

Metal enrichment as a result of SCLM metasomatism? Insight from ultramafic xenoliths from SW Poland.

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Geological setting

Map showing the occurrences of Cenozoic basaltic volcanic rocks in E Germany and SW Poland (compiled from Sawicki, 1995) and their division into volcanic complexes. Green arrows indicate localities of xenoliths studied in this article. Inset in A shows the studied area (green square) relative to the major tectonic units, European Cenozoic Rift System and associated Variscan Massifs; BG - Bresse Graben, ER - Eger Rift, HG - Hesse Graben, LG – Limagne Graben, URG – Upper Rhine Graben (Ulrych et al., 2011).



Silicate context





Mansur et al., 2021

Sulfide petrography



Polyphasic sulfide grains composed of pyrrhotite (Po), pentlandite (Pn) and chalcopyrite (Ccp). Grain (c) is interstitial, and the others are enclosed in the silicates.

Sulfide abundances [vol.‰]



a) Wilcza Góra



b) Krzeniów



c) Grodziec



d) Księginki



Group A

Group C

Mineral and chemical composition of sulfides





Rising Fe content in pentlandite from Group B and C



Trace elements

Enrichment in chalcophile elements such as: Cu, Se, Zn, Cd, In i Te in sulfides from Group B

Classification of elements: Lee (2016).

Platinum Group Elements + Au + Re = HSE



Iron isotopes

Negligible variability in δ^{56} Fe between groups





Silicates vs sulfides

×

××

40

Group C

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Wilcza Góra

Grodziec

Księginki

50



Silicates data: Puziewicz et al., 2011 Matusiak-Małek et al., 2014, 2016, 2017



Global context



Ni

Sulfides from peridotite xenoliths (Kiseeva et al., 2017)

Metasomatism and iron isotopes



The effect of Fe-Cu-S rich melts' migration



Pyroxenitic veins Sulfide rich Fe-Cu-rich **Refertilized mantle**

Depleted mantle Sulfide-poor Ni-rich

Schematic model of enrichment in sulfides along melt channels in the upper mantle based on the sulfides from Lower Silesia mantle xenoliths. The yellow dots represents sulfide grains, which are the smallest and lowest in abundance in depleted mantle (Group A) and both rise in melt-metasomatized mantle (Group B) due to pyroxenitic veins (Group C) as metasomatic medium. The nonsulfide background is a model of evolution of SCLM beneath NE margin of the Bohemian Massif (Lower Silesia and Upper Lusatia; Matusiak-Małek et al., 2017b).



Conlusions

- The sulfide-rich xenoliths from Group C indicate the important role of migration Fe-Cu-S rich melts during melt-metasomatism.
- The melt-rock reaction with depleted mantle (Group A) results in its enrichment in sulfides (Group B) in chalcophile elements, such as: Cu, Se, Zn, Cd, In and Te.
- Melt-metasomatism results in SCLM metal enrichment.
- Melt-metasomatism seems to not reflect indirectly in iron isotopes fractionation.

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