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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.