   |
|            |          | max | 35       | 48                            | 40   | 26   | 61        | 22   | 0.08 | 0.06 | 0.16 | 0.05 | 0.11 | _   |
|            |          | av  | 30       | 47                            | 37   | 4.7  | 55        | 1.8  | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 98  |
|            |          | SD  | 2.6      | 0.31                          | 1.8  | 8.5  | 8.3       | 4.1  | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 0.02 | _   |

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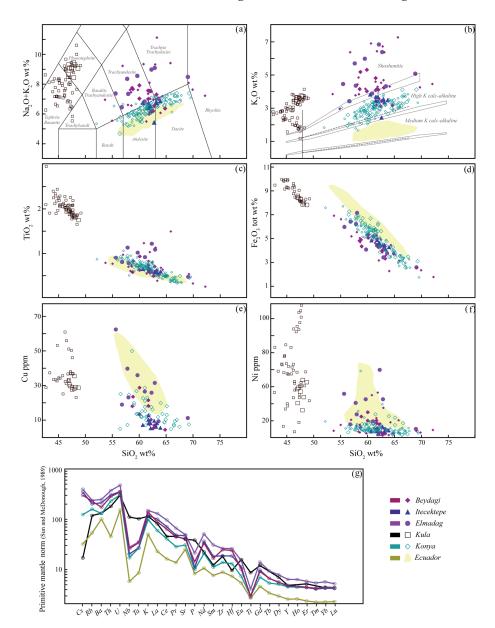
| Area    | Type (N) |     | Whole roo | EPMA sulfide chemistry (wt %) |     |      |     |      |      |      |      |      |    |     |
|---------|----------|-----|-----------|-------------------------------|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|----|-----|
|         |          |     | Cu ppm    | SiO <sub>2</sub> wt %         | S   | Cu   | Fe  | Ni   | As   | Se   | Zn   | Ag   | Au | Tot |
|         | 2 (187)  | med | 12        | 61                            | 38  | 0.09 | 58  | 0.11 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.05 | _  | 97  |
|         |          | min | 4.6       | 46                            | 26  | 0.01 | 15  | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | _  | _   |
|         |          | max | 50        | 70                            | 48  | 69   | 60  | 9.4  | 0.08 | 0.05 | 0.23 | 0.11 | _  | _   |
| _       |          | av  | 13        | 62                            | 37  | 4.2  | 55  | 0.23 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.05 | _  | 96  |
| Konya   |          | SD  | 4.8       | 2.9                           | 3.2 | 11   | 8.7 | 0.79 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.03 | _  | _   |
| K       | 4 (19)   | med | 13        | 62                            | 26  | 56   | 16  | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.06 | _  | 99  |
|         |          | min | 12        | 61                            | 22  | 38   | 5.6 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.04 | _  | _   |
|         |          | max | 21        | 62                            | 33  | 72   | 29  | 0.11 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.07 | _  | _   |
|         |          | av  | 14        | 62                            | 27  | 54   | 18  | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.06 | _  | 99  |
|         |          | SD  | 3.5       | 0.33                          | 3.1 | 11   | 7.1 | 0.02 | 0.02 | _    | _    | 0.01 | _  | _   |
|         | 2 (172)  | med | 23        | 62                            | 39  | 1.27 | 58  | 0.4  | 0.04 | _    | 0.02 | _    | _  | 98  |
|         |          | min | 6         | 48                            | 20  | 0.01 | 17  | 0.01 | 0.01 | _    | 0.02 | _    | _  | _   |
|         |          | max | 105       | 77                            | 53  | 36   | 65  | 10   | 45   | _    | 0.02 | _    | _  | _   |
| Ħ       |          | av  | 27        | 62                            | 38  | 11   | 52  | 0.68 | 1.18 | _    | 0.02 | _    | _  | 98  |
| Ecuador |          | SD  | 15        | 3.3                           | 3.2 | 14   | 11  | 1.14 | 7.01 | _    | _    | _    | _  | _   |
| Ecu     | 4 (22)   | med | 32        | 60                            | 27  | 56   | 17  | 0.39 | 0.08 | _    | _    | 0.02 | _  | 100 |
|         |          | min | 16        | 58                            | 25  | 40   | 14  | 0.23 | 0.01 | _    | _    | 0.01 | _  | _   |
|         |          | max | 38        | 64                            | 32  | 66   | 27  | 0.56 | 0.32 | _    | _    | 0.02 | _  | _   |
|         |          | av  | 31        | 60                            | 27  | 55   | 18  | 0.39 | 0.08 | _    | _    | 0.02 | _  | 100 |
|         |          | SD  | 4.8       | 1.8                           | 1.9 | 7.4  | 4.1 | 0.23 | 0.08 | _    | _    | _    | _  | _   |

sulfide aggregates with variable size (up to 600 µm), which may carry rounded oxide inclusions and are sometimes in sharp contact with surrounding silicate phases (Figs. 4xi, xii, 5e). Although all study areas present Type 2 sulfides, from the volcanic centres situated in the Usak basin, only Beydagi shows sulfide Type 3 and 5, whereas only Kula and Konya present sulfide Type 1 and 4, respectively.

Electron microprobe analysis of single mineral phases composing a multiphase sulfide inclusion confirms the above 10 petrographic observations and SEM analysis. Sulfides belonging to Konya and to the volcanic areas of the Usak-Güre basin (Beydagi, Elmadag, and Itecektepe) have compositions typical of the Cu-Fe-S system, whereas sulfides observed in Kula (intraplate OIB-like volcanism) extend into 15 the Cu-Fe-Ni system as well (Fig. 7a, b). Sulfides from all areas present a range of compositions between pyrrhotite and cubanite-chalcopyrite (Type 2 and 5) hosted by different phenocrysts (mostly amphibole, pyroxene, and magnetite; Fig. 7a). Beydagi shows additional compositions be-20 tween chalcopyrite (sometimes chalcocite) and close or equal to magmatic pyrite (Type 3), and Konya presents sulfides ranging from chalcopyrite to bornite compositions (Type 4). The latter types are only hosted by magnetite. In the case of Kula, Type 1 and some Type 2 sulfides are Ni-rich, ranging 25 from pyrrhotite to pentlandite (Fig. 7b). A general decrease in the sulfide Ni/Cu ratio versus the Fe/S ratio can be noted, switching from Ni-rich sulfide phases (pentlandite) hosted by olivine to Cu-rich (bornite) hosted by magnetite (Fig. 7c).

EPMA sulfide compositions often correspond to the variable nonstoichiometric atomic ratios of major components different from the typical expected base metal composition of the sulfide phase observed, resulting in intermediate values characteristic of a solid solution, mostly between two endmembers (e.g. cubanite, chalcopyrite, and bornite; Figs. 6, 7). In addition, in some cases sulfides are characterised by a sulfur deficiency, which, according to previous studies, may be a result of the replacement of sulfur by oxygen that is not directly measured by EPMA (e.g. Larocque et al., 2000; Keith et al., 1997). These latter cases usually show lower totals than those resulting from Cu-rich Type 4 sulfide analysis (see Table 4 from Georgatou and Chiaradia, 2019).

A sulfide comparison for each area in terms of Cu and Ni contents, determined by EPMA, is shown in Fig. 8. Konya presents the most Cu-rich sulfides (Type 4, Cu median = 56 wt %) and Kula the most Ni-rich sulfides (Type 1, Ni median = 4.2 wt %). In the Usak basin Beydagi shows the most Cu-rich sulfides (Type 3, Cu median = 32 wt %), followed by Elmadag (Type 2, Cu median = 0.14 wt %) and then by Itecektepe (Type 2, Cu median = 0.03 wt %). In addition to Cu, Fe, Ni, and S, sulfides were also analysed for As, Se, Zn, Ag, and Au (see Table 1 in Supplement S2 for determination limits.). For all locations As and Se are generally lower than 0.1 wt %. Zn concentrations were obtained only for Konya and Kula, showing, for Type 2 sulfides, Zn median = 0.03 wt % and 0.04 wt %, respectively. Out of 503 Ag and 196 Au sulfide measurements obtained, only

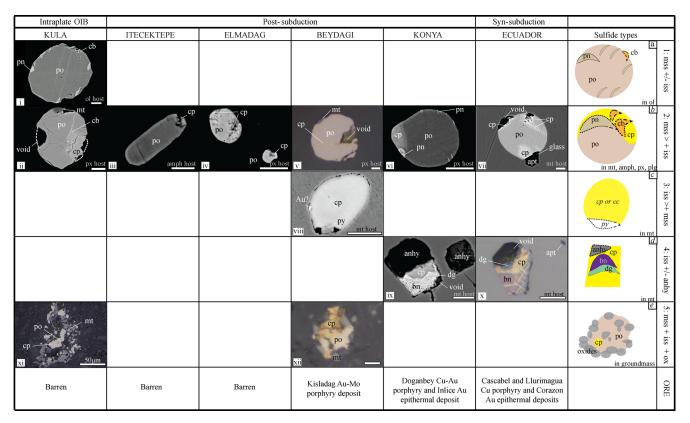


**Figure 3.** Major (**a**–**d**) and trace (**e**–**h**) element variations with SiO<sub>2</sub> for the different study areas, illustrated by a different shape and colour. Smaller size symbols correspond to datasets obtained from other studies (Beydagi – Karaoğlu et al., 2010; Kula – Alici et al., 2002; Aldanmaz, 2002; Aldanmaz et al., 2015; Dilek et al., 2010; Ercan et al., 1983; Konya – Temel et al., 1998; Korkmaz et al., 2017). For comparison purposes whole rock chemistry from Ecuador has been illustrated as a field in the graphs (**a**–**f**). Spider graph (**g**) showing the solid mean trace element distribution for the different study areas. For the dataset, see Tables 1–3 from Georgatou and Chiaradia (2019).

82 and 31 values, respectively, resulted in concentrations above the detection and/or determination limit. Ag varies between 0.01 wt % and 0.07 wt % with a maximum amount of 0.11 wt % (in Konya), whereas Au is higher, showing higher values in the Usak–Güre basin (Au median = 0.14 wt %–0.24 wt %) compared to the rest (Au median = 0.04 wt %–0.05 wt %). These unusually high sporadic values of Ag and Au have been attributed by previous studies to the clustering and nugget effects of noble metals (e.g. Savelyev et al., 2018; To Zelenski et al., 2017; Holwell et al., 2015; Holwell and Mc-

Donald, 2010). A possible Au nugget occurrence is shown in Fig. 4viii for Type 3 sulfides of Beydagi. Although the phase is too small ( $< 0.5 \, \mu m$ ) to obtain quantitative values by EPMA, detectable Au was measured by SEM near and on this high-reflectance micro-phase.

Since sulfide inclusions of all types are composed of more than one mineral phase (e.g. pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite), the sulfide composition data are presented and discussed in two different ways: (a) as individual microprobe measurements of mineral phases within each multiphase sulfide type from 20



**Figure 4.** Sulfide types observed in the different study areas characterised by diverse geodynamic settings. The abbreviations stand for the following: pyrrhotite – po, pentlandite – pn, chalcopyrite – cp, chalcocite – cc, cubanite – cb, pyrite – py, bornite – bn, digenite – dg, anhydrite – anhy, apatite – apt, magnetite – mt, monosulfide solid solution – mss, and intermediate solid solution – iss. The scale bar corresponds to 5 µm unless stated otherwise.

the different study areas (Table 1, Figs. 7, 8) and (b) as bulk compositions of the sulfide inclusion reconstructed by considering the modal abundance (area %) and the EPMA concentrations for each phase composing the multiphase sulfide (see Table 2, Figs. 9 and 10, and examples of the reconstruction methods in Supplement S2).

Calculating the area percent occupied by each mineral composing the sulfide in the two-dimensional space (and therefore the mss/iss initial proportions) allows us to obtain 10 indirect quantitative information on the initial metal contents of the silicate melt from which the sulfide melt was exsolved in the different study areas. This is because the areas characterising the mss and iss phases are proportional to the metal amounts that have partitioned into these phases. Whereas this 15 approach may yield biased results due to cut effects, crystal orientation and other limitations of this method (see Supplement S2) averaged out over a large number of sulfide inclusions, so we think we have obtained a significant 1st-order estimate. The mean proportions of mss and iss in area per-20 cent are shown in the box plot in Fig. 9 and Table 2. The mss area percent (mss/(mss + iss)  $\cdot$  100) and 2 standard errors for each study area are as follows: Kula (82.0  $\pm$  7.4 %), Itecektepe (84.8  $\pm$  4.9 %), Elmadag (86.9  $\pm$  4.8 %), Beydagi  $(86.9\pm3.2\,\%)$ , and Konya  $(88.1\pm2.6\,\%)$ . A reconstruction of the bulk mss and iss in area (%) composition of the sulfides was also realised in this study for the case of Ecuador for comparative purposes, resulting in an mss area percent of  $82.0\pm4.8$ . When Type 2 sulfides from all investigated areas for a total of 126 sulfides are considered together, all study areas present similar proportions of Fe-rich mss  $(84.2\,\%)$  and  $_{30}$  Cu-rich iss  $(15.7\,\%)$  phases within error  $(2\,\mathrm{se}=\pm2.2)$ .

#### 5 Discussion

#### 5.1 Sulfide melt evolution

The evolution of sulfide melt has been studied through experiments considering sulfide globules as closed systems that differentiate with decreasing T (e.g. Kullerud et al., 1969; Cabri, 1973; Naldrett and Gasparrini, 1971; Cabri, 1973; Craig and Scott, 1974; Tsujimura and Kitakaze, 2004; Holwell and McDonald, 2010; Naldrett, 2013, and references therein). Nonetheless, there is difficulty to correlate the different phase stability fields for the complete range of temperatures, i.e.  $1200-100\,^{\circ}$ C. This is due to the fact that the Fe–Ni–Cu–S system is a complex system characterised by

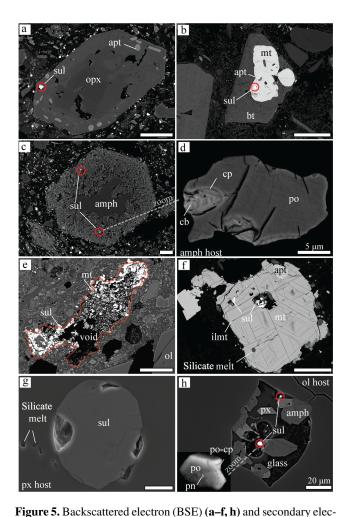
**Table 2.** Summary composition of 100 reconstructed sulfides belonging to different sulfide types (*N* is the number of sulfides reconstructed) observed in every study area except Itecektepe and Elmadag where the Cu-rich phase was too small to analyse with the EPMA. The empty cells (–) correspond to a lack of measurement either because it was below the determination limit or not measured, and the term med accounts for the median (wt %) values. For the complete dataset (including mss/iss area % of Itecektepe and Elmadag), see Table 5 at https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.Figshare.8230787.

| Area    | Type $(N)$ | Whole rock med |                  | Area med % |      |      | EPMA med wt % reconstruction |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |
|---------|------------|----------------|------------------|------------|------|------|------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
|         |            | Cu ppm         | SiO <sub>2</sub> | mss        | iss  | void | S                            | Cu    | Fe    | Ni   | As   | Se   | Zn   | Ag   | Au   | Tot |
| Beydagi | 2 (1)      | 17.85          | 58.67            | 95.5       | 4.5  | 16.7 | 38.77                        | 0.69  | 56.67 | 0.73 | _    | _    | _    | -    | 0.08 | 97  |
|         | 3 (8)      | 17.85          | 58.67            | 34.5       | 65.5 | 2.8  | 39.53                        | 23.02 | 34.24 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.11 | _    | 0.02 | 0.09 | 97  |
| Kula    | 1 (4)      | 28.8           | 47.42            | 99.5       | 0.5  | 0    | 37.84                        | 0.1   | 55.35 | 4.42 | 0.05 | _    | _    | _    | 0.03 | 99  |
|         | 2 (25)     | 28.8           | 47.42            | 88.7       | 11.2 | 0.7  | 37.93                        | 2.57  | 56.66 | 0.73 | 0.04 | _    | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 99  |
|         | 5 (8)      | 29             | 47.64            | 86.8       | 13.1 | -    | 36.03                        | 3.46  | 57.3  | 1.03 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.01 | -    | 98  |
| Konya   | 2 (26)     | 11.71          | 61.27            | 89.5       | 10.8 | 0.4  | 38.66                        | 2.73  | 56.78 | 0.11 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 98  |
| •       | 4 (8)      | 12.68          | 61.82            | 0          | 100  | 21.2 | 28.31                        | 48.44 | 23.09 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.04 | -    | 99  |
| Ecuador | 2 (10)     | 19             | 62.27            | 78.5       | 21.5 | 16.9 | 37.7                         | 6.04  | 53.47 | 1.71 | 0.02 | _    | _    | _    | _    | 98  |
|         | 4 (10)     | 32             | 59.66            | 0          | 100  | 5.65 | 28.09                        | 51.71 | 21.05 | 0.37 | 0.11 | _    | _    | _    | _    | 100 |

a number of solid solutions and unquenched phases. In addition, the mineral assemblage composing the sulfides depends, among other factors ( $fO_2$  and  $fS_2$ ), on the initial metal budget of the silicate melt and therefore on the metal 5 contents of the exsolving sulfide melt, as well as on the P and T conditions under which this melt solidifies. A compilation of isothermal sections of the Cu–Fe–S system resulting from a number of experimental studies realised at different temperatures is presented in Fig. 10. For this study it is important to note at which approximate temperature intervals mineral phases can coexist, and therefore a summary of the experimental findings, only focused on the mineral phases observed in this study, is presented below.

The general agreement is that above 1200 °C the system 15 is composed of a metal-rich (Cu, Au) liquid and a sulfurrich (+Fe, Ni) liquid (Craig and Kullerud, 1969). An Fe, Ni-rich, Cu-poor monosulfide solid solution (mss) and a Cu, Au-rich, Ni-poor intermediate solid solution (iss) exsolve at around 1192 °C (Jensen, 1942) and 960 °C (Kullerud et al., 20 1969), respectively (Fig. 10a-b and c). The pair mss-iss is stable only starting from 935 and until 590°C (Fig. 10ce), below which these two phases cannot coexist. At around 930 °C a high-temperature bornite solid solution (bnss-h) and iss become stable (Fig. 10c). With further cooling ( $\sim 610$  °C; 25 Fig. 10e) the mss converts to pyrrhotite (po) through the exsolution of a high-temperature pentlandite (pn-h) (e.g. Stone et al., 1989). Subsequently, at 590 °C the iss unmixes into chalcopyrite (cp) and cubanite (cb) (Fig. 10f; e.g. Yund and Kullerud, 1966). Pyrite (py) appears at 743 °C and becomes 30 stable with iss at 739 °C and with cp at 600 °C (Fig. 10e). The pair cp-py coexists until at least 200 °C (Craig and Scott, 1974). A low-temperature pentlandite (pn) appears at 610 °C and becomes stable with cp at 572 °C. Finally, the bnss-h breaks down to a chalcocite (cc-bnss) and digenite (dg-bnss) 35 bnss pair at 430 °C (Fig. 10g). At 334 °C pyrrhotite becomes stable with chalcopyrite, and with further cooling at  $330\,^{\circ}$ C the digenite–bnss pair breaks down to digenite and bornite (bn; Fig. 10g–h).

Two main stages of sulfide evolution were observed in this study, confirming the experimental temperature range 40 windows for specific mineral pairs as well as conclusions from previous research (Hattori, 1996; Parat et al., 2011; Du et al., 2014; Agangi and Reddy, 2016). The first stage accounts for the more primitive sulfide types (Type 1 and 2) including mss-rich  $\pm$  iss and mss + iss sulfide melt, now 45 represented by compositions (shown from individual mineral analysis in Fig. 7 and reconstructed area compositions in Fig. 10) close to pyrrhotite (± pentlandite, cubanite) and pyrrhotite + chalcopyrite ( $\pm$  cubanite), respectively. Their shape (round-ellipsoidal) and host mineral (olivine for 50 Type 1 and amphibole, pyroxene, plagioclase, and magnetite for Type 2) confirm their origin as Fe–Ni-rich ( $\pm$  Cu) sulfide melts. The second stage consists of Type 4 sulfides, characterised by an iss-only and Cu-rich sulfide liquid (as all the Ni has been exhausted), which now comprises chalcopyrite 55 and bornite ( $\pm$  digenite). This sulfide type occurs only within Fe oxides, mostly in Ti-rich magnetite displaying occasional ilmenite exsolution lamellae. Their angular shape indicates that the solution was trapped initially as a Cu-rich liquid (Chang and Audétat, 2018) which solidified into an iss following the host mineral crystallisation planes and later unmixed (see also Georgatou et al., 2018; Holwell et al., 2015). In addition to the relatively low temperature ranges compared to the first stage sulfides (< 330 °C; see Fig. 10), other petrographic and compositional arguments for considering this 65 a later stage are the following: (i) the unique occurrence in magnetite, a late crystallising mineral relative to olivine and pyroxene (hosting the first stage sulfide Type 1 and 2), and (ii) the more common occurrence of voids and/or vesicles around the Cu-rich sulfides accounting for higher mean por-



tron (SE) (g) microphotographs of sulfides, their host, and accessory mineral phases. Important things to note: (a) the common occurrence of apatite inclusions observed together with the sulfide and hosted by the same mineral (px in a and mt in b, f); (b) the lack of sulfides in the biotite phenocrysts, even in the cases in which the biotite itself includes a magnetite that hosts sulfides; (c) the usual sulfide presence in the amphibole destabilised rim, where amphibole is being replaced by clinopyroxene, plagioclase, and rhönite, characterising the Kula volcano (also seen by Grutzner et al., 2013); (d) resorbed sulfide found in amphibole in (c) showing a rapid unmixing of the cp-cb (iss); (e) unusually big (up tp 600 µm) sulfide aggregate composed of mostly Cu-poor sulfides, magnetite, and micro-sized silicates found in Kula; (f) partly dissolved sulfide hosted by magnetite that shows ilmenite exsolution lamellae; (g) a trail of bubbles of the silicate melt and vesicles associated with the sulfide; and (h) daughter sulfide ( $< 0.5 \, \mu m$ ) composed mostly of po found in recrystallised melt inclusion hosted by olivine, as observed in Kula. For abbreviations, see the legend in Fig. 4. The scale bar corresponds to 100 µm unless stated otherwise.

tions of the inclusions (up to 23 area % iss; see Fig. 6 and Table 5 in Georgatou and Chiaradia, 2019) compared to Type 2 sulfides (< 10 area % iss). The contact between each sulfide inclusion and these vesicles is smooth, indicating that these

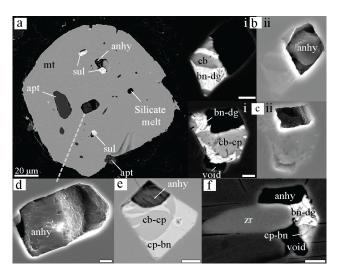
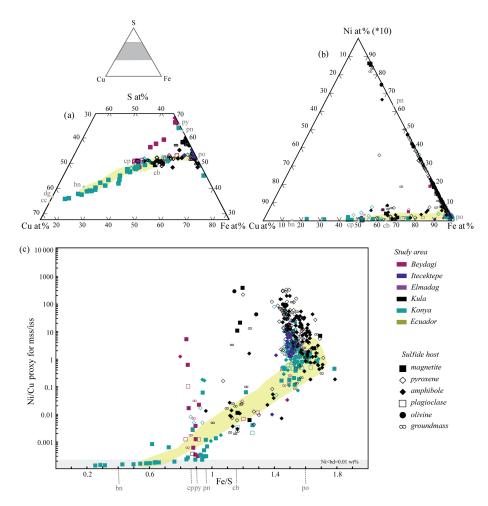


Figure 6. BSE (a, b-i, c-i, e, f) and SE (b-ii, c-ii, d, e) microphotographs of anhydrite occurrences in magnetite phenocrysts, as individual phases or found together with Cu-rich sulfides and occasionally with zircons. Apatite and silicate melts are often hosted by the same magnetite phenocrysts as well. Note that the anhydrite (b-i, f) in BSE is not visible unless seen in SE (b-ii); it can be partly (d, e) or completely (c) dissolved. In panel (e) BSE and SE imagining have been merged in order to make both sulfide and sulfate, respectively, visible. For abbreviations, see the legend in Fig. 4. The scale bar corresponds to  $2 \,\mu m$  unless stated otherwise.

voids could account for a pre-existing fluid phase which exsolved from the silicate melt before entrapment in the magnetite crystal (Table 2).

Sulfide Type 3 and 5 are more difficult to interpret. Type 3 presents both ellipsoidal and rectangular shapes, indicating entrapment as a liquid. The temperature range that corresponds to the mineral assemblage of chalcopyrite (± chalcocite) + pyrite is 600–200 °C, suggesting a later timing than the first-stage sulfides. Finally, Type 5 sulfide aggregates are similar to the first-stage sulfides (Type 2) and seem to have originated from an mss- and Fe-rich system, producing immiscibility textures of the rounded oxide inclusions into the pyrrhotite, which have later aggregated with silicates.

In this study, no early and late sulfides cohosted by the same mineral were observed. This suggests two distinct sulfide saturation stages, during which the system has to undergo magnetite crystallisation to reach the second stage. However, it is still not clear whether these stages are indeed distinct and independent of one another or if they may directly follow one another through a continuous process of sulfide saturation, whose products change chemistry due to the chemical evolution of the melt. Nonetheless, according to the sulfide types observed in these two stages, the Ni/Cu (proxy for mss/iss) decreases with magmatic evolution (Fig. 7c), starting from an mss-rich sulfide melt (Type 1), 30 followed by an mss and iss melt (Type 2 and 5), and finally



**Figure 7.** Sulfide composition in the Cu–Fe–S system and Ni–Fe–Cu from individual mineral analyses by EPMA. The colour shows the study area, and the shape indicates the host mineral in which magmatic sulfides were found. Note the progressive Ni/Cu depletion as we switch from more mafic suites (e.g. Kula) and early crystallising host minerals (olivine, pyroxene, and amphibole) to more evolved (e.g. Konya) and later crystallising mineral phases (magnetite). The grey fields correspond to analyses that resulted in Ni or Cu below the determination limit equal to 0.01 wt % that for discussion purposes are shown here. For the dataset, see Table 4 at https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.Figshare.8230787.

(and uniquely for some settings) by iss-rich, iss-only sulfides (Type 3 and 4). Although this decrease in Ni/Cu has been noted previously by other researchers (e.g. Hattori, 1996; Du et al., 2014; Keith et al., 2017; Savelyev et al., 2018), for 5 the early sulfides, until now there has not been a systematic study of the later-stage, iss-only sulfides. The reason for this is most likely the fact that the majority of past studies on sulfides have focused on silicate mineral separates in order to be able to locate and analyse the bulk chemistry of entrapped sulfides. This not only prevents necessary observations on textural mineral relations but also the study of nontransparent to opaque minerals, which, as was shown here, host Cu-rich and iss-only sulfides.

# 5.2 Textural and compositional comparison of sulfides within the western Anatolia study areas

Volcanic rocks from all study areas contain sulfides and therefore have reached magmatic sulfide saturation at some stage during the lifespan of the magmatic system; however, there are significant textural and compositional differences, which are described below.

#### 5.2.1 Kula volcanic field

In Kula, where rocks correspond to more primitive compositions (tephrites—basanites to phonotephrites), we observe sulfide Type 1, 2, and 5, representing the most primary Nirich and Cu-poor magmatic products resulting from an initial, mostly mss-rich sulfide melt exsolving from a silicate melt. These sulfide types are similar to those found in midocean ridge basalts (MORBs; e.g. Patten et al., 2012; Keith

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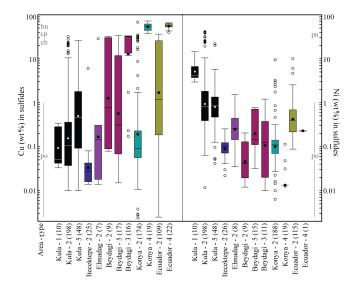
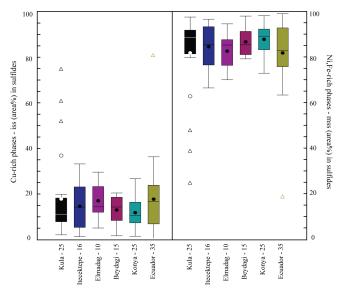


Figure 8. Box plot comparison of the Cu and Ni content (wt %) resulting from individual mineral analyses measured by EPMA for the different sulfide types characterising each study area. The central box is in the middle 50% of the data (total number of measurements considered is noted in parenthesis on the x axes). The line and dots in the box represent the median and mean value for each box and sulfide type, respectively (see values in Table 1). The outliers are further than 1.5 (the 75th percentile is on top of the box, and the 25th percentile is at the bottom of the box), and the whiskers are the extreme values that are not outliers. Note that only Beydagi, Konya, and Ecuador which, are the three areas associated with porphyry deposits, display the highest in Cu values of Type 3 and 4 sulfides. The stoichiometry of common sulfide mineral phases has been depicted for Cu and Ni (wt %) contents according to mindat.org. For the dataset, see Table 4 at https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.Figshare.8230787.

et al., 2017; Savelyev et al., 2018, and references therein) and represent the first stage of sulfide saturation. From textural evidence, e.g. decompression rims in amphibole (Fig. 5c), complex textures of cubanite-chalcopyrite resulting from the rapid unmixing of iss due to temperature drop (Fig. 5d; Type 3), and the intact sulfide aggregates found in the groundmass (Fig. 5e; Type 6), the magma in Kula seems to have ascended rapidly from depth (e.g. Tokçaer et al., 2005). This implies a short residence time in the crust, which in turn explains the minimum crustal contamination (e.g. Dilek and Altunkaynak, 2007; Alici et al., 2002) and the mafic rock composition.

#### **5.2.2** Konya

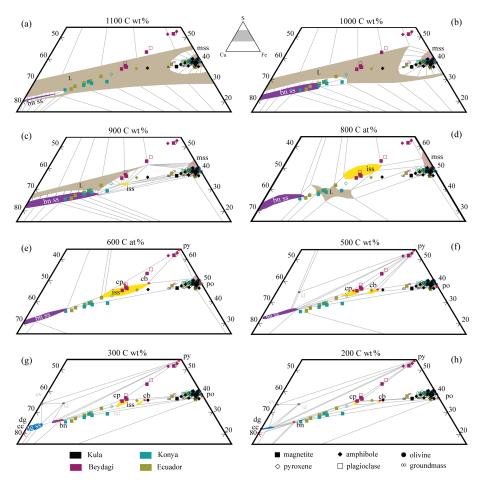
For the case of Konya, the products of which range from andesites to dacites, the sulfide types found (Type 2 and 4) <sup>15</sup> represent both stages of sulfide saturation and are less primitive than the ones seen in Kula, with little or no pentlandite present and always a Cu-rich phase (chalcopyrite ± bornite). This suggests that the mss- and iss-rich sulfide melt started exsolving from the silicate melt at a later stage of magmatic



**Figure 9.** Box plot comparison of the Cu-rich phase (chalcopyrite = iss) and Ni-rich phase (pyrrhotite ± pentlandite = mss) proportions (area %) composing Type 2 sulfides, calculated by ImageJ© 1.38 software analysis for each study area (-N of sulfides reconstructed). Average, mean, and median values are represented in the graph the same as in Fig. 8. For the dataset, see Table 5 at https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.Figshare.8230787.

evolution, when the melt was already depleted in Ni and already had a higher amount of iss available compared to Kula. In fact, the Type 4 iss-only sulfide melt of Konya (representing the second to later stage of sulfide saturation) has sequestered Cu more successfully than at any other location investigated.

Konya is the unique example in this study presenting anhydrite inclusions in contact with a sulfide phase or hosted by the same magnetite phenocryst as the sulfide inclusion (Fig. 6). The occurrence of anhydrite either in contact or along with Cu-rich sulfide phases has been mentioned in 30 the past (e.g. Hattori, 1993; Audétat and Pettke, 2006) and has been suggested to indicate a rapid drop of  $fO_2$  in the system from the sulfate (> NNO + 1) to sulfide stability field (< NNO), allowing the magma to contain both reduced and oxidised forms of sulfur (Wilke et al., 2011). 35 From experimental constraints for a water-saturated system at 150-400 MPa and 1 wt % S added, anhydrite can coexist with pyrrhotite for  $fO_2 = NNO + 1$  at  $700 \,^{\circ}$ C, for  $fO_2 =$ NNO + 1.5 at 800 °C, and for  $fO_2 = NNO + 2.5$  at 950 °C (Parat et al., 2011, and references therein). Therefore, the oc- 40 casional occurrence of anhydrite in these second-stage sulfides (Type 4) would indicate higher temperatures. In addition, the coexistence of sulfide inclusions, anhydrite, apatite, and silicate melt within the same magnetite crystal would also indicate higher temperatures and a rather magmatic origin of those sulfides. However, in this study the sulfide mineral phases with which anhydrite coexists are Cu-richer and



**Figure 10.** Ternary isothermal sections through the central part of the Cu–Fe–S system according to and modified from (**a, b, c**) Kullerud et al. (1969), (**d**) Tsujimura and Kitakaze (2004), (**e**) Cabri (1973), (**f, h**) Yund and Kullerud (1966), and (**g**) Craig and Scott (1974). The stability fields and phase relations at different temperatures are shown for the following: sulfide liquid – L (brown), bornite solid solution – bnss (purple), monosulfide solid solution – mss (pink), intermediate solid solution – iss (yellow), and digenite solid solution – dgss (blue). The data shown correspond to the bulk (area %) reconstructed sulfide compositions hosted by the different phenocrysts and/or groundmass (shape) observed in every study area (colour). For the dataset, see Table 5 at https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.Figshare.8230787.

S-poorer (chalcopyrite + bornite  $\pm$  digenite) than pyrrhotite and are stable at higher  $fO_2$  conditions and lower T. In addition, the system is not expected to already be water-saturated since we would expect that the metals partition  $_5$  into the fluid phase in such a case, resulting in hydrothermal rather than magmatic sulfides. Therefore, the temperature ranges in which anhydrite is stable can differ.

### 5.3 Usak-Güre basin

Beydagi shows slightly more enriched (though similar within error) Cu values in Type 2 sulfide (Cu median = 0.3 wt %) than Elmadag (Cu median = 0.14 wt %) and Itecektepe (Cu median = 0.03 wt %). Additionally, the area (%) of the Cuphase iss of Type 2 sulfides found in Elmadag ( $17.2 \pm 4.8$ ), Itecektepe ( $14.7 \pm 4.9$ ), and Beydagi ( $13.1 \pm 3.2$ ) is similar. However, although in terms of bulk chemistry there are not major differences between the three volcanic centres (mostly

andesites to trachyandesites), Beydagi is the only volcanic centre within the Usak basin which is characterised by two other sulfide types (Type 3 and 5) and at the same is the only mineralised volcanic centre. Implications regarding the ore fertility of these systems will be discussed in the following section. Relative to the other investigated areas of western Anatolia, sulfides in Beydagi show no pentlandite but in some cases present chalcopyrite (± chalcocite) coexisting with pyrite. This suggests that the iss-rich exsolving sulfide melt was Cu-rich relative to Kula but Cu-depleted relative to Konya.

# 5.4 Comparison of sulfide textures and compositions between western Anatolia systems and Ecuador

Various Miocene large Cu–Mo ± Au porphyry deposits (e.g. 30 Junín–Llurimagua Cu–Mo deposit and the Cascabel Cu–Aurich deposit) occur in the frontal arc of Ecuador. Available

data on whole rocks indicate that mineralisation is spatially and temporally associated with high-Sr/Y porphyritic stocks (Schütte et al., 2012). Investigation of these rocks under a reflected petrographic microscope confirmed previous ob-5 servations from Schütte et al. (2012) that the rocks contain abundant hydrothermal sulfides, rendering these samples inadequate for the scope of the present study. For this reason, Georgatou et al. (2018) investigated fresh volcanic rocks from the Quaternary arc of Ecuador. These are intermediate 10 to felsic calc-alkaline magmatic rocks with high Sr/Y values erupted through a crust with a thickness ranging from 50 to 70 km (Feininger and Seguin, 1983; Guillier et al., 2001). Such features are similar to those of magmatic systems typically associated with large porphyry Cu deposits (Loucks, 15 2014; Chiaradia and Caricchi, 2017), and the temporal and spatial proximity of Miocene deposits to the Quaternary arc rocks investigated lend support to the possibility that processes leading to the formation of porphyry-type deposits under the Quaternary arc of Ecuador could be currently ongo-20 ing. Therefore, the Quaternary arc rocks of Ecuador can be used as a proxy for a potentially fertile syn-subduction magmatic environment.

In the Quaternary volcanics, Georgatou et al. (2018) observed that magmatic sulfides occurred in all studied rocks (from basalt to dacite) of the volcanic arc as polymineralic inclusions composed of Fe-rich, Cu-poor, and/or Cu-rich phases, occurring mostly in Fe/Ti oxides and to a lesser extent in silicate minerals. Only sulfide Type 2 and 4 were observed in Ecuador, presenting a remarkable textural and compositional resemblance to the case of Konya. Rocks from both areas display first-stage (Type 1 and 2) and second-stage (Type 4) sulfide saturation. In particular, according to EPMA, in individual mineral analyses of 19 sulfides in Konya and 22 in Ecuador, Cu<sub>max</sub> ranges between 72 wt % and 66 wt %, re-

Georgatou et al. (2018) suggested that the negative trend of Cu with magmatic differentiation (e.g. Keith et al., 1997; Chiaradia, 2014) observed in typical syn-subduction magmatic arcs is a result of a continuous Cu sequestration in magmatic sulfides. A similar Cu decrease with magmatic evolution is also observed in the areas studied here and characterised by post-subduction magmatic rocks, some of which are also associated with porphyry and epithermal-type deposits. This suggests that in both settings (syn-subduction and post-subduction) Cu and other chalcophile metals behave compatibly during magmatic evolution and confirms that these metals are lost on the way to the surface.

#### 6 Implications for ore formation

Some of the most discussed fertility issues of magmatic sys-50 tems producing a porphyry deposit involve (i) metal and volatile contents in the primary magma (e.g. Core et al., 2006), (ii) metal and volatile element content changes during evolution of the primitive magma to the intermediate felsic compositions typically associated with porphyry-type deposits (e.g. Richards and Kerrich, 2007), (iii) magma volume and duration of magmatic-hydrothermal activity (e.g. Chiaradia and Caricchi, 2017), and (iv) the efficiency of preconcentration processes of chalcophile and siderophile elements in sulfide-rich zones (e.g. Nadeau et al., 2010).

Fertility issues (iii) and (iv) above have been addressed by various studies. Cline and Bodnar (1991) and more recently Chiaradia and Caricchi (2017) and Chelle-Michou et al. (2017) have shown that there is a correlation between the size of the magma reservoir providing metals and fluids to the ore system and the size of the deposit and that the duration of the ore process might also play a role in this sense.

Sulfide pre-concentration in cumulates at depth and a later magmatic recycling through remelting and release of the metals back to the system has been suggested as a possibility by various studies (e.g. Richards, 2009; Lee et al., 2012; Audétat and Simon, 2012; Sillitoe, 2012; Wilkinson, 2013; Chiaradia, 2014; Jenner, 2017; Fontboté et al., 2017). However, further investigation to quantify the physicochemical conditions under which this recycling process may be possible or not is needed.

Below we discuss fertility issues (i) and (ii) above in the light of our data. For source fertility to play an important role in terms of metal budget, it would imply an obvious difference in the proportions of mss (Cu-poor) and iss (Cu-rich) composing the most primitive sulfides (Type 2) for the different study areas. This would be a result of different metal abundances in the initial silicate melt that would preferentially partition into either the iss (e.g. Cu, Au) or the mss (e.g. Ni, Fe), respectively. For example, the average area (%) of the Cu-rich iss phases in sulfide inclusions from Beydagi, 85 Konya, and Ecuador, relative to the mss phases composing the same sulfide inclusions, should be larger compared to the area (%) of the iss phases in sulfide inclusions of Kula, Itecektepe, and Elmadag. This goes against the results found in this study, in which inclusions from all regions show similar relative proportions (84.2 and 15.7; 2 standard er $rors = \pm 2.2$  area %) of Ni-rich mss and Cu-rich iss phases. These values are very similar to the mss-iss proportions of sulfides found in the Merapi volcano (mss =  $81 \pm 7$  and iss =  $19\pm7$ , respectively; Nadeau et al., 2010). Also, according to the study carried out by Chang and Audétat (2018) on arc magmas of Santa Rita and Cherillos (New Mexico) using LA-ICP-MS, the more Cu-rich iss mineral phases are ≤ 20 vol % relative to the Cu-poor mss. A second argument that supports the contention of similar metal contents in 100 the primitive magmas is that there are no significant differences in the Cu values of Type 2 sulfides for the individual EPMA analysis (Cu median = 0.03 wt %-1.3 wt %; Table 1 and Fig. 8) or for the bulk area reconstructed compositions (Cu median = 0.69 wt %-6.04 wt %; Table 2) among the ar- 105 eas that present iss-only sulfides and are associated with porphyry deposits. This observation carries major implications,

suggesting that independent of the geodynamic setting (subduction, post-subduction, and intraplate OIB-like volcanism) the initial metal abundances of the primitive magmas are approximately the same (see also Lee et al., 2012, for similar 5 Cu contents in primitive arc basalts and MORBs).

Because H<sub>2</sub>O is incompatible, magma evolution from a primitive basaltic magma will result in increasing concentrations of H2O in the residual derivative magmas of intermediate to felsic composition until water saturation may 10 be reached depending mostly on the depth at which magma evolution occurs (e.g. Kelley and Cottrell, 2009; Richards, 2011). It is likely that all magmatic systems have the potential to become saturated in Cu-rich, iss-only sulfides after exhausting all the Ni, as long as the system does evolve 15 to intermediate felsic compositions while still not reaching water saturation conditions before sulfide saturation occurs. Based on the textural and chemical evidence from Konya, in particular the coexistence of vesicles indicating a preexisting gas phase in contact with Type 4 sulfides, we may 20 be able to trace the transition from a sulfide-saturated system to a fluid-saturated system. Indeed, only the rather primitive rocks from Kula did not evolve enough in order to reach the second saturation stage.

An additional important factor in order to saturate sul<sup>25</sup> fide Cu-rich phases is magnetite crystallisation. Although it
has already been pointed out as an important step for sulfide saturation in general (e.g. Metrich et al., 2009; Jenner
et al., 2010) in this study we show that magnetite crystallisation does not seem necessary for the saturation of any
sulfide type but is systematically associated with the issrich (chalcopyrite–pyrite) and iss-only (chalcopyrite–bornite
and/or digenite) Cu-rich sulfide types (Type 3 and 4). Only
rocks that have undergone magnetite crystallisation present
Cu-richer sulfides, with the exception of Kula as well as the
<sup>25</sup> cases of Elmadag and Itecektepe, the lavas of which do not
include magnetite (Fig. 7). These three volcanic centres are
not associated with any known economic deposit.

In contrast, Konya, Beydagi (Usak basin), and Ecuador are the only areas among those studied which present iss-only 40 (Type 4) and iss-richer (Type 3) sulfides. The rocks in which these sulfide types are present correspond to more evolved lithologies ( $SiO_2 > 60$  wt %) associated or potentially associated with economic deposits of the porphyry suite. It is noteworthy that this feature coincides with the fact that rocks 45 from these areas are the only ones with iss-only (Type 4) and iss-richer (Type 3) sulfides. In particular, Type 4 sulfides (chalcopyrite-bornite ± digenite) were observed in areas associated (Konya) or potentially associated (Ecuador) with porphyry Cu deposits (e.g. Konya-Doğanbey and Ecuador-50 Cascabel-Llurimagua-Junín). Beydagi, where Type 3 sulfides (chalcopyrite-pyrite) are seen, is associated with a porphyry Au deposit (Kişladağ). The above observation calls for further investigation since the presence of iss-rich and issonly sulfide types (like in cases 3 and 4) in felsic volcanic 55 rocks, in particular in magnetite host minerals, could be used as a proxy for porphyry Cu- and porphyry Au-type deposits, respectively.

An additional significant implication based on the correlation between Type 3 and 4 sulfides high in Cu and ore deposits (Beydagi, Konya, and Ecuador), combined with the 60 similar initial metal contents of the magmas of these areas, suggests an increase in the Cu contents of the sulfides and in the later hydrothermal ore fluid, which has not occurred in the other study areas. We argue that the later sulfide Type 3 and 4 (iss-rich and iss-only, hosted in magnetite) can help 65 us to further understand the transition between a sulfidesaturated system and a fluid-saturated system. In addition, taking into consideration how porphyry deposits in subduction settings are generally Cu-rich, whereas those found in post-subduction settings tend to be Au-rich (e.g. Sillitoe, 70 1993; Li et al., 2006; Richards, 2009), future sulfide trace element LA-ICP-MS analysis including precise Au, Ag, and PGE values (which constitute better markers for sulfide saturation identification; see Park et al., 2019, 2015; Cocker et al., 2015; Jenner, 2017; Mandon, 2017) could help distinguish 75 the conditions of magma fertility for the different geodynamic settings. Finally, magmatic sulfide saturation will retain a certain number of chalcophile and siderophile elements and deplete the residual melt in them. Quantifying this metal loss is crucial in order to understand whether, for the sake 80 of ore-forming processes, this loss is significant or not and may be compensated for by other more critical ingredients like an increase in volatiles and magma volumes (Chiaradia and Caricchi, 2017). Modelling combined with experimental results on metal partition coefficients, petrographic observations, and data compilation for real-case sulfide mineral analysis can help address this question.

#### 7 Conclusions

In this study we have investigated magmatic sulfide occurrence and chemistry during the evolution of different 90 magma types (from high-K calc-alkaline to shoshonitic series) in study areas characterised by diverse geodynamic settings (post-subduction, syn-subduction, and OIB intraplate volcanism). Our data allow us to draw the following conclusions: (1) sulfide saturation occurred in magmatic rocks 95 from all study areas independently of the magma composition, geodynamic regimes, and whether or not the system produced an economic deposit. Sulfides were present in all rocks, corresponding to a wide range of composition (SiO<sub>2</sub> range 46 wt %–68 wt %, basalts to andesites–dacites 100 and from high-K calc-alkaline to shoshonitic series) and characterised by different geodynamic regimes (subduction, post-collision, and intraplate OIB volcanism), some of which are associated with economic deposits (porphyry Cu and/or Au and Au epithermal). (2) According to their occurrence 105 and chemical composition, sulfides can be classified into different types which do not appear in all study areas. Type

1 sulfides are rare, mostly composed of Cu-poor phases (pyrrhotite, pentlandite-mss), hosted only by olivine phenocrysts, and seen only in Kula. Type 2 sulfides consist of a Cu-poor phase (pyrrhotite, ± pentlandite) and a Cu-rich 5 phase (cubanite, chalcopyrite). They are the most abundant type, are hosted by different minerals (pyroxene, amphibole, magnetite, and plagioclase), and are found in all study areas. Type 3 sulfides are rare, composed of mostly a Cu-rich phase (chalcopyrite ± chalcocite) and pyrite, hosted by mag-10 netite, and observed only in Beydagi. Type 4 sulfides are less abundant than Type-2 but more abundant than Type 1 and 3. They are composed of only Cu-rich phases (chalcopyrite bornite  $\pm$  digenite), hosted only by magnetite, and observed solely in Konya and Ecuador. Type 5 sulfides are found in 15 the groundmass as sulfide-oxide-silicate aggregates: they are mostly found in Kula and the sulfides are mainly Cu-poor. Type 3 and 4 are the sulfides with the highest Cu contents and are only observed in areas associated with porphyry Au and Cu deposits, respectively, together with epithermal Au de-20 posits. (3) As the sulfide melt evolves, a decrease in Ni/Cu is observed, which is used here as a proxy for the mss / iss ratio. This chemical evolution corresponds to a sulfide melt evolution starting with an mss-rich sulfide melt, switching to an mss and iss melt, and finally (and uniquely for some 25 settings) to iss-only sulfides. This suggests at least two sulfide saturating stages: an early mss-only or mss-rich and a late iss-only or iss-rich stage. Further research needs to address the question of whether these stages are distinct or are part of a continuous process of sulfide saturation. (4) The 30 initial metal content of the magma was very similar for all the study areas. This can be inferred from the similar proportions of the mss and iss in the early-saturating-stage sulfide (Type 2) for all investigated study areas (mss = 84.2 and iss = 15.7 area %, with 2 se =  $\pm 2.2$ ). Based on points (2) and 35 (4) above, the correlation between sulfides high in Cu and ore deposits (Beydagi, Konya, and Ecuador), combined with the similar mss and iss proportions in rocks from all study areas, suggests that the Cu contents of the sulfides and, potentially, of the later hydrothermal ore-forming fluids (e.g. 40 Nadeau et al., 2010) increase concurrently with a Cu depletion of the residual magma. This possibly suggests that metal enrichment in derivative magmas is not an essential requirement for the fertility of the latter and that other factors associated with magma evolution (H<sub>2</sub>O content, magma volume; 45 Rohrlach and Loucks, 2005; Chiaradia and Caricchi, 2017) could play a more important role.

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