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# The effect of core segregation on the Cu and Zn isotope composition of the silicate Moon

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## Abstract





Compared to elements of similar volatility, such as Rb, Ga and K, the bulk silicate Moon (BSM) exhibits significant enrichment in the heavy isotopes of Zn and Cu. However, both elements display a greater affinity for lunar sulfide phases than the other volatiles, suggesting their isotopic abundance in the BSM may also reflect their sequestration to the lunar core. Experimentally determined Cu and Zn isotopic fractionation between liquid metal, sulfide and silicates reveals carbon-bearing iron melts to be isotopically heavier than the silicate melt, and sulfide melts the lightest. During sulfide sequestration from a cooling lunar magma ocean, Cu, unlike Zn, partitions strongly into sulfides  $(100 < D_{Cu}^{Sulfide/Melt} < 200)$ , leaving the BSM both elementally depleted in Cu, and isotopically heavier. Sulfide sequestration therefore explains the larger offsets in the Cu isotope compositions of lunar rocks and the silicate Earth relative to other moderately volatile elements. The lunar Zn isotopic inventory is best explained by volatility driven surface processes. Irrespective of the elemental loss mechanism, the Cu isotopic content of the BSM rules out carbon as a significant light element of the lunar core.



# Introduction

The elemental composition of the bulk silicate Earth and Moon (BSE and BSM respectively) provides insight into the accretion processes and subsequent differentiation of the Earth-Moon system. Lunar rocks and the BSE express many similarities which support a genetic link between the Earth and Moon. These include the proportions of refractory elements and the stable isotope compositions of elements with half-mass condensation temperatures (T<sub>50</sub>) higher than 1100 K, such as Si (Fitoussi and Bourdon, 2012), Cr (Mougel et al., 2018), and W (Touboul et al., 2007). The Moon does, however, display a notable elemental depletion in the moderately volatile elements, such as Zn, Rb, Ga, K, and Cu, coupled with an enrichment of their heavy isotopes with respect to the BSE (Fig. 1). Although this condensation sequence is for deposition from a reducing nebula gas to solid phases, evaporation from melt at the more oxidising conditions of lunar formation results in Zn and Cu exhibiting similar volatilities (Norris and Wood, 2017). making explanations of their lunar isotopic variability problematic.

These features have been interpreted as resulting from a global scale evaporation event associated with either the giant impact (Wang and Jacobsen, 2016), and/or the differentiation

of the Lunar Magma Ocean (LMO) (Day and Moynier, 2014; Kato et al., 2015) and localised degassing of the mare basalt lavas (Sharp et al., 2010). Cu and Zn, however, exhibit larger isotopic variations between mare basalts and the BSE (1.07  $\pm$  0.34 ‰ for Zn, 0.43  $\pm$  0.14 ‰ for Cu) than other volatile isotopes of comparable condensation temperatures (e.g.,  $0.18 \pm$ 0.21% for Rb,  $0.28 \pm 0.25\%$  for Ga,  $0.40 \pm 0.06\%$  for K) (Fig. 1). Although element volatility during lunar formation and degassing of the LMO undoubtedly played a role in setting the Moon's elemental and isotopic budget, the disparity between the isotopic and elemental abundances and element condensation temperatures remains enigmatic, suggesting that more than one mechanism may be responsible. We propose that this disparity arises from the segregation of sulfides to the lunar core, exacerbated by the cooling LMO and the consequent decrease in sulfide solubility in silicate melts.

Zinc and copper exhibit both siderophile and chalcophile behaviours, evidenced both by metal-silicate-sulfide partitioning experiments (Siebert et al., 2011; Mahan et al., 2017), and by enrichment in meteorite hosted sulfides (e.g., Williams and Archer, 2011). Geochemical and geophysical studies support the existence of a lunar core exhibiting an extant liquid outer component (Weber et al., 2011), and hence the presence of a significant light element core component.



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**Figure 1** Half-mass condensation temperatures (Lodders, 2003) for a solar system composition gas *versus* isotope composition. Data reference for the isotopic compositions are detailed in the Supplementary Information. It should be noted, however, that the condensation temperatures displayed are for deposition from gas to solid in a nebula gas, not for evaporation from a liquid at the more oxidising conditions pertinent to Moon formation.

Segregation of a metal-rich core from the LMO during lunar core-mantle differentiation, and subsequent mantle cooling and sulfide precipitation (Mavrogenes and O'Neill, 1999), can sequester significant amounts of Cu and, to a lesser extent, Zn, without noticeable influence on lithophile volatiles such as Rb, K, Li, and Ga (Siebert et al., 2011). Given significant Cu isotope fractionation among metallic, silicate, and sulfide melts (Savage et al., 2015), this process will inevitably fractionate lunar Cu isotopes, and, potentially, Zn isotopes. The role of core segregation in shaping the isotope composition of the silicate Moon is, as yet, unclear because equilibrium isotope fractionation factors of Zn and Cu between phases associated with lunar core formation (metal, sulfide, and silicate), remain poorly constrained. Hence, we experimentally explored the equilibrium Zn and Cu isotope fractionation among metallic, sulfide, and silicate melts at conditions relevant to lunar core formation.

# Zinc and Copper Isotope Experiments to Simulate LMO Differentiation

We conducted a series of experiments in graphite capsules at 1.5 GPa using piston cylinder apparatus (Tables S-1 to S-4, Fig. S-1 and Methods, see Supplementary Information). The experimental charges contained approximately 50 % silicate of a basaltic composition, equilibrated with ~50 % metal or sulfide with variable Ni content, under fully molten conditions (Tables S-1 to S-5 and Fig. S-1).

For both Cu and Zn isotopes, the iron-rich liquids are slightly enriched in heavier isotopes relative to the silicate melts. In contrast, sulfide melts exhibit demonstrably lighter isotope compositions than the silicate (Fig. 2), with measured Cu isotope fractionation factors consistent with both previous studies of iron meteorites (Williams and Archer, 2011) and experimentally determined Cu isotope fractionation for metal/ silicate and sulfide/silicate liquids (Savage *et al.*, 2015) (Table S-6). Zn isotopes display a smaller degree of fractionation than Cu isotopes (Fig. 2). Overall, the isotope fractionation of both elements decreases with increasing temperature. The nickel sulfide content affects the fractionation of both Cu and Zn isotopes (Fig. 2), with high Ni (~25 wt. % Ni in sulfide) experiments exhibiting less fractionation than those with low Ni (0.1 to 1.2 wt. % Ni in sulfide, Table S-1).

# Discussion

During lunar core-mantle differentiation, a carbon-bearing, iron-rich core will preferentially sequester isotopically heavy Cu and, potentially Zn, leading to the BSM exhibiting lower (lighter) values in  $\delta^{66}$ Zn and  $\delta^{65}$ Cu. This is contrary to observations; the BSM is isotopically heavier than the BSE in both Cu and Zn. Importantly this precludes carbon as a significant light element component of the lunar core. In contrast, sequestration of sulfide to the lunar core would leave the BSM isotopically heavy in both Cu and, potentially Zn, in accordance with the observed offset between silicate Moon and Earth (Fig. 1). It has been proposed that the proto-Moon initially accreted from the outermost volatile-rich disk generated by the giant impact, and is thus less volatile-depleted than the observed lunar rocks from the surface (Canup et al., 2015). Although subsequent degassing of the LMO would result in a significant loss of volatiles from the BSM, its extent would have been mitigated by the presence of an early-formed lunar crust (Elkins-Tanton and Grove, 2011). The lunar interior may therefore have retained abundant volatiles, including sulfur, through inefficient degassing, as evidenced by the comparable sulfur content of lunar magmas and terrestrial mid-ocean ridge basalts (Hauri et al., 2017). In comparison to analogous terrestrial basalts, the solubility of sulfide in the melt decreases as the BSM undergoes secular cooling, exacerbated by the lunar mantle's lower oxygen fugacity (O'Neill and Mavrogenes, 2002), promoting the formation of an immiscible sulfide liquid.

To explore this mechanism and its effect on Zn and Cu isotopic signatures, we calculated the  $\delta^{66/64} Zn$  and  $\delta^{65/63} Cu$  content of the BSM by considering the scenario of sulfide





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- Metal-silicate, This work
- High Ni sulfide-silicate, This work
- Metal-silicate, Mahan et al., (2017)
- Sulfide-silicate, Mahan et al., (2017)
- Sulfide-silicate, Bridgestock et al., (2014)

Low Ni sulfide-silicate, This work High Ni sulfide-silicate, This work Metal-silicate, Savage *et al.*, (2015) Sulfide-silicate, Savage *et al.*, (2015) High Ni, S Free, C bearing, This work Low Ni, S free, C bearing, This work

**Figure 2** (a,b) Zn and Cu isotope fractionation factors between liquid metal-silicate and sulfide-silicate as a function of temperature. Both increasing temperature and Ni content of sulfide decrease the Zn and Cu isotope fractionation, with the result that low Ni sulfides all exhibit a temperature dependent excess of isotopically light Cu and Zn. The pale-red band is the 95 % confidence interval for the regression shown.

segregation from an ambient basaltic magma ocean and assuming the bulk Moon is predominantly comprised of material derived from the Earth's mantle (Canup, 2012; Wade and Wood, 2016).

Under the conditions of lunar sulfide sequestration, Cu, unlike Zn, exhibits a strong preference for the sulfide phase; the lunar Cu sulfide/silicate partition coefficient,  $D_{Cu-Moon}^{Sulfide/Silicate}$ , ranges from 100 to 200, in contrast to Zn, which is ~1 (Kiseeva and Wood, 2015). This results in a sulfide liquid, initially in equilibrium with the silicate LMO prior to its sequestration to the lunar core, enriched in isotopically light Cu. This leads to a BSM exhibiting a significant depletion in Cu and becoming isotopically heavy in Cu. The result is a divergence of Cu isotopes between the BSE and BSM, with a negligible effect on isotopes of lithophile elements (*e.g.*, Rb, Ga, and K). Zn, however, exhibits negligible elemental and isotopic fractionation upon lunar sulfide extraction; a consequence of both its lower isotopic fractionation and chalcophile behaviour. The limited Zn isotope fractionation that occurs during the evolution of mafic magma (Chen *et al.*, 2013), coupled with the uniform  $\delta^{66/64}$ Zn in high Ti (1.50 ± 0.54 ‰, n = 17) and low Ti lunar basalts (1.35 ± 0.43 ‰, n = 17), suggest their Zn isotope compositions reflect that of the primitive lunar magmas (Kato *et al.*, 2015). During terrestrial mantle melting, high degrees of melt extraction (>30 %) may fractionate Zn isotopes up to 0.16 ‰ (Doucet *et al.*, 2016). The significantly lower melt extraction (~5-11 %) expressed by the mare basalts (Day and Walker, 2015) will consequently yield only subtle isotopic variations in Zn, negligible relative to the large offset between the BSE and lunar rocks.





**Figure 3** The Cu isotope evolution of the silicate Moon during lunar sulfide segregation. Assuming the Moon is derived from the precursor BSE, and the Moon's core is predominantly FeS (equating to a bulk Moon of ~7500 ppm S), or just the outer core (3500 ppm S) and sulfide sequestration occurs by Rayleigh fractionation, the silicate Moon becomes progressively lighter in Cu. Horizontal lines represent values of the BSM estimated by lunar basalts (red) and the BSE (green) (Herzog *et al.*, 2009). The pale blue band represents 2 standard deviations of the error on the mean of the fractionation regression.



**Figure 4** Cu is hosted in lunar sulfides as a consequence of its significantly higher preference for the sulfide phase over silicate during LMO cooling and the consequent decreasing solubility of sulfide in the melt. Zn, however, is little affected implying the BSM Zn isotopic content is set by element volatility during Moon formation and LMO degassing. The BSM's Cu isotopic composition reflects sulfide loss to the lunar core.



Modelling sulfide segregation by Rayleigh fractionation reveals that sulfur-rich lunar core formation cannot be responsible for the isotopically heavy  $\delta^{66/64}$ Zn BSM, nor for its elemental depletion. Given the limited mineralogical host phases for Zn, the most likely mechanism of lunar Zn depletion is that of volatility during lunar formation (Paniello et al., 2012) or magma ocean degassing (Kato et al., 2015). In contrast, the silicate Moon's high  $\delta^{65/63}$ Cu can be explained as a direct consequence of sulfide sequestration to the core (Fig. 3), a result of the initially molten Moon saturated in FeS and exacerbated by the subsequent drop in the sulfide content of lunar magmas on cooling (Mavrogenes and O'Neill, 1999). In addition, sulfide sequestration depletes the silicate Moon in the chalcophile elements Cu and Ni (Walter et al., 2000), without significantly disturbing the W isotopic age of the Moon (Wade and Wood, 2016), an element that displays little affinity for the sulfide phase.

Sulfide retained in the deep Moon may therefore be an important reservoir for isotopically light Cu, but not Zn, which is best explained by its volatility during the Moon forming impact and subsequent degassing from the Lunar crust (Fig. 4.). The silicate Earth and Moon share almost identical Cr isotope compositions (Mougel et al., 2018), an element marginally more volatile than Fe (1296 K and 1334 K half-mass condensation temperatures respectively (Lodders, 2003)), but which exhibits a similar sulfide/melt partitioning behaviour to Zn (Kiseeva and Wood, 2015). Therefore, the segregation of sulfide (Brenan and Mungall, 2017) can drive the silicate Moon to Cu isotopic compositions, but this process has little effect on elements which display a lower preference for lunar sulfides, such as Zn and Cr. Compared to the BSE, the silicate Moon exhibits around a threefold depletion in Ni (Walter et al., 2000), an observation consistent with its extraction during lunar core formation via sulfide segregation (Wade and Wood, 2016). Assuming the Moon's Ni content is inherited primarily from the silicate Earth, this suggests the Moon's core contains around 7.5 wt. % Ni. Increasing metallic Ni contents implies higher core sulfur contents for a given Cu isotope content exhibited by the silicate Moon.

Sulfide saturation may arise from the secular cooling of a LMO containing excess sulfide derived from the Moon forming impactor, and/or the late addition of S to the lunar mantle. Because of the higher density of sulfide relative to the ambient magma, and the initially completely molten lunar mantle, excess or precipitating sulfide will sink into the lunar interior. The near-chondritic <sup>187</sup>Os/<sup>188</sup>Os and chondrite-relative HSE abundance in high MgO mare basalts (Day and Walker, 2015) implies that this sulfide component is efficiently extracted from the silicate Moon to the Lunar core, with little stranded in the source region of the Mare basalts (Brenan and Mungall, 2017). This addition of sulfide liquid to lunar core is in line with the studies that propose sulfur as a dominant light element in the lunar core (Rai and van Westrenen, 2014).

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# Additional Information

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# Supplementary Information

The Supplementary Information includes:

- Petrological Experiments
- Electron Microprobe analysis
- Laser Ablation ICPS analysis
- Isotopic Analysis
- > Modelling the Effect of Sulfide Sequestration on the Isotopic Content of the Silicate Moon
- Additional Information in Support of Figure 1
- Figures S-1 to S-4
- Tables S-1 to S-6
- Supplementary Information References

### **Petrological Experiments**

All experiments were performed at 1.5 GPa under fully molten conditions (Table S-1) using a Boyd-England type end-loaded pistoncylinder apparatus at the Department of Earth Sciences, University of Oxford. For all experiments either a 1/2-inch CaF<sub>2</sub> pressure media (for temperatures below 1450 °C) or a 1/2-inch BaCO<sub>3</sub>–SiO<sub>2</sub> glass (for temperatures 1450 °C and above) assembly with a graphite heater was used (*e.g.*, McDade *et al.*, 2002). The internal spacers consisted of crushable, MgO, fired at 1000 °C to ensure dryness, and the capsule consisted of high density, spectroscopically pure graphite, 6 mm in outer diameter and 3x3 mm inner dimensions. Experimental temperatures were controlled using W<sub>95</sub>Re<sub>5</sub>–W<sub>74</sub>Re<sub>26</sub> thermocouples separated from the capsule by a 0.5 mm alumina disc. Temperature ranges from 1250 to 1650 °C for sulfide-silicate experiments and 1500 to 1650 °C for metal-silicate experiments (Table S-1). Duration ranged from 30 to 180 min (Table S-1), shown to be adequate for attaining isotope exchange equilibrium at similar P-T conditions (Bridgestock *et al.*, 2014; Mahan *et al.*, 2017). Run durations are varied roughly as a function of temperature, with generally shortened duration at elevated temperature. Experimental products were quenched by cutting power to the resistive furnace whilst run pressure was maintained. During quenching, the experiment cools to beneath the silicate solidus in 2-3 s.

Starting materials were synthetic basalt rock powder, doped with Cu and Zn (Zn as ZnO, Cu as either Cu<sub>2</sub>O or Cu<sub>2</sub>S), equilibrated with metal or sulfide with variable Ni content (Tables S-2 to S-4), in approximately co-equal mixtures by weight of synthetic sulfide/silicate or metal/silicate. The starting materials were loaded into the graphite capsules; these were found to minimise the potential for Zn loss during the experiment and also aid in the extraction of the run products. Run products were extracted by cutting open the capsule using a diamond wire saw, before setting a small part into epoxy resin prior to polishing for texture and



elemental composition analyses, with the majority used for isotope analysis.

#### **Electron Microprobe Analysis**

All experimental products were analysed using a Jeol JXA-8100 electron microprobe using wavelength dispersive spectroscopy (WDS) at the Key Laboratory of Submarine Geosciences, State Oceanic Administration. Analytical conditions were set at 15 kV/20 nA, with a 1 µm spot used for silicate analysis, and 20 kV/20 nA, 10 µm defocused spot utilised for metal and sulfide measurement to better sample areas with heterogeneities. Spectrometers were calibrated for peak position and intensity on a range of natural mineral standards. Peak and background counting time were 10 s for major elements each element. Na, Si, Al, and Mg were run on TAP, K and Ca were run for PETH, Fe, Cr, Mn, Ti, and Ni were analysed on the LIF crystal. Minerals, oxides, pure metals, and pure sulfide were used as standards for all elements. Some samples were repeatedly analysed using a JEOL JXA8600 electron microprobe at the Department of Archaeology at the University of Oxford. WDS analyses were performed using a 15 kV accelerating voltage (15 kV<sub>acc</sub>) and 20 to 40 nA beam current with a defocused 10-micron beam size. A detailed description can be found in Kiseeva and Wood (2013). Data obtained from the two labs are consistent within error, therefore only the WDS measurements analysed in the Laboratory of Submarine Geosciences are reported. High standard deviations of sulfide phases are due to the heterogeneous quenching of Ni-and Cu- bearing sulfides (Table S-2). The iron bearing experiments (IS7-1, -2, and IS5-2, Fig. S-1) resulted in the metallic component being saturated in carbon. The carbon contents of these experiments were calculated from the Fe-C phases diagram, summarised by Wood, 1993, using the online calculator hosted at <u>http://norris.org.au/expet/metalact/</u>. Major and minor element analysis was performed at Oxford using a Cameca SX5FEG microprobe, 20 kV<sub>acc</sub> and 20 nA beam, with standards again a range of oxides and metals.

#### Laser Ablation ICPMS (LA-ICPMS) analysis

Minor and trace element compositions of the quenched silicate melt were determined using an Agilent 7700e ICPMS coupled with a GeolasPro ArF (193 nm) excimer laser sampling system at the Chinese Academy of Sciences Key Laboratory of crust-mantle Materials and Environments, University of Science and Technology of China (USTC), Hefei, China. A calibration strategy of total metal-oxide normalisation (Liu *et al.*, 2008) was adopted. Beam diameters of 44  $\mu$ m were used. More detail about analytical procedures and parameters can be found in He *et al.* (2016). USGS reference glasses possessing comparable compositions with our basaltic silicate glasses including BCR-2, BHVO-1, and BIR-1, were used for external calibration. Analyses of the reference glasses generally agree with the recommended values (https://crustal.usgs.gov/geochemical\_reference\_standards/microanalytical\_RM.html) within 10 % (relative standard deviation, RSD) for minor and trace elements. Compositions for the quenched silicate melt analysed using LA-ICPMS (Table S-4) agree within analytical error those measured by EMPA (Table S-3).

#### **Isotopic Analyses**

In previous comparable experiments, no isotopic fractionation of zinc was observed (Bridgestock *et al.*, 2014; Mahan *et al.*, 2017), mainly due to the relatively large analytical uncertainties caused by error propagation when using the traditional sample-standard bracketing approach (Fig. 2a). To reduce the uncertainty on Zn isotope fractionation, we bracketed the coexisting experimental phases when calculating the isotope fractionation between the two associated silicate and metal/sulfide phases (see Methods). The improved precision (Table S-5) achieved using this method allows clear resolution of the zinc isotope differences between the co-existing phases (Fig. 2a), however, both methods result in fractionation factors that are identical within error (Figs. S-3). For ease of comparison with previously published data we have therefore chosen to use the Cu data derived from the sample-standard bracketing approach.

#### **Chemical purification**

The remaining part of each run product was lightly crushed in agate mortar and pestle. Metal, sulfide, and silicate phases were manually separated using optical microscopy and magnets. Cu is both chalcophile and siderophile and Zn is chalcophile and slightly siderophile, such that any contamination from sulfide and metal may alter both the concentration and isotopic signature of the silicate. The silicate fractions were therefore checked for purity with caution by repeating the separation process for several times, and those with magnetic or microscopically visible metal or sulfide were dismissed to minimise cross-contamination for isotope analyses.

The separated phases (silicate, metal, and sulfide fractions) were cleaned prior to digestion to remove any possible surface contamination, by treating with ethanol (3 times, each 15 min), followed by 18.2 M $\Omega$  cm Milli-Q H<sub>2</sub>O (3 times, each 15 min) in an ultrasonic bath. Dissolution of silicate phase involved three steps using double-distilled, concentrated acids: a 3:1 mixture of HF-



HNO<sub>3</sub>; a mixture of HCl-HNO<sub>3</sub>; and 1 ml HCl. Metal and sulfide phases were dissolved following the latter two processes. Dissolutions were conducted in closed Savillex beakers on a hot plate at 100 °C and were then dried down before the addition of new acids. After full digestion, the samples were dissolved in 6M HCl for major and trace element measurement and column chemistry.

Both purifications of Zn and Cu were achieved by chromatography using anion exchange resin (AG MP–1M, 100–200 mesh), which has high partition coefficients for them at low PH in chloride form. Chemical purification for Zn followed procedures from Chen *et al.* (2016). Samples were dissolved in 1 mL 6M HCl and loaded on to the columns filled with 2 ml resin. Zn was absorbed to the resin as chlorine complex while most other cationic species are eluted with 0.5 HCl. Zn is subsequently eluted using 0.5 N HNO3. A second separation step with 0.5 ml resin was performed for further purification. Column chemistry of Cu utilised the procedures established by Huang *et al.* (2017). After sample loading onto the column in 1 ml of 6M HCl + 0.001 % H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, matrix elements were then eluted by 5 ml of 6M HCl + 0.001 % H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. The Cu was eluted in a further 26 ml of Ml + 0.001 % H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. The whole procedure was repeated for further purification. Both Cu and Zn yields were checked using ICPMS and proved to be >99.5 %.

#### Multicollector-ICPMS (MC-ICPMS)

Both Cu and Zn isotopic analyses were performed on a Thermo Scientific Neptune Plus MC–ICPMS in low-resolution mode at USTC. The final sample was dissolved in 2 % HNO<sub>3</sub> and introduced into the instrument using an ESI PFA microflow nebulizer with an uptake rate of (50  $\mu$ L min<sup>-1</sup> flow rate). Zinc isotopes were analysed using the techniques described in Chen *et al.* (2016). The yields exceeded 99 %. Isotope ratios are expressed in  $\delta$ –notation, relative to the NIST SRM 683 standard:

 $\delta^{j/64}Zn_{SRM683} = \left[ (jZn/^{64}Zn)_{sample} / (jZn/^{64}Zn)_{SRM683} - 1 \right] \times 1000 \ (\%),$ 

where j refers to mass 66 or 68. Total procedural Zn and Cu blanks were ca. 5 and <10 ng, respectively, insignificant relative to the amounts of Cu (1-10  $\mu$ g) and Zn (1-4  $\mu$ g) onto columns. USGS standards (see Table S-5) were treated along with the samples to test method accuracy. For inter-lab comparison, Zn isotope compositions of USGS standards were calculated as a deviation from JMC–Lyon ( $\delta$ /Zn JMC-Lyon) by adding the offset between SRM683 and JMC–Lyon, +0.125 ‰ for  $\delta^{66/64}$ Zn and 0.258 ‰ for  $\delta^{68}$ Zn, based on long-term measurement. Total procedural Zn blank was <10 ng, insignificant relative to the amounts of Zn (1-4 ug) onto columns. Our data for USGS standards (Table S-6) are in excellent agreement with previously published data within error (Moynier *et al.*, 2017 and references therein). To assess method reproducibility, several sample aliquots were separated into two parts; each part was separately processed through column chemistry and analyses. These repeats have identical values within error. A number of samples are repeated by dissolving a new quality of powder; again, these re-dissolutions have the sample isotope compositions (Table S-6).

For Cu isotope analyses, <sup>63</sup>Cu and <sup>65</sup>Cu isotope beams were collected in C and L2 faraday cups, respectively. Matrix elements were monitored using <sup>62</sup>Ni and <sup>64</sup>Zn beams in L3 and L1 in the same cup setup. Under typical running conditions, a 250 ppb Cu solution generated ca. 5V total signal. To correct for instrumental mass bias, isotope measurements were calculated using the sample standard bracketing protocol relative to the NIST SRM 976 standard, whereby variation in isotopic composition is defined using δ<sup>65/63</sup>Cu as follows:

#### $\delta^{65/63}Cu = \left[ \left( {}^{65}Cu / {}^{63}Cu \right)_{sample} / \left( {}^{65}Cu / {}^{63}Cu \right)_{SRM\,976} - 1 \right] \times 1000 \ (\%_0)$

Each sample  $\delta^{65/63}$ Cu is the average of 3 analyses. Instrumental drift was monitored using two mono-elemental reference materials ERM-AE-647 and AAS,  $\delta^{65/63}$ Cu of which are 0.19±0.05 ‰ (2 SD, n= 347) and 0.30±0.05 ‰ (2SD, n= 51) respectively. Analyses of them yielded a long-term external precision of  $\delta^{65/63}$ Cu better than 0.05 ‰ (2 SD, 95 % confidence interval). Total procedural Cu was <5 ng, insignificant relative to the amounts of Cu (1-10 µg) onto columns. Data for USGS standards treated along with the samples agree with previously published data (Moynier *et al.*, 2017 and references therein) within error. Both sample aliquots and sample powder splits exhibit consistent value (Table S-6).

The offset of isotope compositions of the coexisting phases was treated as isotope fractionation factor for Zn and Cu, the uncertainty of which was obtained by error propagation. Specifically, the Zn (or Cu) purified from the coexisting phases were bracketing mutually, acting as standard and sample in the standard bracketing techniques, respectively. The advantage of this technique is that it provides high precision under routine instrument running conditions. Therefore, it provides the possibility to discriminate tiny fractionation approximate analytical error of the traditional method. A similar method was adopted by Pringle and Moynier (2017) to discriminate the slight difference in Rb isotope compositions between the lunar samples and terrestrial rocks by using the terrestrial basalt, BCR-2, as the bracketing standard. The isotope fractionation factor acquired from both methods are identical within error (Tables S-5 and S-6), demonstrating the reliability of our data. The fractionation factor was obtained by linear regression (Figs. 2a & b), of the form  $a/T^2+b/T^4$  (T is temperature in kelvin), with model selection made by using that with the lowest BIC (Bayesian information criteria) score.



### Modelling the Effect of Sulfide Sequestration on the Isotopic Content of the Silicate Moon

Elemental and isotopic partitioning between silicate and metallic phases is a function of a range of physico-chemical parameters, including temperature, pressure and compositional factors. Lunar formation resulting from a giant impact implies that the pressures of lunar core-mantle differentiation may occur over pressures ranging up to that of the present lunar core mantle boundary (~4.9 GPa) (Righter and Drake, 1996). On the other hand, experimentally derived core-mantle partition coefficients for Cu and Zn are relatively insensitive across the putative pressure range of lunar core formation (e.g. Kiseeva and Wood, 2015). For simplicity, the following calculations therefore use a mean core-mantle equilibration pressure of 1.5 GPa, with the advantage that experimentally derived fractionation factors are not affected by the assumed pressures of lunar core formation. Sulfide composition plays a dominant role in setting the elemental partition coefficient,  $D_{sul/sil}^{i}$  and temperature determines the isotopic fractionation factor;  $\Delta_{sul/sil}^{i}$  is calculated according to the parameterisation of Kiseeva and Wood (2015), with the BSM FeO content of 9-13 wt. % taken from Wade and Wood (2016) and a normalised terrestrial pyrolite composition taken as the major element composition of the BSM (McDonough and Sun, 1995). We adopt the temperatures of the lunar core formation between 1400 and 1850 °C, within previously estimated range of 1400 to 1900 °C (Righter and Drake, 1996); the silicate melt was fractionally crystallised using Petrolog (Danyushevsky and Plechov, 2011) and the sulfide content of the silicate melt at sulfide saturation calculated using Smythe et al. (2017). The temperature dependence of Cu and Zn isotope fractionation factors were calculated (Fig. 2), based on the data derived from the low-Ni experiments, and used to extrapolate the fractionation factor over the full range of temperatures. The size fraction of the lunar core is taken as ~1.6 wt. % by mass (F<sub>core</sub>) (Weber et al., 2011).

Because extrapolation of the models to temperatures significantly above the experimental range are potentially prone to artefacts (in particular, elevated carbon contents of the metallic phases and ingress of the run products into the capsule), the lunar model presented here is founded on the experimental pressures and temperatures. The models developed here therefore represent minimum lunar core S contents and reinforce the general conclusions of a sulfur rich, carbon deplete lunar core.

#### Additional Information in Support of Figure 1

The isotopic data shown in Figure 1 was taken from the following sources: Zn (Paniello *et al.*, 2012; Kato *et al.*, 2015), Rb (Pringle and Moynier, 2017), Ga (Kato and Moynier, 2017), K (Wang and Jacobsen, 2016), Cu (Herzog *et al.*, 2009; Savage *et al.*, 2015) and Fe (Craddock *et al.*, 2013; Elardo and Shahar, 2017)



# Supplementary Tables

#### Table S-1 Experimental conditions.

Run #	Starting composition	Doped with elements	Temperature (°C)	Duration (min)								
IS5-2	50 % KK3 basalt + 50 % Fe + traces	Cu2O, ZnO	1650	30								
IS7-1	50 % KK3 basalt + 40 % Fe + 10 % Ni + traces	Cu <sub>2</sub> O, ZnO	1600	30								
IS7-2	50 % KK3 basalt + 40 % Fe + 10 % Ni + traces	Cu2O, ZnO	1650	30								
Cu 2-2	50 % KK3 basalt + 50 % FeS + traces	Cu <sub>2</sub> O, NiO	1370	60								
Cu 2-3	50 % KK3 basalt + 50 % FeS + traces	Cu2O, NiO	1430	30								
IS3-1	50 % KK3 basalt + 50 % FeS + traces	Ni3S2, Cu2S, ZnO	1500	60								
IS3-2	50 % KK3 basalt + 50 % FeS + traces	Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> , Cu <sub>2</sub> S, ZnO	1600	30								
IS4-1	45 % KK3 basalt + 30 % FeS + 20 % Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> + 5 % orthoclase + traces	Cu <sub>2</sub> S, ZnO	1400	180								
IS4-2	45 % KK3 basalt + 30 % FeS + 20 % Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> + 5 % orthoclase + traces	Cu <sub>2</sub> S, ZnO	1350	180								
IS4-3	45 % KK3 basalt + 30 % FeS + 20 % Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> + 5 % orthoclase + traces	Cu <sub>2</sub> S, ZnO	1300	150								
IS4-4	45 % KK3 basalt + 30 % FeS + 20 % Ni3S2 + 5 % orthoclase + traces	Cu <sub>2</sub> S, ZnO	1250	180								
IS4-6	45 % KK3 basalt + 30 % FeS + 20 % Ni3S2 + 5 % orthoclase + traces	Cu <sub>2</sub> S, ZnO	1500	60								
KK54	50 % KK3 basalt + 50 % FeS + traces	Cu <sub>2</sub> S, ZnO	1650	30								
All runs	were conducted at 1.5 GPa.											
Graphite capsules were used for all experiments.												
KK3 bas	alt is a synthetic MORB.											

#### Table S-2 Major element compositions (in wt. %) of the metal and sulfide phases measured by EPMA.

Run #	n	Fe	σ	S	σ	Cu	σ	Ni	σ	Zn	σ	Si	σ	total	XC*
IS5-2	46	91.80	0.50	0.04	0.01	2.45	0.23	b.d.l.	-	0.50	0.06	-	-	94.80	0.21
IS7-1	55	77.71	1.55	0.04	0.02	1.37	0.22	15.68	1.28	0.52	0.11	-	-	95.32	0.185
IS7-2	45	75.66	2.07	0.05	0.02	1.27	0.21	17.08	1.56	0.57	0.11	-	-	94.63	0.188
Cu2-2	3	58.31	2.84	32.92	1.48	5.58	2.56	1.10	0.16	-	-	b.d.l.	-	97.91	-
Cu2-3	5	59.65	0.86	33.79	1.01	3.39	1.04	1.24	0.06	-	-	b.d.l.	-	98.07	-
IS3-1	7	62.53	0.37	36.25	0.16	0.41	0.01	0.07	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.01	99.33	-
IS3-2	9	62.41	0.29	36.19	0.38	0.35	0.03	0.06	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.10	0.06	99.16	-
IS4-1	4	42.48	7.24	32.59	1.31	0.75	0.22	21.41	8.24	-	-	b.d.l.	-	97.25	-
IS4-2	10	35.32	6.15	34.41	3.37	1.94	1.22	26.21	6.30	-	-	b.d.l.	-	98.05	-
IS4-3	8	36.31	3.5	32.45	1.11	1.22	0.46	28.7	4.51	0.13	0.16	0.04	0.01	98.82	-
IS4-4	7	36.85	1.68	32.94	0.89	1.32	0.73	27.94	1.78	0.11	0.19	0.04	0.03	99.21	-
IS4-6	10	35.99	2.88	32.16	1.39	0.98	0.58	29.01	2.93	-	-	0.08	0.05	98.22	-
KK54	11	60.27	1.05	36.73	1.17	0.97	0.14	0.1	0.04	0.15	0.05	0.12	0.04	98.34	-

b.d.l. - below detection limit.

\*Mole fraction of carbon in the metallic phase calculated, where present, from the Fe-C phase diagram, summarised by Wood (1993).

For further details, see the online calculator made available at http://norris.org.au/expet/metalact/



 Table S-3
 Major element compositions (in wt. %) of quenched silicate melt measured by EPMA.

Run #	n	Na <sub>2</sub> O	σ	K <sub>2</sub> 0	σ	SiO <sub>2</sub>	σ	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	σ	MgO	σ	CaO	σ	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	σ	FeO	σ	TiO <sub>2</sub>	σ	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	σ	ZnO	σ	SO <sub>3</sub>	σ	Total	Trace elements*
IS5-2	17	1.78	0.09	0.14	0.01	47.1	0.5	14.74	0.18	10.07	0.16	11.19	0.2	0.01	0.01	10.85	0.38	0.7	0.1	b.d.l.	-	2.55	0.16	0.02	0.01	99.38	0.22
IS7-1	55	2.08	0.09	0.15	0.01	47.16	0.38	15.09	0.09	10.07	0.12	12.01	0.09	-	-	10.28	0.07	0.79	0.02	-	-	2.07	0.03	0.04	0.03	99.95	-
IS7-2	45	2.09	0.09	0.16	0.01	47.88	0.22	15.07	0.09	10.15	0.06	12.05	0.06	-	-	10.13	0.07	0.79	0.02	-	-	2.09	0.03	0.04	0.02	100.65	-
Cu2-2	5	1.75	0.02	b.d.l	-	45.48	0.28	14.43	0.08	9.52	0.05	11.9	0.26	0.07	0.02	15.04	0.12	0.76	0.01	0.14	0.01	n.m.	-	n.m.	-	99.38	0.55
Cu2-3	5	1.71	0.02	b.d.l	-	45.86	0.23	14.37	0.09	9.49	0.05	11.76	0.09	0.08	0.02	15.01	0.1	0.75	0.02	0.13	0.01	n.m.	-	n.m.	-	99.42	0.54
IS3-1	2	1.76	0.04	0.16	0.01	49.29	0.14	14.72	0.11	10.33	0.03	12.28	0.02	0.06	0.03	8.36	0.24	0.83	0.16	0.14	0.01	n.m.	-	n.m.	-	97.99	0.34
IS3-2	19	1.55	0.06	0.14	0.01	48.12	0.25	14.09	0.18	10.32	0.12	11.16	0.22	0.06	0.03	8.2	0.23	0.49	0.09	0.12	0.02	b.d.l.	-	0.72	0.11	95.11	2.83
IS4-1	20	1.76	0.05	1.64	0.03	50.6	0.31	16.07	0.17	9.15	0.08	10.53	0.07	0.04	0.03	7.1	0.17	0.66	0.07	b.d.l.	-	0.87	0.06	0.18	0.01	98.75	0.27
IS4-2	17	1.87	0.05	1.77	0.04	49.38	0.27	16.96	0.19	8.12	0.11	10.62	0.06	0.02	0.02	7.38	0.21	0.7	0.11	b.d.l.	-	1.07	0.05	0.17	0.03	98.25	0.27
IS4-3	15	2.06	0.07	2.21	0.07	50.51	0.2	18.23	0.14	6.49	0.28	8.99	0.14	0.02	0.02	7.28	0.19	0.79	0.11	b.d.l.	-	1.16	0.06	0.15	0.02	98.06	0.28
IS4-4	6	1.75	0.27	1.73	0.42	51.59	0.69	15.16	1.28	8.88	1.69	10.74	1.43	0.06	0.03	7.1	0.09	0.7	0.07	b.d.l.	-	0.84	0.05	0.28	0.17	99.22	0.75
IS4-6	28	1.67	0.05	1.57	0.02	50.71	0.2	15.65	0.11	9.47	0.13	10.99	0.08	0.03	0.03	6.68	0.11	0.58	0.09	b.d.l.	-	0.88	0.05	0.27	0.02	98.66	0.52
KK54	8	1.8	0.05	0.14	0.01	49.41	0.22	15.53	0.15	10.88	0.13	11.94	0.07	0.02	0.01	8.09	0.3	0.64	0.17	b.d.l.	-	0.52	0.05	0.61	0.05	99.71	0.89
	1		1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1			1		1		1	1	1	1

\* Total trace elements (oxides) derived from LA-ICPMS. EPMA data has been used in preference when above analytical detection limit.

b.d.l. - below detection limit.

n.m. – not measured.

 Table S-4
 Composition of the quenched silicate melt determined by LA-ICPMS.

Run #	n	MnO wt. %	σ	TiO2 wt. %	σ	P ppm	σ	Cr ppm	σ	Ni ppm	σ	Cu ppm	σ	Zn ppm	σ	Ba ppm	σ
IS5-2	5	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.1	36	41	44	9	0.2	0.4	813	31	21373	262	58	3
IS7-1	8	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.1	16	22	427	28	110	22	427	28	15588	135	241	4
IS7-2	8	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.1	33	56	406	24	142	12	406	24	15553	424	476	10
Cu2-2	4	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.1	633	44	654	20	19.6	1.8	300	7	564	5	19	1
Cu2-3	4	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.1	570	50	611	10	21.5	1.1	362	6	538	17	17	1
IS3-1	1	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.1	612	-	288	-	3	-	14	-	367	-	57	-
IS3-2	6	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.1	553	135	263	13	0.9	0.6	16	2	344	14	22537	4095
IS4-1	7	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.1	93	108	88	10	206.8	16	28	3	6542	81	19	6
IS4-2	6	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.1	113	66	59	5	195.9	8.8	26	2	8245	187	39	3
IS4-3	2	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.1	121	24	37	3	291.7	185.1	23	4	8743	171	27	1
IS4-4	3	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.1	230	160	157	19	3490.8	317.5	184	9	7356	339	23	3
IS4-6	8	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.1	120	40	106	5	224.7	12.1	31	1	7040	120	2157	545
KK54         3         0.1         0.1         0.0         39         85         7         1.7         1.1         177         23         4176         154         6390         2850												2850					
The high	ı-Ba o	content in	IS3-2 g	glass origi	nated	from co	ntamir	nation by	the BaC	CO₃ sleeve	•						



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**Table S-5** Zinc isotope compositions of experimental phases and USGS standards.

							Obtained by	y sample-	standard bracketing		Obtained b	y sample	-sample bracketing	
Run #	phase	δ <sup>66/64</sup> Zn (‰)	2SD	δ <sup>68/64</sup> Zn (‰)	2SD	n	$\Delta^{66/64} Zn_{metal/sulfide-silicate}$ (%0)	2SD	$\Delta^{68/64} Zn_{metal/sulfide-silicate}$ (%0)	2SD	$\Delta^{66/64} Zn_{metal/sulfide-silicate}$ (%0)	2SD	$\Delta^{68/64} Zn_{metal/sulfide-silicate}$ (%0)	2SD
195.2	silicate	-0.08	0.04	-0.13	0.03	3	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.09	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.08
155-2	metal	-0.03	0.02	-0.05	0.09	3	0.03	0.05	0.08	0.09	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.00
IS5 2 rop	silicate	-0.06	0.02	-0.1	0.01	3	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.02
155-2 Tep	metal	-0.02	0.00	-0.03	0.01	3	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.02	-0.02	0.05	-0.04	0.02
IC7 1	silicate	-0.005	0.020	-0.001	0.021	3	0.011	0.022	0.016	0.052	0.002	0.014	0.005	0.022
137-1	metal	-0.016	0.026	-0.018	0.048	3	-0.011	0.032	-0.010	0.055	0.003	0.014	0.003	0.022
167.0	silicate	-0.014	0.016	-0.022	0.021	3	0.001	0.010	0.005	0.024	0.002	0.015	0.004	0.012
157-2	metal	-0.015	0.010	-0.027	0.012	3	-0.001	0.019	-0.005	0.024	-0.002	0.015	-0.004	0.015
102.1	silicate	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	3	0.15	0.02	0.20	0.05	0.17	0.05	0.20	0.00
153-1	sulfide	-0.15	0.02	-0.28	0.04	3	-0.15	0.02	-0.29	0.05	-0.17	0.05	-0.29	0.09
162.0	silicate	-0.04	0.01	-0.08	0.01	3	0.00	0.01	0.14	0.02	0.07	0.04	0.12	0.07
153-2	sulfide	-0.13	0.01	-0.25	0.02	3	-0.09	0.01	-0.16	0.03	-0.07	0.04	-0.13	0.06
	silicate	0.00	0.03	-0.05	0.04	3	0.07	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.05	0.01	0.11	0.01
КК54	sulfide	-0.06	0.03	-0.11	0.04	3	-0.07	0.04	-0.05	0.06	-0.05	0.01	-0.11	0.01
164.0	silicate	-0.02	0.01	0.01	0.07	3	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
154-2	sulfide	-0.05	0.03	-0.05	0.06	3	-0.03	0.03	-0.06	0.09	-0.03	0.02	-0.09	0.09
104.0	silicate	-0.02	0.02	-0.04	0.07	3	2.24	o o=	0.11		0.07	0.00	0.10	
154-3	sulfide	-0.06	0.05	-0.15	0.2	3	-0.04	0.05	-0.11	0.21	-0.06	0.03	-0.13	0.04
TC 4 4	silicate	-0.03	0.03	-0.06	0.11	3	0.00	0.04	0.40	0.44	0.00	0.01	0.10	
154-4	sulfide	-0.12	0.01	-0.25	0.03	3	-0.09	0.04	-0.19	0.11	-0.09	0.01	-0.18	0.08
<b>TO</b> 4 4	silicate	-0.03	0.03	-0.04	0.03	3	2.22		2.02		2.05		2.2.1	
154-6	sulfide	-0.03	0.02	-0.07	0.02	3	0.00	0.04	-0.03	0.03	-0.02	0.03	-0.04	0.02
	silicate	-0.03	0.04	-0.03	0.07	3	~ ~~		2.2.4				· -	
KK54 rep	sulfide	-0.05	0.04	-0.09	0.08	3	-0.03	0.06	-0.06	0.11	-0.02	0.03	-0.04	0.02





							Obtained by	sample	standard bracketing		Obtained by sample-sample bracketing				
Run #	phase	δ <sup>66/64</sup> Zn (‰)	2SD	δ <sup>68/64</sup> Zn (‰)	2SD	n	$\Delta^{66/64} Zn_{metal/sulfide-silicate}$ (%0)	2SD	$\Delta^{66/64}Zn_{metal/sulfide-silicate}$ (%0)	2SD	$\Delta^{66/64} Zn_{metal/sulfide-silicate}$ (%0)	2SD	$\Delta^{68/64} Zn_{metal/sulfide-silicate}$ (%0)	2SD	
USGS stand	ards														
G-2		0.34	0.05	0.65	0.08	3									
BHVO-2		0.25	0.02	0.53	0.08	3									
AGV-1		0.28	0.02	0.55	0.02	3									
RGM-1		0.33	0.02	0.65	0.02	3									
BCR-2 @1		0.24	0.03	0.48	0.06	3									
BCR-2 @2		0.25	0.03	0.53	0.08	3									
NOD-P		0.8	0.03	1.59	0.04	2									
BIR-1 @1		0.28	0.04	0.57	0.08	2									
BIR-1 @2		0.3	0	0.59	0.02	2									
BIR-1 @3		0.27	0.05	0.55	0.02	2									
"rep" signifie	s replicate chemica	al purification and su	bsequent r	neasurement of th	e same s	ample a	liquot.								
"@" represen	ts independent dis	solution, chemical pu	irification,	and measuremen	t of pow	der split	s.								

#### Table S-5 Continued

Run products and USGS standards are reported as the relative deviation from NIST SRM 683 and JMC-Lyon, respectively.



**Table S-6** Copper isotope compositions of experimental phases and USGS standards.

D "			000		Obtained by standard bracke	ting	Obtained by sample bracketing	
Run #	phase	δ <sup>65/63</sup> Cu (‰)	25D	n	$\Delta^{65/63}$ Cu <sub>metal/sulfide-silicate</sub> (%0)	2SD	$\Delta^{65/63}$ Cu <sub>metal/sulfide-silicate</sub> (%)	2SD
195.2	silicate	0.26	0.02	3	0.25	0.02		
155-2	metal	0.51	0.03	3	0.23	0.05		
IS7-1	silicate	0.25	0.02	3	0.18	0.03		
137-1	metal	0.43	0.02	3	0.10	0.05		
157-2	silicate	0.16	0.04	3	0.07	0.05		
137-2	metal	0.23	0.02	3	0.07	0.05		
Cu2-2	silicate	0.37	0.02	3	-0.33	0.05		
Cu2-2	sulfide	0.04	0.05	3	-0.55	0.05		
Cu2-3	silicate	0.38	0.02	3	-0.25	0.03		
	sulfide	0.14	0.02	3	0.25	0.00		
IS3-1	silicate	0.65	0.03	3	-0.23	0.04		
100 1	sulfide	0.42	0.03	3	0.25	0.01		
153-2	silicate	0.56	0.01	3	-0.15	0.02		
100 2	sulfide	0.41	0.02	3	0.15	0.02		
КК54	silicate	0.65	0.03	3	-0.06	0.05		
	sulfide	0.59	0.04	3		0.000		
IS4-1	silicate	0.75	0.03	3	-0.04	0.04	-0.01	0.02
1011	sulfide	0.71	0.03	3		0.01		
IS4-2	silicate	0.70	0.04	3	-0.03	0.06	0.01	0.04
	sulfide	0.67	0.05	3				
IS4-3	silicate	0.72	0.04	3	-0.02	0.06	0.01	0.02
	sulfide	0.70	0.05	3				
154-4	silicate	0.79	0.04	3	-0.15	0.06	-0.15	0.02
154-4	sulfide	0.64	0.04	3	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.02

Table S-6 Continued

Deres II		865/620 (0/ )	2SD		Obtained by standard bracketing	ıg	Obtained by sample bracketing	
KUN #	pnase	0 <sup>05/05</sup> CU (%00)	250	n	$\Delta^{65/63}$ Cu <sub>metal/sulfide-silicate</sub> (%0)	2SD	$\Delta^{65/63}$ Cu <sub>metal/sulfide-silicate</sub> (%0)	2SD
USGS standard	ls							
BCR-2		0.20	0.02	3				
AGV-1 @1		0.04	0.04	3				
AGV-1 @2		0.02	0.04	3				
AGV-1 @3		0.03	0.05	3				
BHVO-2 @1		0.14	0.02	3				
BHVO-2 @2		0.16	0.05	3				
NOD-P @1		0.40	0.03	3				
NOD-P @2		0.41	0.04	3				
NOD-P @3		0.37	0.05	3				
NOD-A		0.30	0.04	3				
BIR-1 @1		0.10	0.04	3				
BIR-1 @2		0.11	0.01	3				
"@" represents i	ndependent dissolu	tion, chemical purific	ation, and m	easurement of p	owder splits.			



# Supplementary Figures



Figure S-1 Backscattered electron (BSE) image of the iron-rich experiment 7-1, showing the carbon-rich metallic phase (left), with both precipitated carbon laths and exsolved carbon quench, and the silicate phase (right). Holes in the silicate portion are laser ablation pits.



**Figure S-2** Plot showing the linear correlation between  $\delta^{68/64}$ Zn and  $\delta^{66/64}$ Zn in USGS standards and run products including sulphide, silicate, and metal phases. Data are reported in Table S-5.





 $\Delta^{66/64} Zn$  (‰) obtained by sample-standard bracketing





**Figure S-4** The silicate Moon's Zn isotope composition is essentially unaffected by lunar sulfide segregation to its core. This assumes the Moon is derived from the precursor BSE, and the Moon's core is predominantly FeS (equating to a bulk Moon of ~7500 ppm S), or just the outer core (3500 ppm S) and sulfide sequestration occurs by Rayleigh fractionation. The green horizontal line represents the values of the BSE (Paniello *et al.*, 2012), with lunar values taken from Kato *et al.* (2015). The pale blue band represents 1 standard deviations of the error on the mean of the fractionation regression.



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