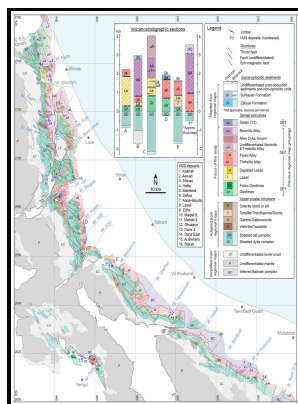


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Oman Ophiolite Emplacement Discussion

What direction did the ophiolite come from? This requires an elevated source region, which presents difficulties. It was traveling along a very low angle thrust plane and depressed the continental margin to such a degree that it was able to traverse the margin.

Semail Ophiolite

Rocks originating on the seafloor show chemical composition comparable to unaltered ophiolite layers, from primary composition elements such as silicon and titanium to trace elements. Credit: Lon Abbott and Terri Cook. The temperature gradients of the metamorphism of ophiolitic and are similar to those found beneath ocean ridges today.

Travels in Geology: Northern Oman: Stunning canyons, towering dunes and the world's largest ophiolite

Credit: Lon Abbott and Terri Cook. The Penrose field conference on ophiolites in 1972 redefined the term ophiolite to include only the igneous rocks listed above, excluding the sediments formed independently of the crust they sit on.

OPHIOLITES

The sequence is being cut by numerous dikes, veins and bouds of ultramafic and mafic rock types.

Processes of Ophiolite Emplacement in Oman and Newfoundland

However, oceanic crust is still at the surface between the promontories, not having been subducted beneath the island arc yet.

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Metamorphic complex and melange are not the part ophiolites. Then we ventured up Wadi Shab, near the coastal town of Tiwi, a longer but still gentle walk along one of the World Heritage canals that parallels a perennial creek with cascading waterfalls and several turquoise-blue swimming holes, all set deep beneath soaring limestone walls every bit as spectacular as the canyons of the American Southwest.

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A few deep drill holes into oceanic crust have intercepted gabbro, but it is not layered like ophiolite gabbro. Visitors to northern Oman will need a car — preferably a four-wheel-drive vehicle — to get around. Verification of the two above hypotheses requires further research, as do the other hypotheses available in current literature on the subject.

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