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2 **Observations (2009, 2010 and 2011)**

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4 **Abstract**

5 The Western Anatolia and the Aegean Sea regions are one of the most significant seismically  
6 active and rapidly deforming fields in the world. Generally, seismic activities cause deformations  
7 and these deformations are monitored with Global Positioning System (GPS) / Global Navigation  
8 System (GNSS). In this context, GPS data were used to determine the deformation of İzmir and  
9 its surrounding to estimate the relative plate motions. In this study, the kinematic structures of the  
10 faults, which control the seismic hazard in İzmir and its surroundings, processing results of the  
11 three-year (2009, 2010 and 2011) episodic GPS observations and the estimation of displacements  
12 for 21 GPS stations were presented. The aim of this study is to examine interplate motion of the  
13 stations and their relations with the tectonic structures, seismicity and paleomagnetism and  
14 additionally, to interpret the motions of the study area relative to different block motions.  
15 Consequently, the mean motion of the study area was found approximately 25 mm/yr (towards  
16 the SSW) in the Eurasia fixed frame solution. The Aegean block fixed frame and the Anatolian  
17 block fixed frame solutions were computed relative to Euler vectors. In Aegean and Anatolian  
18 block solutions it was determined that the stations move separately, not as a group. In Euler pole  
19 solution, some stations are separated from each other and meanwhile some stations are grouped  
20 by considering the differences and similarities of the station motions. According to this solution  
21 three lines and two regions were described in the study area. The relations between seismicity  
22 and paleomagnetic studies and the kinematic structures determined in Anatolian block fixed  
23 frame and Euler pole solution were also investigated. When the Anatolian block fixed frame

24 solution and the earthquakes occurred between the years 1973 and 2011 were evaluated together,  
25 it was found that in the high seismically active region especially near to Sığacık bay, the motions  
26 of GPS stations were different even though their locations were close to each other. As a result  
27 of this, the relationship between the vector directions and active tectonism was determined.  
28 Additionally, in the Euler pole solution directions of the motion were found to be coherent with  
29 the paleomagnetic results, particularly in Urla and its surroundings. Here, the block fixed frame  
30 and Euler pole solutions and additionally, relations of them with seismicity and tectonism were  
31 mentioned as difference from previous studies. Besides, in this study, high importance was given  
32 to locate each station in main geological formations of the study area.

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34 **Keywords:** GPS/GNSS, Western Anatolia, İzmir, Tectonic features

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## 36 **1. Introduction**

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38 The study region locates in the west side of the Western Anatolia and it is very active  
39 extensional area. In this region with the effect of the high seismicity, a N-S trending extensional  
40 zone was described as “West Anatolian Extensional Province” by Bozkurt (2001). This zone is  
41 bordered by the North Anatolian Fault (NAF) and the Hellenic-Cyprus arcs, in north and south,  
42 respectively. (McKenzie, 1972; Le Pichon and Angelier, 1979; Eyidoğan and Jackson, 1985;  
43 Jackson and Mckenzie, 1988; Westaway, 1990; Taymaz and Price, 1992; Yılmaz et al., 2000;  
44 Bozkurt, 2001; Aktuğ and Kılıçoğlu, 2006) (Fig. 1).

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46 In İzmir Bay and its surroundings, 24 earthquakes (Table 1) that had destructive effects  
47 occurred between 17 (AD) and 1883 (Emre et al., 2005). The largest one occurred on 10 July  
48 1688 (Poirier and Taher, 1980) and it damaged grate part of İzmir. The 1739 Foça and 1788 İzmir  
49 earthquakes followed this earthquake (Altınok et al., 2005). In the instrumental time-period, the  
50 region was shaken with the 1992-Doğanbey (M=6.0), 2003-Urla (M=5.7) and 2005-Sığacık Bay  
51 (M=5.7, 5.8, 5.9) earthquakes (Akyol et al., 2006; Benetatos et al., 2006; Zhu et al., 2006; Aktar  
52 et al., 2007). The seismicity is described with a weakness zone which is called as the İzmir-  
53 Balıkesir Transfer Zone (İBTZ) (Fig. 2) (Sözbilir et al., 2003a, 2003b; Sözbilir et al., 2004; Emre  
54 et al., 2005; Özkaymak and Sözbilir, 2008; Uzel and Sözbilir, 2008; Sözbilir et al., 2009). This  
55 zone lies throughout the Kuşadası Bay-Torbalı-Kemalpaşa-Akhisar line in eastern side. This line  
56 also corresponds to the line where the E–W trending graben system turns into to the NE–SW  
57 trending strike slip fault basin.

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59 Dramis and Blumetti (2005) defined two fundamental groups for the structures which are  
60 formed by co-seismic and pre-seismic effects, namely, seismotectonic (landforms related to  
61 tectonic stress) and seismogravitational (landforms related to the seismic shaking and earth's  
62 gravity) structures. The formations associated with the tectonic stresses which are called as  
63 seismotectonic structures, are the geothermal fields, the ridges, the faults and, horst-graben  
64 systems. The occurred earthquakes up to present have generated the deformation in Western  
65 Anatolia, particularly in and around İzmir. Additionally, in the study of Pamukçu et al. (2015a),  
66 these relations were investigated with gravity data and in the study of Pamukçu et al. (2015b)  
67 realized in the surrounding of Sığacık Bay, the seismic activity of the region was described in  
68 details with the GPS/GNSS solutions and the changes on gravity anomalies.

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70 In the study of Nyst and Thatcher (2004) the dissimilarities in the GPS vectors between in and  
71 around İzmir and Western Anatolia were identified. By this knowledge, for monitoring the  
72 kinematic motions of the seismically active faults near to İzmir and its surroundings, GPS  
73 measurements were realized in 2009, 2010 and 2011 at 21 GPS stations which located in the  
74 south of İzmir.

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76 In this study, Eurasia fixed frame solutions, additionally, unlike previous studies (Aktug and  
77 Kılıçoğlu, 2006; Dogru et al., 2014) Aegean-Anatolian block fixed frame solutions and interplate  
78 motions (Euler pole) were calculated. According to Eurasia fixed frame solutions, the mean  
79 motion of the study area was found approximately 25 mm/yr towards the SSW. In Aegean block  
80 and Anatolian block fixed frame solutions the velocity directions were generally towards N and  
81 S, respectively.

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83 According to the Euler pole solutions two regions were described in the study area by taking  
84 account of the similarities of the motion directions. Besides, some stations are separated from  
85 each other with three lines by noticing the directional differences of the station motions.

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87 Consequently, the velocity fields observed by GPS measurements were examined with the  
88 vector directions of paleomagnetic studies and seismicity based on the distributions of earthquake  
89 focal depth.

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## 93 2. Geologic Settings of Study Area

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95 The study area which covers İzmir and its surroundings, locates in the western part of an area  
96 called as “West Anatolian Extensional Province” (WAEP) by Bozkurt (2001) (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2).  
97 Additionally, İBTZ which is located around the study area forms the westward of WAEP (Uzel  
98 and Sözbilir, 2008; Sözbilir et al., 2009; 2011; Uzel et al., 2012) (Fig. 2).

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100 In the study area, the NE–SW directional dextral strike-slip faults are dominant and among  
101 them the most significant faults, Seferihisar fault (SF) and Orhanlı fault zone (OFZ), border the  
102 Seferihisar High. The length and wide of SF, which extends along İzmir Bay and Sığacık Bay, is  
103 30 km and 2–5 km, respectively (İnci et al., 2003; Emre et al., 2005; Sözbilir et al., 2009; 2011).  
104 OFZ, which is 45 km in length and extends along İzmir Bay and Kuşadası Bay, contains some  
105 NE-SW directional faults (Uzel and Sözbilir, 2008). The other dextral strike slip fault is  
106 Gülbahçe fault zone (GFZ) and its length is 70 km from N to S. This fault corresponds with the  
107 east border of the N-S trending Karaburun Peninsula (Emre et al., 2005). Karaburun fault zone  
108 (KFZ) which dominates the southwestern of İzmir Bay is 2–4 km in wide and 25 km in length  
109 (Uzel et al., 2013) (Fig. 2). The E–W directional faults are generally normal faults and they are  
110 located throughout northern and southern of the inner of the İzmir Bay (Fig. 2). The İzmir Fault  
111 (IF), which locates in the southern of the inner of İzmir Bay, is approximately 2–4 km in wide  
112 and 40km in length (Sözbilir et al., 2011; Uzel et al., 2012). SF, OFZ, GFZ, KFZ and IF are  
113 Holosen faults (Emre et al., 2011; Emre and Özalp, 2011). The other significant fault of the study  
114 area is Manisa Fault Zone (MFZ) and it is located in northern side and its length is approximately

115 10 km (Fig 2). Since Miocene at least three distinct movements reactivated this zone (Özkaymak  
116 and Sözbilir, 2008).

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### 118 **3. Processing of the GPS Data**

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120 GPS measurements were realized in 2009, 2010 and 2011 at 21 stations of the GNSS network  
121 which were built in the south of İzmir (Fig. 3). As the first campaign in 2009, The GPS  
122 observations were performed in two groups (Day of Year/DOY: 183-185 and 186-190). In each  
123 group, 10 stations were observed per session for 10 hours. The station “UZUN” was observed for  
124 four days in 2009 campaign. In the 2010-campaign, the observations were performed in three  
125 groups (DOY: 184-186, 187-189 and 190-192) with three sessions for 10 hours in each group. In  
126 2010 campaign, UZUN and DU12 stations were observed for nine days. In 2011, 10-hour  
127 measurements were realized at 21 stations in three groups, each consisting of three session days  
128 (DOY: 183-185, 186-188 and 189-192). During this campaign DU05, DU12 and UZUN stations  
129 were observed continuously.

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131 For linking the local network with the ITRF (International Terrestrial reference Frame) global  
132 network International GNSS Service (IGS) stations were also included in the processing. These  
133 IGS stations allow the estimation of necessary parameters in analysis of the GPS data (station  
134 coordinates, earth orientation parameters, atmospheric zenith delays etc.). 12 IGS stations were  
135 used to characterize the Eurasia-fixed reference frame; ISTA, TUBI, ANKR (Turkey), ZECK  
136 (Russia), NSSP (Armenia), NICO (Cyprus), MIKL, GLSV (Ukraine), BUCU (Romania), PENC  
137 (Hungary), WTZR (Germany) and MATE (Italy) (Fig 4a). ITRF2008 coordinates of these IGS

138 stations were used as reference stations in the computations. The GPS observations were  
 139 processed by using GAMIT/GLOBK software (King and Bock, 2002; Herring et al., 2010).

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141 Velocity vectors of 3-year GPS campaigns (2009, 2010 and 2011) and displacement vectors of  
 142 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 are shown in Fig. 4b. The components of the velocity field of 3 years  
 143 combined solutions in the Eurasia-fixed frame and 1-sigma ( $\sigma$ ) uncertainties are shown in Table  
 144 2.

145 Reilinger et al. (2006) developed an elastic block model for African, Arabian, Eurasia plates  
 146 for constraining present day plate motions (relative Euler vectors). Besides, Anatolia was  
 147 separated into 3 blocks (plates) as Anatolian block, Aegean block and Southwest Anatolian block  
 148 and for determining the block model and the Euler vectors were calculated relative to Eurasia.  
 149 The Euler vectors are 30.8°N, 32.1°E and 1.231°/Myr for Anatolian and 15.9°N, 52.3°E and  
 150 0.563°/Myr for the Aegean block fixed solutions (Reilinger et al., 2006) (Fig. 5). In this study,  
 151 Aegean and Anatolian block fixed velocity vectors were calculated by using Euler vectors  
 152 (Reilinger et al., 2006) which represent general kinematics in relative coordinate system (Fig. 6  
 153 and Fig.7).

154 As the last application, a single Euler pole was estimated using these GPS stations and thus  
 155 the mean motion of these stations was evaluated (Fig. 8). The Euler pole solutions are calculated  
 156 with a weighted least square solution with the unknown parameters being the rotation rates  
 157 around the XYZ axes. The partials used in the estimates are;

$$\begin{aligned}
 158 \quad v_x &= Z_{wy} - Y_{wz} \\
 159 \quad v_y &= -Z_{wx} + X_{wz} \\
 160 \quad v_z &= Y_{wx} - X_{wy} \\
 161
 \end{aligned}$$



162 where  $v_x$ ,  $v_y$ ,  $v_z$  are the station velocities in XYZ frame,  $w_x$   $w_y$   $w_z$  are the rotation rates around  
163 the XYZ axes. Other quantities are computed using standard analytic formulas and propagation  
164 of variance-covariance matrices assuming that the errors in  $w_x$ ,  $w_y$ ,  $w_z$  are small compared to  
165 their estimates.

#### 166 167 **4. Results and Discussion**

168  
169 In this study, the Eurasia fixed frame, Aegean-Anatolian block fixed frames and Euler pole  
170 solutions were calculated for investigating the kinematic structures of Izmir and its surroundings  
171 (Western Anatolia). The mean motion of the study area was found approximately 25 mm/yr  
172 towards the SSW in Eurasia fixed frame solutions (Fig. 4). In the Aegean block fixed frame  
173 solutions, the velocity directions are approximately towards N, NE and NW (Fig. 6) and in the  
174 Anatolian block fixed frame solutions, the velocity directions are approximately towards S, SE  
175 and SW (Fig. 7). In Anatolian block fixed frame solutions (Fig. 7), an approximately N-S  
176 directional transition zone was estimated throughout from UZUN to DU12. The direction of same  
177 line was monitored in Aegean block fixed frame (Fig. 6) as NE-NW

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179 According to the Euler pole solutions (Fig. 8) the study area was described by three lines and  
180 two regions (Fig. 9). DU09, DU10 and DU16 which had the most important movements relative  
181 to other stations (DU01, DU02, DU03, DU04, DU05, DU06, DU07, DU08, DU11, DU12, DU13,  
182 DU14, DU15, DU17, DU18, DU19 and UZUN) were showed in the same region called as  
183 “region A” (Fig. 9).. The N-NW directed velocity vectors of the stations in “region A” were  
184 bigger than DU01, DU02, DU03, DU04, DU05, DU06, DU07, DU08, DU11, DU12, DU13,  
185 DU14, DU15, DU17, DU18, DU19 and UZUN (Fig. 9). Therefore, it can be said that the largest

186 deformation occurs in this area. The displacements of the stations in region A (Fig. 9) show the  
187 activation of Karaburun and Menemen basins (Fig. 2). DU01, DU06, DU13 and DU14 were  
188 defined in “region B” due to their similar velocity vector directions (Fig. 9). The velocity vectors  
189 of these stations were smaller than the stations in “region A”. Additionally; it was seen at Fig. 9  
190 that the stations which are located outside of “region A” and “region B” had different velocities  
191 and vector directions.. The region B is seemed coherently with the east and west branched  
192 hypothetical fault which is described by Aktar et al. (2007) for Sığacık Bay. In the area of the  
193 Line No.1 (Fig. 9) which was drawn by noticing the differences on the directions of velocity  
194 vectors of DU06 and DU07, it is thought that this area may have a thrust fault mechanism. The  
195 opposite velocity vector directions of DU10 and UZUN (NW and SE, respectively) which were  
196 located at eastern side of Karaburun were shown at Line No. 2 (Fig. 9). This line might  
197 correspond to the continuation of Gülbahçe fault zone (GFZ) (Fig. 2) It is seen that the velocity  
198 vector directions of UZUN and DU16 are different from each other. Therefore, a boundary (Linr  
199 No:3, Fig. 9) was determined. This boundary may be related with the NW-SE directed normal  
200 fault (Dondurur et al., 2011; Uzel et al., 2012).

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202 If Aegean ( Fig. 6), Anatolian block fixed frame (Fig. 7) and Euler pole (Fig. 8) solutions are  
203 evaluated together, it can be said that the vectors partially line up because the motion of the  
204 stations are transitioning between these blocks i.e. one of the blocks (Aegean or Anatolian) in  
205 partially pushing or pulling the stations in its direction.

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207 Additionally, in this study, in order to determine the motion differences between İzmir and the  
208 Western Anatolia graben system (Fig 2, İBTZ), DU18 was built. As seen in the Aegean block,

209 Anatolian block and Euler pole solutions (Fig. 6, 7 and 8) the motion of DU18 is different from  
210 other 20 stations.

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212 It is determined that the velocity vector directions of DU09 and DU10 (located in the north  
213 of Karaburun Peninsula) (Fig. 3), are different from each other (Figures 6, 7 and 8). The existence  
214 of KFZ between DU09 and DU10 may effects the kinematic structure of Karaburun. .By noticing  
215 the differences on velocity vector directions of DU04, DU11, DU13 and DU14 (Fig. 6 and 7) it  
216 can be said that these differences are related with extensional regime of the region.

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218 In order to investigate seismic activity of the region, the earthquakes which occurred in the  
219 study area between 1973 and 2011 were obtained from the USGS (U.S. Geological Survey) (Fig.  
220 10) and additionally, the 2005 earthquake series and other earthquakes which occurred in GPS  
221 campaigns years (2009, 2010 and 2011) from Boğaziçi University (BU), Kandilli Observatory  
222 and Earthquake Research Institute (KOERI) National Earthquake Monitoring Center. These  
223 earthquakes with focal depths ranging from 0 to 39.9 km were given with the Anatolian fixed  
224 frame solutions in Fig. 11a-c.

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226 In Fig.10 it is seen that the seismicity was high in the GPS campaigns years (2009, 2010 and  
227 2011). In Fig.11.a, it is shown that the earthquakes between the years 1973 and 2011 occurred in  
228 the entire region; the earthquake intensity was high particularly in Sığacık Bay and its  
229 surrounding. Besides, in the Anatolian block fixed frame solutions, the differences on the vector  
230 directions were noticed in Sığacık Bay and its north. In Fig. 11.a, when the earthquakes and GPS  
231 solutions are compared together, it is pointed out that although the locations of DU05, DU11 and  
232 DU13 are close to each other, these stations show different directional characteristics. It may be

233 thought that this case can be related with 2005 series of earthquakes which are given in Fig. 11.b,  
234 hence there is no earthquake intensity to create this deformation between the years 2009 and 2011  
235 (Fig.11.c). This case cannot be interpreted completely since there is no GPS/GNSS data in the  
236 same points before 2009. These approaches are valid for the Aegean block fixed frame (Fig. 6).

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238 In the comparisons of the results of this study with the previous paleomagnetic studies (Kissel  
239 et al., 1987; Zanchi et al., 1993) some changes were determined while passing from Karaburun to  
240 İzmir city center (Fig. 12). It was noticed that the directions of paleomagnetic rotations (Fig 12)  
241 are similar with Euler pole solutions of DU05, DU09 and DU16 (Fig. 8). Kissel et al. (1987)  
242 noticed that paleomagnetic rotations were difficult to explain of the global geodynamical  
243 evolution of the Western Anatolia and these rotations were most likely associated with the local  
244 tectonic regime.

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246 Additionally, according to the field observations, there is a shallow water table at the west side  
247 of DU05 and there are geothermal natural outflows at the east side of this station. As a result of  
248 the GPS/GNSS observations, it was observed that the horizontal displacement direction of DU05  
249 was different relative to other 20 stations (Figures 4, 6, 7 and 8). This difference can be related  
250 with the local tectonic characteristic of the location of DU05 and its surrounding. As a result, the  
251 deformation of this station and its surrounding may be shaped by paleomagnetic effects and  
252 geothermal features.

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## 256 **5. Conclusions**

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258 In this study, the dissimilarities on the structural elements of Western Anatolia graben system  
259 and İzmir and its surroundings were determined and the kinematic mechanism of the study area  
260 was presented in detail. Particularly, according to the Anatolian block fixed and Euler pole  
261 solutions, the boundaries which control the tectonics of İzmir and its surroundings and the  
262 motions of the kinematic structures which are effective on seismic activity of the region were  
263 defined. Besides, the border which separates the E-W directional graben system of Western  
264 Anatolia from the N-S directional structural elements of İzmir and its surroundings was  
265 established. Additionally, due to the similarities between the paleomagnetic rotations and recent  
266 GPS velocities, it was pointed out that the movements of some regions in the study area have not  
267 changed a lot in long geological time scale.

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## Tables

**Table 1.** Large historical earthquakes occurred in İzmir and its surroundings (Modified from Emre et al., 2005)

Time	Latitude (N°)	Longitude (E°)	Intensity (I <sub>0</sub> )
17	38.40	27.50	X
105	38.90	27.00	VIII
176 and 177	38.60	26.65	VII
178	38.30	27.10	VIII
688	38.41	27.20	IX
1039	38.40	27.30	VIII
20 <sup>th</sup> March 1389	38.40	26.30	VIII
20 <sup>th</sup> May 1654	38.50	27.10	VIII
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 1664	38.41	27.20	VII
1668	38.41	27.20	IX
14 <sup>th</sup> February 1680	38.40	27.20	VII
10 <sup>th</sup> July 1688	38.40	26.90	X
13 <sup>th</sup> January 1690	38.60	27.40	VII
September (October) 1723	38.40	27.00	VIII
4 <sup>th</sup> April 1739	38.50	26.90	IX
24 <sup>th</sup> November 1772	38.80	26.70	VIII
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> July 1778	38.40	26.80	IX
13 <sup>th</sup> October 1850	38.40	27.20	VIII
3 <sup>rd</sup> November 1862	38.50	27.90	X
1 <sup>st</sup> February 1873	37.75	27.00	IX
29 <sup>th</sup> July 1880	38.60	27.10	IX
15 <sup>th</sup> October 1883	38.30	26.20	IX
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**Table 2:** Velocities of Eurasia-fixed frame from 3-year (2009, 2010 and 2011) GPS data and 1- $\sigma$  uncertainties in ITRF2008 frame (in Fig. 4b).

Station	Longitude(°)	Latitude (°)	$v_E$ (mm/year)	$v_N$ (mm/year)	$\sigma_{v_E}^a$ (mm/year)	$\sigma_{v_N}^a$ (mm/year)	$\rho_{v_E v_N}^b$
DU01	27.06	38.39	-21.79	-19.11	1.06	1.30	-0.007
DU02	26.96	38.31	-19.42	-15.94	1.01	1.26	0.053
DU03	26.92	38.31	-18.95	-14.94	0.90	1.14	0.012
DU04	26.82	38.27	-17.47	-19.16	0.99	1.23	0.008
DU05	26.58	38.32	-13.11	-20.60	1.44	1.71	-0.018
DU06	26.47	38.30	-20.37	-22.34	1.00	1.22	0.007
DU07	26.29	38.28	-15.87	-21.37	0.87	1.09	0.038
DU08	26.47	38.39	-19.16	-19.95	0.92	1.14	0.021
DU09	26.40	38.56	-18.15	-15.05	0.93	1.14	0.017
DU10	26.55	38.53	-23.03	-18.16	1.13	1.34	-0.005
DU11	26.69	38.23	-21.98	-18.52	0.95	1.18	0.0013
DU12	26.76	38.35	-19.02	-19.80	0.67	0.89	0.067
DU13	26.61	38.19	-19.84	-21.92	0.99	1.24	0.008
DU14	26.87	38.14	-20.09	-19.40	1.01	1.25	0.007
DU15	27.11	38.21	-18.57	-17.20	1.29	1.56	-0.014
DU16	27.13	38.55	-24.24	-11.94	1.05	1.31	0.010
DU17	27.38	38.55	-20.50	-16.01	1.07	1.32	-0.035
DU18	27.53	38.30	-16.80	-16.14	1.04	1.30	0.002
DU19	27.30	38.32	-22.72	-17.13	1.37	1.66	-0.019
DU20	27.08	38.01	-16.04	-20.48	1.13	1.39	-0.024
UZUN	26.71	38.47	-18.76	-21.77	0.54	0.71	0.153
NSSP	44.50	40.22	3.45	7.30	1.36	1.05	-0.363
ZECK	41.56	43.78	1.67	0.48	0.91	0.52	-0.108
NICO	33.39	35.14	-4.82	2.04	0.52	0.89	-0.484
ANKR	32.75	39.88	-21.90	-2.31	0.79	0.92	-0.131
MIKL	31.97	46.97	0.63	-0.18	0.49	0.63	0.191
GLSV	30.49	50.36	-0.45	0.24	0.44	0.82	0.163
TUBI	29.45	40.78	-3.85	-1.77	0.43	0.55	-0.049
ISTA	29.01	41.10	0.00	-2.39	0.36	0.47	0.001
BUCU	26.12	44.46	-0.06	-1.20	0.43	0.46	-0.074
PENC	19.28	47.78	-0.41	1.54	0.73	0.56	-0.520
MATE	16.70	40.64	-0.48	4.50	0.88	0.55	0.540
WTZR	12.87	49.14	-1.43	0.24	1.09	0.62	-0.531

<sup>a</sup> 1- $\sigma$  uncertainties<sup>b</sup> Correlation coefficient between east and north uncertainties

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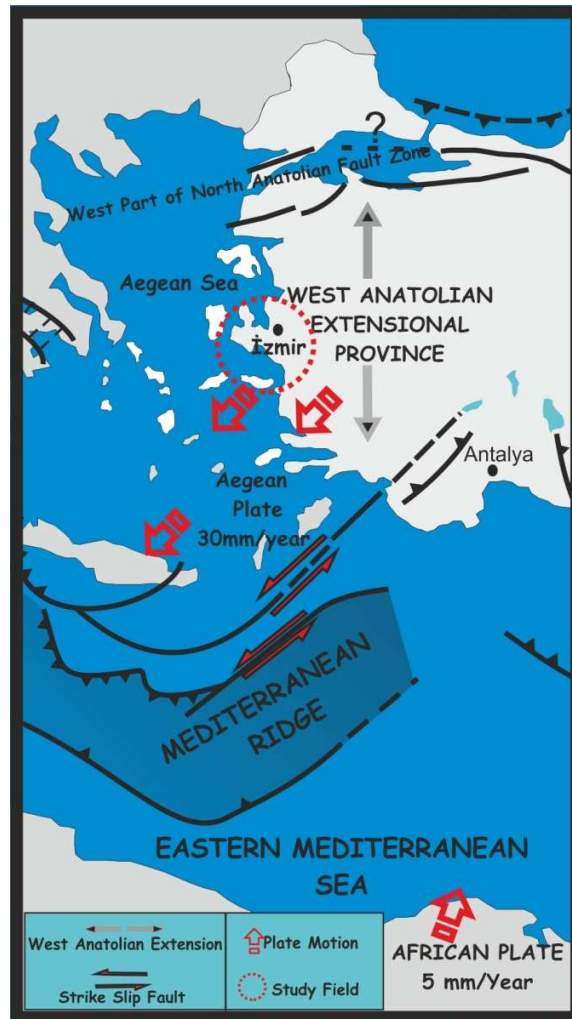
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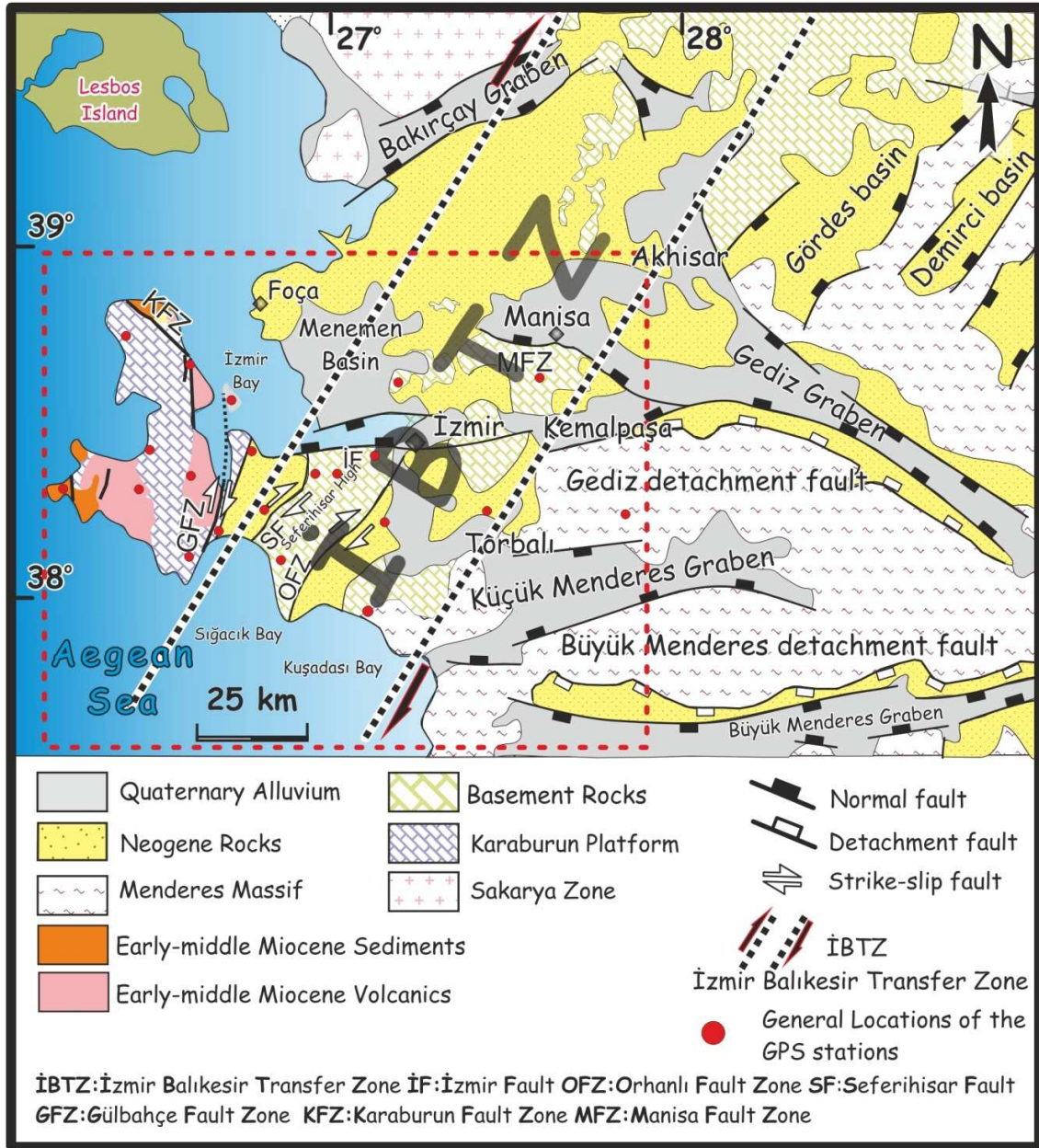
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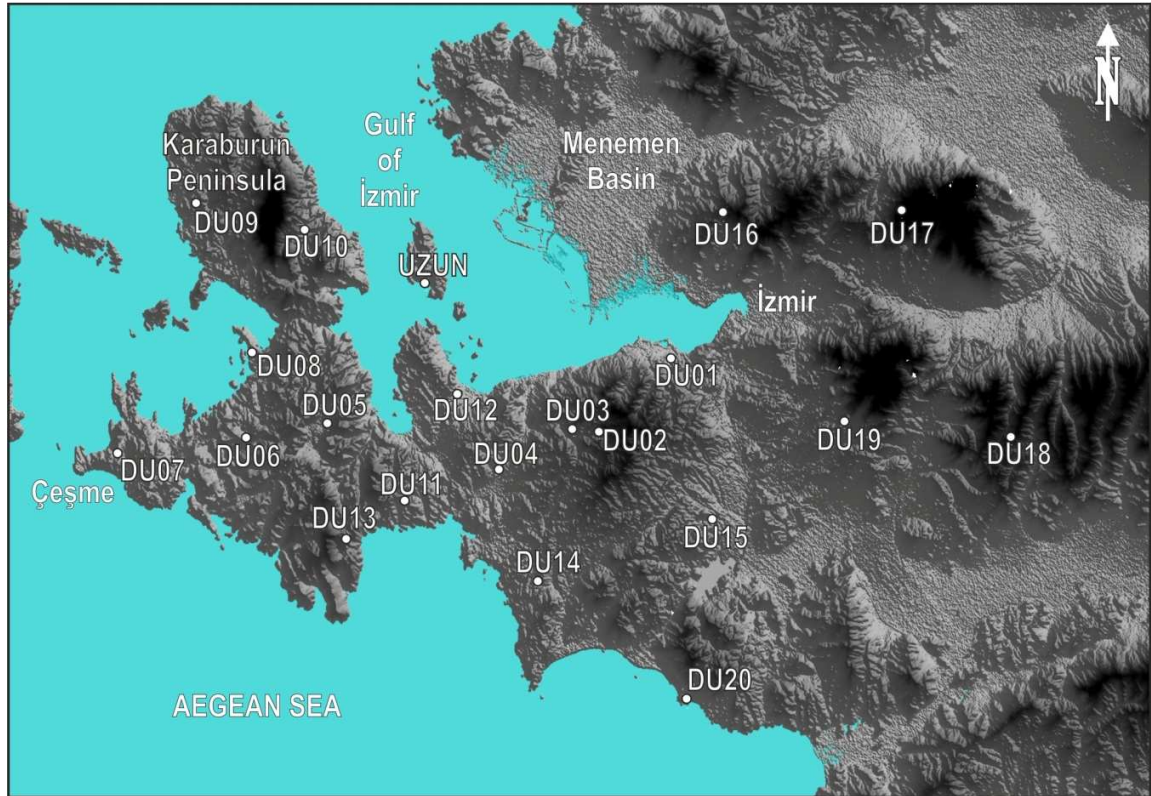
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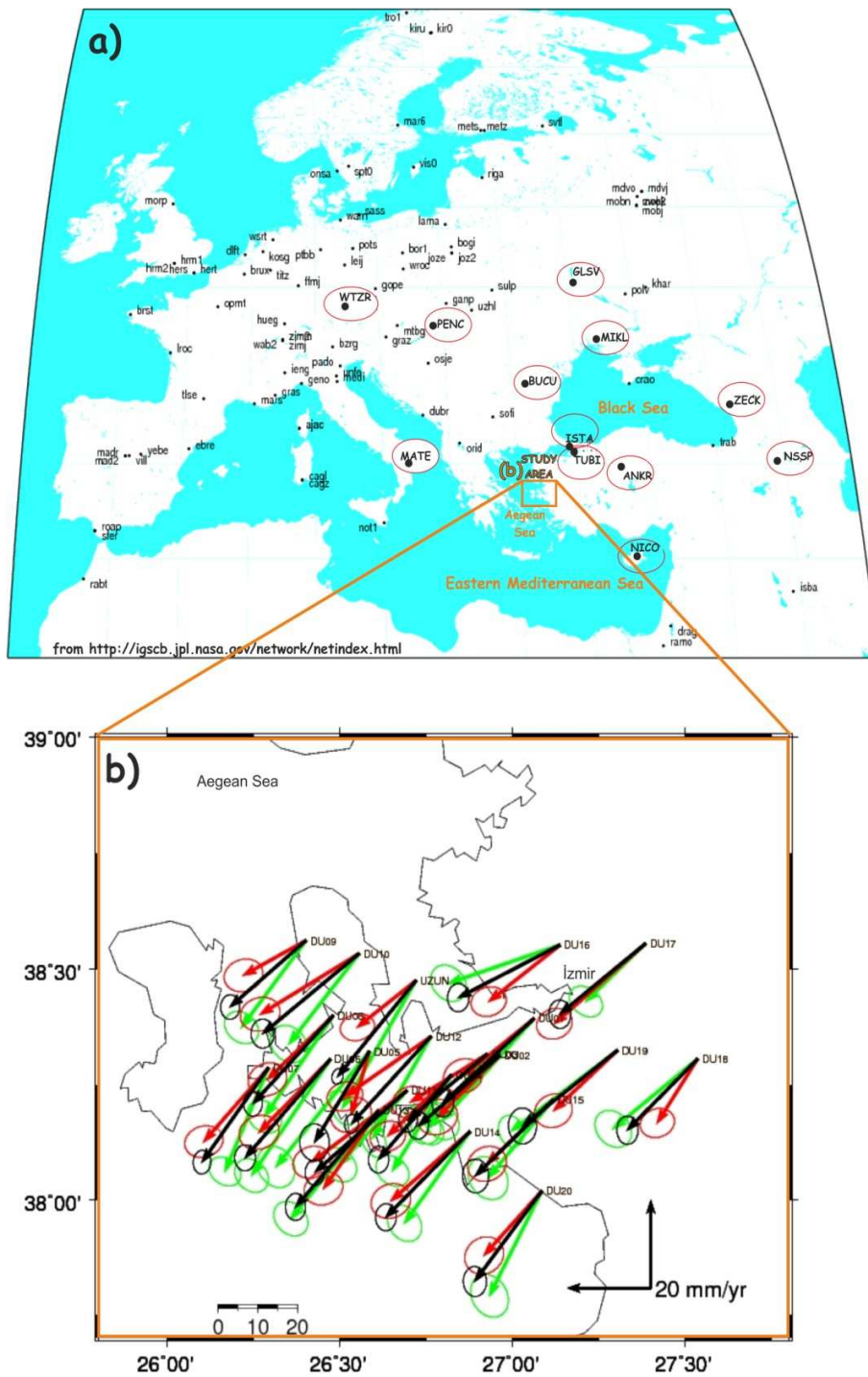


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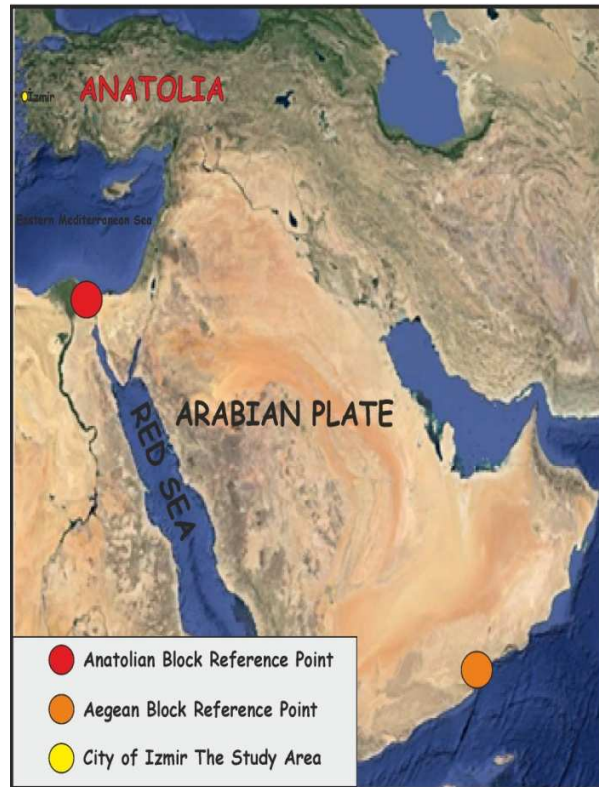


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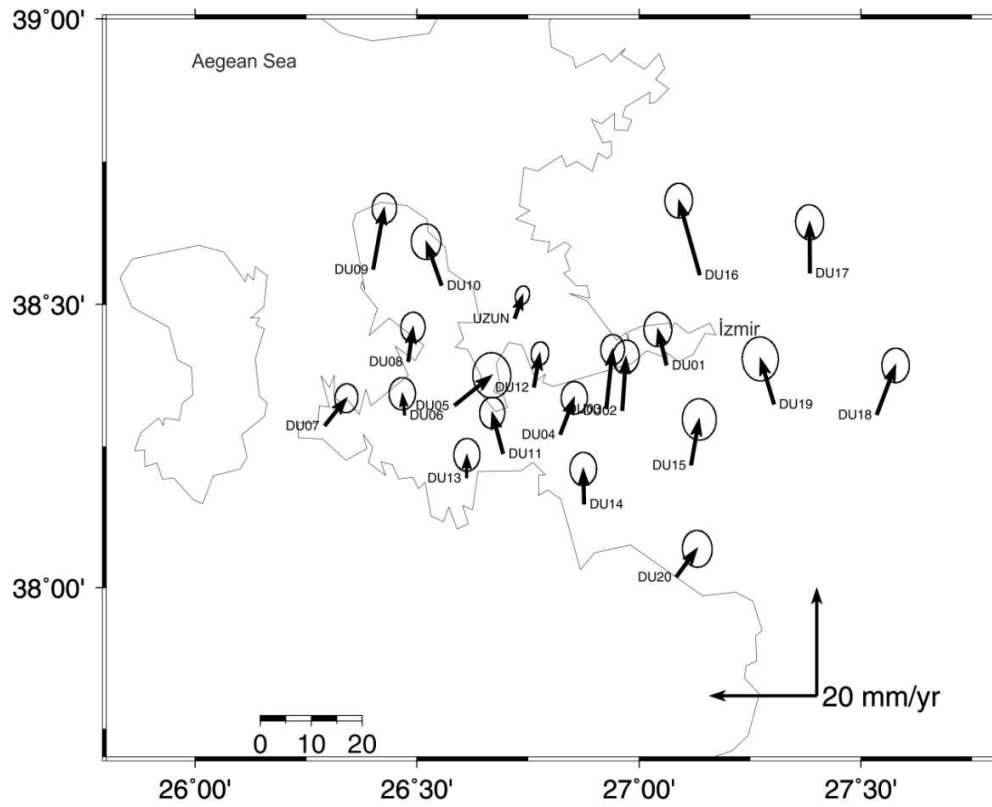


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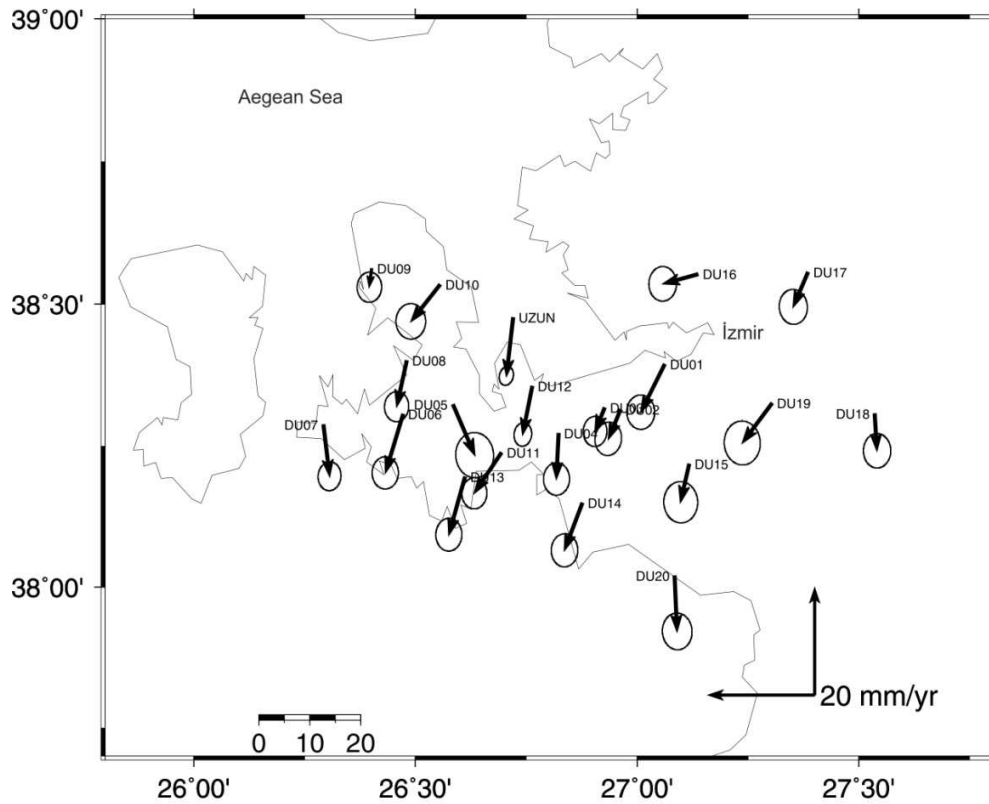
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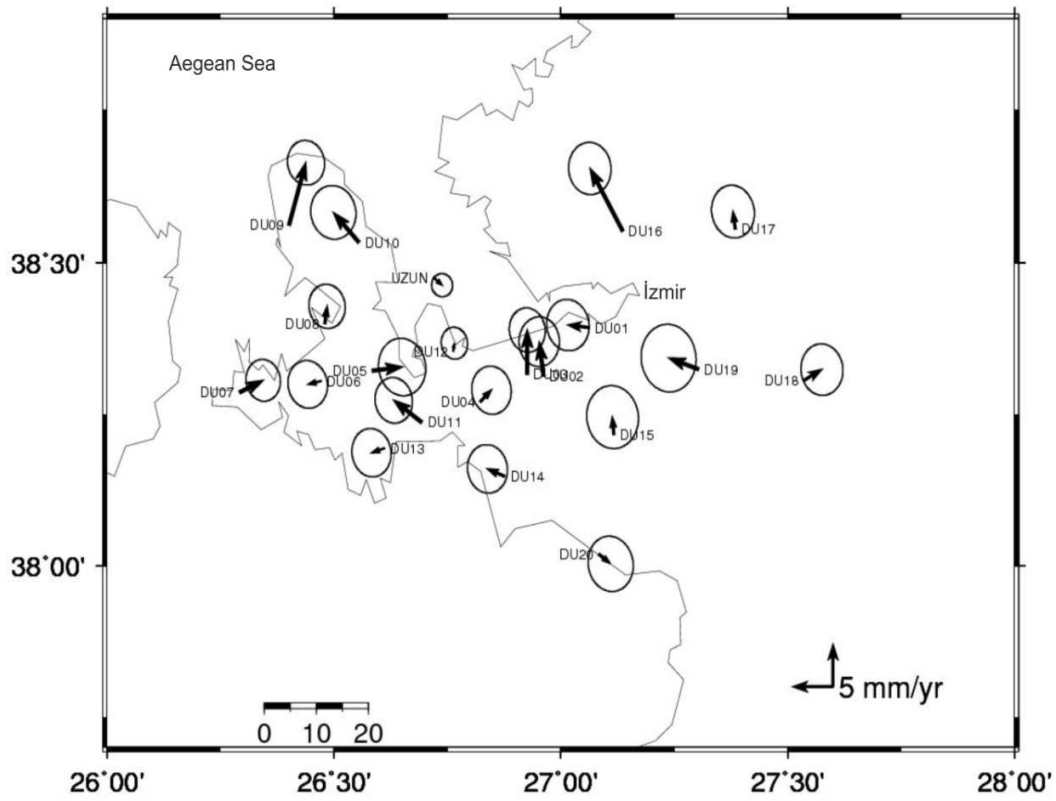
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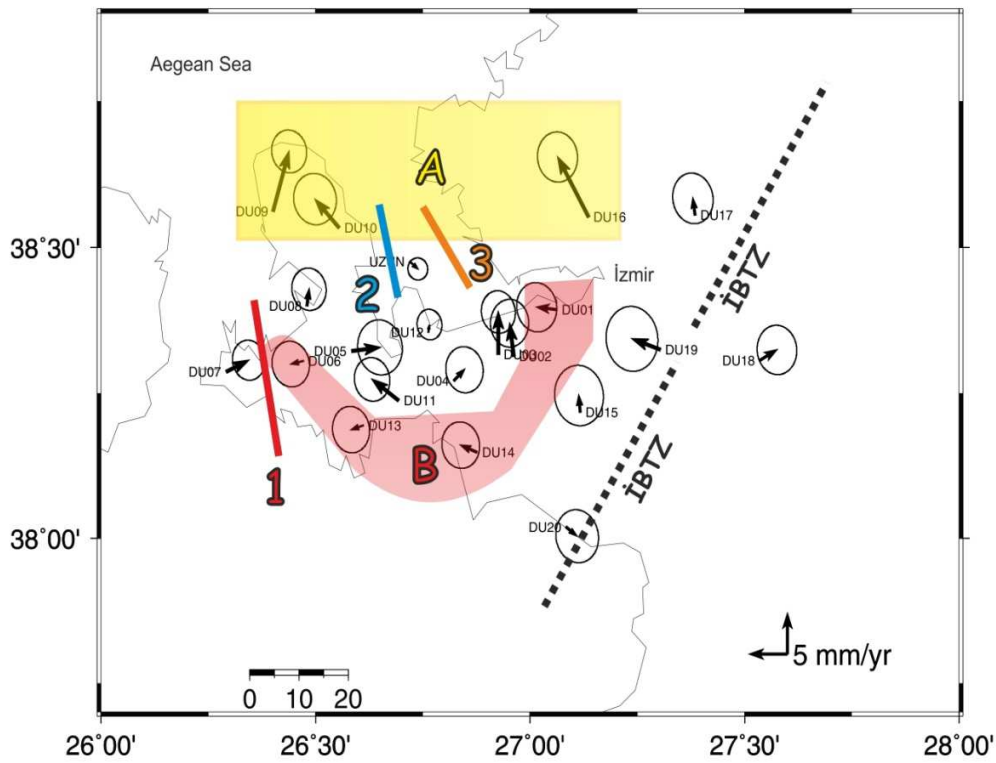
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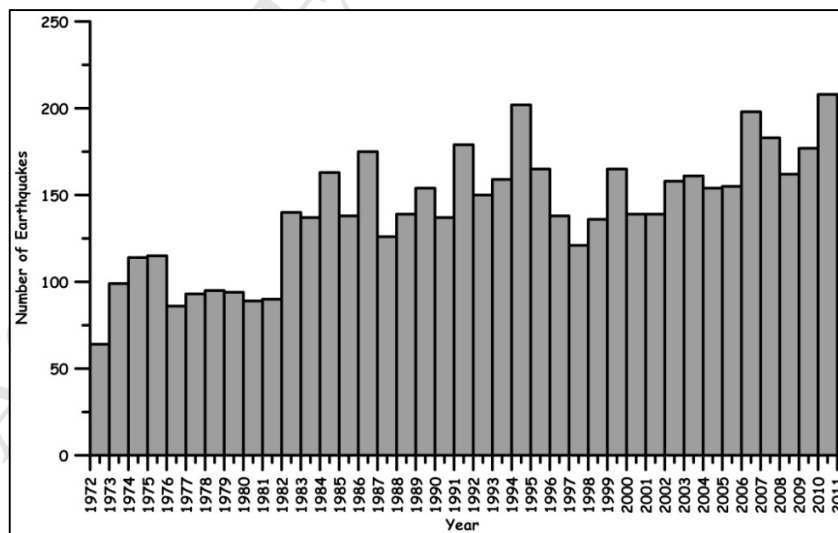
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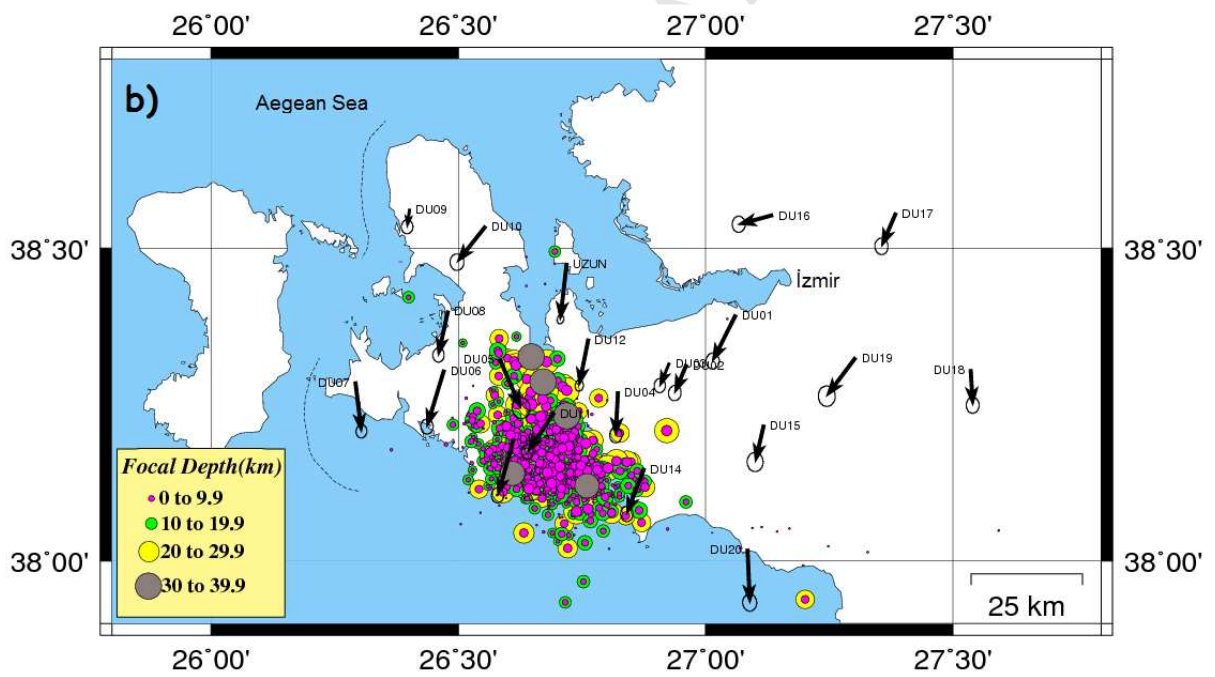
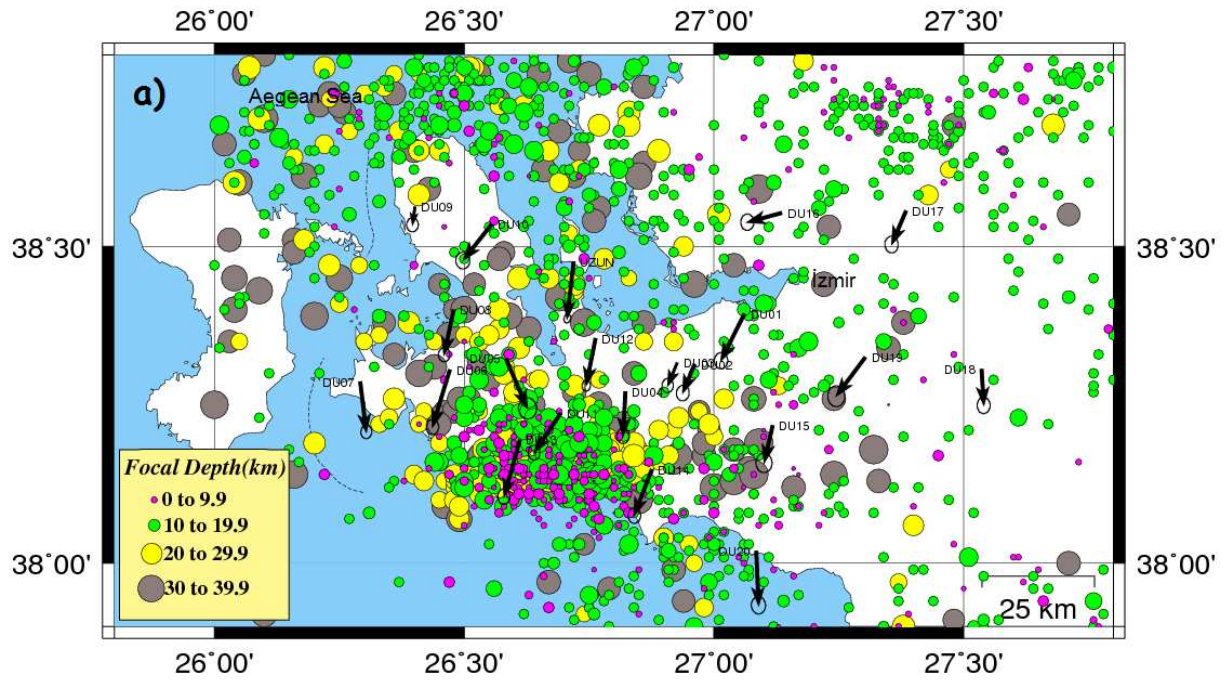


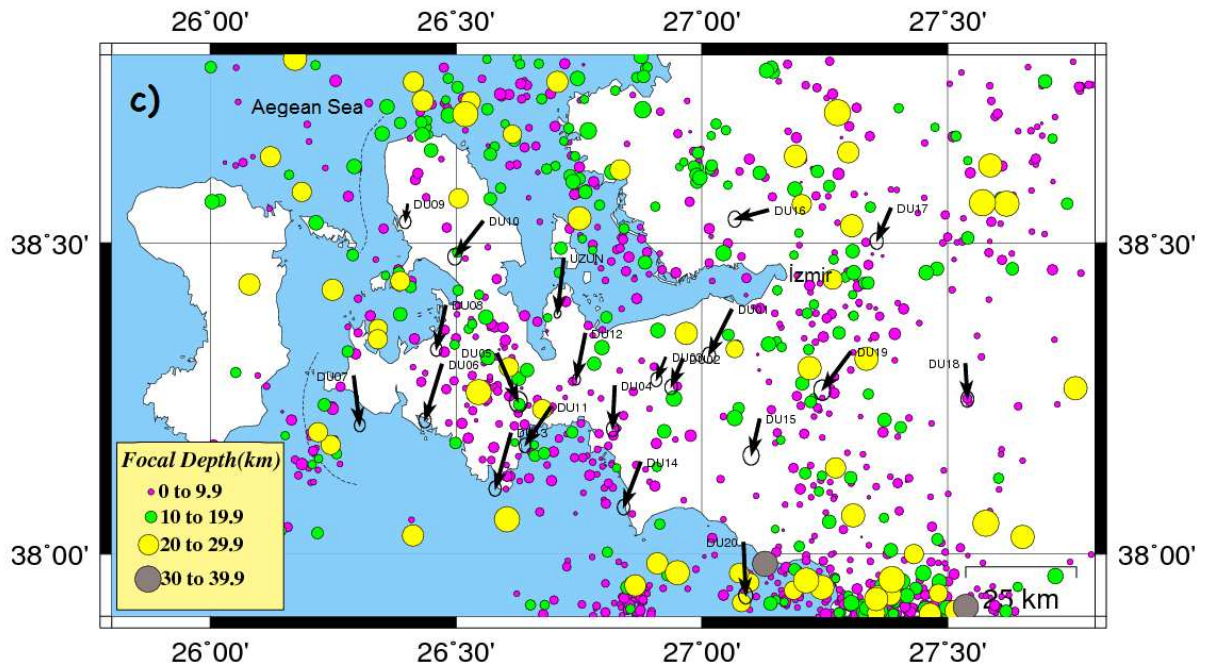
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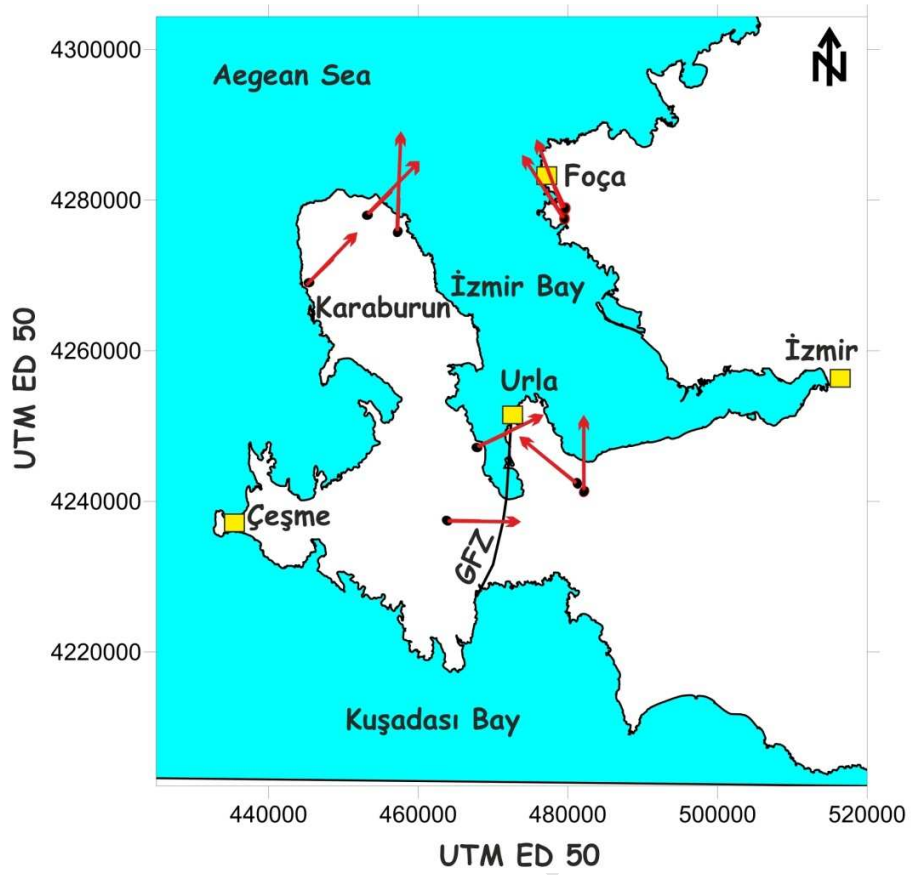
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### Highlights

1. The motions of the tectonic structures of İzmir and its surroundings were defined.
2. Processing results of three years GPS campaigns were presented.
3. Aegean and Anatolian block fixed frames were calculated relative to Euler vectors.
4. Three lines and two regions were described in study area by Euler pole solutions.
5. Results of the solutions were compared with seismicity and paleomagnetic studies.