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Comment on: “Investigating Earth’s Formation History Through Copper & Sulfur Metal–Silicate Partitioning During Core-Mantle Differentiation” by Mahan et al. (2018)Eleanor S Jennings¹, Jon Wade², Xavier Llovet³

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Introduction

Tables S1 and S2 are provided here. They show the standard data (Table S1) and simulation output (Table S2). See main text for information regarding simulations.

| Standard | ρ (g cm ⁻³) | Element | Mole fraction | E (eV) | Intensity | 3 σ |
|--------------|------------------------------|---------|---------------|--------|-----------|------------|
| Copper | 8.96 | Cu | 1.000 | 8047.8 | 5.89E-05 | 2.94E-07 |
| Iron | 7 | Fe | 1.000 | 6404.0 | 9.68E-05 | 3.71E-07 |
| CFMAS basalt | 3 | O | 0.611 | 524.9 | 5.14E-05 | 1.28E-06 |
| CFMAS basalt | 3 | Mg | 0.069 | 1253.7 | 1.94E-05 | 7.81E-07 |
| CFMAS basalt | 3 | Al | 0.095 | 1486.7 | 3.02E-05 | 9.76E-07 |
| CFMAS basalt | 3 | Si | 0.168 | 1740.0 | 5.48E-05 | 1.32E-06 |
| CFMAS basalt | 3 | Ca | 0.042 | 3691.7 | 1.52E-05 | 6.91E-07 |
| CFMAS basalt | 3 | Fe | 0.015 | 6404.0 | 3.24E-06 | 3.13E-07 |

Table S1. Intensities and 3 σ uncertainty of the various characteristic X-ray energies from the simulated standards, along with their compositions and densities. All lines shown correspond to K-L3 transition ($K\alpha_1$) simulated at 20 kV on 1 mm cylindrical blocks using PENEPMA.

| Transect (for Fig. 3a) | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|---|------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| x (μ m) | Phase | Intensity | 3 σ | ZAF _{sample} / ZAF _{std} | wt.% Cu | wt.% Cu 1 σ | wt.% CuO | wt.% CuO 1 σ |
| -8 | silicate | 1.95E-07 | 3.80E-09 | 1.208 | 0.400 | 0.003 | 0.501 | 0.003 |
| -6 | silicate | 2.04E-07 | 4.00E-09 | 1.208 | 0.419 | 0.003 | 0.524 | 0.003 |
| -4 | silicate | 2.13E-07 | 4.26E-09 | 1.208 | 0.437 | 0.003 | 0.547 | 0.004 |
| -2 | metal | 4.59E-07 | 9.16E-09 | 1.128 | 0.880 | 0.006 | 1.101 | 0.007 |
| 0 | metal | 5.54E-07 | 1.10E-08 | 1.128 | 1.062 | 0.007 | 1.329 | 0.009 |
| 2 | metal | 7.03E-07 | 1.39E-08 | 1.208 | 1.348 | 0.009 | 1.687 | 0.011 |
| 4 | silicate | 3.87E-07 | 7.56E-09 | 1.208 | 0.794 | 0.005 | 0.994 | 0.006 |
| 6 | silicate | 4.28E-07 | 8.40E-09 | 1.208 | 0.879 | 0.006 | 1.100 | 0.007 |
| 8 | silicate | 5.06E-07 | 1.01E-08 | 1.208 | 1.039 | 0.007 | 1.300 | 0.009 |

| Detector position (for Fig. 3b) | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|---|---------|--------------------|
| Detector no. | position | Intensity | 3 σ | ZAF _{sample} / ZAF _{std} | wt.% Cu | wt.% Cu 1 σ |
| 1 | Annular | 5.49E-07 | 5E-09 | 1.128 | 1.052 | 0.003 |
| 2 | 0° | 4.80E-07 | 2.82E-08 | 1.128 | 0.920 | 0.018 |
| 3 | 90° | 4.62E-07 | 2.76E-08 | 1.128 | 0.886 | 0.018 |
| 4 | 180° | 4.80E-07 | 2.81E-08 | 1.128 | 0.920 | 0.018 |
| 5 | 270° | 6.63E-07 | 3.31E-08 | 1.128 | 1.271 | 0.021 |

Table S2. Simulated Cu $K\alpha_1$ X-ray intensities and Cu concentrations from the PENEPMA simulation used to construct Figs. 3a and 3b. Wt.% compositions and matrix correction factors calculated in CalcZAF are also shown.