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EXPERIMENTAL EVIDENCE OF SULFIDE MELT EVOLUTION VIA IMMISCIBILITY AND FRACTIONAL CRYSTALLIZATION

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ABSTRACT

Most ore deposits in high-grade metamorphic terranes show signs of remobilization of sulfide ores. During this process the compositions and tenor of the ore changes dramatically. In this report we show the results of a study designed to clarify chemical modification of sulfide melts as they cool from high temperatures. Sulfide melts were allowed to “trickle down” through a permeable inert host over an extreme temperature gradient. The effects of crystal fractionation and liquid immiscibility can be clearly seen in the resultant experimental charges, explaining many features previously documented in metamorphosed ores.

Keywords: metamorphosed ores, sulfide melt evolution, ore re-mobilization, immiscibility, metal alloys, sulfosalts

INTRODUCTION

Petrologists are increasingly recognizing that sulfide melts play an important role in redistributing metals and changing the tenor of metamorphosed sulfide ore deposits (*e.g.*, Bailie & Reid 2005, Frost *et al.* 2011, Tomkins & Mavrogenes 2002, Tomkins *et al.* 2004, 2007). Whereas silicate wall rocks melt at the granite minimum, sulfides are so chemically variable that melting rarely occurs at a simple ternary eutectic. Therefore, any deposit rich in low melting point chalcophile elements (LMCE, particularly Sb, As, Ag, and Bi; Frost *et al.* 2002) that has been subjected to high-grade metamorphism is likely to have undergone partial melting. In general, ore deposits from weakly metamorphosed environments, and which are not likely to have melted, are mineralogically simple; they contain mainly pyrite, chalcopyrite, galena, and sphalerite. In contrast, melted ore bodies from high-grade metamorphic environments, such as Broken Hill, Australia; Sulitjelma, Norway (Cook 1996); Taivaljärvi, Finland (Papunen *et al.* 1989); and Bleikvassli, Norway (Cook *et al.* 1998) contain a

wide variety of unusual minerals, including sulfosalts and alloys that are typically concentrated in domains that are extremely enriched in LMCE. We contend that these unusual LMCE-enriched mineral assemblages are a product of melting. Frost *et al.* (2011) argued that during differentiation of sulfide melt at Broken Hill, first sulfides (indicative of high sulfur fugacity), then sulfosalts, and finally metal alloys (indicative of low sulfur fugacity) crystallized. Alternatively, metal alloy melts may coexist with sulfide melts via liquid immiscibility. In this paper we investigate the relationship between sulfides, sulfosalts, and metal alloys in evolving metallic melts, either via decreasing sulfur fugacity during differentiation or via liquid immiscibility.

In addition to unusual differentiation trends, melted ore deposits also show other strange relationships. For example, one polyminerale sulfide melt inclusion from Broken Hill studied by Sparks & Mavrogenes (2005) (their Fig. 2D) contains chalcopyrite, bornite, galena, sphalerite, arsenopyrite, gudmundite, tetrahedrite, and dyscrasite. The tetrahedrite contains only minor amounts of Ag, but it occurs with dyscrasite, a silver

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alloy. Furthermore, the dyscrasite, which formed from sulfur-rich melt, contains little or no sulfur. In the presence of sulfide, why did sulfur-free alloys form? Alternatively, why didn't the dyscrasite react with galena to make a Pb-Ag sulfosalt?

Textural relations such as this are not unusual in metamorphosed ore deposits. Native Sb and Bi occur as inclusions within galena from Bleikvassli (Dobbe 1993), native Ag and Ag-dominant intermetallic ores occur as inclusions within galena at Taivaljärvi (Papunen *et al.* 1989), and native Sb and Ag occur within a vein cutting galena in the ore from Sulitjelma (Cook 1996). What was the cause of this lack of interaction between native metals and alloys and the surrounding sulfides in these ores? Could these metal alloys and coexisting sulfides be immiscible?

A further feature of Broken Hill is the grade and distribution of Au within and around the ores. Several studies have shown that Au grades are highly variable, with the highest Au grades associated with an equigranular garnet-rich rock known as garnet sandstone or garnetite (Stillwell 1940). While the Broken Hill deposit as a whole averages 0.13 g/t Au, garnetites range from 1.8 g/t to 7.4 g/t Au. Sulfide minerals within the Broken Hill sulfide ores contain around 2 g/t Au. Comparison of 2 g/t Au in 100% sulfide ore with garnetite that contains <2% sulfides yet has a concentration of up to 1 g/t Au suggests that something unusual is occurring within the garnetites; in fact, relative to average ore grades, sulfides (and metal alloys) within the garnetites are enriched in Au up to 300% (2 ppm in 100% versus 1 ppm in <2%). This extreme enrichment likely resulted from sulfide melt fractionation, given that the garnets themselves contain abundant sulfide melt inclusions (Sparks & Mavrogenes 2005), and the likelihood that a rock composed entirely of garnet must have lost silicate partial melt during crystallization. Based on analyses of a series of garnetite-hosted sulfide melt inclusions from Broken Hill, Sparks & Mavrogenes (2005) proposed that Cu/Pb changes systematically with temperature. Thus it is a reliable monitor of crystal fractionation. In that study they found that Ag concentrations increased with increasing Cu/Pb, explaining why final melt segregates at Broken Hill, which occur as cross-cutting bodies called droppers, are enriched in LMCE, especially Ag (Lawrence 1967). These features demonstrate that a generalized "liquid line of descent" is needed for sulfide systems so that sulfide melt evolution can be better understood, and extreme enrichments, such as seen in Ag and Au at Broken Hill, can be explained.

The experiments we have undertaken here attempt to (1) quantify processes that fractionate sulfide melts, (2) assess the importance of liquid immiscibility, and (3) provide a liquid line of descent in Pb- and Zn- rich melts that defines partitioning between coexisting phases, mostly galena and sphalerite, that will allow assessment of the effects of crystal fractionation in natural systems.

EXPERIMENTAL SET-UP

The experiments were designed to allow a poly-metallic melt to form and then evolve as it passed through a large temperature gradient. To accomplish this, we created a graphite capsule with inside dimensions of 20 mm by 4 mm. An alumina sleeve was placed over the top of the capsule to separate it from the graphite heater, thus increasing the temperature gradient in the capsule (Fig. 1). We ran a calibration experiment at 820 °C and 0.5 GPa with crushed quartz only and a series of thermocouples covering the vertical extent of the capsule to determine the resulting temperature gradient (Fig. 1). Subsequent experiments utilized crushed quartz in the bottom 17–18 mm of the capsule, capped with a pressed sulfide pellet. The capsule was then covered with a graphite lid and the entire assembly was fitted into a talc sleeve. An MgO spacer was used to ensure that the top of the capsule was located within the hot spot of the 12.7 mm end-loaded piston cylinder apparatus. Pressure was applied to the charge prior to heating. All experiments were heated at 50 °C per minute to 820 °C, where they were held for 2 hours. Each experiment was quenched by disconnecting the power supply to the graphite heater; the charges cooled from 820 °C to below 50 °C in 10 to 20 seconds. Capsules were then embedded in epoxy and, after the epoxy set, 2 mm holes were drilled at the top and the bottom of the capsule and the interior of the capsule was re-impregnated with epoxy.

Sulfide compositions were selected to be similar in composition to that found in the sulfide melt inclusions from Broken Hill studied by Sparks & Mavrogenes (2005), and enriched in the same LMCE as Broken Hill droppers. Two slightly different starting compositions were prepared; mostly galena, sphalerite, and pyrrhotite, with added LMCE. The first (Mix 1) contained (in moles); 55% Pb, 16% S, 8% Sb, 7% Cu, 2% Ag, and 2% As, and the second (Mix 2) the same proportions with 1% Au. Mix 1 was used in experiments 022 and 024 and Mix 2 was used in experiment 025.

RESULTS

At the completion of each experiment we found that the melt produced by the charge had migrated to the bottom of the chamber, leaving a series of precipitates throughout. Analysis of these precipitates revealed extreme differentiation. Initially 2 wt.% Ag and 8 wt.% Sb were added to Exp022 in the sulfide pellet. After the experiment, both Ag and Sb were below the limit of detection in the restite, and enriched in the precipitated material. The X-ray maps in Figure 2 illustrate systematic down-hole fractionation of Ag (note increasing brightness from top to bottom) and extreme enrichment of Sb throughout the precipitates. These establish that Sb and Ag are completely mobilized during sulfide partial melting. However, more importantly, the lower

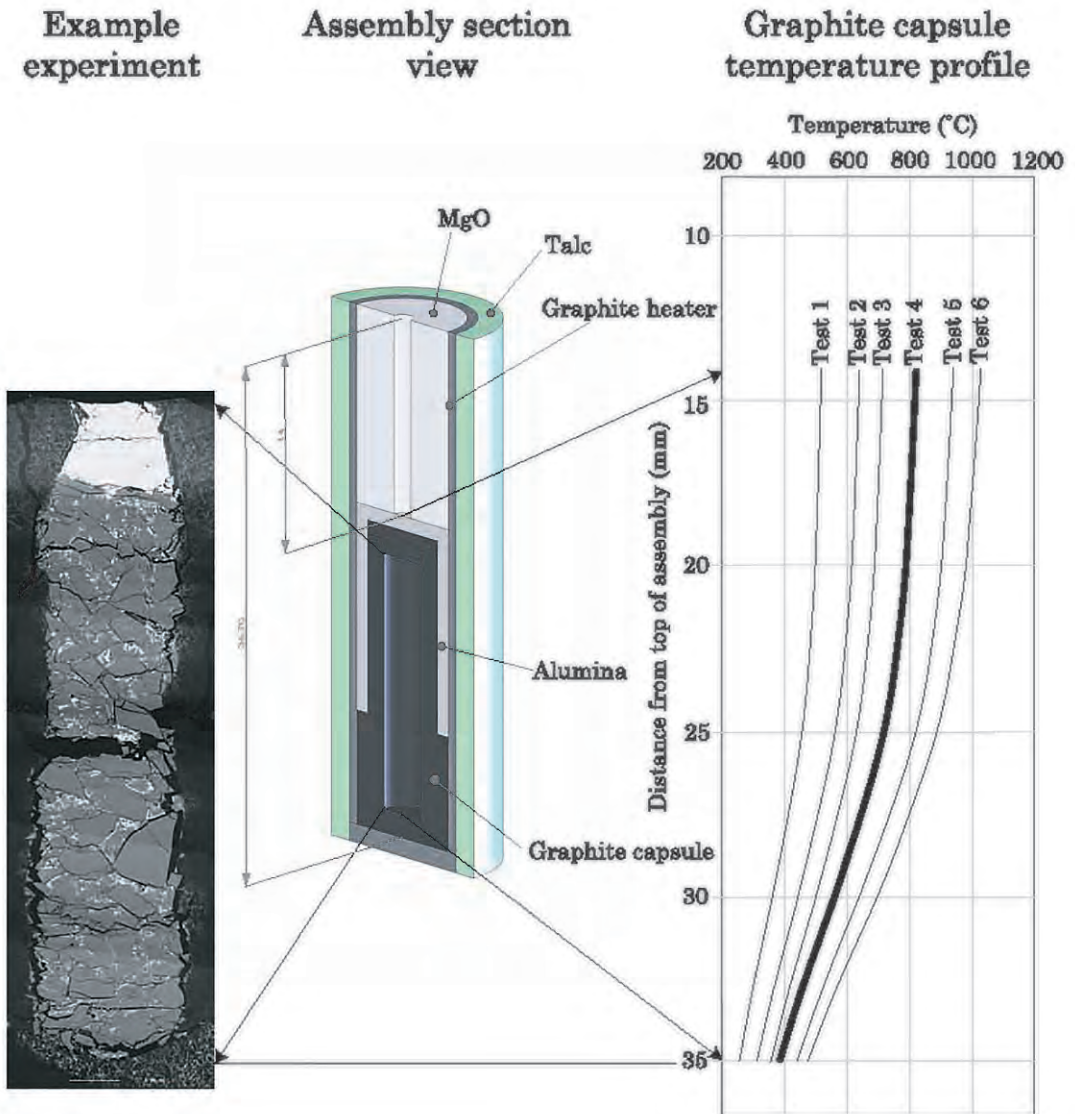


FIG. 1. Capsule assembly and measured temperature gradients.

portion of the capsule contained three melts: a sulfide melt, which crystallized galena, sphalerite, and pyrrhotite with eutectic texture; a sulfosalt melt, enriched in Sb and As, but which also contained significant amount of S; and an alloy melt that contained Sb and Ag but which lacked S (Fig. 3). A close-up (experiment 024, Fig. 4) clearly shows a sphere of Sb-Ag-As melt within Pb-Cu-Sb-S melt that quenched to an aggregate of sulfides within the angular quartz host. This texture can only be interpreted as being formed via liquid immiscibility between alloy and sulfide melts.

Equilibrium

Although immiscibility was seen in every experiment, establishment of equilibrium is not simple in polythermal experiments. Therefore, an isothermal experiment was undertaken to establish equilibrium immiscibility at 700 °C. An average bulk composition for the 700 °C isotherm was estimated for experiment 028, and a mix of that composition was made (Table 1). This mix was pressed into a homogenous sulfide pellet that measured 3 mm diameter by 5 mm vertically, and heated for two hours in graphite entirely within the

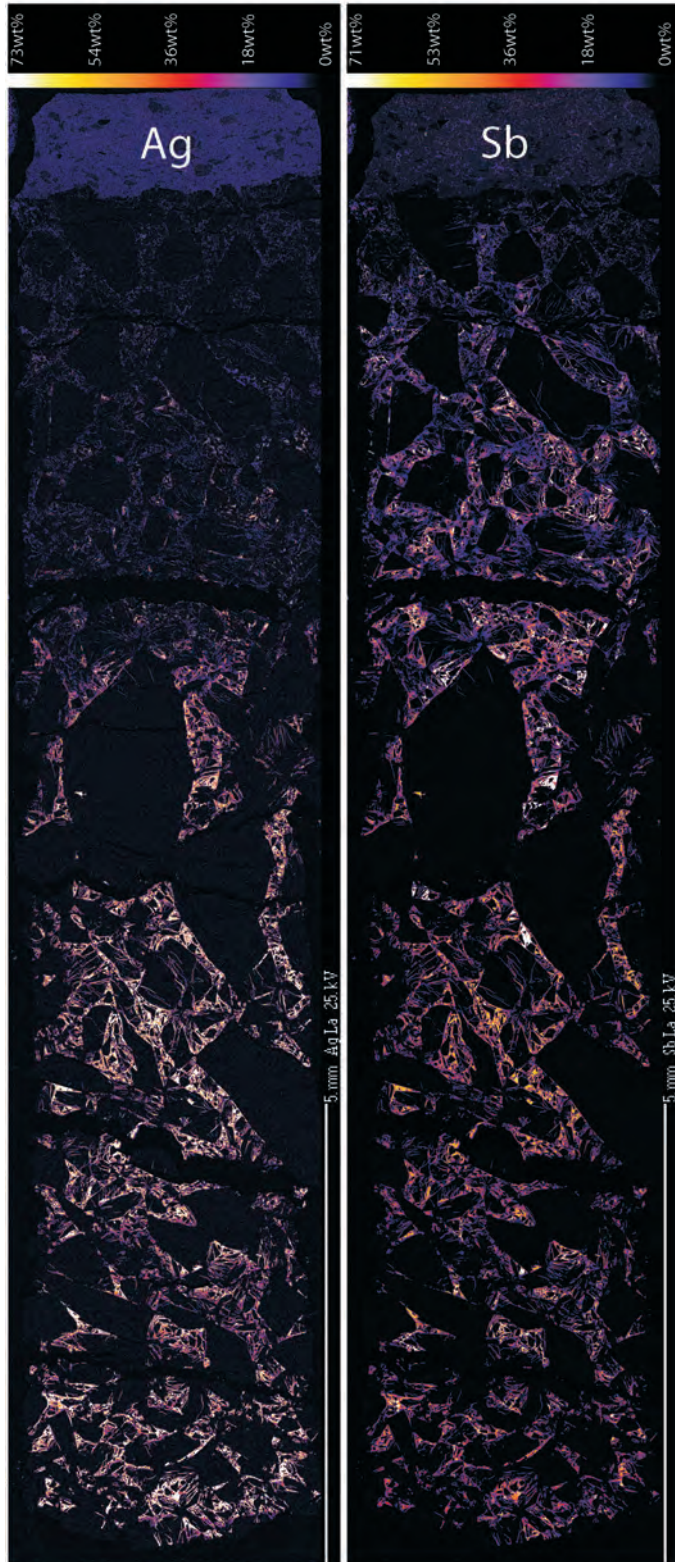


FIG. 2. Silver and Sb EMPA maps of experiment 022.

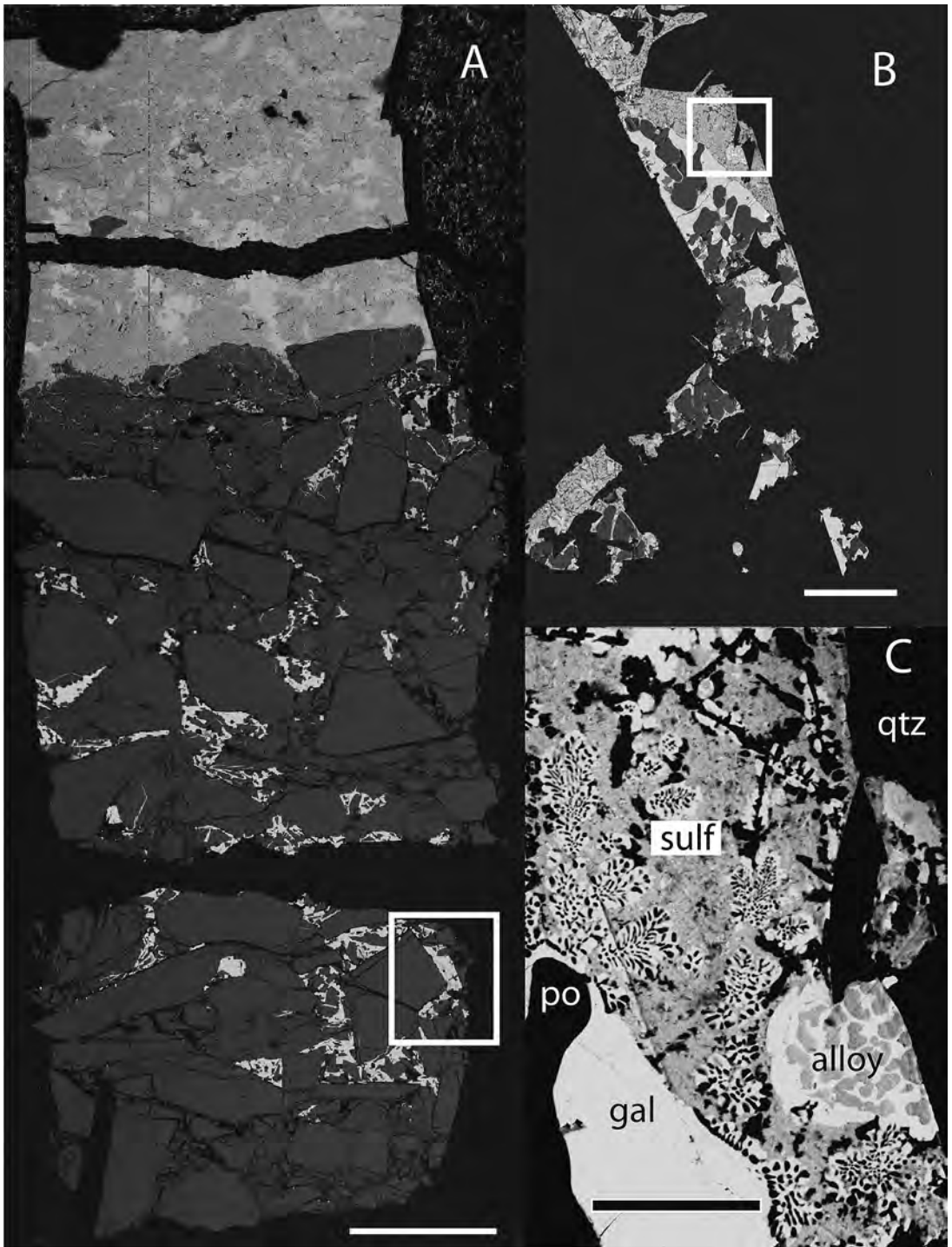


FIG. 3. Back scattered electron photomicrograph of experiment 022 (a) with detailed inset (c) showing sulfide (sulf) containing pyrrhotite (po) and galena (gal) and alloy melts in quartz (qtz) matrix.

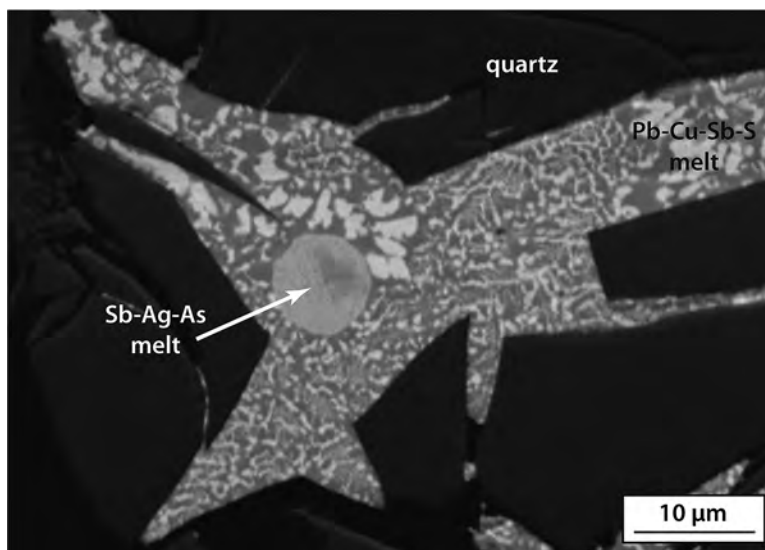


FIG. 4. Close-up of immiscible sulfide (Pb-Cu-Sb-S) melt and alloy (Sb-Ag-As) melt in quartz matrix (exp024).

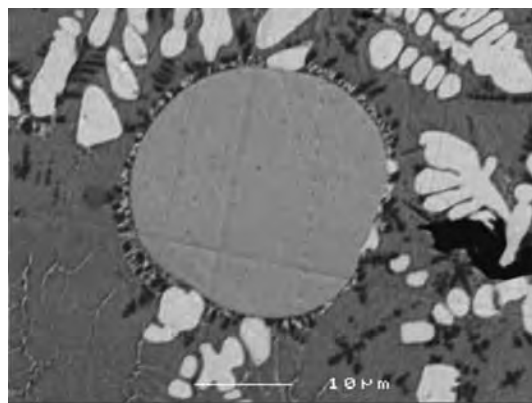


FIG. 5. Back scattered electron photomicrograph of isothermal experiment (028), showing a large immiscible alloy bled surrounded by sulfide melt and bright sulfide.

hot-spot of the piston cylinder apparatus without porous media. The quenched experimental product (Fig. 5) clearly shows immiscibility formed in this experiment at equilibrium. Furthermore, the compositions of the immiscible phases are similar to those measured in the “flow-through” experiments, whereby Pb, Cu, and S partition strongly into the sulfide phase and Sb and As show a strong preference for the alloy.

DISCUSSION

The experiments demonstrate that there are three types of “sulfide” melts, which in Frost *et al.* (2002), we called “polymetallic melts”. These include: (1) *True sulfide melts*: Those that crystallize to form sulfides such as pyrite, pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite, galena, and sphalerite; (2) *Sulfosalt melts*: Those contain significant amounts of Sb and As and, in addition to sulfur, crystallize to form sulfosalts or a mixture of sulfosalts and sulfides; (3) *Metallic melts*: Those that contain virtually no sulfur, are dominated by low-melting metals such as Sb, As, Bi, and Te, and crystallize as alloys.

It should not be surprising that metal-sulfur melts will evolve to immiscibility during differentiation, since existing experimental work has shown the presence of extensive immiscibility in sulfide systems with Sb or As. For example, in the system $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}-\text{PbS}-\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3$ the miargyrite-galena join forms a thermal divide between sulfide melts and sulfosalt melts (Hoda & Chang 1975). Similarly, in the $\text{CuS}-\text{Pbs}-\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3$ system the galena-chalcostibite join forms a thermal divide between sulfide and sulfosalt melts (Pruseth 1995). In many sulfosalt systems, such as Ag-As-S (Roland 1970), Pb-Sb-S (Craig & Barton 1973), and Fe-Sb-S (Barton 1971), there is a separate S-poor alloy melt that exists independent of the sulfosalt melt. Our experiments show that these three types of immiscible melt extend into complex systems and thus are characteristic of polymetallic melts in nature.

Because the starting material was doped with much higher proportions of Sb than natural ore, to some extent the experiments do not duplicate the natural processes at Broken Hill and elsewhere. Because the primary ore at Broken Hill consists mainly of galena and sphalerite, and pyrrhotite with minor amounts of chalcopyrite and possibly with some pyrite, the primary melt had a composition close to 50 mol.% metal and 50 mol.% sulfur (it would be somewhat richer in sulfur if pyrite was the primary ore). Consider melting of an ore that originally contained 200 ppm As and Sb, which is somewhat less than the 277 ppm average for the five lodes from the ore body (Plimer 1983). If 40% of the ore melted with a bulk distribution coefficient (D) of 0, then the resulting melt would have 500 ppm of these metals. We are aware that 40% melting is a bit extreme, although Frost *et al.* (2011) report on an ore sample from Broken Hill that would have contained at least 20% melt. We chose the high melting fraction because we wish to make a conservative estimate of the enrichment process; if the extent of melting was much smaller, the resulting melt(s) would have been much richer in Sb and As. We are considering how As and Sb built up during differentiation, assuming that the melt

had the eutectic composition (Mavrogenes *et al.* 2001) throughout. By the time that 99.5% of the melt had fractionated the residual melt would have a composition close to what was used in the experiments reported here.

These experiments show that three melts (a sulfide melt, a sulfosalts melt, and a metal melt) are involved in the crystallization of sulfosalts-doped Pb-Zn-Fe melts that are similar in composition to the the Broken Hill ore body. They provide us with a clear explanation of how such a disparate group of minerals formed at Broken Hill and other sulfide ore bodies that have undergone melting (Frost *et al.* 2002). The key point is that the native metal alloys of Sb, As, Ag, and Au (and Bi in natural systems) formed as immiscible melts. The highest temperature sulfides at Broken Hill crystallized before an immiscible metal alloy melt formed. In the present experiments immiscible alloys formed between 690 and 600 °C in experiment 022 (Table 2) and between 785 and 765 °C in experiment 025 (Table 3).

Metallic melts may persist to very low temperatures. For example, Bi solidifies at 250 °C (Liu & Bassett 1986), the solidus in the system Pb–Sb–S is below 240 °C (Craig & Barton 1973), in the system Ag–Au–Te the solidus is below 350 °C (Cabri 1965), and dyscrasite–

TABLE 1. COMPOSITIONS (mol.%) OF STARTING MIX (MIX), AVERAGE ALLOY COMPOSITION (ALLOY) AND AVERAGE QUENCHED MELT (MELT) FOR 700°C ISOTHERMAL EXPERIMENT 028

Exp028	S	Fe	Cu	As	Ag	Sb	Pb	TOTAL
mix	28.90	1.67	16.16	6.23	2.59	31.40	13.05	100
alloy	1.29	0.00	3.91	10.97	1.41	80.99	1.42	100
melt	40.06	2.73	31.26	0.30	1.20	1.24	13.21	100

TABLE 2. COMPOSITIONS (mol.%) OF THE UNMELTED PLUG (RESTITE), STARTING MIX (MIX), CUMULATE GALENA (GALENA), QUENCHED MELT (MELT), AND ALLOY AS A FUNCTION OF TEMPERATURE (DETERMINED BY DISTANCE DOWN THE CAPSULE) FOR EXPERIMENT 022

Exp022	T (°C)	S	Fe	Cu	Zn	As	Ag	Sb	Pb	Sum	Cu/Pb
restite		44.7	6.30	bdl	15.0	2.16	bdl	0.73	30.0	98.9	
starting mix		43.7	7.16	9.42	6.61	2.85	1.65	5.71	22.9	100.0	0.41
galena	395	47.9	0.06	3.7	1.28	0.03	1.66	1.08	44.3	100.0	0.08
	400	49.1	bdl	1.79	bdl	bdl	1.17	1.03	46.9	100.0	0.04
	435	48.8	0.21	1.53	0.74	0.06	1.55	1.41	45.7	100.0	0.03
	520	50.2	bdl	0.84	bdl	bdl	1.12	1.25	46.6	100.0	0.02
melt	395	40.9	bdl	33.4	bdl	0.4	8.21	9.58	7.48	100.0	4.47
	400	44.0	0.03	30.3	bdl	0.28	3.85	10.4	11.1	100.0	2.73
	435	43.5	0.14	30.9	0.13	0.19	3.06	11.1	10.9	99.9	2.83
	520	44.8	1.10	25.2	0.26	0.36	4.50	10.4	13.4	100.0	1.88
alloy	600	44.1	1.30	25.0	bdl	0.78	3.92	11.4	13.5	100.0	1.85
	690	45.8	1.75	22.9	bdl	0.35	3.41	9.65	16.2	100.1	1.41

TABLE 3. COMPOSITIONS (mol.%) OF THE UNMELTED PLUG (RESTITE), STARTING MIX (MIX), QUENCHED MELT (MELT), AND ALLOY AS A FUNCTION OF TEMPERATURE (DETERMINED BY DISTANCE DOWN THE CAPSULE) FOR EXPERIMENT 025

Exp025	T (°C)	S	Fe	Cu	Zn	As	Ag	Sb	Au	Pb	Sum	Cu/Pb
restite		47.1	7.32	bdl	15.0	1.35	bdl	0.73	0.4	28.3	100.2	
mix		43.5	7.13	9.38	6.56	2.84	1.65	5.68	0.44	22.8	100.0	0.41
melt	465	43.1	0.29	31.4	bdl	1.01	5.24	10.4	0.38	8.11	99.9	3.87
	470	42.7	bdl	28.5	bdl	1.20	9.28	9.80	0.33	8.28	100.1	3.44
	525	43.4	1.12	26.9	bdl	0.98	4.65	10.1	0.39	12.5	100.0	2.15
	530	43.7	0.89	26.7	bdl	0.86	4.38	10.3	0.31	12.8	99.9	2.09
	555	44.3	0.95	26.1	0.09	1.00	4.30	9.80	0.26	13.2	100.0	1.98
	770	47.1	6.04	20.5	1.45	0.63	1.38	7.68	0.22	15	100.0	1.37
alloy	765	bdl	0.63	2.33	0.29	29.2	2.19	49.7	15.4	0.34	100.1	6.85
	770	bdl	0.29	1.42	0.44	30.6	2.68	51.5	12.8	0.37	100.1	3.84
	780	bdl	bdl	3.72	bdl	35	0.84	48.7	8.05	3.67	100.0	1.01
	785	bdl	1.00	4.05	bdl	31.5	1.62	50.8	6.74	4.25	100.0	0.95

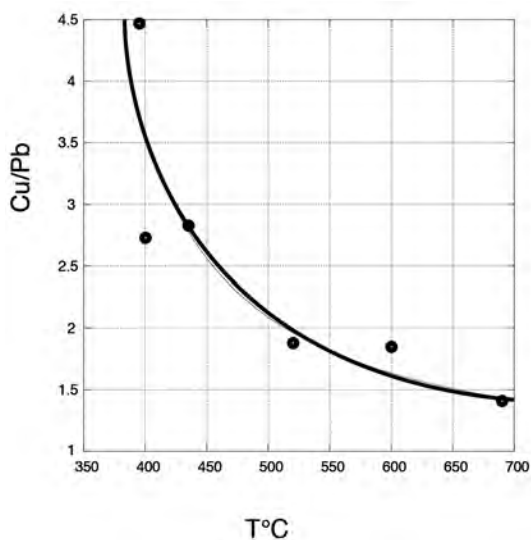


FIG. 6. Cu/Pb versus T (°C) of quenched melt in exp022

antimony melts at 485 °C (Keighin & Honea 1969). Thus the last dregs of a sulfide melt are likely to be a metallic melt and immiscibility is a very efficient way to extract the metallic melt from a sulfide or sulfosalt melt.

Considering that PdTe has a eutectic at 490 °C (Elliott 1965), it is not surprising that PGEs in association with Bi and Te are highly enriched in late stage metallic melts associated with large orthomagmatic sulfide deposits such as Bushveld (Holwell & McDonald 2007) and Sudbury (Dare *et al.* 2010). The global distribution of sulfosalt minerals is also quite

informative. They are found in significant abundance in evolved metallic melts of either metamorphic or magmatic origin (Frost *et al.* 2002) due to the processes documented herein, or in magmatic vapor deposits (Henley *et al.* 2011) due to the high solubility of semi-metals such as As and Sb in vapor.

Sulfide melt fractionation is also clarified by the experiments reported here. The current work shows that galena crystallization causes Cu concentrations in sulfide melt to increase while Pb concentrations decrease during evolution down temperature (Fig. 6). During evolution Ag acts incompatibly, increasing in concentration as Cu/Pb increases (Fig. 7). Additionally, Fe and Zn concentrations are nearly absent from sulfide partial melts and, when present, decrease rapidly with fractionation, presumably because of the crystallization of sphalerite. These trends can be used to assess the extent of melting in established metamorphic regions and track sulfide melt evolution where numerous cross-cutting veins complicate genetic interpretations. Analyses of galena crystallized in these experiments reveal the presence of Cu (0.84 to 3.7%) and Zn (0.06 to 1.28%) (Table 2), two elements not found in the structure of galena formed hydrothermally (Foord 1989). Galena compositions could, therefore, be used to determine if sulfide melting occurred in a terrane whose metamorphic history is unknown, or where sulfide melts may have migrated into lower temperature regimes. Finally, the results show significant enrichment of Au in the metal alloy of experiment 025 (Table 3). Note that while the sulfides contain low levels of Au (on the order of 0.3%, Table 3), the alloy contains up to 15.4% Au. This extreme enrichment explains how the garnetites at Broken Hill are low in sulfide while enriched in Au. More generally, this illustrates the power of immiscible alloys to concentrate metals from sulfide melt and may

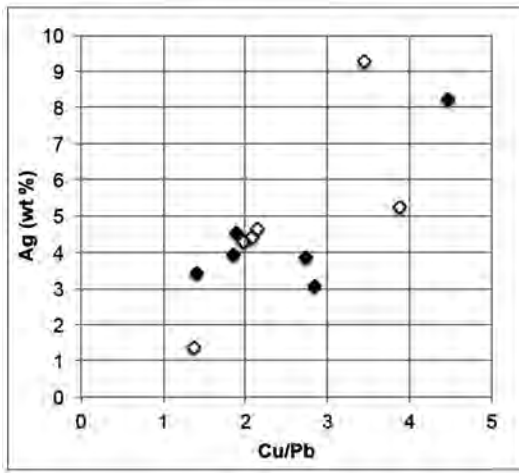


FIG. 7. Ag versus Cu/Pb of quenched melt in exp022 (filled symbols) and exp025 (open symbols)

explain, more generally, how odd sulfosalt/alloy assemblages are produced globally.

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