

# Sulfide enrichment at an oceanic crust-mantle transition zone: Kane Megamullion (23°N, MAR)

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## **ABSTRACT:**

The Kane Megamullion oceanic core complex located along the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (23°30'N, 45°20'W) exposes lower crust and upper mantle directly on the ocean floor. We studied chalcophile elements and sulfides in the ultramafic and mafic rocks of the crust-mantle transition and the mantle underneath. We determined mineralogical and elemental composition and the Cu isotope composition of the respective sulfides along with the mineralogical and elemental composition of the respective serpentines. The rocks of the crust-mantle transition zone (i.e., plagioclase harzburgite, peridotite-gabbro contacts, and dunite) overlaid by troctolites are by one order of magnitude enriched in several chalcophile elements with respect to the spinel harzburgites of the mantle beneath. Whereas the range of Cu concentrations in spinel harzburgites is 7-69 ppm, the Cu concentrations are highly elevated in plagioclase harzburgites with a range of 90-209 ppm. The zones of the peridotite-gabbro contacts are even

more enriched, exhibiting up to 305 ppm Cu and highly elevated concentrations of As, Zn, Ga, Sb and Tl. High Cu concentrations show pronounced correlation with bulk S concentrations at the crust-mantle transition zone implying an enrichment process in this horizon of the oceanic lithosphere. We interpret this enrichment as related to melt-mantle reaction, which is extensive in crust-mantle transition zones. In spite of the ubiquitous serpentinization of primary rocks, we found magmatic chalcopyrites [CuFeS<sub>2</sub>] as inclusions in plagioclase as well as associated with pentlandite [(Fe,Ni)<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub>] and pyrrhotite [Fe<sub>1-x</sub>S] in polysulfide grains. These chalcopyrites show a primary magmatic  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  signature ranging from -0.04 to +0.29 ‰. Other chalcopyrites have been dissolved during serpentinization. Due to the low temperature (<300 °C) of circulating fluids chalcophile metals from primary sulfides have not been mobilized and transported away but have been trapped in smaller secondary sulfides and hydroxides. Combined with the Cu deposits documented in the crust-mantle transition zones of various ophiolite complexes, our results indicate that the metal enrichment, increased sulfide modes, and potentially formation of small sulfide deposits could be expected globally along the petrological Moho.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Sulfide ores are the major source of many base and precious metals (Ag, As, Au, Bi, Cd, Cu, Ge, In, Mo, Pb, Rh, Se, Tl, Zn; U.S. Geological Survey, 2016). Industry demand (e.g., building construction, electrical components, transportation equipment) for these metals is growing dramatically, which is causing surface reserves to shrink. To estimate the subsurface resources of the above metals, it is necessary to understand the distribution of sulfides throughout the lithosphere.

The estimated mode of sulfide in the primitive mantle is between 0.07 vol.% (Fellows and Canil, 2012) and 0.10 vol.% (Harvey et al., 2016). Sulfides melt in relatively low temperatures during partial melting of the mantle (Hart and Gaetani, 2006; Zhang and Hirschmann, 2016). The depleted mantle is thus poorer in sulfides than the primitive mantle (Lee et al., 2012). The crust in return is enriched in sulfides with respect to both the depleted and primitive mantle (Lorand et al., 2013; Patten et al., 2013; Harvey et al., 2016).

On the other hand, many studies performed over the last few decades indicate that a reaction between the mantle and melt ascending through the lithosphere is another magmatic process that strongly affects sulfide distribution (Lorand and Luguét, 2016). In a reaction of melt with a depleted mantle, the melt, typically enriched with sulfur and chalcophile elements, impregnates the mantle with sulfides. This process belongs to melt refertilization processes (e.g., Niu, 2004). Examples of melt refertilization involving sulfides have been found in mantle xenoliths (Wang et al., 2009; Michalak and Nowak, 2010; Chen et al., 2014; Bukala et al., 2015), orogenic peridotites (Garuti et al., 1984; Lorand, 1989a; 1989b),

and abyssal peridotites (Rehkämper et al., 1999; Luguët et al., 2003). Although melt-mantle reaction may occur deep within the mantle (Kelemen et al., 2000), it seems to be most prominent at the crust-mantle boundary (Jousselin et al., 1998; Kelemen et al., 2000). Typical products of such reactions are dunites (Dick, 1977a; 1977b; Kelemen, 1990; Jousselin et al., 1998; Braun and Kelemen, 2002), and often olivine-rich troctolites (Suhr et al., 2008; Drouin et al., 2009; 2010; Sanfilippo et al., 2013; 2015) or plagioclase peridotites (Dick, 1989; Rampone et al., 1997; Piccardo et al., 2007; Tamura et al., 2008; Dick et al., 2010). These rocks typically form the crust-mantle transition zone, which can be from several meters to over 2 km thick (Karson et al., 1984; Benn et al., 1988; Boudier and Nicolas, 1995; Canales et al., 2000; Nicolas et al., 2000; Bosch et al., 2004; Nedimović et al., 2005). It forms a heterogeneous zone between the lower crust and the upper mantle on a global scale. Due to extensive refertilization processes, the crust-mantle transition zone, and not the crust, could be the layer that is richest in sulfides in the entire lithosphere.

Unfortunately, little material from the crust-mantle transition zones is available. The crust-mantle transition on land is only accessible via ophiolites, which represent the remnants of the ancient oceanic lithosphere tectonically emplaced onto continental margins. In the northern part of the world's largest ophiolites in Oman, dunites of the Moho transition zone are often rich in igneous sulfides (Negishi et al. 2013). In addition, sulfide deposits of economic importance have been found in the crust-mantle transition zones of several ophiolites including Oman and Troodos (Panayiotou, 1978; Akinci, 2009; Begemann et al., 2010; Saalman and Laine, 2014; 2015). The sulfide deposits, however, are seen as late secondary formations (Goettler et al., 1976). Whether or not primary sulfides had been formed may be unclear due to the ophiolites' complex history. Subduction-related processes with an additional period of magmatic activity (Dilek and Furnes, 2014), and post-emplacement supergene processes most likely overprint the original sulfide occurrence.

Alternatively, crust-mantle transition zones are exposed on the ocean floor. Although a typical thickness of the fast-spreading oceanic crust is 6-7 km (Klein, 2003), the slow-spreading oceanic crust is usually thinner by 2-4 km than the fast-spread oceanic crust (Nicolas, 1995; Cannat, 1996; Muller, 1997). In addition, the lower oceanic crust and mantle along slow-spreading ridges are often exposed on the surface of the ocean floor along detachment faults. Detachment faults are long-lived low-angle normal faults that form during waning periods of magmatism along slow-spreading ridges (Dick, 1981; Tucholke and Lin, 1994; Cann et al., 1997; Tucholke et al., 1998; for an overview see Ciazela et al., 2015). The footwall of a detachment fault that exposes the lower crust or mantle is defined as an oceanic core complex (OCC). Crust-mantle transition zones exposed on the ocean floor are well-documented in three OCCs. The most extensively sampled crust-mantle transition zone is located at the Kane Megamullion

OCC along the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (MAR; Dick et al., 2010). The other two are located at the Atlantis Bank along the Southwest Indian Ridge (SWIR; Dick et al., 2015) and at the Uraniwa Hills along the Central Indian Ridge (Sanfilippo et al., 2015; 2016). Ultramafic rocks in all the three OCCs are heavily serpentinized. Therefore, primary sulfide modes in the local rocks cannot be determined.

In this study, to trace the fate of primary sulfides we focus on chalcophile metals (Cu, Zn, As, Sb, Tl, Pb, Ga, Se, Ge, Bi, Ag, Au, Ni) and sulfur concentrations both in rocks and minerals of the Kane Megamullion crust-mantle transition zone (i.e., plagioclase harzburgite, peridotite-gabbro contacts, and dunite). We find a strong enrichment of most chalcophile elements within the crust-mantle transition zone. Using petrological indicators (i.e., inclusions in plagioclase, and pyrrhotite-chalcopyrite-pentlandite assemblages after monosulfides) and the Cu isotopic signature of chalcopyrites, we show that the observed enrichment of chalcophile elements was caused by a primary magmatic process.

## **2. GEOLOGICAL SETTING AND PETROGENESIS OF THE STUDIED SAMPLES**

### **2.1. Geological setting**

The Kane Megamullion OCC is located south of the Kane Fracture Zone (23°30'N, 45°20'W) on the MAR (Fig. 1). Between 3.3 Ma and 2.1 Ma, rifting caused the formation of a detachment fault at the base of the rift valley wall exposing a ~900 km<sup>2</sup>-large plutonic footwall on the ocean floor west of the spreading axis at a depth of ~3 km below sea level. The OCC is 40 km long in a N-S direction and 23 km wide in a E-W direction (Dick et al., 2008). In conjunction with a dozen of smaller OCCs, the Kane Megamullion forms a triangular core complex terrain with one vertex at the Kane Fracture Zone – MAR inside corner, and the other two vertices ~150 km to the west along the transform fault, and 100 km to the south along the MAR (Cann et al., 2015). Ocean Drilling Program (ODP) Expeditions 109 and 153 have drilled in seven sites (i.e., 669-670, and 920-924, respectively) in the eastern part of this terrain close to the MAR (Fig. 1), yielding mostly peridotite and gabbro (Detrick et al., 1988; Cannat et al., 1995).

The predominance of plutonic rocks in the Kane Megamullion is well documented over the entire complex by sampling the detachment fault surface as well as outward facing high-angle normal fault scarps and slide-scar headwalls (Tivey et al., 2004; Dick et al., 2008; Dick et al., 2010; Hansen et al., 2013). Two independent gabbro bodies are located in the northern and southern parts of the complex: one at Babel Dome and one at the Adam-and-Eve Dome complex (Canales et al., 2008). These two gabbro bodies are divided by a peridotite massif composed of the Abel and Cain Domes in the central part of the complex (Dick et al., 2008; Xu et al., 2009). The southern gabbro body lies above troctolites, dunites, and

harzburgites (Dick et al., 2008). This suite of rocks represents the oceanic crust-mantle transition zone that we investigate here.

## **2.2. Petrogenesis of the studied samples**

In this study, we compare the residual mantle samples represented by spinel harzburgites with the melt-modified mantle samples represented by plagioclase peridotites, mantle-gabbro contacts and dunites (Fig. 2). The detailed petrographic description of these rocks is provided by Dick et al. (2010). Plagioclase-free spinel harzburgites are typical serpentinized abyssal peridotites. They are similar to protogranular harzburgites from many ophiolites with an average pyroxene grain size of ~4 mm. Most spinels show Cr-numbers (molar Cr/(Al+Cr) x 100) of 28 to 35 indicating a degree of mantle melting on a level of 11-14% (Dick et al. 2010).

The plagioclase harzburgites represent former residual mantle subsequently impregnated by a trapped or transient mid-ocean ridge basalt (MORB)-like melt. About 14% of the Kane Megamullion harzburgites contain accessory plagioclase but modal plagioclase is only <2%. Considering that normative plagioclase in MORB is between 55% and 60%, only <4% of trapped melt would be needed to yield peridotites with <2% plagioclase. Such a small amount of trapped melt could not, however, explain the low forsterite (Fo) content (down to 78.6) of the olivine rims in these plagioclase peridotites. Transient and not trapped melt are thus more likely to form the plagioclase peridotites (Dick et al., 2010).

Peridotite-gabbro contacts represent sections of peridotite within 2 cm from margins of gabbroic or troctolitic veins. They represent yet higher degree of melt modification than the plagioclase harzburgites as displayed by visible halos (Fig. 2) and low Fo contents on olivine rims (Dick et al., 2010). Our dunites are also interpreted as products of melt-rock reaction as in ascending melts the phase field of olivine expands at the expense of pyroxene (Dick et al., 2010).

Local hydrothermal products discussed in Section 5.4 are composed of either hydrothermally altered breccias from mounds, or chalks associated with hydrothermal Fe-Mn precipitates. Both are products of mostly low-temperature (<100°C), or occasionally higher-temperature (>100°C) hydrothermal venting (Kaim et al., 2012; Tucholke et al. 2013). In addition, some hydrothermal products are covered by hydrogenous Fe-Mn precipitates on their surface (Tucholke et al., 2013).

## **3. METHODS**

### **3.1. Sample collection**

The Kane Megamullion OCC was investigated with extensive magnetic, bathymetric, and sampling surveys during R/V Knorr Cruise 180, Leg 2 (Tivey et al., 2004; Dick et al., 2008). Samples were collected by 25 dredges, and 8 Jason II ROV dives. A total of 2,666 kg of rock were recovered, mostly comprising peridotite, dunite, gabbro, diabase, and basalt. A representative suite of 19 spinel harzburgites, 4 plagioclase harzburgites, 3 peridotite-gabbro contacts, 1 dunite, and 1 olivine websterite (Table 1) were selected from the headwalls of a large landslide and high-angle normal faults that cut below the detachment fault damage zone.

### **3.2. Whole-rock analyses**

The major elements were analyzed with X-ray Fluorescence (XRF) spectroscopy at the Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe (BGR) in Hannover, Germany. To fuse beads for analysis, 1 g of sample powder and 5 g LiBO<sub>2</sub> were mixed and melted for 20 min at 1200°C. The fused beads were analyzed with a wavelength dispersive PANalytical AXIOS X-ray spectrometer equipped with a rhodium X-ray tube. More than 100 international standards are used for the calibration of the X-ray spectrometer. Data get automatically internally corrected for matrix effects and spectral interferences using the de Jongh method. The relative uncertainty is in a range of 1-2 relative percent. The volatile concentrations were estimated as loss-on-ignition (LOI) by heating the samples in a muffle furnace for 10 min at 1030°C (Table 1).

An ELTRA CS 800 carbon-sulfur analyzer (Institut für Mineralogie, Leibniz Universität Hannover) was used to determine the sulfur concentrations. The analytical procedure is described by Lissner et al. (2014). Six to eight blanks were analyzed per analytical session, and the means of the blanks that were measured before and after a sample measurement were subtracted from the results. The limit of detection calculated as three standard deviations of the blank is 6 ppm S. Six sample replicates indicate an average precision of 11.8% (double relative standard deviation; 2 RSD) ranging from 1-5% in sulfur-rich samples to 20-30% in sulfur-poor samples. Sixteen analyses of the 033-1 reference material (Bundesanstalt für Materialprüfung, Germany) yielded a sulfur concentration of  $217 \pm 12$  ppm. This implies an external precision of 11.1% (2 RSD). Given the certified sulfur content of the 033-1 reference material is  $215 \pm 22$  ppm (2 SD), our sulfur data are marked by a high analytical accuracy and improved precision.

The concentrations of chalcophile elements were determined by a combination of instrumental neutron activation analysis (INAA), and inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICPMS) techniques, both conducted by Activation Laboratories Ltd., Ontario, Canada with the Ultratrace 5 analytical package. The ICPMS equipment used for this package was a Perkin Elmer-SCIEX ELAN 6000. Before the analysis, the samples were digested in a sequence of perchloric, hydrofluoric,

hydrochloric, and nitric acids. Gold is expected to be distributed heterogeneously, which is described as the “nugget effect” (Lorand et al., 2010). To provide reliable results for Au, up to 30 g of powder was used for INAA. Standards and measurement conditions are described in the Ultratrace 5 - Total Digestion - ICPMS, INAA subsection of the Methods section of the Actlab website ([www.actlabs.com](http://www.actlabs.com)). Detection limits are given in Table 2.

### **3.3. Electron microprobe analysis**

The major element composition of primary and secondary minerals were determined using a Cameca SX100 EPMA at the Institut für Mineralogie, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany. Standards include native metals (Cu, Co), pyrite (S and Fe), wollastonite (Si and Ca), albite (Na), orthoclase (K), and synthetic NiO, Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, MgO, and Mn<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. A sample current of 15 nA and an acceleration voltage of 15 kV were used for all analyses. Raw data were corrected using the standard “PAP” procedure (Pouchou and Pichoir, 1991). A focused beam was used for primary minerals. A defocused beam of 10 µm was applied to serpentines as was proposed in several studies of serpentines (e.g., Andreani et al., 2007, 5 µm; Kodolányi and Pettke, 2011, 10 µm). However, few analyses were performed with a focused beam and the results indicate no systematic difference using different beam sizes. A sample current of 200 nA and a dwelling time of 5 to 15 ms were used for X-ray mapping.

### **3.4. Laser Ablation - Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry**

#### **3.4.1. Trace element microanalysis**

For the trace element analyses, we used an Element XR (Thermo Scientific, Germany) fast-scanning sector field ICPMS coupled to a femtosecond laser ablation (fs-LA) system (Solstice, Spectra-Physics, USA) at the Institut für Mineralogie, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany. The laser unit operates in the deep UV at 194 nm and produces energy pulses of 70–90 mJ in the fourth harmonic. This ultrashort pulsed laser avoids elemental fractionation at the sample site and minimizes matrix effects (Horn et al., 2006; Horn and Von Blanckenburg, 2007; Horn, 2008; Albrecht et al., 2014). We limited the rate of oxide formation by tuning the ICPMS to a low ThO/Th (typically 0.25% for this study). The laser beam had a diameter of 60 µm for the standards and non-sulfides (when possible). Smaller beam diameters down to 5 µm were used for sulfides (Table A.1 in Appendix A). The repetition rate was 10 Hz for the standards and it was variable for the samples, typically 20–40 Hz for silicates and oxides, and 10–40 Hz for sulfides. Ablated particles were transported by He carrier gas. Then, Ar was admixed to the He carrier gas before entering the ICPMS unit. The NIST 610 reference material was used as an external standard. The SiO<sub>2</sub>, Ni, and Cu concentrations of the minerals determined by EPMA were used as internal standards for

quantification. For data reduction, including drift correction, we used the Matlab-based SILLS program (Guillong et al., 2008).

### 3.4.2. Copper isotope microanalysis

The  $^{65}\text{Cu}/^{63}\text{Cu}$  ratio of the samples and reference materials were measured using the aforementioned fs-LA system coupled to a Neptune Plus (Thermo Scientific, Germany) multi-collector-ICPMS. Measurements were performed in low-resolution mode. In addition to the two Cu isotopes, four Ni isotopes ( $^{60}\text{Ni}$ ,  $^{61}\text{Ni}$ ,  $^{62}\text{Ni}$  and  $^{64}\text{Ni}$ ) were simultaneously measured. For the Ni source, we used 1 ppm Ni NIST SRM 986 standard solution, which was added via a quartz glass spray chamber (double pass Scott design) and a PFA micro-flow nebulizer (uptake rate  $\sim 100 \mu\text{l}/\text{min}$ ). The measured  $^{62}\text{Ni}/^{60}\text{Ni}$  was used for the internal instrumental mass bias correction. For a detailed description, see Lazarov and Horn (2015).

Samples have been measured against the NIST SRM 976 Cu-metal standard and are reported as  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  (i.e., deviation  $^{65}\text{Cu}/^{63}\text{Cu}$  from NIST SRM 976 expressed in ‰). In addition, the cpy2 chalcopyrite from Lazarov and Horn (2015) was measured as an unknown to verify if the laser energy was set to the appropriated level and if the obtained  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  values agree with the values for the solution reported by Lazarov and Horn (2015). All reference materials and samples were ablated along lines. A spot diameter of  $40 \mu\text{m}$  and laser repetition rates of 5 Hz and 10 Hz for the NIST SRM 976 and cpy2, respectively, resulted in signal intensities of  $\sim 10 \text{ V}$  on mass 65. However, the Kane Megamullion chalcopyrites are very small and need to be measured with aperture sizes of 10 to  $20 \mu\text{m}$ . Consequently, the laser repetition rates were increased to a maximum of 100 Hz during the sample measurements to match the signal intensities between the reference materials and samples. Still some of the sample measurements were performed at low Cu intensities ( $\sim 1 \text{ V}$  on  $^{65}\text{Cu}$ ). Molecular interferences induced by a sulfide matrix such as  $(^{32}\text{S}^{33}\text{S})^+$  or  $(^{32}\text{S}^{16}\text{O}^{17}\text{O})^+$  on  $^{65}\text{Cu}$  can be significant at such low intensities. The cpy2 standard was therefore measured with similarly low Cu intensities four times. The resulting  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  values matched within error the  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  values obtained by measuring the cpy2 standard with higher intensities (Table 3).

Even at low Cu signal intensities, the cpy2 standard showed a double relative standard error (2 RSE)  $< 0.1\%$  (Table 3). Due to the small sizes of chalcopyrites in the samples, and a high laser-repetition rate, an individual analysis consisted of only  $\sim 20$  cycles with a cycle integration time of 1.05 s. Hence, the 2 RSE of  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  attains a maximum of 0.18‰ in our study. The overall RSE for samples is calculated by the propagation of the within-run RSEs of a sample and its two bracketing standards (see also the caption for Table 3).

## 4. RESULTS



#### 4.1. Petrographic characteristic of sulfide assemblages

At the Kane Megamullion OCC, peridotites are partially to fully serpentinized, and primary sulfides (chalcopyrite [CuFeS<sub>2</sub>], pyrrhotite [Fe<sub>1-x</sub>S], and pentlandite [(Fe,Ni,Co)<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub>]) are commonly replaced by secondary sulfides (secondary pentlandite, pyrite [FeS<sub>2</sub>], violarite [FeNi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>], millerite [NiS], godlevskite [Ni<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub>], and heazlewoodite [Ni<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>]). Primary sulfides are thus rare and only occur in the melt-modified mantle rocks. Pyrrhotite is the predominant primary sulfide (Table 4). When chalcopyrite and primary pentlandite occur they coexist with pyrrhotite. Chalcopyrite is sometimes altered to a Fe-Cu hydroxide, and primary pentlandite is occasionally weathered to violarite. In other assemblages, pentlandite occurs as a secondary phase along with heazlewoodite, godlevskite, and millerite. These secondary assemblages are also rare in the depleted harzburgites and more abundant in the melt-modified mantle rocks. In the three spinel harzburgites investigated in thin sections we found only two sulfide grains (Table 4).

Thin sections of samples 21-9 and 19-11 have linear contact zones between peridotite and gabbro veins (2 mm and 15 mm wide zone, respectively; Fig. 3). By using reflected light microscopy, we have estimated the abundance of large (>40 μm) sulfides in these contact zones to be ~3.3 grains/cm<sup>2</sup>. The abundance decreases to ~0.3 grains/cm<sup>2</sup> in the background peridotite (Fig. 3a). No large sulfide grains occur in the gabbro veins. The abundances of medium-sized sulfides (10-40 μm) are ~13 grains/cm<sup>2</sup> for the contact zone (orange boxes II and III on Fig. 3a), ~4 grains/cm<sup>2</sup> for the background peridotite (orange box I on Fig. 3a) and ~2 grains/cm<sup>2</sup> for the gabbro veins (orange box IV on Fig. 3a). In addition, we X-ray mapped three 20-to-60-mm<sup>2</sup>-large areas (one is presented on Fig. 3b-c) crossing the contact zones in both thin sections. The S distribution map (Fig. 3b) shows that <10-μm sulfides are yet more abundant than the medium-sized sulfides. The main crystallization front of all the sulfides is ~1 mm wide, and is located on the margins of the contact zones adjacent to the mafic veins (Fig. 3b).

#### 4.2. Bulk-rock major-element compositions

Most of the peridotites studied here are heavily serpentinized, which is often the case for abyssal peridotites (Luguet et al., 2003; Boschi et al., 2006; Miller, 2007; Klein and Bach, 2009; Morishita et al., 2009). This is also reflected in a high LOI content of our peridotites (Table 1) ranging from 4.9 to 16.2 wt% (Table 1). Harzburgite SiO<sub>2</sub> contents vary between 37.6 and 42.2 wt%. The Mg-number, defined as molar Mg/(Mg + Fe) x 100, spans a narrow range of 87 to 90 for most of the harzburgites. Our LOI values, SiO<sub>2</sub> contents, and Mg-numbers are similar to their ranges for abyssal peridotites known from the literature, which are 5-15 wt%, 34-46 wt%, and 0.88-0.92, respectively (Luguet et al., 2003; Boschi et al., 2006; Paulick et al., 2006; Morishita et al., 2009).

The peridotite-gabbro contacts show high modal iron oxides resulting in high bulk-rock FeO contents and low Mg-numbers (42-64) in comparison to typical mantle values. The Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CaO and P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> contents are elevated in the peridotite-gabbro contacts compared to the spinel harzburgites (Table 1, Fig. 4). Such Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CaO and P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> enrichments are not evident in the bulk plagioclase harzburgites (Table 1, Fig. 4), although they are observed in the plagioclase harzburgite serpentines *in situ* (Table B.1 in Appendix B). This irregular enrichment of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CaO, and P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> in the plagioclase peridotites is probably due to inhomogeneous melt percolation and/or post-magmatic serpentinization (Section 5.5).

#### 4.3. Bulk-rock trace-element contents

The chalcophile element contents of the serpentinized spinel harzburgites (Table 2) are in the compositional range of primitive mantle estimates (Sun, 1982; McDonough and Sun, 1995) and most fresh peridotites from orogenic and ophiolitic massifs (Garuti et al., 1984; Lorand, 1989a; Lorand, 1991; Lorand et al., 1993) (Fig. 5). Notably, our chalcophile element contents are higher than those found in peridotites from the Atlantis Massif OCC. Boschi et al. (2006) reported average concentrations of 13 ppm Cu, 36 ppm Zn, and 2 ppm Ga for 24 serpentinized peridotites from the Atlantis Massif OCC. These values are by 54%, 57% and 25% lower than the average concentrations of 28 ppm Cu, 84 ppm Zn and 2.5 ppm Ga in the Kane Megamullion serpentinized spinel harzburgites. The Atlantis Massif peridotites have been, however, highly deformed in the detachment fault damage zone. The corresponding peridotites from the damage zone of the Kane Megamullion detachment fault are also depleted in chalcophile elements, with a mean Cu concentration of  $15 \pm 5$  ppm (2 RSE). Due to tectonically induced alteration, the latter peridotites are considered as non-representative and discarded from further discussion in this study. The serpentinized depleted spinel harzburgites from the 15°20' Fracture Zone along the MAR also show lower Cu content (4 ppm; Marchesi et al., 2013) compared to the Kane Megamullion serpentinized depleted spinel harzburgites. In this case, however, the reason for the low Cu concentration is the higher degree of partial melting (15-20%) in the 15°20' Fracture Zone harzburgites (Marchesi et al., 2013).

The mean sulfur concentration of 184 ppm in the Kane Megamullion spinel harzburgites is within the sulfur content range (150-330 ppm) of fresh orogenic peridotites. The Kane harzburgites, however, show a broader range of 32 to 561 ppm S (Table 2). In addition, harzburgite 114-9, which has been further altered to talc, falls below this range with no detectable sulfur.

All chalcophile elements except for Bi and Ni are enriched in the melt-modified peridotites compared to the spinel harzburgites representing depleted mantle. This difference is most pronounced for Cu and Zn (Table 2; Fig. 4; Fig. 6). The mean concentrations of Cu and Zn are 294 and 354 ppm in the peridotite-gabbro contacts, and 131 and 91 ppm in the plagioclase harzburgites, respectively. In contrast,

spinel harzburgites contain only 28 ppm Cu and 84 ppm Zn (Table 2, Fig. 4). The depleted harzburgites contain on average more Ni (1631 ppm), than the melt-modified mantle (1360 ppm), even if the Ni-poor brecciated dunite 113-41 is not taken into account (Fig. 4). The low Ni content here could have been caused by veining related to brecciation of this dunite in a calcium carbonate matrix. Miller et al. (2011) have demonstrated that limestone systems are effective at removing Ni from circulating fluids. Therefore, Ni from 113-41B could have been lost to the calcium carbonate during fluid circulation. We determined that the Ni concentration in the associated calcium carbonate was 89 ppm Ni, which matches enhanced Ni contents (25-740 ppm) from ultramafic-hosted carbonates from the equatorial MAR (Bonatti et al., 1974). In contrast, marine limestones not associated with ultramafic rocks contain only 3 to 20 ppm Ni (Barber, 1974).

In addition to the rocks of the crust-mantle transition zone, we have determined chalcophile element contents in eight local seafloor hydrothermal products previously documented by Tucholke et al. (2013). These contain up to 3500 ppm Cu, 1150 ppm Zn, 795 ppm Pb, and 570 ppm As (Table C.1 in Appendix C), and are further discussed in Section 5.4

#### **4.4. Major-element compositions of sulfides**

Sulfur, Ni, Fe, Cu and Co contents of pentlandite, millerite, godlevskite, and heazlewoodite, violarite, chalcopyrite, pyrrhotite, and pyrite have been measured using EPMA. The pentlandite is the only Kane Megamullion sulfide mineral that occurs both in the depleted and the refertilized mantle. Notably, the refertilized mantle pentlandites are Co-rich with respect to an average pentlandite (0.6 wt% Co; see Table D.1 in Appendix D). The average Co content is 1.8 wt% for the pentlandites from the plagioclase harzburgites and 1.9 wt% for the pentlandites from the peridotite-gabbro contacts, with one pentlandite containing 8.1 wt% Co. The Ni/(Ni+Fe) molar ratio is typically between 0.44 and 0.51 (90% of the population), but the full range spreads from 0.34 to 0.59. A similar range of the Ni/(Ni+Fe) ratio (0.38-0.58) was observed by Misra and Fleet (1974) in pentlandites associated with pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite in several magmatic sulfide deposits in Canada. Interestingly, many of the pentlandites showing extreme Ni/(Ni+Fe) values occur in the sample 21-7 peridotite-gabbro contact.

In addition, we observed a gradient of sulfide Ni-content in the group of pentlandites, heazlewoodites, godlevskites, and millerites located across the peridotite-gabbro contact in sample 21-9 (Fig. 7a). Two sulfides from the gabbro side of the contact contain 69 wt% Ni, seven sulfides from the middle of the contact zone contain between 32 and 39 wt% Ni, and five sulfides from the peridotite side of the contact 31 to 32 wt% Ni. The clear Ni gradient is thus observable, from higher-Ni sulfides in the gabbro to lower-Ni sulfides in the peridotites.

Altogether four violarites, all replacing pentlandites, have been found in two of the samples studied in thin sections. Three violarites occur in olivine websterite 5-31B, and show a stoichiometric Ni/(Fe+Ni) ratio of 0.66-0.69 and a relatively low Co content (0.5-0.6 wt%). One violarite occurs in the sample 21-7 peridotite-gabbro contact, showing a higher Co content (1.2 wt%) and a non-stoichiometric Ni/(Fe+Ni) molar ratio of 0.52. Notably, the violarites retained the compositional features from the original pentlandites since the refertilized peridotite pentlandites also show a non-stoichiometric Ni/(Fe+Ni) ratio, and higher Co contents than the depleted peridotite pentlandites.

The Kane Megamullion chalcopyrites show nearly stoichiometric (i.e., 0.47-0.52) ratios of Cu/(Cu+Fe). The metal/sulfur ratio is however slightly higher than the stoichiometric ratio of 1 (Table D.1 in Appendix D). Here, the Ni contents range from 0.0 to 3.9 wt%. The highest Ni contents are likely caused by fine-scale intergrowths of associated pentlandite (e.g., Fig. 8b). Nickel was also detected in 14 of 75 analyzed pyrrhotites with a maximum of 0.6 wt%, where neither Cu nor Co are present on a wt% level. Pyrrhotites exhibit a typical metal/sulfur ratio of 0.83 to 1.00. Few outliers with 1.02 and 0.76 have also been found.

#### **4.5. Chalcophile element contents of sulfides**

We measured Ni in pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite, Cu in pyrrhotite and Ni sulfides, as well as Zn, Ga, Ge, As, Se, Ag, Cd, Sb, Te, Tl, Pb and Bi in all the sulfides using fs-LA-ICPMS (Table A.1 in Appendix A; Fig. 9).

Pentlandite is the only sulfide phase that is abundant both in the depleted and the refertilized portions of the mantle. Notably, pentlandites from the refertilized peridotites are enriched in chalcophile elements with respect to the pentlandites from the depleted peridotites (Fig. 9c). For example, Cu contents are typically <200 ppm in the depleted peridotites pentlandites and up to ~1000 ppm in the pentlandites from peridotite-gabbro contacts. Two pentlandites from the peridotite-gabbro contact show even >2000 ppm Cu. We think, however, that these Cu contents were enhanced by small chalcopyrites that were hidden under the surface of the pentlandites and have been ablated together. Elevated Zn contents have also been found in these pentlandites (54 and 151 ppm). Otherwise, the Zn content is very low in pentlandites, typically below 35 ppm. One pentlandite from a peridotite-gabbro contact, however, contains 512 ppm Zn, which is likely a value inherent to this pentlandite and not an intergrowth. Arsenic is typically below 35 ppm in the depleted peridotite pentlandites. Some grains from peridotite-gabbro contacts, however, contain up to 1028 ppm As. The Pb concentrations in pentlandites are variable but generally much higher than those in the pyrrhotites and chalcopyrites, exceeding 20 ppm in many grains, especially in the peridotite-gabbro contact from sample 21-9. Pentlandites from the spinel harzburgites

typically contain between 4 and 31 ppm Te. Two sulfides from a peridotite-gabbro contact have elevated Te concentrations (49 and 139 ppm). Antimony is generally high in the pentlandites from the peridotite-gabbro contact. However, due to the small sizes of these pentlandites we were able to determine Sb concentrations (3.2, 4.2, and 12 ppm) in only three grains. Outside the contact zone, Sb is barely distinguishable from the detection limit.

In addition, we analyzed in detail the gradient of sulfide Cu content in the nickeliferous sulfides (pentlandite, heazlewoodite, millerite, and godlevskite) from sample 21-9 in relation to their distribution around the peridotite-gabbro contact. Notably, the sulfide Cu contents are related to the location of sulfides and the Ni concentrations (Fig. 7b). Two higher-Ni sulfides located on the gabbro side of the contact contain only 1 ppm Cu. Seven sulfides from the middle of the contact zone, containing between 32 and 39 wt% Ni, show high Cu concentrations of 71 to 405 ppm. Five lower-Ni sulfides from the peridotite side of the contact contain 5 to 14 ppm Cu. Therefore, a clear “Cu peak” is observable in the middle of the contact zone, associated with the intermediate Ni concentrations.

Pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite occur only in the refertilized peridotites. In pyrrhotites, Cu is present as a trace element with a median of 61 ppm and a maximum of 1268 ppm. Zinc and Se are also abundant, but never above 100 ppm. Thallium is an element typical for pyrrhotite (Table A.1 in Appendix A; Fig. 9), and detectable in most of the grains, typically on a level of 0.2 to 8 ppm. Lead is typically <1 ppm, but there are two pyrrhotite grains with values of 6.3 and 13 ppm. Arsenic is usually below the detection limit of ~5 ppm, but it is abundant in several grains with a maximum of 128 ppm.

Ten chalcopyrite grains have been measured for chalcophile element concentrations. The chalcopyrites are either adjacent to pentlandite or contain small intergrowths of pentlandite. Thus, no analysis returned a completely pure chalcopyrite signal. The least contaminated analysis still shows 1.6 wt% Ni (Table A.1 in Appendix A; Fig. 9). In comparison, only 0.2 wt% Ni have been detected by EPMA, which has a higher resolution than the LA technique. We can thus assume that approximately 1.4 wt% of the Ni derives from a pentlandite intergrowth. Nickel accounts for ~32% wt% in a typical pentlandite. These two assumptions imply that about 4% of the pentlandite and 96% of the chalcopyrite were consumed in this ablation crater. Such a minor amount of pentlandite can only affect the measured concentrations of Co (176 ppm) and perhaps Pb (3.0 ppm). The concentrations of Zn (859 ppm), Cd (13 ppm), Ga (3.8 ppm), Se (138 ppm), and Bi (1.5 ppm) in pentlandites are too low to effectively contaminate chalcopyrites. A value of 859 ppm for Zn well represents the spectrum of values obtained in the nine other chalcopyrite analyses (127, 362, 397, 881, 891, 1304, 1481, 1528, 1691 ppm). The Cd

content of 13 ppm is also consistent with several other chalcopyrites that contain from 10 to 20 ppm Cd. The Cd concentration is, however, below the detection limits in few other grains.

#### **4.6. Chalcophile element contents of matrix minerals**

Chalcophile elements were measured in matrix minerals along a laser ablation profile composed of 18 parallel lines across the peridotite-gabbro contact 21-9T (Fig. 10). These lines were placed in order to avoid larger sulfides and oxide phases. They should thus mostly represent the silicate matrix (i.e., lizardite, antigorite, chrysotile, tremolite, chlorite, and prehnite, see Figs. 4, 6, and Figs. B.1 and B.2 in Appendix B).

The silicates of the peridotite-gabbro contact are enriched in most of the chalcophile elements with respect to the silicates of the peridotite and of the gabbro vein. This enrichment occurs in a narrow zone, as typically visible only in one of the laser ablation lines. Considering the distance between lines is ~250  $\mu\text{m}$ , the width of this enrichment front is <500  $\mu\text{m}$ . Most of the elements including Cu, Pb and Ge are enriched in the part of the contact zone directly abutting to the gabbro (Fig. 10). Cobalt and Au are most enriched ~500  $\mu\text{m}$  away from the margin of the gabbro towards the peridotite, and Sb is the most enriched ~1 mm away from the gabbro towards the peridotite. Two exceptions are Zn and As. Zinc is enriched in the contact zone but on the gabbro side. Arsenic is largely enriched in two sites, one corresponding to the Cu, Pb, and Ge enrichment front, and one corresponding to the boundary between the chlorite and prehnite zones on the gabbro side of the contact (Fig. 10).

In addition to the LA-ICPMS profile through the matrix minerals of the peridotite-gabbro contact, we measured the chalcophile element contents in matrix minerals of the plagioclase and spinel harzburgites. Matrix minerals from the plagioclase peridotites contain more chalcophile elements with respect to the matrix minerals of the spinel harzburgites but less than the matrix minerals of the peridotite-gabbro contacts (Table B.1 in Appendix B and Fig. 11).

#### **4.7. Isotopic composition of Cu in chalcopyrites**

To further constrain the sulfide-forming processes we measured Cu isotopes in the largest four chalcopyrites in the 21-7 peridotite-gabbro contact. Independent of a variable analytical error (up to 0.18‰; Table 3), the  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  signatures of all the four chalcopyrites fall in a range of -0.04 to +0.29‰ (Section 5.1).

## **5. DISCUSSION**

### **5.1. Evidence for melt refertilization**

The mean of 28 ppm Cu found in the Kane Megamullion spinel harzburgites is close to typical depleted mantle values (Garuti et al., 1984; Lorand, 1989a; 1991; Lorand et al., 1993; Fig. 5). The entire range for the spinel harzburgites investigated here is however from 7 to 69 ppm Cu. Such a large range of Cu concentrations is typical for mantle samples (Jagoutz et al., 1979; Niu, 2004), and may result from partial alteration of primary sulfides (Lorand, 1990) or simply a nugget effect. Note that 30 mg of peridotite with 30 ppm Cu contains only five as much Cu as a 30- $\mu\text{m}$ -large spherical chalcopyrite ( $\sim 0.5 \mu\text{g}$ ) with 35 wt% Cu. A random inclusion or omission of such a chalcopyrite in a 30-mg-large analytical sample implies thus a difference of  $\sim 20\%$  in the measured Cu concentration. In the case of our study, the higher Cu concentrations might also be caused by melt-rock reaction. One example is sample 19-11, which is composed of a spinel harzburgite and a gabbro vein. Although both the vein and its halo (subsample 19-11B) were cut out from the spinel harzburgite (subsample 19-11A), the melt-rock reaction might have reached beyond the halo, for example along smaller apophyses, and enriched the spinel harzburgite in Cu.

The pairs of Cu and S concentrations in the spinel harzburgites scatter around the section of mantle depletion curve limited by 6% and 17% (Fig. 6) representing the minimum and maximum mantle melting degrees at the Kane Megamullion (Dick et al., 2010). The start of this theoretical depletion curve (Fig. 6) is anchored at the primitive mantle values of 30 ppm Cu and 250 ppm S from McDonough and Sun (1995). The S and Cu concentrations in the peridotite residue derived from differing degrees of melting have been calculated by a fractional melting model of Lee et al. (2012), assuming a temperature of 1400  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , a pressure of 2 GPa, and an oxygen fugacity buffered by quartz-fayalite-magnetite. Note that Cu is incorporated into melt slower than S (Fig. 6). In contrast to S, a portion of Cu inventory is controlled by spinel with a partition coefficient of 0.2 and silicates (i.e., olivine, orthopyroxene, clinopyroxene) with partition coefficients between 0.034 and 0.048 (Lee et al., 2012).

The range of Cu-S compositions observed in the melt-modified mantle could be explained by impregnation of previously depleted harzburgites with Cu-rich sulfides (Fig. 6). The correlation between Cu and S concentrations shows a coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) of 0.66 in the group of melt-modified mantle rocks, whereas little correlation is found amongst the spinel harzburgites. All seven melt-modified mantle rocks exhibit high Cu values ranging from 88 to 294 ppm Cu. This is remarkable as in the primitive mantle the Cu concentration is estimated as  $30 \pm 12$  ppm (Sun, 1982). A primitive MORB melt formed from a sulfur-depleted mantle source can contain  $>150$  ppm Cu (Lee et al., 2012). We found 157 ppm Cu (Table 2) and abundant chalcopyrite associated with pyrrhotite and pentlandite (Tables 3, 4, and A.1) in an olivine websterite hosted by harzburgite. Dick et al. (2010) interpreted this olivine websterite to likely represent a frozen melt.

In principle, the enrichment of the chalcophile elements in the crust-mantle transition zone could result from primary magmatic or secondary hydrothermal processes. To distinguish between these processes we use the measured Cu isotopic compositions of analyzed chalcopyrites. The  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  range (-0.04 to +0.29‰; Table 3) we found is entirely within the terrestrial  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  range for igneous rocks (Fig. 12) typically reported as -0.3 to 0.3 ‰ (Larson et al., 2003; Ben Othman et al., 2006; Ikehata and Hirata, 2012; Liu et al., 2015), and exceptionally as -0.6 to 0.4‰ (Zhu et al., 2000). In contrast, the terrestrial  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  range for non-igneous rocks is >9‰ (Larson et al., 2003; Mathur et al., 2010; Mathur and Fantle, 2015). For example,  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  of peridotites metasomatized by LREE-enriched fluids varies from -0.6 to 1.8‰ (Savage et al., 2014; Liu et al., 2015). The  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  signature of seawater ranges from 0.5 to 1.4‰ (Vance et al., 2008). Considering that seawater is an agent during serpentinization, copper sulfides formed of the seawater-derived Cu would have the higher  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  values than the Kane Megamullion chalcopyrites. The  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  signature of Cu-rich minerals in supergene systems overlaps the igneous signature extending to much higher and much lower values (Mathur et al., 2009; 2010; 2012; Mirnejad et al., 2010; Mathur and Fantle, 2015). This is the case for both the enrichment zone ( $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  of -6 to +8‰) and the leached zone (-9 to +2‰; Mathur and Fantle, 2015) of supergene systems. The only sulfide type that shows a similar range of  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  to the igneous sulfides is the group of marine sedimentary sulfides (-0.1 to +0.4‰; Maréchal et al., 1999; Rouxel et al., 2004). The relatively narrow  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  range we find is thus likely of magmatic origin (Fig. 12). Although the narrow range itself cannot entirely exclude a fluid-metasomatism or even supergene origin, the probability of those is relatively low. This can be demonstrated using probability density functions of normal distributions anchored on literature data. For example, the probability for one sample showing  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  of -0.1 to 0.3‰ to be of fluid-metasomatism origin (with a mean of 0.15‰  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$ , and an SD of 0.4‰  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  based on Liu et al. (2015) data for 32 samples) is ~38%, and for a set of four samples only ~2%. The probability for these samples to be of supergene origin is clearly yet lower.

The obtained  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  signatures of -0.04 to 0.29‰ could also result from mixing of two different components. For example, a combination of altered mantle and seawater could produce the reported  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  values, despite neither of these individual reservoirs having a  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  of -0.04 to 0.29‰ (Fig. 12). A mixing scenario is often proposed for bulk rock signatures, which can preserve various processes that all contribute to one bulk signature. However,  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  signatures were measured in cogenetic chalcopyrites. Yielding such a mixed  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  signature in cogenetic chalcopyrites would then require a Cu-rich seawater (the first endmember) to enter a serpentinized mantle elsewhere, dissolve local secondary copper phases (the second endmember), and precipitate the chalcopyrites afterwards during the ascent of seawater to the surface. Such a scenario cannot be completely excluded but it is not supported by the petrographic



features of our chalcopyrites that survived as inclusions in silicate phases (Fig. 8a) or in larger sulfide grains (Fig. 8b). The chalcopyrites in the polysulfide grains show exsolution textures with pentlandite and remain in close association with pyrrhotite (Fig. 8b), hence suggesting formation from a sulfide liquid. The wide range of (Ni/(Ni+Fe)) we observe in these pentlandites (Section 4.4) is typical for high-temperature sulfides (Kaneda et al., 1986), which further supports their magmatic origin. Similar pyrrhotite-pentlandite-chalcopyrite assemblages that exsolved from a sulfide liquid are found in many magmatic sulfide deposits (Ballhaus and Sylvester, 2000; Mao et al., 2008; Song et al., 2009; Dare et al., 2010; Prendergast, 2012) and are common in the mantle (Kiseeva et al., 2017; Vaughan and Corkhill, 2017). Such magmatic sulfides are also known also from abyssal peridotites (Luguet and Lorand, 1999).

Magmatic pyrrhotite-pentlandite-chalcopyrite assemblages occur not only in the melt-modified mantle but also in the residual mantle. In the residual mantle, however, pentlandite predominates (Garuti et al., 1984), which contrasts with our sulfides dominated by pyrrhotite (Table 4 and Fig. 8b). A MORB-like melt has the potential to yield Fe-rich monosulfides, which then exsolve to polysulfide grains with predominant pyrrhotite. Sulfide globules from MORBs are composed of 44 wt% Fe, 11 wt% Ni, 7 wt% Cu, and 38 wt% S (Francis, 1990). Similar sulfides are ubiquitous in the world's most extensively sampled *in situ* section of the lower oceanic crust at Atlantis Bank as revealed in long ODP Holes 735B (Miller and Cervantes, 2002) and U1473A (Ciazela et al., 2016; Pieterek et al., 2017; Ciazela et al., 2017a). Higher modes of pyrrhotite than pentlandite, and chalcopyrite, have also been found in the melt-modified mantle from ODP Site 1268 (Miller, 2007). Other authors pointed out the close association of pentlandite and chalcopyrite in the melt-modified abyssal peridotites (Luguet et al., 2003; Seyler et al., 2007; Marchesi et al., 2013), which is revealed also in our study (Fig. 8b). Studies of mantle xenoliths indicate that chalcopyrite in the residual sulfides occurs mainly in sulfide rims. In contrast, in the sulfides delivered by percolating melt chalcopyrite may occur in the middle of sulfide grains (Alard et al., 2002; Wang et al., 2009) as is the case for the Kane Megamullion (Fig. 8b). In addition, sulfide melt may occasionally be rich in Cu allowing chalcopyrite to dominate the sulfide grains (Wang et al., 2009; cf. Fig. 8a). The Kane Megamullion magmatic sulfides from the melt-modified mantle are thus likely formed due to melt percolation, and could not be residual as already demonstrated by the enhanced high bulk-rock Cu and S contents of the melt-modified mantle rocks (Fig. 6).

The moderate enrichment of other chalcophile elements in the melt-modified peridotites can also be explained by impregnation with a Cu-rich monosulfide. Chalcopyrite can contain Zn, Se, Cd, Pb, Au, and Ag as trace elements. For example, magmatic chalcopyrites from Sudbury in Canada contain 370-1100 ppm Zn, 3-6 ppm Cd, 30-150 ppm Se, and 2-8 ppm Pb (Dare et al., 2011). The Kane Megamullion chalcopyrites contain up to 1700 ppm Zn and 20 ppm Cd (Section 4.5). Pentlandite and pyrrhotite also

contribute to the high budget of some trace elements. Kane Megamullion pentlandites, especially those which occur at the peridotite gabbro-contact (Fig. 9c), are considerably enriched in Co, As, Ge and Te (Fig. 9). Pyrrhotite is usually enriched in Tl and As (Fig. 9a).

## 5.2. Mechanism of melt refertilization

Melt refertilization of the mantle peridotites seems to be a process that occurs over a broad range of pressures and temperatures within the suboceanic and subcontinental mantle. Sulfides are documented in many high pressure (up to 2.5 GPa) mantle xenoliths that experienced melt metasomatism (Lorand et al., 2003; Wang et al., 2009; Michalak and Nowak, 2010; Chen et al., 2014; Bukala et al., 2015). The metasomatic sulfides in xenoliths can be distinguished by their interstitial positions and radiogenic  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  (Alard et al., 2002; Harvey et al., 2011; 2016). A lower pressure range is recorded in some refertilized orogenic mantle sections (Rehkämper et al., 1999). In addition, melt metasomatism yields sulfides in abyssal peridotites (Rehkämper et al., 1999; Luguet et al., 2003; Alard et al., 2005; Miller, 2007; Seyler et al., 2007). These sulfides are also interstitial, and may show radiogenic  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$  (Harvey et al., 2006; Burton et al., 2012) and potentially radiogenic  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$  (Burton et al., 2012).

Considering this broad spectrum of tectonic settings likely encompassing a broad range of pressures and temperatures, neither pressure nor temperature seems to be a key factor responsible for melt refertilization of chalcophile elements in the mantle. Instead, a decreasing Fe content is consistent with lowering the level of sulfur concentration at sulfide saturation (SCSS; Haughton et al., 1974; O'Neill and Mavrogenes, 2002; Tsujimura and Kitakaze, 2005; Ariskin et al., 2013), and could play a major role for sulfide precipitation from percolating melt. Iron loss is likely efficient in narrow melt channels (Ciazela et al., 2017b), where Fe in melt is buffered by the exchange reaction with large amount of olivine and pyroxene on conduit walls (Dick and Natland, 1996). Sulfide crystallization on a scale of the crust-mantle transition zone may though require a more extensive mechanism. Other researchers proposed that the Fe loss results from olivine (Luguet and Lorand, 1999) or spinel (Luguet et al., 2003) crystallization. Melt-rock reaction to form dunite consumes pyroxene, while precipitating olivine, or forms it by incongruent dissolution of orthopyroxene (Kelemen et al., 1995). The most prominent example of such dunite can be found in the Oman ophiolite (Braun and Kelemen, 2002), where dunite constitutes most of the Moho transition zone (MTZ). The MTZ can be several to several hundred meters thick. The thickest MTZ occurs above mantle diapirs (Boudier and Nicolas, 1995). These sections of MTZ are considered to be major collecting zones for mantle melts (Godard et al., 2000). More than 20 sites of ancient Cu excavations have been found at the MTZ of the Oman ophiolite (Begemann et al., 2010). Although Cu has been partially redeposited by secondary processes (Goettler et al., 1976; Begemann et al., 2010), the

data from our study and the characteristic distribution of the ancient mining sites imply that the first stage of Cu enrichment may have been magmatic. In the ophiolitic peridotites from the Lanzo massif in Italy, dunitic bands that are a product of melt percolation in the mantle are enriched in Cu (Lorand et al., 1993). Notably, the mean Cu concentration of 14 Kane Megamullion dunites and olivine-rich troctolites formed after dunites (Dick et al., 2010; Sanfilippo et al., 2015) is  $118 \pm 17$  ppm Cu (1 SE). This is four times higher than the average for our spinel harzburgites.

Considering that melt-mantle reaction seems to be most extensive within the crust-mantle transition zones as suggested by the distribution of reactive dunite (Jousselin et al., 1998; Kelemen et al., 2000), we expect a global peak of chalcophile element concentrations at the crust-mantle boundary. However, we suppose that the degree of enrichment in chalcophile elements depends on tectonic setting. The most enhanced chalcophile element concentrations may occur at the crust-mantle boundaries at the sections of slow-spreading oceanic lithosphere with higher thickness and lower temperature. Here, the degree of refertilization reflected in amount of plagioclase peridotites is the highest (Dick, 1989). Furthermore, where the crust-mantle boundary is shallow, conductive cooling brought by hydrothermal circulation accelerates melt solidification upon its reaction with the mantle (Ciazela et al., 2017b). In addition, the Kane Megamullion mantle is heavily serpentinized, and contains up to 15 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O (Table 1), which may be partially stored in the serpentinized peridotites already before melt-mantle reaction. A serpentinite-melt reaction is suggested by the high water content of the Kane Megamullion MORBs (Ciazela et al., 2017b) and a distinct zone of contact metamorphism in sample 21-9. Here, approaching the contact with the gabbro, lizardite is replaced by antigorite and then tremolite (Fig. 7 and Section 5.5). The wet gabbro solidus at a pressure of 0.2 GPa is only 840°C (Collins et al., 2016) and ~15 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O in the surrounding serpentinites is likely sufficient to saturate even large amount of melts. Water can be released into the melt once antigorite breaks down which occurs at a temperature of ~520 °C at 0.2 GPa (Ulmer and Trommsdorff, 1995). The water lowers the solidus temperature of the melt-mantle reaction allowing an even larger amount of melt to react with the conduit walls, and consequently a yet more efficient Fe loss (Ciazela et al., 2017b). This is probably the reason why the Cu content of the Kane Megamullion refertilized mantle is so elevated (up to 300 ppm) with respect to the refertilized mantle sections reported elsewhere (e.g., 50 ppm Cu reported by Lorand et al. 2013).

### **5.3. Mantle-melt reaction affects the Cu budget in the oceanic crust**

The effect of the melt-mantle reaction on the Cu budget of a melt can be considered on a local, regional or global scale. To estimate this effect on a local scale, we compare the Cu concentrations of a single gabbroic vein that reacted with the mantle to the Cu concentrations within an average massive

gabbro that underwent no or a limited reaction with the mantle. The 2-cm-wide olivine gabbro vein in sample 21-9 (Fig. 3a) contains 15 ppm Cu. In contrast, the massive olivine gabbro and troctolites from the Kane Megamullion OCC contain on average 82 ppm Cu. A similar average Cu content (74 ppm) is shown by the fresh massive olivine gabbro from the 810-m deep Hole U1473 at the Atlantis Bank OCC (Ciazela et al., 2016; Dick et al., 2016). Assuming the massive gabbro would be free of any melt-mantle interaction, the Cu loss from a vein succumbed to an extensive reaction with the mantle would be thus ~80%.

The effect of melt-mantle reaction on a regional scale can be estimated from the Cu concentrations in MORBs that extensively interacted with the mantle. Ciazela et al. (2017b) showed that MORBs from the Kane Megamullion and a broader area of the entire Kane Fracture Zone between 22 and 25°N along the MAR (Bryan et al., 1981) were subjected to extensive interaction with the mantle. Due to this interaction, the MORBs have left behind ~50% of their initial Cu load during the ascent through the mantle and crust-mantle transition zone (Ciazela et al., 2017b).

The effect of melt-mantle reaction on the global scale may be estimated from the mass balance between primitive MORBs representing the bulk oceanic crust, and their products, that is erupted MORBs representing the upper crust, and gabbro cumulates representing the lower crust. The primitive MORBs probably contain 100-120 ppm Cu (Jenner and O'Neill, 2012; Lee et al., 2012). Erupted MORBs show a global average Cu concentration of  $81 \pm 25$  ppm (White and Klein, 2013). Taking a ratio of 1:2 between basalts and gabbro we could thus expect  $125 \pm 12$  ppm Cu in the gabbro cumulates. This is however not the case as the global average gabbro Cu concentration is  $71 \pm 19$  ppm (Coogan, 2014). This discrepancy implies that 20 to 62% of the Cu load would be precipitated below the crust, for example at the crust-mantle transition or melt-modified mantle rocks below. Although this global estimate is likely lower than the regional estimate of 50% for the Kane Megamullion, it is still considerably high.

#### **5.4. Crust-mantle transition zones and related sulfide ore deposits**

In addition to the southern Oman ophiolite (Section 5.2), large sulfide deposits are mined in the crust-mantle transition zones of the Outokumpu Ophiolite in Finland, the Troodos Ophiolite in Cyprus, and the Taurids Ophiolite in Turkey. The Outokumpu ore district in Finland is spatially related to dunites and serpentinites of the Outokumpu Ophiolite (Saalman and Laine, 2014; 2015). The nature of the primary Cu enrichment at the Outokumpu Ophiolite is not entirely clear due to complex on-land processes after the obduction of the ophiolite. The recent petrogenetic models indicate, however, a proto-ore Cu enrichment at the slow-spread mantle-dominated lithosphere (Peltonen et al., 2008) similar to that

of the Kane Megamullion. Furthermore, Peltonen et al. (2008) demonstrated that the mantle was extensively metasomatized already before the obduction.

Sulfide enrichment at the crust-mantle boundary of the Troodos ophiolite is easier to interpret as post-obduction processes did not obscure the primary processes to the same extent as at the Outokumpu Ophiolite. The Cu-Ni-Fe-Co sulfide ores from the Limassol Forest Plutonic Complex in Troodos occur within dunites of the local crust-mantle transition zone (Panayiotou, 1978). The sulfide ores are associated with magmatic podiform chromite deposits (Panayiotou, 1978; Panayiotou, 1980), which typically form through peridotite-melt reaction (Arai and Miura, 2015). Similar to the Kane Megamullion, the Limassol Forest primary sulfides are composed of pyrrhotite, troilite, chalcopyrite and pentlandite exsolved together from a sulfide liquid. Although the sulfides occur within the ultramafic rocks, the sulfide Cu/Ni and Pt/Pd are similar to those from magmatic sulfides hosted within gabbroic intrusions (Foose et al., 1985). This further suggests the first step of ore-formation was related to melt-mantle reaction. As is also seen in abyssal peridotites, hydrothermal processes related to serpentinization redistributed primary sulfides and perhaps yielded additional chromites (ferrichromites rims accreted on chromite cores) and sulfides (formation of secondary pentlandite after decomposition of olivine) (Thalhammer et al., 1986).

Sulfide deposits associated with magmatic podiform chromites have also been found at the Ergani mine in the Taurids Ophiolite in Turkey (Bamba, 1976). These deposits have been completely reworked by hydrothermal processes and pyrite currently predominates. However, relictic pyrrhotite-pentlandite-chalcopyrite polysulfides co-existing with the chromites (Akinci, 2009) suggest a magmatic pre-enrichment. In fact, four of five Cu mineralization fields from this region lie at the contact between massive serpentinites and crustal rocks; the fifth one is located only 200 m from such a contact (Akinci, 2009). The high spatial relationship of all the aforementioned sulfide deposits to the crust-mantle transition zones is thus likely caused by melt-mantle reaction.

If penetrated by high-temperature hydrothermal fluids sulfide-rich crust-mantle transition zones might represent source rocks for overlying hydrothermal sulfide deposits on the surface. This seems to be the case for the hydrothermal Aarja sulfide deposits in the northern Oman Ophiolite. Negishi et al. (2013) demonstrated that sulfide-rich dunite from the Moho transition zone is the most likely source of metals and S in the Aarja sulfide deposits. They revealed the same nearly-mantle S isotope signature in both the sulfide groups.

At the Kane Megamullion OCC, several hydrothermal vents have been documented by Tucholke (2013). Their hydrothermal products are highly enriched in all the chalcophile elements (Section 4.3; Table C.1 in Appendix C). A fossil provannid gastropod found in the associated sediments indicates that

this hydrothermal venting contained high-temperature fluids in the past (Kaim et al., 2012). The Kane Megamullion crust-mantle transition zone might be the source rock for these hydrothermal products as it is easy for the hydrothermal fluids to access the crust-mantle transition zone. These zones of magmatic enrichment related to melt refertilization might be one of the reasons why large massive sulfide deposits form mostly at the slow spreading ridges and not at the fast spreading ridges (Hannington et al., 2011). Many seafloor massive sulfides in the recent oceans, including the largest and those with the highest Cu grade (Petersen and Hein, 2013; Hein et al., 2013), are hosted in the peridotite-dominated lithosphere with a thin and heterogeneous crust (Gràcia et al., 2000; Kelley et al., 2001; Petersen et al., 2009; Pertsev et al., 2012; Kostitsyn et al., 2013; Tucholke et al., 2013; Andreani et al., 2014; Ciazela et al., 2015), where melt-mantle reaction is likely more enhanced (Ciazela et al., 2017b). In on-land prospecting, the search for chalcophile deposits seeks regions with both an appropriately enriched source rock, and a mechanism for concentrating those elements in a deposit. Until now explanations for the massive sulfide deposits at slow-spreading ridges have emphasized the hydrothermal systems associated with long-lived faults needed to build large deposits, but having the appropriate source rocks is demonstrably as important. Our work shows that the latter exists in the crust-mantle transition zones at slow spreading ridges where it is brought to shallow levels by detachment faulting.

### **5.5. Effect of low-temperature alteration.**

The melt-modified peridotite Cu/S are too high to be reproduced by simple sulfide impregnation even if the sulfides are Cu-rich (Fig. 6). Such high Cu/S imply that sulfur was partially lost from the melt-modified mantle rocks due to later low-temperature processes. Desulfurization commonly occurs during mantle serpentinization (Delacour et al., 2008a; Wittke et al., 2016). Specifically, higher mobilization of sulfur than chalcophile elements during serpentinization has been documented in the Cemetery Ridge peridotites, Arizona, USA (Wittke et al., 2016). Here, sulfur declines by a factor of 5 to 10 between the most fresh and the most serpentinized harzburgites, whereas the concentrations of chalcophile elements remain at the same level (Wittke et al., 2016). An additional loss of sulfur seems to be caused by subsequent talc alteration of serpentinized peridotites (Section 4.3; cf. Paulick et al., 2006; Harvey et al., 2014).

Serpentinization leads to alteration of primary sulfide minerals. For example, pentlandite is commonly altered to heazlewoodite and magnetite, and potentially godlevskite and awaruite (Klein and Bach, 2009). Serpentinization seems to cause faster dissolution of chalcopyrite, which is never retained in the presence of heazlewoodite in our samples (Table 4). In contrast, chalcopyrite is often retained when

pentlandite is altered to violarite (Table 4). This may be related to weathering-related aerated oxidizing conditions, in which violarite is typically formed (Watmuff, 1974).

Due to ubiquitous serpentinization the elevated concentrations of chalcophile elements (Table 2) do not match with the low chalcopyrite modes in the melt-modified peridotites (Table 4). Copper and chalcophile elements have been incorporated into other minerals. Some Cu is retained in Fe-Cu hydroxides formed after chalcopyrites. One of them documented in the 21-7 peridotite-gabbro contact (Fig. 8b) contains 13 wt% Cu and only 0.3 wt% S. Similar hydroxides but with lower Cu and higher S contents were found in altered mantle xenoliths by Lorand (1990).

The Fe-Cu hydroxides are, however, too scarce to account for the entire high Cu budget of the melt-modified mantle zone in the Kane Megamullion. Searching for alternatives we investigated matrix minerals of peridotite-gabbro contacts and some plagioclase peridotites that are enriched in  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , CaO and  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  (Section 4.6; Table B.1 in Appendix B). This enrichment is likely owed to melt-mantle reaction. Using X-ray mapping (Fig. 3b-c) we detected a dense front of S-rich phases along peridotite-gabbro contacts in samples 21-9 (Fig. 3b) and 19-11. Although the trace element composition of only a few of the largest secondary grains could be determined (Co and Cu-rich pentlandites; Fig. 7), the laser ablation profile of the matrix minerals show that most chalcophile elements are enriched at this zone (Fig. 10). The same is true for the matrix measurements of plagioclase peridotites (Fig. 11; Table B.1 in Appendix B). Using the ore microscope and electron microprobe we investigated the area abutting the lines of the laser profile with the highest chalcophile element concentrations. We found abundant submicron-to-5- $\mu\text{m}$  diameter pentlandites that likely cause the high chalcophile element LA-ICPMS signal detected in this area (Fig. 10). The high signal results from two factors. Firstly, pentlandites occur more densely here. Secondly, all chalcophile element concentrations are enhanced in these pentlandites (Table A.1 in Appendix A), and their Pb, Bi, Cu, As and Te contents (Fig. 9c) are up to one order of magnitude higher than in pentlandites elsewhere.

Secondary sulfides and post-sulfide phases are known from other serpentinized peridotites. In abyssal peridotites from ODP Hole 1274A near to the 15°20' Fracture Zone along the MAR, Marchesi et al. (2013) found heazlewoodite, jaipurite ( $\text{CoS}$ ), awaruite ( $\text{Ni}_3\text{Fe}$ ), wairauite ( $\text{CoFe}$ ), and native copper that replaced magmatic pentlandite and chalcopyrite. At the Kane Megamullion, not only secondary pentlandites (Fig. 9c) but also heazlewoodite, millerite and godlevskite (Fig. 9b) seem to follow the trace element pattern of primary pentlandites. In addition, the secondary Ni sulfides contain considerable amount of Bi and Cu (Fig. 9), which have probably been inherited from former chalcopyrites dissolved during serpentinization.

Chalcophile metals seem thus to be retained in submicron phases, including secondary sulfides, metal hydroxides, and potentially native metals or alloys, embedded in the matrix of low-temperature silicate minerals. Tiny sulfides (Alt and Shanks, 2003; Delacour, 2008b; Marchesi et al., 2013), alloys (Lorand et al., 2010; Marchesi et al., 2013), and native Cu grains (Luguet et al., 2003; Seyler et al., 2007; Marchesi et al., 2013) embedded in serpentine matrices are commonly reported in abyssal serpentized peridotites.

The entrapment of chalcophile elements in secondary phases *in situ* is likely caused by the fact that fluids <350 °C are unable to maintain significant concentrations of metals, including Zn and Cu (Seewald and Seyfried, 1990). The only high temperature alteration we found is the narrow zone of contact metamorphism between the mafic vein and the peridotite in sample 21-9. Here, tremolite (Fig. 10) is proximal to the vein and is followed by the symplectite of Al and Fe-rich antigorite and chrysotile identified by X-ray Diffraction (XRD) (Figs. 4 and 7 and Fig E.1 in Appendix E). Otherwise, the most common alteration phases are prehnite in gabbro and lizardite in peridotite identified by XRD (Fig. E.2 in Appendix E), which are both low-temperature silicates. Lizardite in <0.8 GPa is typically stable at <280 °C (O'Hanley and Wicks, 1995; Evans, 2004; Schwartz et al., 2013) and prehnite is stable between 150 and 300 °C (Bucher and Grapes, 2011). Therefore, most of the chalcophile metals have not been transported away neither from the peridotite nor from the peridotite-gabbro contacts. Similarly, MORBs altered to low-temperature facies retain primary contents of all chalcophile elements (Bach et al., 2003; Alt et al., 2010).

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

1. The crust-mantle transition zone exposed in the Kane ocean core complex is highly enriched in chalcophile metals. This enrichment is most pronounced along centimeter-scale peridotite-gabbro contacts but is spread throughout the entire zone as documented in the plagioclase harzburgites and dunites. Copper, As, Zn, Sb, and Tl are typically enriched by one order of magnitude, whereas the enrichment of Ga, Pb, and Se is modest. Nickel, which is largely controlled by olivine, and Bi are the only two chalcophile elements that show no sign of enrichment at the crust-mantle boundary.
2. The enrichment in chalcophile metals is related to the crystallization of sulfides during extensive melt-mantle reaction throughout the transition zone. Importantly, partial dissolution of sulfides during serpentinization does not mobilize the metals from the rocks. The portion of chalcophile elements that was released from primary sulfides has been trapped in submicron secondary sulfides, hydroxides and perhaps native metals embedded in the silicate matrix.



3. Our results combined with Cu deposits documented in the crust-mantle transition zones of various ophiolites may indicate that the enrichment of chalcophile elements could be expected globally along the oceanic crust-mantle boundary.
4. The crystallization of sulfides from melt interacting with peridotite can influence melt evolution. The precipitation of sulfides is caused by lowering sulfur concentration at sulfide saturation upon FeO loss during melt-mantle reaction, which could not be achieved by fractional crystallization processes alone. We estimate that 20% to 80% of the chalcophile metal inventory in a melt can be lost from the melt during reaction with mantle peridotite. This is a significant loss determining further melt evolution and should be considered in melt modelling.

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## FIGURE CAPTIONS

**Fig. 1.** Geology of the Kane Fracture Zone (KFZ) and the Kane Megamullion ocean core complex (OCC). Our samples have been collected along the walls of the Eastern and Western Faults. ODP – Ocean Drilling Program, MAR – Mid-Atlantic Ridge.

**Fig. 2.** Representative samples of basement rocks from below detachment shear zones used in our study: spinel harzburgite (112-71), plagioclase harzburgite (28-9A), peridotite-gabbro contact (19-11) and dunite (113-41B).

**Fig. 3.** Sample 21-9 showing the mantle-gabbro contact 21-9T. A) Microphotography of the entire thin section in plane-polarized transmitted light. The red hexagons show the location of large sulfides (40-120  $\mu\text{m}$ ). Orange boxes (I-IV) outline selected areas where we investigated for the presence of medium sulfides (10-40  $\mu\text{m}$ ; yellow dots). B & C) X-ray map of orange box II for S and Al. The colors correspond to the X-ray intensity on the S K $\alpha$  and Al K $\alpha$  lines. The brightest points on the S image forming the ~1-mm-wide subvertical band are tiny sulfides dispersed in the antigorite-chrysotile matrix (see Section 5.5). Note that most of these sulfides crystallize where the Al-concentration gradient is the steepest. The Al

concentration measured by EPM in the dark orange/brown area corresponding to ~30 counts (see the side bar) is 2.5 wt%. This area corresponds to the yellow part of the contact zone visible in Picture A.

**Fig. 4.** MgO, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Ni and Zn versus Cu and S contents of the Kane Megamullion spinel and plagioclase harzburgites, dunite, and peridotite-gabbro contacts.

**Fig. 5.** Mean Cu concentration of the Kane Megamullion (KM) plagioclase (Pl) harzburgites compared to the mean concentration of the KM spinel (Sp) harzburgites and various orogenic spinel harzburgites. Primitive mantle estimate is also plotted as a reference line (30 ppm; Sun 1982). Error bars represent 1 standard error of the mean (SE). Where the bars are not visible, 1 SE is <4 ppm. Source of data for orogenic peridotites: Lanzo (Lorand et al., 1993), Western Pyrenean Massif (Lorand, 1991), Eastern Pyrenean Massif (Lorand, 1989a), Baldissero, Balmuccia, and Finero (Garuti et al., 1984).

**Fig. 6.** Whole-rock Cu versus S concentrations of the Kane Megamullion spinel (Sp) and plagioclase (Pl) harzburgites, mantle-gabbro contacts, and dunites. PM is the theoretical primitive mantle (Sun, 1982). DMM is theoretical depleted mantle (see Section 5.1). The pink dots labeled with 6% and 17% represent the maximum and minimum degree of melting in the Kane Megamullion spinel harzburgites. RM is the theoretical refertilized mantle defined as formed through addition of melt-derived sulfides containing between 3.5 (~10% of chalcopyrite in sulfide grains) and 35 wt% Cu (~100% chalcopyrite) into DMM. Note that even the addition of Cu-rich sulfides would not reproduce the observed Cu-S concentrations in the refertilized mantle. These can only be explained with subsequent desulfurization during serpentinization (see Section 5.5).

**Fig. 7.** Nickel and Cu contents of pentlandites (Pn) and heazlewoodites (Hz) from the mantle-gabbro contact in sample 21-9 (see Fig. 3). Lizardite, antigorite, chrysotile, tremolite, chlorite and prehnite have been identified by optical microscope and X-ray diffraction. The Ni content of the sulfides attains the maximum value on the gabbro side and gradually lowers towards the peridotite side. Although the sulfides are secondary their Cu contents seem to match the whole-rock Cu concentrations. Hence, the Cu concentrations are the highest in the sulfides from the contact zone (the antigorite/chrysotile and chlorite domains), whereas those from the gabbro and peridotite are very low.

**Fig. 8.** Photomicrographs of our two most common chalcopyrite parageneses in our sample suite in cross-polarized (A) and plane polarized reflected light (B): A) Inclusion of chalcopyrite (inset) in plagioclase from a peridotite-gabbro contact in sample 21-7. The broad picture is taken in transmitted cross-polarized light. The inset image is taken in reflected plane-polarized light. B) Polysulfide composed of chalcopyrite (Ccp), pyrrhotite (Po) and pentlandite (Pn) from a peridotite-gabbro contact in sample 21-7. Note that

chalcopyrite in the middle of the grain is preserved, whereas chalcopyrite in the rim has been altered to a Fe-Cu hydroxide (31.8 wt% Fe, 13.0 wt% Cu, but only 0.3 wt% S).

**Fig. 9.** Primitive mantle-normalized multi-element diagram of Kane Megamullion sulfides. The normalization values are from McDonough and Sun (1995). A) Pentlandite compared to primary sulfides (chalcopyrite and pyrrhotite). Note that Cu, Zn, Bi, Ga, Cd show affinity to chalcopyrite, whereas Pb, Co, Ni, Ag, Sb, Ge, and As show affinity to pentlandite, and As and Tl to pyrrhotite. The concentrations of As, Sb, Ge, As and Tl in chalcopyrite are under detection limit. B) Pentlandite compared to secondary Ni sulfides (heazlewoodite, millerite, and godlevskite). C) Secondary pentlandite from peridotite-gabbro contacts compared to the secondary pentlandites away from the contact zones and the primary pentlandites. Note that the three types represent the similar pattern but the secondary pentlandite from peridotite-gabbro contact is most enriched in chalcophile elements.

**Fig. 10.** Concentrations of selected chalcophile elements along the laser ablation profile composed of 18 parallel lines across the mantle-gabbro contact in sample 21-9. Note that all chalcophile elements show higher concentrations within the contact. Most of them are highly concentrated in the peridotite portion of the contact (yellow lithology). Zinc is unique as it is enriched in the gabbro part of the contact (white lithology). Arsenic is anomalous as it shows two major peaks.

**Fig. 11.** Copper and zinc concentrations in serpentine minerals of spinel (Sp) harzburgites, plagioclase (Pl) harzburgites, and peridotite-gabbro contacts from the Kane Megamullion measured with LA-ICPMS.

**Fig. 12.** The  $\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$  range of the Kane Megamullion chalcopyrite measured in this study compared to Mid-Ocean Ridge Basalts (MORB; Ben Othman et al., 2006, Rouxel et al., 2004), fresh and altered mantle, as well as other settings. Sea-floor hydrothermal vents data from Rouxel et al. (2004). Marine sediments data from Marechal et al. (1999). Pore waters data from Mathur et al. (2012). Seawater data from Vance et al. (2008). Supergene systems from Mathur and Fantle (2015). The grey field indicates the terrestrial range for igneous copper (after Ikehata and Hirata, 2012).

**Table 1.** Major element contents (wt%) and Mg#s of Kane Megamullion peridotites.

Label	Material	SiO <sub>2</sub>	TiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> *	MnO	MgO	CaO	Na <sub>2</sub> O	K <sub>2</sub> O	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	LOI	Total	Mg#
<i>Depleted mantle samples</i>														
5-1	Sp harzburgite	38.6	0.02	1.21	9.07	0.13	36.0	1.25	0.07	0.01	0.04	12.9	99.3	0.89
5-31A	Sp harzburgite	38.9	0.12	1.41	10.15	0.13	36.4	0.56	0.02	0.02	0.02	11.6	99.3	0.88
14-44	Sp harzburgite	39.1	0.01	1.33	8.29	0.09	36.2	0.62	0.11	0.02	0.01	13.3	99.3	0.90
14-70	Sp harzburgite	40.0	0.05	2.06	9.83	0.12	34.7	1.12	0.15	0.05	0.01	11.1	99.3	0.87
17-17	Sp harzburgite	38.7	0.02	1.33	8.00	0.10	36.8	0.29	0.06	0.02	0.02	13.8	99.3	0.90
19-10A	Sp harzburgite	34.8	0.02	1.06	8.54	0.17	32.5	5.87	0.08	0.02	0.03	16.1	99.3	0.88
19-11A	Sp harzburgite	39.3	0.02	1.68	8.31	0.13	35.9	0.34	0.10	0.03	0.03	13.3	99.2	0.90

19-18A	Sp harzburgite	37.6	0.04	1.58	11.31	0.16	33.5	1.81	0.14	0.03	0.07	12.9	99.2	0.85
19-31	Sp harzburgite	36.5	0.02	1.71	9.38	0.15	31.6	5.28	0.15	0.01	0.07	14.1	99.1	0.87
112-44A	Sp harzburgite	39.4	0.01	1.04	8.20	0.12	37.7	0.30	-	-	0.01	12.5	99.3	0.90
112-49	Sp harzburgite	39.7	0.02	1.37	8.47	0.11	37.1	0.54	0.02	0.01	0.02	11.9	99.3	0.90
112-71	Sp harzburgite	40.4	0.02	1.35	8.25	0.15	36.0	0.33	0.11	0.03	0.03	12.6	99.3	0.90
112-84	Sp harzburgite	42.2	0.02	1.45	8.51	0.13	40.3	1.16	-	0.01	0.00	5.4	99.2	0.90
113-40	Sp harzburgite	36.1	0.01	1.09	7.80	0.07	34.3	4.66	0.07	0.03	0.02	15.1	99.3	0.90
113-55A	Sp harzburgite	40.4	0.12	1.78	15.09	0.20	33.8	1.79	0.16	0.02	0.09	5.8	99.3	0.82
113-57A	Sp harzburgite	39.3	0.02	1.37	8.16	0.12	37.6	0.06	0.08	0.01	0.01	12.6	99.3	0.90
113-59A	Sp harzburgite	38.5	0.01	1.07	10.52	0.14	36.9	0.03	0.05	0.01	0.01	12.2	99.4	0.87
114-9	Sp harzburgite	57.8	0.01	0.95	7.06	0.02	28.6	0.01	0.08	0.01	0.01	4.9	99.4	0.89
114-19A	Sp harzburgite	39.3	0.02	1.33	8.23	0.11	37.5	0.40	0.02	0.01	0.01	12.4	99.3	0.90
<i>Melt-modified mantle samples</i>														
19-11B	m-g contact	25.7	0.35	3.00	39.33	0.56	14.0	3.50	0.40	0.06	0.85	11.2	98.9	0.41
21-7	m-g contact	31.6	0.16	4.04	25.70	0.36	23.1	3.62	0.36	0.04	0.36	9.8	99.1	0.64
21-9A	Pl harzburgite	38.7	0.03	1.10	8.78	0.10	37.3	0.30	0.05	0.01	0.02	12.8	99.3	0.89
28-9A	Pl harzburgite	37.6	0.03	1.54	11.75	0.14	34.3	0.88	0.13	0.05	0.07	12.7	99.2	0.85
112-10	Pl harzburgite	39.3	0.03	1.09	8.25	0.08	37.1	0.08	0.05	0.02	0.02	13.4	99.4	0.90
112-116	Pl harzburgite	39.2	0.02	1.48	8.15	0.11	37.3	0.04	0.04	0.01	0.01	12.9	99.3	0.90
113-41B	dunite	29.4	0.00	0.66	8.06	0.15	29.5	11.48	0.04	0.01	0.04	19.7	99.2	0.88
<i>Early mantle veins</i>														
5-31-B	Ol websterite	48.4	0.00	3.36	8.69	0.13	30.1	6.05	0.12	0.02	0.01	3.5	98.7	0.90

Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>\* = Total Fe as Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. LOI – loss-on-ignition, Mg# = [molar Mg/(molar Mg + molar Fe)] x 100, Sp – spinel, Pl – plagioclase, m-g – mantle-gabbro, Ol – olivine, (-) below detection limit.

**Table 2.** Chalcophile element contents of Kane Megamullion peridotites.

Label	Material	Concentration (ppm)										Concentration (ppb)			
		S	Cu	As	Zn	Ga	Pb	Se	Sb	Tl	Ni	Au	Ag	Bi	Cd
<i>Depleted mantle samples</i>															
5-1	Sp harzburgite	159	40	35	68	1.6	0.5	2.6	1.5	0.24	1860	-	-	-	100
5-31-A	Sp harzburgite	142	17	3	56	11.7	0.6	0.5	-	0.06	1120	-	-	-	-
14-44	Sp harzburgite	142	7	11	47	1.9	-	0.4	0.4	0.36	2050	-	-	-	-
14-70	Sp harzburgite	81	9	5	43	3.9	-	0.3	-	0.13	1800	-	-	-	-
17-17	Sp harzburgite	210	47	29	101	2	-	0.6	0.5	0.24	1590	-	-	-	-
19-10A	Sp harzburgite	188	39	22	91	1.8	-	0.2	0.7	1.96	1810	-	-	20	100
19-11A	Sp harzburgite	283	69	20	110	2.2	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.39	1720	-	-	-	-
19-18A	Sp harzburgite	81	52	45	126	2.3	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.58	1870	-	-	70	-
19-31	Sp harzburgite	215	59	45	111	2.4	0.7	-	2.1	1.71	1900	-	-	30	-
112-44A	Sp harzburgite	241	11	5	72	1.2	0.7	1.6	0.3	0.14	1930	-	-	-	-
112-49	Sp harzburgite	332	52	17	69	1.4	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.26	1670	-	-	20	-
112-71	Sp harzburgite	84	21	23	82	2.1	0.9	-	1.4	0.28	1300	-	-	-	-
112-84	Sp harzburgite	184	38	3	67	1.5	1.5	-	-	-	2030	-	-	-	-
113-40	Sp harzburgite	129	14	25	50	1.2	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.63	1230	-	-	-	-
113-55A	Sp harzburgite	561	21	22	127	3	1.0	-	1.8	3.30	1600	-	-	-	-
113-57A	Sp harzburgite	32	25	10	115	1.8	0.8	-	0.4	0.41	1110	-	-	-	-
113-59A	Sp harzburgite	45	23	9	171	1.6	0.9	-	0.4	0.70	1400	-	-	-	-
114-9	Sp harzburgite	-	8	5	36	2	0.6	0.2	0.3	-	1380	-	-	20	-
114-19A	Sp harzburgite	212	24	13	55	1.8	1.2	-	0.5	0.58	1610	-	90	100	-
<i>Melt-modified mantle samples</i>															
19-11B	m-g contact	488	284	371	462	8.2	1.2	1.4	22.0	9.87	1180	-	-	-	500
21-7A	m-g contact	283	304	134	246	5.4	1.0	0.5	7.9	2.36	1050	-	-	-	200

21-9A	Pl harzburgite	182	139	18	66	1.9	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.88	1620	-	-	-	-
28-9A	Pl harzburgite	206	147	44	125	2.4	1.6	1.2	1.8	3.21	1400	-	80	70	100
112-10	Pl harzburgite	159	155	9	75	1.3	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.27	1680	7	-	-	100
112-116	Pl harzburgite	90	82	5	96	2.1	0.7	-	-	0.23	1230	11	-	-	-
113-41B	dunite	226	118	26	124	1.6	1.0	-	1.8	0.62	669	-	60	-	-
<i>Early mantle veins</i>															
5-31-B	Ol websterite	n/a	157	3.1	54	3.6	0.7	1.1	-	-	1950	-	-	20	-
Detection limit:		9	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.05	0.5	2	50	20	100

Sp – spinel, Pl – plagioclase, m-g – mantle-gabbro, Ol – olivine; (-) below detection limit.

**Table 3.** Copper isotope values of chalcopyrite from sample 21-7 from the Kane Megamullion OCC

Sulfide ID	$\delta^{65}\text{Cu}$ (‰)	$\pm 2\sigma$ (‰) <sup>a</sup>	Beam size ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Laser frequency (Hz)	n
<i>Sample</i>					
cb3	0.26	0.16	10	83	1
cb23	0.18	0.09	10	100	1
ha3	-0.04	0.15	10	100	1
ha4	0.29	0.18	10	100	1
<i>Standard</i>					
cpy2	0.11	0.05	40	10	4
cpy2	0.10	0.08	10	10	4

<sup>a</sup> calculated by the propagation of the within-run relative standard error of the sample and the within-run relative standard errors of the two bracketing standards (Cu NIST SRM 976).

**Table 4.** Summary of sulfide phases based on ore microscopy.

Lithology	Sample	Ccp	Po	Pn	Py	Viol	Hx	Gs	Mi
spinel harzburgite	5-1	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
	14-44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	19-11A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
plagioclase harzburgite	21-9A	-	-	++	-	-	-	-	-
	28-9A	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
	112-10	-	++	+	+	-	-	-	-
mantle-gabbro contacts	19-11T	-	+++	-	-	-	-	-	-
	21-7	++	+++	+++	-	+	-	-	-
	21-9T	-	-	+++	-	-	++	+	+
dunite	113-41B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
olivine websterite	5-31B	++	+++	+++	-	+	-	-	-
gabbro	19-11B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	21-9B	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-

Sulfide abbreviations: Pn, pentlandite; Po, pyrrhotite; Ccp, chalcopyrite; Hx, heazlewoodite; Viol, violarite; Py, pyrite; Gs, godlevskite; Mi, millerite. A number of sulfide grains in a thin section: (-) absent, (+) 1-4 sulfide grains, (++) 5-20 sulfide grains; (+++) >20 sulfide grains. The samples with a letter suffix occupy only a fraction of the standard thin section size, i.e. 19-11A (~25%), 19-11B (~40%), 19-11T (~35%), 21-9A (~65%), 21-9B (~30%), 21-9T (~5%), 28-9A (~25%). Note that sulfides are least abundant in spinel peridotites, medium abundant in plagioclase peridotites and most abundant in mantle-gabbro contacts.

## APPENDIX

### A. *Trace element compositions of the Kane Megamullion sulfides*

**Table A.1.** Chalcophile element concentrations (ppm) of selected Kane Megamullion sulfides determined by a femtosecond-laser ablation-inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometer.

Mineral	5-31A										19-11B			
	ca29/30	cb12	cc20-23	oa19-21	oa17	oa18	oa27-29	sa3/4	sa5/6	sa20	od1	od2	odn1	odn2
Co	Pn 6445	Ccp 176	Pn 6667	Pn 4318	Po 13	Po 11	Po 62	Pn 4794	Pn 4843	Pn 5242	Po 87	Po 180	Po 104	Po 91
1 $\sigma^a$	881	26	203	34	4	2	4	127	73	36	5	11	9	10
Ni <sup>b</sup>	31.0%	16472	32.4%	35.2%	1718	1616	6666	32.4%	32.6%	33.5%	324	1309	132	<141
1 $\sigma$		2558			306	49	320				38	109	13	
Cu <sup>b</sup>	11	37%	22	15	<6.7	3.5	1167	12337	2291	348	25	55	67	128
1 $\sigma$	3		2	1		1.3	168	900	252	26	3	7	8	18
Zn	<8.9	859	<2.8	2.3	<14	<6.7	<3.5	151	54	5.3	4.2	11	33	29
1 $\sigma$		122		0.3				8	4	0.5	1.1	3	4	5
Ga	<1.3	3.8	<0.42	<0.093	<2.4	<1.1	<0.60	0.14	<0.22	<0.095	<0.40	<1.1	2.8	2.1
1 $\sigma$		1.3						0.05					0.4	0.6
Ge	<6.7	<13	3.2	2.7	<15.1	<6.7	<3.4	3.0	2.1	2.7	<2.7	<7.5	1.6	<7.4
1 $\sigma$			0.9	0.2				0.3	0.5	0.2			0.4	
As	6.8	<7.7	6.7	2.4	<7.7	<3.4	<1.7	7.7	8.3	5.8	26	<5.9	128	<5.6
1 $\sigma$	1.9		0.5	0.1				0.3	0.3	0.1	2		27	
Se	108	138	109	101	81	94	86	121	113	92	40	<59	40	<61
1 $\sigma$	24	25	6	2	33	12	7	4	4	1	8		4	
Ag	3.0	<3.0	3.1	3.3	<2.0	<0.95	1.0	4.3	5.3	3.4	<0.44	<1.4	0.50	<1.3
1 $\sigma$	0.7		0.2	0.1				0.1	0.2	0.1			0.12	
Cd	<1.6	13	<0.62	<0.14	<3.6	<1.5	<0.61	5.1	1.8	<0.10	<1.1	<3.3	0.51	<4.2
1 $\sigma$		4						0.2	0.2				0.18	
Sb	<0.8	<3.6	<0.26	0.088	<2.5	<1.0	<0.43	<0.090	<0.14	<0.047	<0.69	<1.7	0.41	<1.5
1 $\sigma$		1		0.024									0.09	
Te	11	<10.1	4.1	17	<8.1	<5.6	<2.4	14	20	7.6	<2.5	<7.3	<0.90	<7.4
1 $\sigma$	3		0.7	1				1	1	0.3				
Tl	<0.20	<0.28	<0.048	0.030	<0.49	<0.32	<0.11	0.075	0.050	0.016	2.2	0.3	1.5	0.7
1 $\sigma$				0.008				0.012	0.013	0.004	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Pb	1.7	3.0	3.5	0.63	<1.2	1.7	6.3	6.2	7.4	1.4	0.14	<0.33	0.96	<0.29
1 $\sigma$	0.5	1.0	0.2	0.0		0.2	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.05		0.20	
Bi	0.40	1.5	0.64	0.12	0.55	0.83	3.7	0.70	0.68	0.15	<0.10	<0.25	<0.028	<0.20
1 $\sigma$	0.10	0.4	0.22	0.01	0.20	0.12	0.1	0.02	0.04	0.01				
Frequency (Hz)	36	20	33	42	33	42	36	42	36	36	20	20	20	20
Beam size <sup>c</sup> ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	30	10 (l)	20 (l)	340 (l)	5	5	105 (l)	190 (l)	180(l)	240 (l)	40	20	50	20

Mineral	19-11-T												21-9-A	
	sa1c	sa2	sa3	m2sa1	m2sa2	m2sb1	m2sb3	m2sc	m2sd1	m2sd2	m2sg1	m2sg2	cb1	cb2
Po	Po	Po	Po	Po	Po	Po	Po	Po	Po	Po	Po	Po	Pn	Pn
Co	117	80	128	107	93	66	34	111	66	65	53	45	nd	nd
1 $\sigma^a$	13	7	36	3	3	5	3	3	7	9	4	3		
Ni <sup>b</sup>	<152	546	<5038	81	95	129	70	97	135	274	<45	119	30.2%	29.7%
1 $\sigma$		102		9	11	16	14	17	22	37		18		
Cu <sup>b</sup>	405	473	1286	8.7	212	460	134	51	47	46	29	36	52	32
1 $\sigma$	31	56	313	2.6	20	61	12	8	5	5	8	10	11	6
Zn	41	87	<382	<6.2	34	95	19	<11	15.3	<7.4	<11	<11	29	29
1 $\sigma$	7	13			5	10	5		4.0				11	10
Ga	<1.2	1.8	<43	<1.1	1.9	<1.6	2.7	<2.0	<1.6	<1.3	<2.1	<2.0	<5.7	<5.9
1 $\sigma$		0.7			0.5		0.8							
Ge	<7.9	<12	<270	<7.1	<7.4	<10	<13	<12	<9.6	<7.7	<13	<12	<35	<35
1 $\sigma$														
As	10	46	<196	<4.4	16	41	9.6	<6.9	<5.5	<4.4	<7.2	<6.5	<21	30
1 $\sigma$	3	6			3	4	3.4							8
Se	<64	100	<2184	40	52	<53	<69	<66	57	<43	<70	<63	<267	<261
1 $\sigma$		30		14	16				22					
Ag	<1.4	<2.1	<52	<0.85	<0.88	<1.2	<1.5	<1.5	<1.1	<0.95	<1.5	<1.3	<4.0	<4.2
1 $\sigma$														
Cd	<3.8	<5.2	<138	<1.7	<1.9	<2.2	<3.8	<2.2	<2.6	<2.9	<3.0	<3.5	<11	<10
1 $\sigma$														
Sb	<1.5	2.7	<56	<1.5	<1.5	2.0	<2.1	<2.0	<1.5	<1.2	<1.9	<1.8	<7.5	<7.6
1 $\sigma$		0.8				0.6								
Te	<6.9	<10	<303	<4.1	<4.3	<4.9	<7.0	<6.5	<4.3	<4.2	<6.2	<5.9	<30	<30
1 $\sigma$														
Tl	1.2	2.6	8.0	<0.16	1.8	6.9	1.7	<0.26	1.5	0.24	<0.26	<0.28	<1.3	<1.3
1 $\sigma$	0.2	0.5	3.9		0.2	0.5	0.3		0.2	0.09				
Pb	<0.32	<0.50	13	<0.63	<0.63	<0.84	<1.0	<0.92	<0.79	<0.68	<1.1	<0.93	29	50
1 $\sigma$			7										5	7
Bi	<0.21	<0.27	<7.8	<0.21	<0.20	<0.26	<0.29	<0.27	<0.21	<0.15	<0.26	<0.26	<1.3	<1.2
1 $\sigma$														
Frequency (Hz)	20	20	20	15	12	12	20	20	18	12	15	16	14	8
Beam size <sup>c</sup> ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	20	20	10	13 (r)	10	10	5	10	10	10	5	5	5	5



Mineral	21-9A					21-9B					21-9T			
	ul	ckn	ckm	ckl	cji	cgl	cg2	st	sk1	sk2	sr	ss	ckp	cko
Pn	Pn	Pn	Pn	Pn	Pn	Mi	Gs	Hz	Hz	Hz	Pn	Pn	Pn	Pn
Co	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
1σ <sup>a</sup>														
Ni <sup>b</sup>	33.2%	33.4%	32.8%	32.1%	33.5%	62.4%	66.0%	72.3%	71.7%	72.1%	39.4%	36.2%	32.7%	32.2%
1σ														
Cu <sup>b</sup>	10	<2.7	2.9	4.2	15	59	27	<5.2	1.7	7.0	228	80	148	181
1σ	2		0.5	0.7	3	6	2		0.4	1.9	17	19	61	62
Zn	<10	<5.2	<2.6	<5.3	<15	<12	<6.5	<11	<2.2	<12	8.6	<8.1	<170	<22
1σ											1.2			
Ga	<2.4	<1.2	<0.8	<1.7	<3.1	<2.6	<1.4	<2.8	<0.48	<2.7	<1.3	<1.9	<56	<8.2
1σ														
Ge	<20	<11	<6	<13	<18	<16	<7.8	<25	<2.7	<15	<10	<16	<47	<64
1σ														
As	22	29	27	23	31	8294	1641	458	816	1219	45	48	<227	<30
1σ	4	6	3	7	5	677	97	98	83	43	3	10		
Se	<165	130	158	157	<157	215	354	<191	125	<137	130	<121	<3645	<490
1σ		30	20	46		48	29		19		17			
Ag	<3.0	<1.4	<0.8	<1.8	<2.2	<1.5	<0.82	<3.0	<0.35	<1.8	<1.3	<2.0	<59	<7.5
1σ														
Cd	<7.6	<3.9	<2.4	<6.1	<5.0	<4.5	<1.9	<7.1	<0.83	<4.6	<2.9	<5.1	<135	<22
1σ														
Sb	<4.6	<2.1	<1.2	<2.7	<3.1	48	6.0	<5.1	2.2	<2.5	4.2	12	<86	<12
1σ						5	0.8		0.3		0.6	3		
Te	<21	21	17	12	26	102	100	34	133	107	31	13	<319	<45
1σ		4	2	5	6	13	7	10	14	8	3	4		
Tl	<0.43	<0.20	<0.097	<0.20	<0.57	<0.49	<0.28	<0.44	<0.089	<0.53	0.45	<0.37	<5.0	<0.78
1σ											0.05			
Pb	7.9	3.1	0.8	5.1	16	26	13	1.8	0.68	<0.61	9.1	5.3	22	23
1σ	2.0	0.4	0.2	1.0	3	2	1	0.5	0.09		0.5	1.2	8	8
Bi	<0.70	<0.30	<0.19	<0.42	<0.48	8.4	3.0	0.81	<0.078	<0.50	<0.29	<0.50	<13	<1.9
1σ						0.7	0.2	0.27						
Frequency (Hz)	50	50	50	50	10	10	17	50	42	10	10	50	50	50
Beam size <sup>c</sup> (μm)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	30	5	5	5

Mineral	21-9T			28-9A	
	cjg	cjh	cjj	ca1	ca2
Co	Pn	Pn	Pn	Pn	Pn
	nd	nd	nd	8784	9555
1 $\sigma^a$				717	173
Ni <sup>b</sup>	40.1%	34.8%	33.6%	239576	333664
1 $\sigma$				18128	5886
Cu <sup>b</sup>	463	130	133	910	598
1 $\sigma$	87	8	26	109	57
Zn	31	512	<74	<201	<100
1 $\sigma$	6	87			
Ga	<0.99	<5.5	<16.4	<18	<8.7
1 $\sigma$					
Ge	<5.5	<31	<92	<76	<38
1 $\sigma$					
As	1028	33	<55	96	31
1 $\sigma$	103	7		24	7
Se	250	<274	<835	<699	407
1 $\sigma$	38				138
Ag	<0.70	<3.9	<12	<20	<10
1 $\sigma$					
Cd	<1.7	<9.6	<31	<25	<11
1 $\sigma$					
Sb	3.2	<5.4	<16	<15	<7.3
1 $\sigma$	0.6				
Te	139	49	<82	<80	<38
1 $\sigma$	16	13			
Tl	<0.18	<0.94	<2.9	<4.0	<2.2
1 $\sigma$					
Pb	29	26	50	21	<4.9
1 $\sigma$	5	2	8	4	
Bi	0.80	<0.96	<2.8	<2.7	<1.5
1 $\sigma$	0.15				
Frequency (Hz)	25	10	10	8	8
Beam size <sup>c</sup> ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	5	5	5	5	5

<sup>a</sup> 1 $\sigma$ : within-run error;

<sup>b</sup> Ni in pentlandite, and Cu in chalcopyrite were measured by the electron microprobe;

<sup>c</sup> when line (l) or raster (r.) were made, the length of the line/diameter of the raster is given instead the size of the beam size.

Sulfide abbreviations: Pn, pentlandite; Po, pyrrhotite; Ccp, chalcopyrite; Hz, heazlewoodite; Gs, godlevskite; Mi, millerite.

**B. Chemical compositions of the Kane Megamullion serpentines**

**Table B.1.** Selected EPMA analyses of serpentines from the Kane Megamullion OCC

Lithology (sample ID)	spinel harzburgite (14-44)							plagioclase harzburgite (19-11A)				mantle-gabbro-contact (21-9T)			
Analysis code	ca5	ca6	ca10	ca11	ca12	ca13	ca14	oaa1	oaa2	oaa3	oab1	ck1	ck2	ck3	ck4
<i>major elements [wt%]</i>															
SiO <sub>2</sub>	42.0	42.3	38.5	42.2	40.4	41.7	39.9	39.4	39.9	40.3	36.7	42.1	42.3	42.9	41.7
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.4	1.4	3.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	3.6	3.8	3.7	4.1	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.5
CaO	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FeO <sup>a</sup>	3.9	4.0	6.6	6.0	4.4	8.4	8.3	7.1	7.1	7.5	7.1	7.6	7.7	3.7	2.4
MnO	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.4
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
MgO	36.7	36.5	31.7	35.0	36.9	35.1	33.1	25.5	32.1	29.0	28.8	35.8	33.1	38.8	38.9
NiO	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.4
TOTAL	84.2	84.4	81.1	83.9	82.3	86.0	82.4	77.6	84.6	82.5	78.5	86.7	84.6	86.4	86.4
<i>trace elements [ppm]</i>															
Cu (63) <sup>b</sup>	11	7.0	5.9	10	8.9	8.5	8.6	117	69	39	91	306	281	931	813
Zn (66)	28	33	74	28	28	27	26	55	47	29	69	168	139	287	175
Ga (69)	2.2	2.1	2.7	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.7	4.8	4.5	4.2	4.6	56	65	276	333
Ge (74)	0.48	0.53	0.84	0.93	1.0	<0.99	<0.99	1.9	<1.6	<1.7	<1.7	<61	<13.2	<247	<315
As (75)	2.0	2.9	1.5	12	11	17	20	580	601	568	551	<28	14	<111	<145
Se (77)	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.7	3.0	<9.2	<8.8	<21	<20	<21	<21	<463	<101	<1866	<2313
Ag (107)	0.057	0.027	0.053	0.097	0.090	<0.068	<0.052	<0.35	<0.31	<0.34	<0.33	<8.7	<1.5	<33	<44
Cd (111)	0.044	0.031	0.042	0.038	0.038	<0.20	<0.21	<1.0	<0.97	<0.95	<1.0	<27	<3.2	<91	<138
Sb (121)	0.092	0.087	0.11	0.35	0.33	0.43	0.88	0.49	<0.35	<0.34	0.38	<12	<2.1	<47	<65
Te (125)	0.082	0.080	0.093	0.07	0.15	<0.55	<0.63	<1.9	<1.6	<1.8	<1.9	<53	<8.2	<212	<310
Tl (205)	0.063	0.056	0.12	0.083	0.086	0.085	0.079	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.29	1.2	0.61	17	14
Pb (208)	0.66	0.56	0.53	0.62	0.58	0.54	0.56	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.2	20	15	137	166
Bi (209)	0.39	0.23	0.26	0.34	0.34	0.31	0.26	<0.051	<0.045	<0.042	<0.042	<2.1	<0.32	<8.3	<11

<sup>a</sup> All iron calculated as FeO  
<sup>b</sup> isotope mass

C. Chalcophile element contents of the Kane Megamullion hydrothermal products

**Table C.1.** Chalcophile element contents of the Kane Megamullion hydrothermal products determined by INAA and ICPMS.

Label	Cu	As	Zn	Ga	Pb	Se	Sb	Tl	Ni	Ag	Bi	Cd
112-54	228	237	116	1.5	1.7	2.0	9.6	10.1	774	<0.05	0.02	0.9
112-75	5.3	14.3	6.6	<1.0	0.5	0.7	2.1	0.23	72.9	<0.05	<0.02	0.2
112-95	717	332	536	<1.0	795	6.7	49.9	103	1730	3.22	9.06	3.2
112-96	242	98.9	76.4	2.3	16.9	1.1	8.0	2.3	221	0.38	0.25	0.3
112-97	3500	89.7	1150	16.4	32.1	3.0	22.9	211	3630	0.32	0.61	4.9
112-98	84.5	14.0	31.5	1.1	8.1	1.0	2.6	2.6	296	0.09	0.19	0.4
112-104	1790	21.8	617	5.2	27.8	0.8	98.6	152	1650	0.09	0.22	21.1
116-30-(1)	1840	14.4	44.1	0.9	4.2	0.1	6.4	8.1	2030	<0.05	0.05	0.7
116-30-(3)	2280	159	139	2.7	9.7	<0.1	22.1	45.7	6040	<0.05	0.08	1.7
116-46	489	570	772	2.5	1.4	0.6	50.8	29.7	884	0.05	0.20	5.7

D. Major element compositions of the Kane Megamullion sulfides

**Table D.1.** Major element compositions (wt%) of the Kane Megamullion sulfides determined by an electron probe microanalyzer.

Sample No.	Mineral <sup>a</sup>	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	S	Total	Me/S <sup>c</sup>	Ni/(Ni+Fe) <sup>c</sup>	Cu/(Cu+Fe) <sup>c</sup>
5-1	sa1	Pn	32.5	n/a <sup>d</sup>	33.8	0.0	32.9	99.2	1.13	0.50
spinel harzburgite <sup>b</sup>	sa2	Pn	32.0	n/a	33.9	0.0	32.6	98.5	1.13	0.50
5-31B	cb9	Pn	36.8	0.4	30.6	0.0	31.5	99.3	1.21	0.44
olivine websterite	cb10	Pn	33.4	0.4	32.2	0.0	31.4	97.5	1.18	0.48
	cb11	Ccp	31.8	0.0	0.2	36.6	32.9	101.5	1.12	0.50
	cb12	Ccp	31.4	0.0	0.2	37.0	32.7	101.4	1.13	0.51
	cb13	Pn	33.8	0.4	31.6	0.0	30.0	95.8	1.23	0.47
	cb14	Pn	33.2	0.8	32.1	0.0	31.2	97.3	1.19	0.48
	cb15	Pn	33.3	0.8	32.4	0.0	30.6	97.1	1.22	0.48
	cb16	Ccp	31.3	0.0	0.3	36.1	32.2	99.9	1.13	0.50
	cb17	Pn	31.5	0.4	34.6	0.0	30.3	96.9	1.23	0.51
	cb18	Pn	31.4	0.4	34.7	0.0	30.6	97.1	1.22	0.51
	cb19	Pn	32.5	0.4	34.0	0.0	30.1	97.0	1.24	0.50
	cb20	Pn	32.6	0.4	33.3	0.0	29.9	96.1	1.24	0.49
	cb21	Pn	36.2	0.6	30.5	0.0	29.8	97.1	1.27	0.44
	cb22	Pn	35.2	0.5	31.1	0.0	30.1	97.0	1.24	0.46
	cb23	Pn	35.5	0.5	31.2	0.0	30.1	97.3	1.25	0.46
	cb24	Pn	36.1	0.6	30.2	0.0	30.1	97.0	1.25	0.44
	cb25	Pn	36.4	0.6	29.2	0.0	30.1	96.2	1.23	0.43
	cb26	Pn	32.1	0.7	33.7	0.0	30.8	97.3	1.21	0.50
	ca17	Pn	33.4	0.4	32.7	0.0	30.5	97.1	1.22	0.48
	ca18	Pn	33.3	0.5	32.2	0.0	30.9	96.8	1.20	0.48
	ca19	Pn	32.6	0.5	31.1	0.0	30.3	94.5	1.19	0.48
	ca20	Pn	35.6	0.5	30.3	0.0	30.2	96.5	1.24	0.45
	ca21	Pn	35.4	0.5	30.6	0.0	30.0	96.5	1.24	0.45
	ca22	Pn	32.4	0.4	34.1	0.0	29.5	96.4	1.27	0.50
	ca23	Pn	31.9	0.4	34.8	0.0	29.7	96.8	1.26	0.51
	ca24	Pn	32.0	0.4	33.1	0.0	29.9	95.3	1.23	0.50
	ca25	Ccp	30.9	0.0	0.3	34.9	32.0	98.1	1.11	0.50

Sample No.	Mineral <sup>a</sup>	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	S	Total	Me/S <sup>c</sup>	Ni/(Ni+Fe) <sup>e</sup>	Cu/(Cu+Fe) <sup>e</sup>
ca26	Pn	33.2	0.4	32.2	0.0	29.8	95.6	1.24	0.48	
ca27	Pn	32.8	0.4	31.6	0.0	29.8	94.5	1.22	0.48	
ca28	Pn	32.5	0.6	32.0	0.0	29.1	94.2	1.26	0.48	
ca30	Pn	34.1	0.7	31.0	0.0	30.1	95.9	1.23	0.46	
ca31	Ccp	29.9	0.0	3.9	30.6	34.5	99.0	1.01		0.47
ca32	Pn	33.1	0.5	32.3	0.0	29.7	95.7	1.24	0.48	
ca33	Pn	34.4	0.3	32.0	0.0	29.6	96.3	1.26	0.47	
ca34	Pn	34.5	0.3	31.8	0.0	30.1	96.6	1.24	0.47	
ca35	Pn	32.2	0.4	33.6	0.0	30.1	96.3	1.23	0.50	
ca36	Pn	31.9	0.3	33.2	0.0	29.9	95.4	1.23	0.50	
ca37	Pn	33.5	0.4	32.0	0.0	32.4	98.2	1.14	0.48	
cc11	Pn	35.3	1.0	30.4	0.0	29.8	96.6	1.26	0.45	
cc12	Ccp	29.8	0.0	0.6	35.5	34.0	100.0	1.04		0.51
cc13	Pn	33.9	1.0	30.7	0.0	32.2	97.8	1.14	0.46	
cc14	Pn	33.8	0.9	30.6	0.0	32.3	97.7	1.13	0.46	
cc15	Pn	34.7	0.8	30.1	0.0	29.9	95.6	1.23	0.45	
cc16	Ccp	29.6	0.0	1.2	33.4	35.0	99.2	0.99		0.50
cc17	Pn	33.8	1.0	30.6	0.0	31.7	97.2	1.16	0.46	
cc18	Pn	31.8	1.0	33.9	0.0	32.4	99.0	1.15	0.50	
cc19	Pn	32.1	0.5	33.7	0.0	32.8	99.2	1.13	0.50	
cc20	Pn	32.6	0.6	33.1	0.0	32.8	99.2	1.13	0.49	
cc21	Pn	33.3	0.6	31.6	0.0	29.5	95.0	1.25	0.47	
cc22	Pn	33.5	0.7	31.8	0.0	30.2	96.1	1.22	0.47	
cc23	Pn	31.7	0.6	32.2	0.0	31.0	95.4	1.17	0.49	
cc24	Pn	31.3	0.8	34.2	0.0	32.7	98.9	1.14	0.51	
oa8	Ccp	30.0	0.0	0.2	36.2	34.8	101.2	1.02		0.51
oa9	Po	60.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.3	99.3	0.88		
oa10	Po	61.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	38.9	100.2	0.90		
oa11	Po	60.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	38.2	98.6	0.91		
oa12	Pn	36.0	0.3	30.3	0.0	30.1	96.8	1.24	0.44	
oa13	Pn	34.7	0.4	31.9	0.0	32.6	99.6	1.15	0.47	
oa14	Pn	33.8	0.4	30.3	0.0	32.3	96.8	1.12	0.46	
oa15	Pn	33.4	0.3	32.2	0.0	32.5	98.4	1.14	0.48	
oa16	Pn	33.0	0.4	32.6	0.0	32.8	98.8	1.13	0.48	
oa17	Po	63.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	36.3	99.7	1.00		

Sample No.	Mineral <sup>a</sup>	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	S	Total	Me/S <sup>c</sup>	Ni/(Ni+Fe) <sup>e</sup>	Cu/(Cu+Fe) <sup>e</sup>
oa18	Po	62.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	36.2	99.1	1.00		
oa19	Pn	34.6	0.3	32.2	0.0	30.6	97.8	1.23	0.47	
oa20	Pn	34.4	0.5	31.7	0.0	30.4	97.0	1.23	0.47	
oa21	Pn	35.2	0.4	31.2	0.0	30.0	96.8	1.25	0.46	
oa22	Ccp	31.7	0.0	0.2	35.8	31.9	99.6	1.14		0.50
oa23	Po	62.5	0.0	0.3	0.8	35.9	99.4	1.02		
oa24	Pn	37.3	0.4	28.3	0.0	30.4	96.4	1.22	0.42	
oa25	Po	62.1	0.0	0.6	0.0	35.2	97.8	1.02		
oa26	Pn	36.8	0.3	30.9	0.0	30.5	98.6	1.25	0.44	
oa27	Po	62.6	0.0	0.3	0.0	35.9	98.8	1.01		
oa28	Po	63.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	35.8	99.3	1.02		
oa29	Po	62.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	36.0	99.0	1.00		
oa30	Pn	36.5	0.3	30.2	0.0	30.3	97.4	1.24	0.44	
oa31	Pn	36.5	0.4	30.6	0.6	29.9	97.9	1.28	0.44	
oa33	Pn	29.3	0.4	35.3	0.0	32.8	97.8	1.11	0.53	
oa34	Ccp	29.2	0.0	2.9	33.0	35.2	100.2	0.99		0.50
oa35	Pn	34.7	0.3	31.3	0.0	30.0	96.4	1.24	0.46	
oa36	Pn	35.0	0.5	32.0	0.0	30.1	97.6	1.26	0.47	
oa37	Pn	33.5	0.4	33.0	0.0	32.3	99.2	1.16	0.48	
ob12	Pn	34.5	0.5	31.0	0.0	32.3	98.2	1.15	0.46	
ob13	Pn	34.4	0.5	30.9	0.0	32.8	98.6	1.12	0.46	
ob14	Pn	32.5	0.6	33.5	0.0	32.8	99.4	1.14	0.49	
ob15	Pn	32.6	0.5	32.9	0.0	32.4	98.5	1.14	0.49	
ob16	Pn	32.8	0.5	32.1	0.0	32.2	97.6	1.14	0.48	
ob17	Pn	33.4	0.3	31.6	0.0	32.8	98.1	1.12	0.47	
ob18	Pn	32.5	0.4	32.2	0.0	32.9	98.0	1.11	0.49	
ob19	Ccp	29.6	0.0	0.2	36.0	34.6	100.6	1.02		0.52
ob20	Pn	34.1	0.4	31.6	0.0	32.7	98.9	1.13	0.47	
ob23	Pn	31.8	0.3	33.5	0.0	32.4	98.0	1.13	0.50	
oc15	Pn	30.0	0.7	35.2	0.0	32.3	98.2	1.14	0.53	
sa1	Ccp	30.4	0.0	0.3	33.2	33.6	97.5	1.02		0.49
sa3	Pn	33.0	0.5	33.1	0.0	33.5	100.1	1.12	0.49	
sa4	Pn	33.1	0.5	32.3	0.0	33.5	99.4	1.10	0.48	
sa5	Pn	33.6	0.6	32.5	0.0	33.9	100.6	1.10	0.48	
sa6	Pn	33.9	0.5	32.7	0.0	33.4	100.5	1.13	0.48	



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sa7	Pn	36.2	0.6	30.5	0.0	33.4	100.7	1.13	0.44	
sa8	Pn	36.1	0.6	30.1	0.0	33.8	100.5	1.11	0.44	
sa9	Pn(+Ccp)	31.5	0.3	21.1	13.7	34.3	100.9	1.07		
sa10	Pn(+Ccp)	35.3	0.5	29.2	1.6	34.0	100.5	1.10		
sa11	Ccp	30.5	0.0	0.4	35.1	35.5	101.5	1.00		0.50
sa12	Pn	36.1	0.5	30.4	0.0	33.5	100.5	1.12	0.44	
sa14	Pn	33.0	0.5	33.1	0.0	33.3	99.9	1.12	0.49	
sa16	Pn	33.1	0.6	31.9	0.0	33.1	98.7	1.11	0.48	
sa17	Ccp(+Pn)	29.9	0.0	1.7	34.3	35.2	101.2	1.01		
sa18	Ccp(+Pn)	30.7	0.0	1.2	35.4	34.5	101.9	1.05		
sa20	Pn	32.8	0.6	33.5	0.0	33.6	100.5	1.11	0.49	
sa21	Pn	33.0	0.6	32.6	0.0	32.7	98.8	1.13	0.48	
sa22	Pn	32.9	0.5	33.6	0.0	33.0	99.9	1.14	0.49	
sb1	Pn	34.2	0.4	31.6	0.0	32.0	98.2	1.16	0.47	
sb2	Pn	33.8	0.5	32.1	0.0	32.2	98.6	1.15	0.47	
sb3	Pn	34.8	0.6	31.9	0.0	33.0	100.2	1.14	0.47	
sb4	Ccp	30.6	0.0	0.6	34.8	34.3	100.3	1.03		0.50
sb5	Pn	34.4	0.6	30.7	0.0	33.0	98.7	1.12	0.46	
sb6	Pn	33.7	0.5	30.9	0.0	31.9	97.1	1.14	0.47	
sb7	Pn	35.4	0.5	30.0	0.0	33.3	99.2	1.11	0.45	
sb8	Pn	35.5	0.5	31.2	0.0	32.7	100.0	1.15	0.46	
sb9	Pn	35.1	0.5	31.0	0.0	32.6	99.2	1.14	0.46	
sc1	Ccp	30.4	0.0	0.7	37.0	34.6	102.7	1.05		0.52
sc2	Pn	32.2	0.5	31.0	0.0	32.2	95.8	1.11	0.48	
sc3	Pn	33.8	0.5	33.3	0.0	33.3	100.9	1.14	0.48	
sc4	Pn	33.2	0.5	32.0	0.0	33.3	99.0	1.11	0.48	
sc5	Viol	16.0	0.5	37.6	0.0	40.2	90.0	0.75	0.69	
sc6	Viol	18.0	0.5	38.5	0.0	43.2	95.5	0.73	0.67	
sc7	Pn	32.2	0.6	33.1	0.0	33.1	99.0	1.11	0.49	
sc15	Viol	17.7	0.6	36.9	0.0	42.3	93.0	0.73	0.66	
sd5	Ccp(+Pn)	30.1	0.0	3.9	28.7	33.7	96.5	1.01		
sd6	Pn(+Ccp)	33.8	0.4	30.3	0.9	31.7	97.1	1.16		
sd7	Ccp(+Pn)	30.0	0.0	0.4	36.2	34.3	100.8	1.04		
se1	Pn(+Ccp)	31.4	0.3	33.3	1.6	33.1	99.7	1.12		
se2	Pn	31.1	0.4	35.3	0.0	33.0	99.8	1.13	0.52	

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se3	Pn	31.0	0.2	34.2	0.0	32.4	97.8	1.13	0.51	
se4	Pn	32.1	0.2	34.0	0.0	32.6	99.0	1.14	0.50	
sf1	Pn	34.0	0.9	31.3	0.0	30.6	96.6	1.21	0.47	
sf2	Ccp	29.9	0.0	0.5	35.1	32.0	97.5	1.10		0.51
sf3	Ccp	30.4	0.0	0.3	35.4	32.5	98.6	1.09		0.51
sf4	Pn	36.9	0.8	28.7	0.0	31.1	97.4	1.20	0.43	
sf5	Pn	32.7	0.7	33.0	0.0	29.9	96.3	1.24	0.49	
sg1	Pn	34.7	0.5	32.0	0.0	30.8	97.9	1.22	0.47	
sg2	Pn	32.7	0.6	33.1	0.0	30.3	96.6	1.23	0.49	
sg3	Pn	30.4	0.0	0.4	34.1	32.9	97.8	1.06	0.01	
sg4	Pn	32.8	0.4	32.9	0.0	30.3	96.4	1.22	0.49	
sh1	Pn	34.4	0.4	31.2	0.0	29.8	95.8	1.24	0.46	
sh2	Ccp	30.5	0.0	0.5	36.2	32.0	99.2	1.13		0.51
sh3	Pn	34.9	0.4	31.5	0.0	29.9	96.6	1.25	0.46	
sh4	Ccp	30.5	0.0	0.5	34.9	32.1	98.0	1.10		0.50
sh5	Po	60.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	35.6	96.1	0.98		
sh6	Po	59.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	35.6	95.1	0.96		
sh7	Po	60.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	36.0	96.6	0.97		
sh8	Pn	34.2	0.2	30.8	0.0	30.1	95.3	1.22	0.46	
si1	Pn	35.1	0.6	30.6	0.0	30.4	96.6	1.22	0.45	
si2	Pn	34.0	0.6	31.0	0.0	30.2	95.8	1.22	0.46	
si3	Pn	34.7	0.5	31.0	0.0	30.8	97.0	1.20	0.46	
si4	Ccp	29.4	0.0	0.2	34.5	31.7	95.8	1.09		0.51
sj1	Ccp	30.3	0.0	0.2	35.4	31.5	97.4	1.12		0.51
sj2	Pn	58.8	0.0	0.3	0.0	36.7	95.9	0.93	0.01	
sj3	Pn	32.3	0.5	31.9	0.0	30.2	94.9	1.20	0.48	
sj4	Pn	35.6	0.5	29.3	0.0	30.0	95.3	1.23	0.44	
sj5	Ccp	29.9	0.0	0.0	35.4	31.6	96.9	1.11		0.51
ga6	Pn	31.0	0.4	32.9	0.0	30.1	94.3	1.20	0.50	
ga7	Ccp	30.0	0.0	1.9	35.9	31.0	98.7	1.17		0.51
ga8	Pn	33.1	0.6	32.5	0.0	29.0	95.2	1.28	0.48	
ga9	Ccp	29.5	0.0	0.0	34.6	31.6	95.7	1.09		0.51
gc1	Pn	32.0	0.3	32.6	0.0	29.3	94.2	1.24	0.49	
gc2	Pn	32.2	0.4	33.1	0.0	29.3	95.0	1.26	0.49	
wa9	Pn	33.6	0.4	31.6	0.0	29.2	94.9	1.26	0.47	

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	wa10	Pn	33.0	0.5	31.8	0.0	29.6	94.9	1.24	0.48
	yb10	Ccp	29.1	0.0	0.8	35.4	30.6	96.0	1.14	0.52
	yb11	Ccp	29.7	0.0	0.7	34.9	30.4	95.6	1.15	0.51
	yb14	Pn	32.7	0.5	31.9	0.0	29.3	94.5	1.25	0.48
	xa8	Pn	32.8	0.0	33.3	0.0	33.4	99.5	1.11	0.49
	xa15	Pn	32.3	0.4	31.8	0.0	29.3	93.8	1.23	0.48
	xb10	Pn	32.5	1.0	31.3	0.0	30.4	95.2	1.19	0.48
	xb11	Ccp	30.0	0.0	0.0	35.2	32.4	97.7	1.08	0.51
	xb12	Ccp	29.2	0.0	0.0	32.8	31.2	93.2	1.07	0.50
	ca17	Pn	31.8	0.0	31.0	0.0	31.8	94.7	1.11	0.48
	ca18	Pn	31.5	0.0	31.4	0.0	31.3	94.1	1.12	0.49
	ca19	Pn	31.5	0.0	31.4	0.0	32.3	95.2	1.09	0.49
	sa13	Pn	35.5	0.5	28.0	0.0	33.7	97.8	1.07	0.43
	sa15	Pn	32.7	0.5	32.2	0.0	32.8	98.2	1.12	0.48
19-11T	od1	Po	62.3	n/a	0.0	0.0	36.9	99.2	0.97	
mantle-gabbro contact	od2	Po	62.4	n/a	0.0	0.0	36.7	99.2	0.98	
	od5	Po	62.8	n/a	0.0	0.0	37.3	100.2	0.97	
	odn1	Po	60.9	n/a	0.0	0.0	38.1	99.0	0.92	
	odn2	Po	62.4	n/a	0.0	0.0	37.1	99.5	0.97	
	sa1c	Po	61.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	38.1	99.4	0.92	
	sa2	Po	63.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.3	99.5	1.00	
	sa3	Po	60.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.7	97.6	0.95	
	m2sa1	Po	57.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.7	98.0	0.81	
	m2sa2	Po	57.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.9	95.7	0.88	
	m2sb1	Po	56.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.9	92.3	0.90	
	m2sb3	Po	58.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.1	98.7	0.84	
	m2sc	Po	59.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.8	98.9	0.85	
	m2sd1	Po	58.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	38.0	96.9	0.89	
	m2sd2	Po	57.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	38.1	95.3	0.86	
	m2sg1	Po	58.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.5	94.7	0.91	
	m2sg2	Po	60.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.6	100.3	0.88	
21-7	ca1	Po	58.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.3	94.7	0.93	
mantle-gabbro contact	ca2	Pn	37.4	0.8	25.9	0.0	30.9	95.1	1.17	0.40
	ca7	Po	59.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	38.7	98.0	0.88	
	ca8	Po	58.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.9	98.3	0.84	

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	cb3	Ccp	29.6	0.0	0.5	34.9	33.6	98.6	1.04		0.51
	cb4	Po	60.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.5	97.8	0.92		
	cb5	Po	61.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.7	98.0	0.96		
	cb8	Pn	32.9	2.5	29.6	0.0	31.7	96.7	1.15	0.46	
	cb9	Po	59.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.9	99.3	0.86		
	cb14	Po	59.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.4	96.7	0.91		
	cb15	Po	59.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.6	97.0	0.91		
	cb16	Po	59.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	38.0	97.9	0.90		
	cb23	Ccp	30.8	0.0	0.0	37.6	32.1	100.5	1.14		0.52
	cb24	Po	60.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.6	97.2	0.95		
	cb25	Po	62.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.0	99.0	0.96		
	cb26	Po	54.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	41.6	96.4	0.76		
	cb27	Pn	41.3	0.7	22.6	0.0	32.8	97.4	1.11	0.34	
	cb29	Po	58.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	42.8	101.8	0.79		
	cb30	Pn	35.7	1.4	29.2	0.0	32.5	98.8	1.14	0.44	
	cb31	Po	61.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.2	101.3	0.87		
	cc19	Po	60.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.1	97.2	0.93		
	cc20	Po	56.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	38.5	95.0	0.84		
	cc22	Po	60.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.3	97.1	0.96		
	cc23	Pn	37.4	1.5	24.3	0.0	32.0	95.3	1.11	0.38	
	na1	Viol	24.3	1.2	27.7	0.0	40.4	93.6	0.74	0.52	
	of1	Pn	39.4	1.2	24.0	0.0	31.6	96.2	1.15	0.37	
	of2	Po	61.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.0	97.9	0.99		
	og1	Pn	25.0	0.8	38.0	0.0	31.3	95.1	1.14	0.59	
	og2	Pn	26.3	0.9	37.8	0.0	31.7	96.7	1.14	0.58	
	oh1	Po	61.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.2	97.4	0.97		
	oi1	Po	61.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.5	97.0	0.99		
	oi2	Pn	40.7	1.2	24.7	0.0	32.9	99.5	1.14	0.37	
	cj1	Po	62.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.5	98.3	1.02		
	cj2	Po	61.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.2	97.8	0.98		
	cj3	Po	61.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.0	96.0	1.00		
	cj4	Pn	33.9	8.1	21.3	0.0	32.3	95.6	1.10	0.37	
21-9A	cb1	Pn	33.7	n/a	31.7	0.0	32.7	98.1	1.12	0.47	
Pl harzburgite	cb2	Pn	32.4	n/a	31.2	0.0	33.4	97.0	1.07	0.48	
	ccn1	Pn	31.3	1.5	32.3	n/a	33.3	98.5	1.10	0.50	

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	ccn2	Pn	32.5	1.3	31.5	n/a	33.6	99.0	1.09	0.48
	s1	Pn	31.1	2.2	31.7	n/a	31.6	96.7	1.15	0.49
	cd1	Pn	30.3	1.1	32.2	n/a	33.5	97.1	1.06	0.50
	cji	Pn	29.8	n/a	33.5	0.0	33.3	96.6	1.06	0.52
	ckm	Pn	31.3	n/a	32.8	0.0	33.0	97.1	1.09	0.50
	ckn	Pn	32.0	n/a	33.4	0.0	33.1	98.5	1.11	0.50
	ckl	Pn	31.4	n/a	32.1	0.0	32.3	95.8	1.10	0.49
	u1	Pn	30.2	n/a	33.2	0.0	32.5	95.9	1.09	0.51
21-GB	cg1	Mi	0.3	n/a	62.4	0.0	33.9	96.7	1.01	1.00
olivine gabbro vein	cg2	Gs	0.5	n/a	66.0	0.0	31.6	98.1	1.15	0.99
	sk1	Hz	0.6	n/a	71.7	0.0	25.9	98.2	1.53	0.99
	sk2	Hz	0.6	n/a	72.1	0.0	26.7	99.3	1.49	0.99
	sk3	Hz	0.7	n/a	71.9	0.0	26.3	98.8	1.51	0.99
	st	Hz	0.3	n/a	72.3	0.0	26.5	99.1	1.50	0.99
21-9T	sw1	Hz	0.5	0.0	71.9	n/a	26.1	98.5	1.52	0.99
mantle-gabbro contact	sw2	Hz	0.6	0.0	71.6	n/a	26.3	98.5	1.50	0.99
	sw3	Hz	0.4	0.0	71.8	n/a	26.8	99.0	1.47	0.99
	cje	Pn	30.9	n/a	31.8	0.0	32.9	95.5	1.07	0.49
	cjg	Pn	27.5	n/a	40.1	0.0	32.6	100.2	1.15	0.58
	cjg2	Pn	27.4	n/a	39.6	0.0	33.4	100.4	1.12	0.58
	cjh	Pn	28.8	n/a	34.8	0.0	31.8	95.3	1.12	0.53
	cjj	Pn	29.9	n/a	33.6	0.0	33.1	96.6	1.07	0.52
	cko	Pn	33.2	n/a	32.2	0.0	32.4	97.9	1.13	0.48
	sr	Pn	26.8	n/a	39.4	0.0	32.7	99.0	1.13	0.58
	ss	Pn	30.5	n/a	36.2	0.0	33.1	99.8	1.13	0.53
28-9A (Pl harzburgite)	ca2	Pn	33.5	n/a	33.4 <sup>f</sup>	0.0	32.1	99.0	1.17	0.49
112-10	vb12	Pn	32.4	2.4	28.8	0.0	30.4	94.0	1.17	0.46
Pl harzburgite	xa5	Pn	31.0	2.3	30.5	0.0	29.8	93.6	1.20	0.48
	sa1	Po	53.7	n/a	0.5	0.0	39.5	93.7	0.79	
	sa3	Po	55.6	n/a	0.0	0.0	39.7	95.3	0.81	
	sa2	Po	55.2	n/a	0.0	0.0	39.8	94.9	0.80	
	sa4	Py	46.5	n/a	0.1	0.0	47.6	94.1	0.56	
	sa5	Py	46.9	n/a	0.2	0.0	47.9	95.0	0.56	

<sup>a</sup> Pn, pentlandite; Po, pyrrhotite; Ccp, chalcopyrite; Hz, heazlewoodite; Viol, violarite; Py, pyrite; Gs, godlevskite; Mi, millerite; Pn(+Ccp), Pn with intergrowths of Ccp; Ccp(+Pn), Ccp with intergrowths of pentlandite

<sup>b</sup> lithology of host rock indicated under sample name

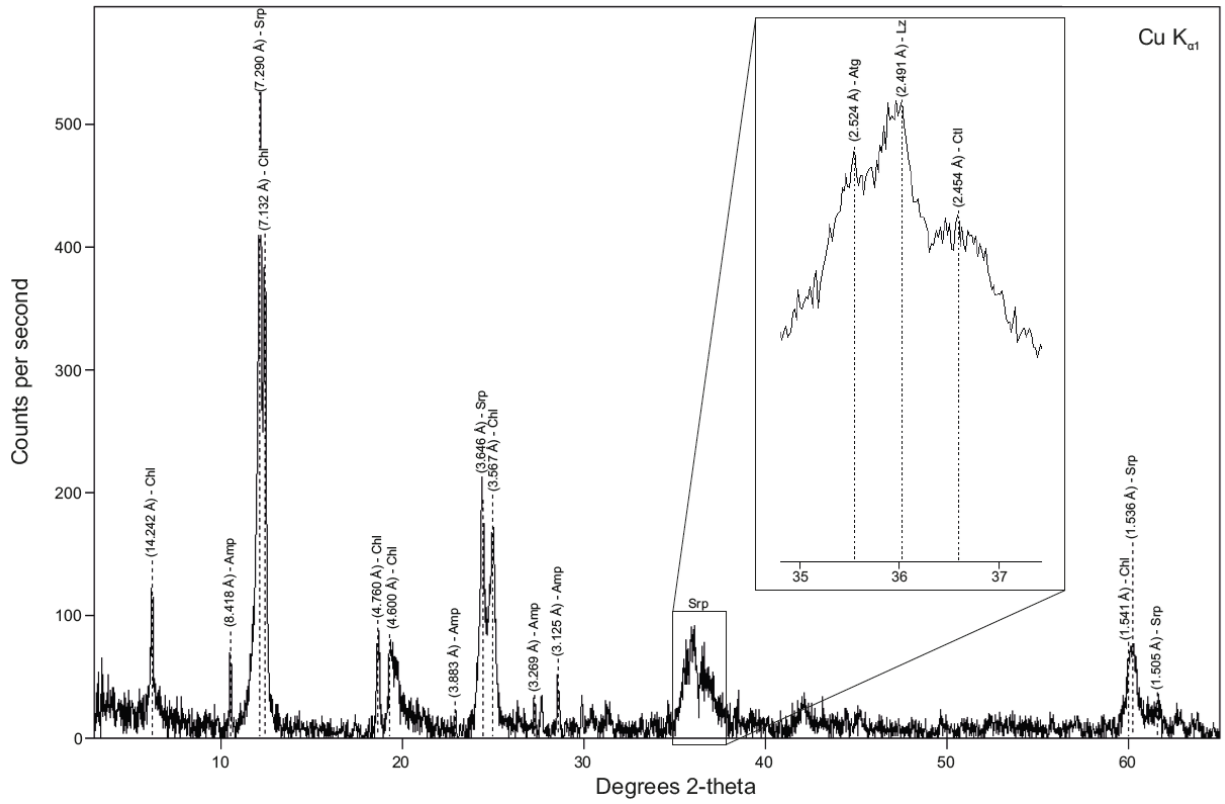
<sup>c</sup> does not include impurities, which occur in 96 of 274 records. Total impurities, mostly Si and Mg, make up >1 wt% in 8 records, but never >2 wt%. They are typically caused by small sizes of analyzed sulfides. The beam interacts with neighbor phases in such a case

<sup>d</sup> n/a – data is not available

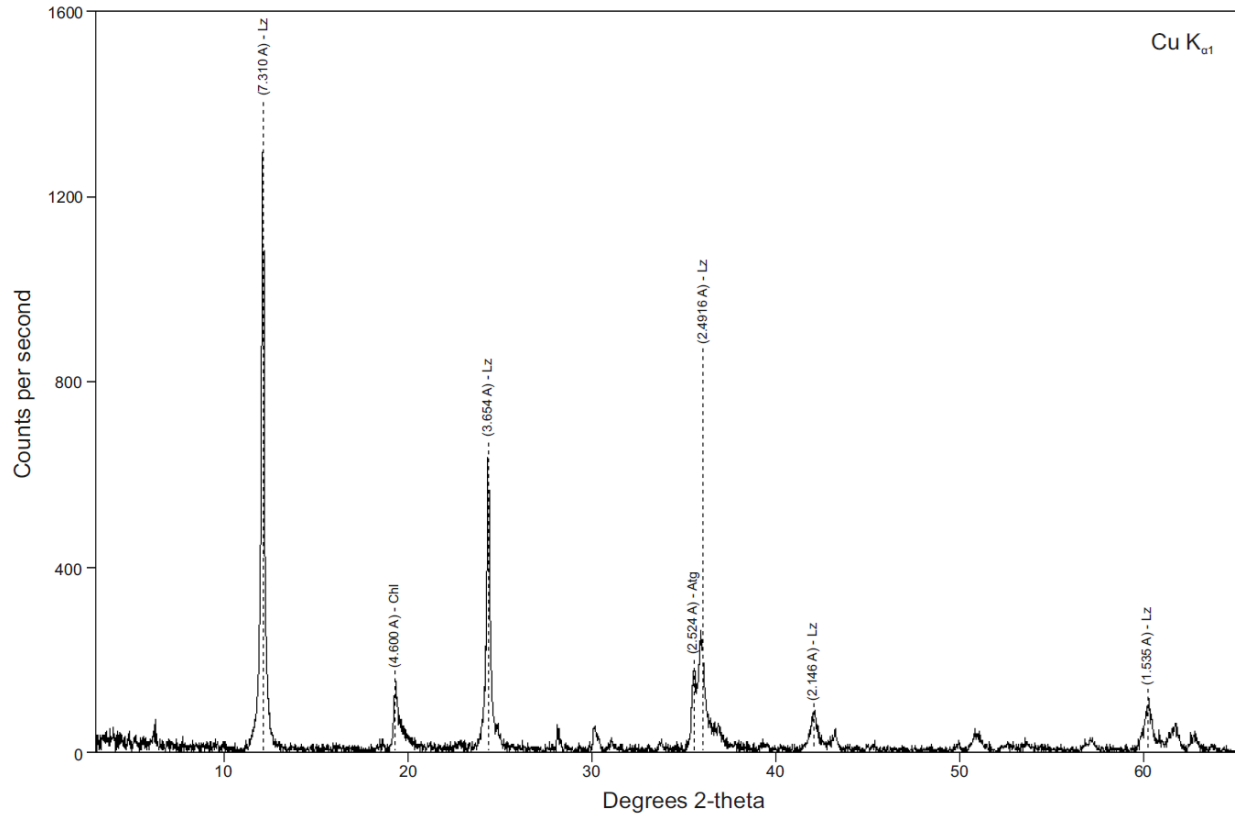
<sup>e</sup> molar ratio

<sup>f</sup> we measured this value using LA-ICPMS

E. X-ray diffraction diffractograms of the Kane Megamullion silicates

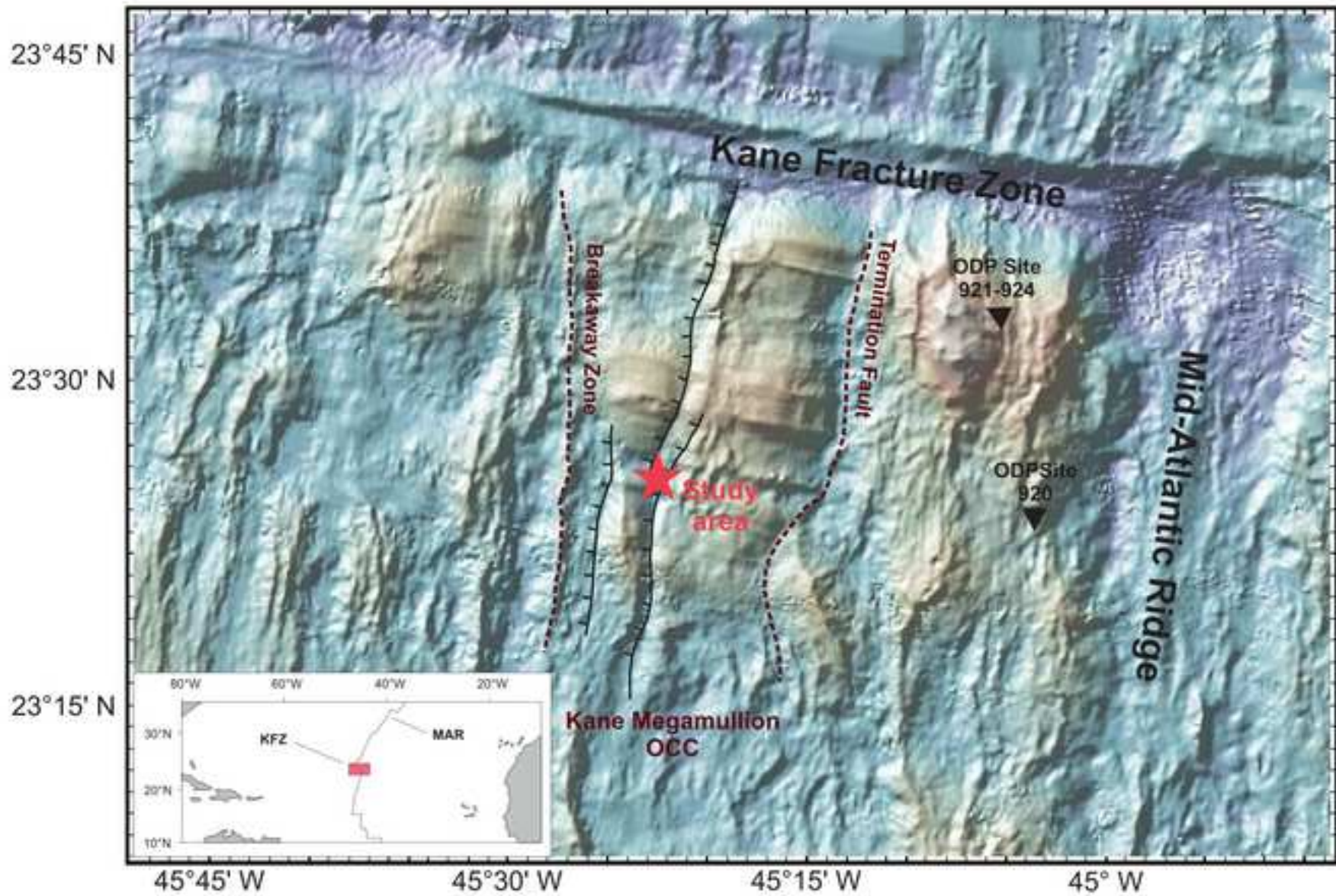


**Fig. E.1.** X-ray diffraction (XRD) diffractogram of subsample 21-9T. Srp – serpentine, Atg – Antigorite, Ctl- chloritoid, Lz- lizardite, Chl – chlorite, Amp- amphibole. Interplanar spacing (d) is given in brackets in Å.

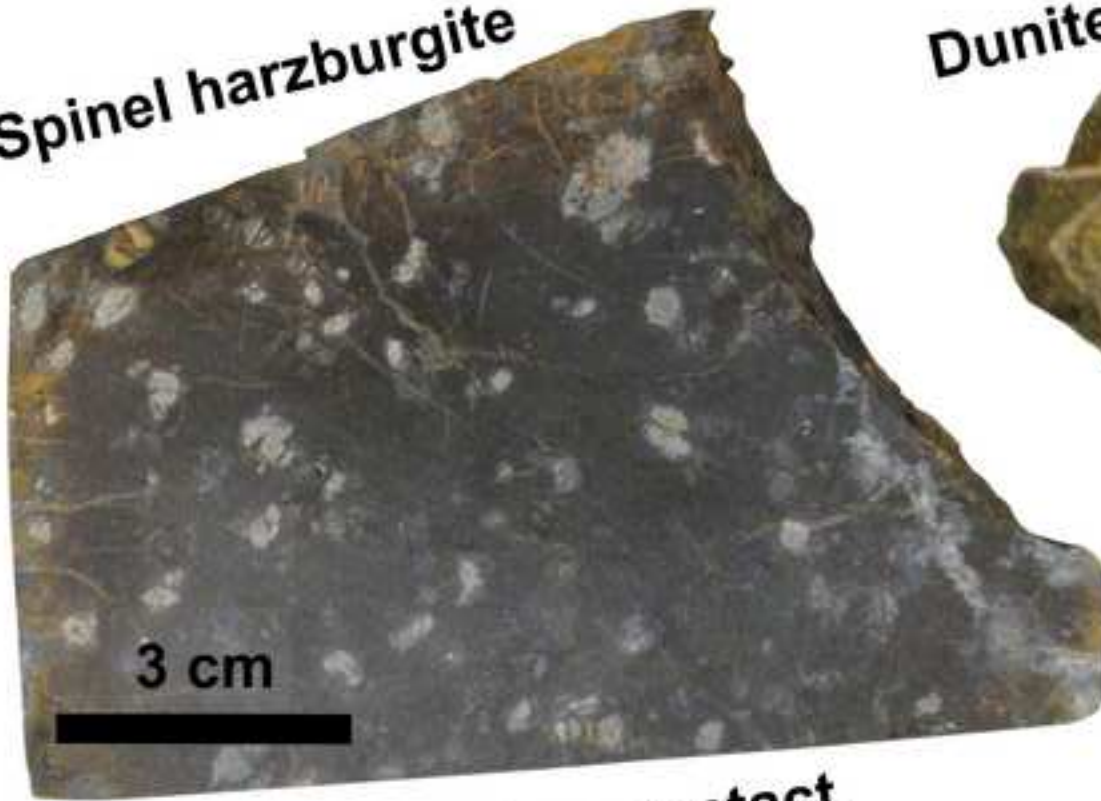


**Fig. E.2.** X-ray diffraction (XRD) diffractogram of subsample 21-9A. Srp – serpentine, Atg – Antigorite, Lz – lizardite, Chl – chlorite. Interplanar spacing (d) is given in brackets in Å.





**Spinel harzburgite**



3 cm

**Dunite**



1 cm

**Peridotite-gabbro contact**



2 cm

**Plagioclase  
harzburgite**



1 cm

