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Sulfide-rich dunite from Wadi Thugbah, the northern Oman Ophiolite

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We found a sulfide-rich dunite from Wadi Thuqbah, the northern Oman Ophiolite, which gas never reported elsewhere. The dunite contains about 2 mode% sulfides. The sulfide-rich dunite occurs as heterogeneous patches near the boundary between wehrlite and dunite in the Moho transition zone. Pentlandite and pyrrhotite form composite grains with magnetite. Pentlandite and pyrrhotite show complicated intergrowth, which is cut by magnetite.

The Fo content of olivine is 90.7~91.0 but the NiO content is 0.1 wt% (0.08~0.12 wt%) in the sulfide-rich dunite. The high-Mg, low-Ni olivine of the sulfide dunite contains as high contents of olivines in other siderophile elements (Mn, Co, Cu, Zn and Pb) as other sulfide-free dunites, wehrlites and mantle harzburgites.

Localized and heterogeneous distribution of the sulfide-rich dunite suggests incorporation of sulfur into the crystal mash which possibly formed the Moho transition zone dunite and wehrlite.

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