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3 **Iron sulfide stoichiometry as a monitor of sulfur fugacity in gas-mixing experiments**

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ABSTRACT

15 We explore a method to utilize the stoichiometry of iron sulfide to determine the sulfur fugacity in
16 experiments containing CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas mixtures. The Fe-S phase diagram shows that the
17 stoichiometry of iron sulfide melts is closely related to the sulfur fugacity fS_2 at a given temperature
18 and ambient pressure. We derive equations that relate the sulfur fugacity to the mole fraction of
19 sulfur X_S in the iron sulfide from available literature data, and a solution model using the Redlich-
20 Kister approximation for the excess Gibbs energy of mixing. We test the method by exposing iron
21 sulfide to CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas mixtures and subsequently analyzing the “Fe-S monitor” for its
22 stoichiometry. Most sulfur fugacities calculated from the equilibrium gas composition agree within
23 5-10% (1200°C) and 1-4% (1400°C) with those derived from the sulfur mole fraction in the monitor

24 and literature data calibration, which is consistent with the spread observed in literature data. There
25 were no suitable literature data for a full calibration at 1300°C, so we combined the available
26 literature and our data to find the sulfur fugacity as a function of mole fraction sulfur. Overall the Fe-
27 S monitor technique is a convenient method to determine the sulfur fugacity in high temperature
28 experiments containing CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas mixtures as long as oxygen fugacities remain below that of
29 the iron-wüstite or iron-magnetite buffer.

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INTRODUCTION

34 Sulfur plays an important role in metallurgical, environmental, geochemical and cosmochemical
35 processes. The sulfur fugacity (fS₂) is a fundamental parameter in many applications. Sulfur is a
36 common contaminant in exhaust gases from ore processing plants and smelters. Thermodynamic
37 models of volcanic gas compositions on Earth, on Jupiter's volcanically active moon Io, and
38 possibly on Venus, use the sulfur fugacity as key parameter to evaluate the abundance of sulfur-
39 bearing gases such as SO, SO₂, and COS (see Lodders and Fegley 1998; Fegley 2013). The sulfur
40 fugacity influences the solubility limit of sulfur in silicate magmas (e.g., Poulson and Ohmoto 1990)
41 and is important for modelling the genesis of sulfide ores that are associated with mafic and
42 ultramafic igneous rocks (e.g., Mungall and Naldrett, 2008, and references therein). Models of
43 planetary differentiation and core formation rely on experimentally determined major and trace
44 element partition coefficients between coexisting metal, metallic sulfides, and/or (liquid) silicates.
45 These partition coefficients depend on the oxygen and sulfur fugacities. Numerous studies of
46 elemental metal/silicate partitioning as function of oxygen fugacity are available (see Walter et al.

47 (2000) and Righter (2003) for literature reviews up to 1999 and 2002, respectively; more recent
48 experimental studies on metal/silicate partitioning are e.g., Holzheid and Palme 2007; Corgne et al.
49 2008; Kegler et al. 2008; Cottrell et al. 2009; Mann et al. 2009; Cottrell et al. 2010; Siebert et al.
50 2011; Bouhifd and Jephcoat 2011; Kegler and Holzheid 2011; Righter 2011; Palme et al. 2011;
51 Siebert et al. 2012).

52 Metal/sulfide and liquid silicate/sulfide partitioning data at ambient and elevated pressures are
53 limited (see e.g., Chabot and Jones (2003) and Chabot et al. (2003) for compilation of experimental
54 studies on metal/sulfide partition coefficients; for liquid silicate/sulfide partitioning data see e.g., Li
55 and Agee (1996); Peach and Mathez (1993); Bezmen et al. (1994) and references therein).

56 Results from experimental studies can be used to model element distributions between coexisting
57 metal, sulfide, and silicates provided that the temperature T , total pressure P , oxygen fugacity fO_2 ,
58 and sulfur fugacity fS_2 , are well known for the experiments. Temperatures for experiments above
59 1000°C are routinely measured with PtRh₆/PtRh₃₀ or other alloy thermocouples, and the fO_2 is
60 measured commonly with CaO-Y₂O₃-doped ZrO₂ solid electrolyte sensors.

61 Sulfur-bearing experimental setups can be done in two ways. One way is equilibration of
62 experimental charges in evacuated sealed silica tubes (e.g., Lodders and Palme 1991). In such
63 experiments, the fO_2 - and fS_2 -values can only be derived from the compositions of the phase
64 assemblages after the experiment. The other way to impose controlled sulfur fugacities is to use H₂-
65 H₂S gas mixtures or, for additional control of oxygen fugacities, CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas mixtures. We
66 employed the latter method to study trace element partitioning between metal, iron sulfide, and
67 silicate (Holzheid and Lodders 2001). The advantage of using CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas mixtures is that fO_2
68 and fS_2 are simultaneously superimposed on the experimental charges and are easily varied to the
69 desired values. The fO_2 - and fS_2 -values for CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas mixtures at or near ambient pressure

70 are calculated from thermodynamic properties (e.g., Chase 1998; Gurvich et al. 1989; see below) for
71 the various coexisting gas species in the CO-CO₂-SO₂ system. The fO₂ can also be directly measured
72 with CaO-Y₂O₃-doped ZrO₂ solid electrolyte sensors. For experimental charges consisting of metal
73 and silicate, the fO₂ can be calculated from the Fe content of the metal phase and FeO content of the
74 silicate after the experiment. Therefore, three independent methods to determine the fO₂ are
75 available.

76 Solid electrolyte based sulfur fugacity sensors are only available for operation at room
77 temperature or within the temperature range of 500°C to 950°C (e.g., Gauthier et al. 1977;
78 Maruyama et al. 1985; Saito et al. 1986; Maruyama 1991). There are no readily available solid
79 electrolyte sensors for measuring fS₂ at T>1000°C. Thus, the fS₂ must be calculated from the
80 chemical equilibrium composition of the high T gas mixture or be determined from the resulting
81 phase assemblages. The latter requires that the experimental charges are relatively simple in
82 composition, e.g., “pure” iron sulfide, Fe-metal, and FeO-bearing silicates for which the activity of
83 “FeO” is known. The derivation of the fS₂ from the composition of phase assemblages becomes
84 complex in multi-component alloy systems such as Fe-Co-Ni-S-alloys if the required phase relations
85 and/or activity coefficients are not known. If coexisting metal or sulfide phases are absent, the
86 determination of fS₂ is very difficult for pure silicate systems, because sulfur solubilities in melts
87 depend on overall melt composition. To circumvent these obstacles, we explored a relatively simple
88 and robust method to monitor the sulfur fugacity for experiments done in CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas mixtures
89 by using the composition of an iron sulfide monitor. The bulk sulfur content of the monitor will
90 change by either losing or gaining sulfur, depending on the initial composition of the iron sulfide
91 used and the superimposed sulfur fugacity.

92 This paper is organized as follows. We start with experimental details, including calculation
93 procedure of oxygen and sulfur fugacities and the determination of the bulk sulfur content of the Fe-
94 S monitor after the experiments. This is followed by a detailed discussion of the Fe-S monitor
95 concept, a comparison of various methods to determine oxygen and sulfur fugacities, and concluding
96 remarks.

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FE-S MONITOR EXPERIMENTS

99 Equilibration procedure

100 All run parameters are summarized in Table 1. Commercial FeS-powder (metal basis, 99.99%,
101 Alfa Chemicals) with known stoichiometry was used in all experiments. The commercial FeS has X_S
102 = 0.501 as calculated from the manufacturer's analysis and $X_S = 0.504$ from four combustion
103 analyses done here (method described below). In addition, synthetic FeS-powder, manufactured
104 from Fe-metal in our laboratory at Washington University, was used in three experiments to test
105 agreement of the fS_2 determination by use of iron sulfide with different initial Fe/S-ratios. In initial
106 experiments pure Fe powder was used instead of FeS powder to monitor the fS_2 but the kinetics of
107 iron sulfidation is too slow at even 1300°C and the metallic iron did not react completely to iron
108 sulfide as expected for the given fS_2 . This problem did not exist when iron sulfide was used as a
109 monitor. Time series experiments at 1300°C and 1400°C have shown that X_S of the iron sulfide
110 remained constant under similar oxygen and sulfur fugacities for run durations longer than 24 hours.
111 Therefore only experiments with iron sulfide as monitor and run durations of more than 24 hours,
112 including the time series experiments, are listed in Table 1.

113 The iron sulfide powder (50 - 660 mg total), inserted into a small corundum crucible (length 10
114 mm, ID 6 mm), was placed together with up to five other samples of interest into the isothermal hot

115 zone of Deltech vertical tube furnaces at one atmosphere under different oxygen and sulfur
116 fugacities, and temperatures (see Holzheid and Lodders (2001) for more details). Run durations
117 varied between 24 and 94 hours. Oxygen and sulfur fugacities in the S-bearing experiments were
118 controlled by CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas mixtures. The temperature and oxygen fugacity were measured with
119 a PtRh₆/PtRh₃₀ thermocouple and a CaO-Y₂O₃-stabilized ZrO₂ solid electrolyte sensor, respectively.
120 All samples were quenched by withdrawing the charge rapidly from the hot zone to the cooler top of
121 the furnace while still in the gas mixture. The samples were allowed to cool to about 100°C prior to
122 removal from the furnace, so that oxidation in air was prevented.

123 The use of CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas mixtures also imposes an oxygen fugacity onto the Fe-S monitor
124 which could lead to oxidation of the Fe-S monitor and limit its usefulness.

125 Indeed, Nagamori and Kameda (1965) showed at log fO₂ of IW+0.7 up to 10 mass% oxygen in
126 Fe-S phases. The oxygen fugacities in our experiments were below that of the iron-wüstite or iron-
127 magnetite buffer (depending on temperature). An indication that no oxidation of the Fe-S monitor
128 occurred during the calibration in the CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas mixtures is that several of our monitor
129 samples that were equilibrated at our highest oxygen fugacities show good agreement with the
130 expected monitor compositions from the literature calibrations. Furthermore X-ray diffraction of a
131 set of Fe-S monitor samples after the experiment did not show any diffraction pattern signatures that
132 would indicate a larger amount of wüstite or magnetite (> 1-2 vol.%). We are confident that no
133 significant oxidation, if any, of the Fe-S monitor occurred.

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135 **Calculation of oxygen and sulfur fugacities in CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas mixtures from thermodynamic**
136 **data**

137 The sulfur and oxygen fugacities at run temperatures were calculated from thermodynamic data
138 and the mixing ratios of the incoming CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas. Two sets of calculations were done, each
139 using a self-consistent set of thermodynamic data from either the JANAF tables (Chase et al. 1998)
140 or the data compilation by Gurvich et al. (1989) to check uncertainties in f_{O_2} and f_{S_2} introduced by
141 thermodynamic data. The compounds considered in both sets of calculations are the gases CO, CO₂,
142 S, S₂, S₃, S₄, S₅, S₆, S₇, S₈, SO, SO₂, SO₃, S₂O, CS, CS₂, COS, O, O₂, O₃, and solid graphite
143 (reference state of carbon). The f_{O_2} , f_{S_2} , and the graphite activity (a_{graphite}) are solved from a set of
144 non-linear equations that can be written from the formation reactions and equilibrium constants of
145 each compound in the system from the elements in their reference state. This is a standard procedure
146 as frequently done for gas and solid equilibria (e.g., Lodders 2003).

147 It is noted that data for S₂O (g) (and those of some other S-bearing gases) in JANAF are
148 erroneous (see Lodders 2004) and that corrected data were used in the computations. The mixing
149 ratios of CO, CO₂, and SO₂ and the f_{O_2} and f_{S_2} calculated from both Chase et al. (1998) and Gurvich
150 et al. (1989) data are given in Table 1.

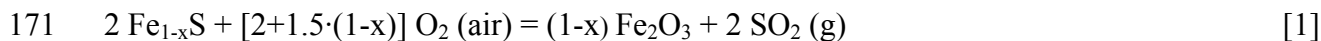
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152 **Determination of the iron sulfide composition**

153 During the course of the experiment, the Fe-S monitor changes its composition by losing or
154 gaining sulfur, depending on the sulfur fugacity prevailing during the experiment. The sulfur mole
155 fraction in the Fe-S monitor after the experiment is a function of the sulfur fugacity (see below for
156 more details). In general, an iron sulfide phase at higher temperature cannot be quenched into a
157 single phase due to immiscibility between the Fe-rich component and Fe-S and characteristic S-rich
158 sulfide exsolution lamellae formed during quench. No representative bulk analyses of the iron
159 sulfide can be easily obtained by microanalytical techniques, such as electron microprobe.

160 If the initial composition and mass of the Fe-S monitor is known, the observed mass gain or loss
161 of the sample is a convenient way to determine the final sulfide composition (weighing method).
162 This method is not the most reliable one because sample recovery may not be complete or sulfur
163 particles, deposited during the experiments at the cool top of the furnace, might adhere to the outside
164 of the container from accidental contact when withdrawing the charge from the furnace. This may
165 introduce errors in the determination of the final mass and hence composition of the Fe-S monitor.

166 More reliable and less troublesome is the analyses of sulfur in iron sulfide by classical com-
167 bustion. This method can be applied to an aliquot of the monitor sample, but the Fe-S monitor
168 sample has to be well homogenized by grinding after the experiment. Classical combustion utilizes
169 the mass change associated with the complete oxidation of iron sulfide (Fe_{1-x}S) to hematite (Fe_2O_3)
170 and gaseous SO_2 in air at elevated temperatures:



172 The mass change between the initial mass of the Fe_{1-x}S (M_{ini}) aliquot and the final mass of the Fe_2O_3
173 (M_{fin}) associated with reaction [1] is used to obtain the mole fraction of sulfur of the iron sulfide
174 monitor after the experiment (we define the mole fraction of sulfur, X_{S} , so that $X_{\text{Fe}} + X_{\text{S}} = 1$).

175 The analytical procedure for the Fe-S monitor after the experiment is as follows. A known mass
176 of the Fe-S monitor sample ($M_{\text{ini}} = 5 - 120$ mg total) was transferred into a small corundum crucible
177 (length 5 mm, ID 6 mm). Up to 10 crucibles with Fe-S monitor samples from different experiments
178 were placed in a muffle furnace at room temperature. The temperature was increased to 250°C over
179 a period of 3 hours in air. After keeping the temperature constant for 2-3 days, the temperature was
180 raised to 500°C within 3 hours and kept constant again for 1 day. After that the temperature was
181 increased to 750°C for at least 1 week and up to three months. The crucibles were then placed
182 directly into a drying oven at 115°C overnight. The crucibles were weighed immediately after taking

183 them out of the drying oven. Weighing precision was better than ± 0.008 mg. Randomly chosen
184 samples were then checked by X-ray diffraction to ensure that combustion is complete and that no
185 magnetite (Fe_3O_4) is present. In all cases, only hematite was found in the combusted samples.

186 The mole fraction of sulfur (X_S) of the iron sulfide monitor is calculated from the initial and final
187 weight (M_{ini} , M_{fin}) of the sample by

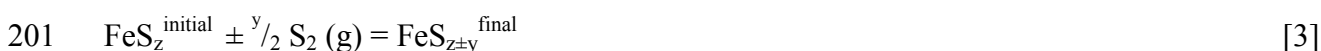
$$188 \quad X_S = \frac{\frac{M_{\text{ini}}}{32.066} - 0.02182 \cdot M_{\text{fin}}}{\frac{M_{\text{ini}}}{32.066} - 0.00929 \cdot M_{\text{fin}}} \quad [2]$$

189 Depending on the amount of material available for combustion (M_{ini}), this method gives very
190 accurate and precise determinations of the Fe/S ratio in an iron sulfide. Condit et al. (1974) used this
191 method for pyrrhotite analysis and found that Fe/S ratios could be determined to $\pm 0.2\%$. Fegley et al.
192 (1995) used this method for pyrite analysis and found that Fe/S ratios could be determined to
193 $\pm 0.02\%$. The results for the X_S determinations from the weighing and combustion methods are given
194 in Table 1. Errors of Fe/S ratios based on precision of multiple weighing of the samples are
195 $\pm 0.0003\%$.

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197 CONCEPT OF THE FE-S MONITOR METHOD AND CALIBRATION

198 During the experiment, the Fe-S monitor changes its stoichiometry by either losing or gaining
199 sulfur, depending on its initial composition and superimposed sulfur fugacity according to the
200 reaction



202 where $\text{FeS}_z^{\text{initial}}$ and $\text{FeS}_{z\pm y}^{\text{final}}$ describe the iron sulfide stoichiometry before and after the experiment
203 and S_2 is the equilibrium sulfur concentration in the gas mixture.

204 In the following we express the composition by the mole fraction of sulfur X_S , defined as
205 $X_S = N_S / (N_{\text{Fe}} + N_S)$, where N is the number of moles of sulfur (N_S) or iron (N_{Fe}) in the bulk iron sulfide
206 phase.

207 Figure 1A shows the phase relationships as a function of temperature in an “inverted” Fe-S phase
208 diagram, which we use to track the phase assemblages.

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210 EQUATIONS RELATING IRON SULFIDE COMPOSITION TO SULFUR FUGACITY

211 The Fe-S phase diagram has been extensively investigated and several measurements of the Fe-S
212 stoichiometry as a function of sulfur fugacity or sulfur activity at high temperatures are available
213 (e.g., Bale and Toguri 1976; Bog and Rosenqvist 1958; Burgmann et al. 1968 ; Ditman and Vecko
214 1965; Nagamori and Kameda 1965; Nagamori et al. 1970; Štofko et al. 1974). The thermodynamic
215 derivation of the sulfur fugacity as a function of sulfide composition is quite complex (e.g.,
216 Schürmann and Henke (1972); Sharma and Chang (1979); Guillermet et al. (1981); Chuang et al.
217 (1985); Kress (2007) and references therein). It is generally difficult to model defect-structure
218 thermodynamics, which becomes important at the S-poor side of the Fe-S phase diagram ($X_S < 0.5$).
219 Sharma and Chang (1979) and Kress (1997) describe two somewhat different approaches to
220 thermodynamically derive the Fe-S phase diagram and the sulfur fugacities as a function of the
221 sulfur mole fraction. Their mathematical procedures are lengthy and impractical for our purposes,
222 because we are interested in a convenient method relating sulfide composition to sulfur fugacity.
223 Thus, we want to develop a practical relationship between the sulfur mole fraction in the bulk system
224 and the sulfur fugacity.

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226 **Sulfur fugacity over Fe-S melts saturated with solid iron**

227 We begin our description of the sulfur fugacities at the iron-rich side of the Fe-S phase diagram,
228 where Fe-S melts are saturated with solid iron. Metal and sulfide liquid are immiscible above the
229 eutectic temperature (988°C) and have lower mole fractions of sulfur than present at the eutectic
230 ($X_S=0.446$). The minimum X_S for coexisting iron-rich sulfide liquid and Fe-metal as a function of
231 temperature is shown in Figure 1A. In Figure 1B, we plot literature data for sulfur fugacities at 1000
232 - 1400°C (Bale and Toguri 1976; Bog and Rosenqvist 1958; Nagamori et al. 1970; Sharma and
233 Chang 1979; Chuang et al. 1985; Rosenqvist and Dunicz 1952; Rosenqvist 1954). We approximate
234 the sulfur fugacities over γ -iron-saturated melts for 1000-1365°C by

$$235 \log f_{S_2} = 18.840(\pm 4.494) - 23276(\pm 3188) T(K) - 0.00578(\pm 0.00158)/T(K) \quad [4]$$

236 The $\log f_{S_2}$ is plotted versus temperature in degree Celsius in Figure 1B for convenience but note
237 that equation [4] uses T in Kelvin. The calculated curve in Figure 1B includes all experimental data
238 for γ -iron-saturated melts except the three points by Nagamori et al. (1970) that are consistently
239 higher by 0.21 to 0.36 log-units than the sulfur fugacities observed in other studies.

240 The sulfur fugacity can be derived from Figure 1A and equation [4] if the Fe-S monitor after the
241 experiment has a bulk composition that corresponds to an equilibrium assemblage of Fe-S melt plus
242 solid γ -Fe at run temperature. For example, at 1300°C, an Fe-S monitor composition of $X_S \leq 0.325$
243 indicates iron saturation and the equilibrium sulfur partial pressure from equation [4] gives $\log f_{S_2} =$
244 -5.05 . Equation [4] should not be extrapolated beyond the high temperature limit of 1365°C. The
245 high temperature limit of equation [4] is given by the appearance of δ -metallic iron and the sulfur

246 solubility in δ -metallic iron at very low X_S (see Rosenqvist and Dunicz (1952) and Ban-ya and
247 Chipman (1968) for sulfur solubility in solid iron).

248 At a given temperature and as long as the iron sulfide melt is saturated with solid iron, a three
249 phase equilibrium with Fe solid + Fe-S melt + S_2 gas exists, so that the sulfur fugacity is fixed. The
250 iron sulfide melt always has the same composition at that given temperature. In the bulk system
251 consisting of iron sulfide melt plus solid iron, the overall X_S in the system can vary at that given
252 temperature. The absolute amounts of iron sulfide melt plus solid iron are irrelevant as long as these
253 phases are present because the f_{S_2} remains constant, since the activities of the iron sulfide melt and
254 solid iron remain unity. Equation [4] can therefore be used to calculate the sulfur fugacity at any
255 given temperature between 1000-1365°C when iron saturated Fe-S liquid was present at
256 experimental temperatures.

257 We also remind the reader that the sulfur fugacities over iron saturated Fe-S melts do not
258 correspond to the equilibrium of solid iron and stoichiometric FeS melts for which thermodynamic
259 properties are listed in many compilations such as the JANAF Tables (Chase 1998). The phase
260 diagram in Figure 1A shows that the composition of the Fe-S melt coexisting with solid iron varies
261 with temperature. The sulfur fugacities for the hypothetical equilibrium of solid iron with
262 stoichiometric FeS melt from the thermochemical equilibrium data in Chase (1998) are shown by the
263 dashed line in Figure 1B for comparison.

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265 **Sulfur fugacity over Fe-S melts**

266 Our experimental data and literature values for the sulfur fugacity as a function of the sulfur mole
267 fraction from 1100°C to 1400°C are plotted in Figure 2. The data range from iron saturated melts to
268 sulfur-rich compositions up to X_S of about 0.53. The literature sources are given in the Figure

269 caption and are distinguished by different symbols. Solid dots show our experimental data listed in
270 Table 1. The sulfur fugacity at iron saturation obtained from equation [4] is shown by a cross for
271 each temperature.

272 The vertical lines in the diagrams show the phase boundaries from the phase diagram
273 (Kubaschewski 1982) and the stable phases are indicated. The most complex case shown is for
274 1100°C. This is the only temperature considered where Fe-S melts coexist with γ -Fe_{1-x}S solid, or
275 only γ -Fe_{1-x}S solid is present at larger X_S. At the higher temperatures, we only have to consider Fe-S
276 melts and iron saturated Fe-S melts. The sulfur fugacities over the iron saturated Fe-S melts are
277 already described above and equation [4] can be used to calculate their sulfur fugacities.

278 The dotted lines drawn through the data in Figure 2 are our derived functions for the sulfur
279 fugacity dependence on the mole fraction of sulfur. We used a simple thermodynamic approach to
280 derive our functions for the sulfur fugacities over Fe-S melts (Table 2).

281 For this approach we assume that the S₂ fugacity over a Fe-S melt is controlled by the reaction



283 that relates fS_2 to the activity of liquid sulfur in the Fe-S melt. As neither the S₂ fugacity nor the
284 activity of liquid sulfur in the Fe-S melt are unity, varying S₂ fugacity will result in varying Fe/S
285 ratios of the Fe-S melt.

286 The equilibrium constant for reaction [5] is $K = fS_2 / (a_{\text{liq}})^2$. Substituting the activity of liquid sulfur
287 by the sulfur mole fraction and its activity coefficient (γ_S), and rearranging yields the logarithmic
288 form for the sulfur fugacity as

289 $\log fS_2 = \log K + 2 \log X_S + 2 \log \gamma_S$ [6]

290 The activity coefficient γ_S is defined by the excess Gibbs energy (g^E/RT) and its differential towards
291 X_S and can be expressed as

$$292 \ln \gamma_S = g^E/RT + [1-X_S] d(g^E/RT)/dX_S \quad [7]$$

293 The Redlich-Kister equation (Redlich and Kister 1948) for the excess Gibbs energy as a function of
294 liquid composition is

$$295 g^E/RT = X_1 X_2 [c_1 + c_2 (X_1 - X_2) + c_3 (X_1 - X_2)^2 + \dots] \quad [8]$$

296 The Redlich-Kister equation fulfills the requirement that g^E is zero at $X_S = 0$ and at $X_S = 1$.

297 We find that an expansion to include the quadratic term is sufficient to satisfactorily fit the data and
298 is used in the following.

299 Replacing g^E/RT and its differential in equation [7] by the Redlich-Kister equation [8] and its
300 differential, respectively, and further rearranging yields

$$301 \ln \gamma_S = (1-X_S)^2 [A + 2 B (1-X_S) + 3 C (1-X_S)^2] \quad [9]$$

302 Here c_1 , c_2 , and c_3 of equation [8] are parameters for the excess Gibbs energy, and the parameters A,
303 B, and C of equation [9] are algebraic combinations thereof, e.g., $A = c_1 - 3 c_2 - 19 c_3$, $B = 2 c_2 + 16$
304 c_3 , $C = -4 c_3$.

305 We substitute equation [9] into equation [6] and fit the sulfur fugacities as

$$306 \log f_{S_2} = d + 2 \log X_S + 2 (1-X_S)^2 [a + 2 b (1-X_S) + 3 c (1-X_S)^2] \quad [10]$$

307 The equations for $\log f_{S_2}$ over Fe-S melts as functions of X_S for the four temperatures are listed in
308 Table 2. The sulfur fugacities over iron-saturated melts (horizontal lines at the lowest X_S in Figure 2)

309 are from equation [4]. The fits for the non-saturated and saturated Fe-S melt, and solid fields for
310 1100°C use simple polynomial fits (also listed in Table 2) because they span only small ranges for
311 X_S . Ideally, we would use all data to find a fit that simultaneously describes $\log fS_2$ as a function of
312 X_S and temperature. We tested whether a reliable fit could be obtained but only found solutions that
313 are plagued with high uncertainties in the fit parameters. More data would be needed to produce a
314 reasonable fit from which interpolations in temperature for $\log fS_2$ can be made confidently.

315 At 1200°C, the data by Nagamori et al. (1970, shown as triangles) plot at higher fS_2 than the data
316 by Bale and Toguri (1976, shown as squares) for $X_S < 0.5$. Closer to $X_S = 0.5$, they are lower than
317 those by Bale and Toguri (1976), and lower than those by Burgmann et al. (1968, shown as circles).
318 With only two studies covering $X_S < 0.5$, it is not easily clear which study is off. However, the sulfur
319 fugacities derived by Nagamori et al. (1970) were also consistently higher than those from other
320 studies for iron-saturated melts compared in Figure 1B. The reason for the discrepancies of the data
321 by Nagamori et al. (1970) cannot be the use of H_2 - H_2S gas mixtures here instead of CO - CO_2 - SO_2
322 gas mixtures. Other literature studies also use H_2 - H_2S gas mixtures and where a comparison is
323 possible, the Nagamori et al. (1970) data seem to be off the trends indicated by other literature
324 studies (see Figure 1B and Figure 2, especially for 1200°C). Another example that let us to believe
325 that the data by Nagamori et al. (1970) are more uncertain is that the sulfur fugacity at 1300°C by
326 Nagamori et al. (1970) coincides with that of Bog and Rosenqvist (1958) at 1400°C for the same X_S
327 of about 0.415 although the temperatures are different. The experimental literature studies show
328 somewhat inconsistent results and there is no consensus of which experimental set is more reliable.
329 For example, Guillermet et al. (1981) and Chuang et al. (1985) conclude that the data by Bog and
330 Rosenqvist (1958) are uncertain, while Štofko et al. (1974) regard the data by Nagamori et al. (1970)
331 as less reliable. Overall, the data by Nagamori et al. (1970) show the largest deviation from the other

332 data sets where a direct comparison can be made and we did not include their data in the fits for
333 1200°C and 1300°C. The fit results for 1200°C for the selected literature data are in Table 2.

334 The exclusion of the Nagamori et al. (1970) data makes it difficult to obtain a reliable fit at
335 1300°C for the entire range of X_S where Fe-S melt is present. We only have the data from Burgmann
336 et al. (1968) and Ditman and Vecko (1965) for $X_S > 0.488$ (open circles and diamonds in Figure 2 -
337 1300°C). In order to derive a fit for 1300°C for the entire range down to $X_S = 0.325$, where the melt
338 becomes saturated in Fe, we decided to combine our experimental results with the literature data. We
339 are aware of the fact that at higher X_S the Nagamori et al. (1970) data and our data overlap, but at X_S
340 values close to iron saturated Fe-S melts the Nagamori et al. (1970) data are too high, as already
341 shown in Figure 1B.

342 There are no data from Nagamori et al. (1970) for 1400°C, and we used the data from Bog and
343 Rosenqvist (1958) and Ditman and Vecko (1965) for the fit. There are only two data points at
344 1400°C for $0.125 < X_S < 0.38$, which are both for iron-saturated melts (namely, the point for X_S at
345 iron saturation and the value for $X_S = 0.38$). In lieu of other data, we made a linear approximation for
346 the range $0.125 < X_S < 0.38$. For the non-saturated Fe-S melt, we fit the data of $X_S = 0.38$ and above.

347 Please note that the motivation of our study was to provide a method to utilize the stoichiometry
348 of iron sulfide to determine the sulfur fugacity in experiments containing CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas mixtures.
349 We derived equations with literature data and tested them by our own experimental data. We did not
350 use our experimental data as input data to the parameterization, except for 1300°C (see above). The
351 fits to the literature data at 1200°C and 1400°C generally reproduce our experimental log f_{S_2} within
352 0.15 log units and better. Other more complex thermodynamic derivations of the sulfur fugacity by,
353 e.g., Sharma and Chang (1979), Guillermet et al. (1981), Chuang et al. (1985), Kress (2007), Kress
354 (1997) and references therein have similar uncertainties.

355

356 **COMPARISON OF VARIOUS METHODS TO DETERMINE OXYGEN AND SULFUR FUGACITIES**

357 Before we compare the different ways to determine the sulfur fugacity in our experiments we
358 compare the results of the different methods to determine the oxygen fugacities.

359

360 **Oxygen fugacity determinations**

361 **fO₂ computed from thermodynamic data.**

362 The fO₂-values prevailing in the experiments calculated from the two thermodynamic data sets of
363 Chase et al. (1998) and Gurvich et al. (1989) and the composition of the initial CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas
364 mixtures are given in Table 1 and plotted in Figure 3A. The solid line indicates the ideal 1:1
365 correlation and the dotted lines are the 1 % deviations relative to the 1:1 line. Both sets of fO₂-values
366 agree well and their deviation is significantly less than 1%. The log fO₂ calculated with the
367 thermodynamic data set of Chase et al. (1998) is typically 0.04 log units more negative, which
368 means that the fO₂ from Chase et al. (1998) is about a factor of 0.91 smaller than that of Gurvich et
369 al. (1989).

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371 **fO₂ determination by solid electrolyte sensor.**

372 The fO₂ values directly measured with CaO-Y₂O₃-doped ZrO₂ solid electrolyte sensors are given
373 in Table 1. Oxygen fugacities measured with solid electrolyte sensors and calculated fO₂-values by
374 using the two thermodynamic data sets are plotted in Figures 3B and 3C. The solid line indicates the
375 ideal 1:1 correlation. The dotted lines are 5 % deviations relative to the 1:1 correlation. The
376 deviation between calculated fO₂-values by using data of Chase et al. (1998), Gurvich et al. (1989),

377 and the measured in-situ f_{O_2} -values is in most cases within 2 %. All f_{O_2} -values plot within the field
378 of 5 % deviation.

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380 **Sulfur fugacity determinations**

381 **f_{S_2} computed from thermodynamic data.**

382 The sulfur fugacity values prevailing in the experiments are calculated from thermodynamic data
383 and the composition of the initial CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas mixtures by using thermodynamic data from
384 Gurvich et al. (1989) as well as Chase et al. (1998), where we included corrected data from Lodders
385 (2004). The values are given in Table 1 and plotted in Figure 4A. The solid line shows the 1:1
386 correlation. The dotted lines are 5 % deviations relative to the 1:1 correlation. The individual
387 deviations are less than 3 %. The agreement of both sets of f_{S_2} -values is good but not as good as for
388 the calculated f_{O_2} -values mentioned above. The deviation of the sulfur fugacity values calculated
389 with the thermodynamic data set of Chase et al. (1998) compared to the values calculated with the
390 thermodynamic data set of Gurvich et al. (1989) is the opposite to the deviation of both sets of
391 oxygen fugacities: the data of Chase et al. (1998) are on average 0.15 (1200°C), 0.11 (1300°C), and
392 0.07 (1400°C) log-units lower than those of Gurvich et al. (1989), so the sulfur fugacities of Chase et
393 al. (1998) are factors of about 1.4 (1200°C), 1.3 (1300°C), and 1.2 (1400°C) larger than those from
394 the Gurvich data set.

395

396 **f_{S_2} determination by solid electrolyte sensor.**

397 Due to the lack of available solid electrolyte sensors to determine sulfur fugacities at experi-
398 mental run temperatures above 1000°C, f_{S_2} could not be directly measured during the experiments.

399

400 **fS₂ determination from the stoichiometry of iron sulfide monitors.**

401 The results for the different ways of determining the sulfur mole fraction, i.e., weighing method
402 and combustion, are compared in Table 1 and in Figure 4B. If the sulfur mole fractions determined
403 by both methods agree, they should plot along the ideal 1:1 correlation line (shown as solid line in
404 Figure 4B). We find that the methods agree within 5 % (dotted black line), except for S-poor iron
405 sulfides and small aliquot masses. The exceptions are indicated in the Figure by numbers which
406 correspond to the following samples, which all yield a lower X_S from the weighing method than the
407 combustion method: #1: S-I-16, #2: S-I-18, #3: S-II-8, #4: S-I-11, #5: S-IV-16. Even for these
408 outliers sulfur mole fractions determined by weighing method and combustion agree still within 15
409 % (dotted grey line). In general, the determination of sulfur in small samples by the weighing
410 method (< 30 mg total sample mass) and by the combustion method (≤ 10 mg, aliquot used for
411 combustion) seems to become less reliable and thus the calculation of the sulfur mole fraction
412 becomes more uncertain. For good measurements, at least 50-75 mg of Fe-S monitor is needed.

413 Figure 4C compares sulfur fugacities for each individual experiment at 1200°C and 1400°C
414 calculated for the inlet gas mixture composition using thermodynamic data by Chase et al. (1998),
415 “log fS₂ (Chase)”, with the sulfur fugacities calculated from equation [10] and fit coefficients in
416 Table 2, “log fS₂ (fit)”. The sulfur mole fractions needed to calculate log fS₂ from equation [10] are
417 obtained from the combustion method. Only data at 1200°C and 1400°C are compared in Figure 4C
418 (Note that the fit for 1300°C (from, equation [10], see Table 2) does include our experimental
419 results). At 1400°C the deviation of both sulfur fugacities, i.e., log fS₂ (Chase) and log fS₂ (fit), is
420 well below 10 % (black dotted line). At 1200°C, the lower sulfur fugacities also agree within 10 %,
421 but the deviation is about 15 % at higher sulfur fugacities (grey dotted line).

422

423 **CONCLUSIONS**

424 We present a method to determine the sulfur fugacity in experiments containing CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas
425 mixtures at ambient pressures by placing iron sulfide as monitor next or close to the experimental
426 charge. During the experiment, the Fe-S monitor changes its stoichiometry through losing or gaining
427 sulfur, depending on the sulfur fugacity in the gas mixture. Relations for the sulfur fugacity as
428 function of mole fraction of sulfur (X_S) in the Fe-S monitor after the experiments are derived for
429 temperatures of 1100°C, 1200°C, and 1400°C from experimental data in the literature, and for
430 1300°C from experimental data in the literature and our data. We used the Redlich-Kister approach
431 to derive an equation to relate the f_{S_2} to X_S for sulfur-rich Fe-S melts and compared it to results from
432 our Fe-S monitor experiments at 1200°C and 1400°C. The sulfur fugacity derived from the Fe-S
433 monitor agrees with the sulfur fugacity calculated for the CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas mixtures from the
434 thermodynamic data of the coexisting gaseous compounds in most of the experiments within 0.15
435 log units. The Fe-S monitor method allows an independent check of the sulfur fugacity prevailing in
436 experiments containing CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas mixtures as long as oxygen fugacities remain below that of
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TABLE 1. Experimental run parameters, calculated and measured oxygen fugacities, calculated sulfur fugacities, and mole fractions of sulfide in Fe-S monitor determined by mass difference and combustion (in order of temperature and X_S)

run	T [°C]	Duration [h]	CO-CO ₂ -SO ₂ *	log fO ₂ †	log fO ₂ ‡	log fO ₂ §	log fS ₂ 	log fS ₂ #	X _S **	X _S ††
1200°C										
S-III-21 ‡‡	1205	73	91.97-5.03-3.00	-12.82	-12.77	-12.20	-5.04	-5.22	0.451	0.450
S-III-10 ‡‡	1200	69.1	91.96-8.00-0.04	-12.92	-12.88	N/A §§	-4.62	-4.79	0.471	0.469
S-III-13 ‡‡	1201	65.6	91.95-8.00-0.05	-12.93	-12.88	N/A §§	-4.05	-4.20	0.484	0.483
S-III-14 ‡‡	1203	65.6	91.92-7.99-0.08	-12.61	-12.56	-12.61	-3.65	-3.79	0.473	0.485
S-III-16 ‡‡	1202	53.4	91.86-7.99-0.15	-12.79	-12.75	N/A §§	-3.36	-3.48	0.482	0.492
S-III-19 ‡‡	1200	70.3	91.86-7.99-0.15	-12.87	-12.83	-12.91	-3.70	-3.83	0.496	0.495
1300°C										
S-I-16 ‡‡	1300	72.5	88.76-11.21-0.03	-11.54	-11.50	-11.72	-5.08	-5.24	0.344	0.381
S-I-18 ‡‡	1300	71	87.19-12.78-0.03	-11.40	-11.36	-11.72	-4.98	-5.13	0.333	0.394
S-II-9 ‡‡	1303	68.5	95.27-4.68-0.05	-12.31	-12.27	-12.47	-4.61	-4.76	0.419	0.417
S-II-6 ‡‡	1299	72.0	93.12-6.81-0.07	-12.00	-11.96	-12.09	-4.31	-4.45	0.416	0.417
S-II-7 ‡‡	1300	30.5	93.01-6.92-0.07	-11.98	-11.94	-12.18	-4.29	-4.43	0.413	0.417
S-III-5 ‡‡	1301	40.9	91.98-8.00-0.02	-11.56	-11.52	-11.69	-4.83	-4.99	0.428	0.426
S-II-8 ‡‡	1304	42.0	94.11-5.84-0.06	-12.09	-12.05	-12.63	-4.43	-4.57	0.370	0.427
S-I-15 ‡‡	1300	55	88.65-11.26-0.09	-11.52	-11.48	-11.82	-4.08	-4.21	0.432	0.435
S-I-17 ‡‡	1301	72	92.25-7.68-0.06	-11.87	-11.83	-11.72	-4.37	-4.51	0.422	0.437
S-I-17	1301	72	92.25-7.68-0.06	-11.87	-11.83	-11.72	-4.37	-4.51	0.442	0.444
S-III-12 ‡‡	1299	65.6	91.87-7.99-0.14	-12.09	-12.06	-12.32	-4.58	-4.73	0.452	0.441
S-I-14 ‡‡	1301	65.5	91.50-8.44-0.06	-11.94	-11.90	-11.74	-4.43	-4.57	0.434	0.444
S-I-11 ‡‡	1302	44	92.69-7.01-0.30	-11.88	-11.84	-11.78	-3.27	-3.36	0.377	0.452
S-IV-6 ‡‡	1300	73.1	90.44-9.44-0.12	-11.67	-11.63	-11.75	-3.88	-4.01	0.460	0.456
S-III-4 ‡‡	1299	43.2	91.95-8.00-0.05	-11.75	-11.71	N/A §§	-4.37	-4.51	0.455	0.459
S-I-11	1302	44	92.69-7.01-0.30	-11.88	-11.84	-11.78	-3.27	-3.36	0.461	0.462
S-IV-3 ‡‡	1302	74.5	92.37-7.44-0.19	-11.85	-11.81	-11.61	-3.57	-3.68	0.474	0.464
S-III-6 ‡‡	1300	69.6	91.54-7.96-0.50	-12.28	-12.24	-12.02	-3.09	-3.17	0.464	0.468
S-III-6-2 ‡‡	1300	69.6	91.54-7.96-0.50	-12.28	-12.24	-12.02	-3.09	-3.17	0.467	0.469
S-IV-12 ‡‡	1302	48.1	90.00-9.50-0.50	-11.57	-11.52	-11.69	-2.95	-3.02	0.476	0.475
S-IV-1 ‡‡	1301	94.3	90.00-9.50-0.50	-11.58	-11.54	-11.72	-2.95	-3.02	0.470	0.476

S-IV-15 ‡‡	1301	23.9	90.00-9.50-0.50	-11.58	-11.54	-11.64	-2.95	-3.02	0.473	0.476
S-IV-9 ‡‡	1301	71.2	90.00-9.50-0.50	-11.58	-11.54	-11.70	-2.95	-3.02	0.480	0.477
S-I-12 ‡‡	1300	51.5	92.08-4.30-3.62	-11.47	-11.43	-11.78	-1.87	-1.90	0.494	0.501
S-I-12	1300	51.5	92.08-4.30-3.62	-11.47	-11.43	-11.78	-1.87	-1.90	0.506	0.508
1400°C										
S-IV-11 ‡‡	1399	71.0	98.25-1.66-0.09	-12.08	-12.05	-11.69	-3.92	-4.03	0.415	0.427
S-IV-5 ‡‡	1398	73.7	97.50-2.38-0.13	-11.77	-11.74	-11.57	-3.68	-3.77	0.429	0.446
S-IV-10 ‡‡	1398	71.2	94.35-5.52-0.13	-11.06	-11.03	-10.85	-3.66	-3.75	0.443	0.451
S-IV-8 ‡‡	1399	72.7	96.91-2.94-0.15	-11.58	-11.54	-11.25	-3.58	-3.66	0.452	0.451
S-IV-4 ‡‡	1399	74.1	95.16-4.60-0.24	-11.17	-11.14	-11.09	-3.28	-3.35	0.457	0.460
S-IV-7 ‡‡	1400	72.9	90.87-9.01-0.12	-10.60	-10.57	-10.36	-3.70	-3.79	0.441	0.462
S-IV-14 ‡‡	1400	48.0	90.00-9.50-0.50	-10.48	-10.44	-10.31	-2.84	-2.89	0.466	0.464
S-IV-13 ‡‡	1398	72.2	90.00-9.50-0.50	-10.50	-10.46	-10.41	-2.84	-2.89	0.467	0.469
S-IV-2 ‡‡	1399	94.2	90.00-9.50-0.50	-10.49	-10.45	-10.43	-2.84	-2.89	0.464	0.470
S-IV-16 ‡‡	1400	23.9	90.00-9.50-0.50	-10.48	-10.44	-10.31	-2.84	-2.89	0.457	0.506

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 586 CO-CO₂-SO₂ gas mixture in %; † calculated log fO₂ using data from Chase (1998); ‡ calculated log fO₂ using data from
 587 Gurvich et al. (1989); § measured log fO₂ with solid state electrolyte sensors; || calculated log fS₂ using data from Chase (1998);
 588 ||| calculated log fS₂ using data from Gurvich et al. (1989); ** X_S determined by direct differences in mass before and after the
 589 experiment; †† X_S determined gravimetrically by combustion (and plotted in Figure 2); ‡‡ commercial FeS used as Fe-S
 590 monitor; §§ no solid state electrolyte sensor was in the furnace, measured log fO₂ value does not exist; |||| synthetic FeS used as
 591 monitor. Please note: Errors of X_S determinations due to precision of multiple weighing of the samples affect only the 5th
 592 even the 6th digit after the decimal point of the X_S values.
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595 **TABLE 2. Sulfur fugacities over solid pyrrhotite and unsaturated Fe-S melts**
 596 **(simple linear approximations (1100°C; 1400°C at low X_S) and equation**
 597 **[10] (1200, 1300°C; 1400°C at high X_S). Note: Equation [4] - has to be used**
 598 **to calculate sulfur fugacities over iron saturated Fe-S melts, see text)**
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T [°C]		Range X _S
1100, sol	$\log fS_2 = -98.01(\pm 2.5) + 186.34(\pm 4.9) \cdot X_S$	0.503 to 0.527
1100, liq	$\log fS_2 = -18.85(\pm 1.2) + 30.01(\pm 2.7) \cdot X_S$	0.423 to 0.475
1200 *	$\log fS_2 = 100.16(\pm 15.49) + 2 \cdot \log X_S$ $+ 2 \cdot (1-X_S)^2 \cdot [-747.63(\pm 161.90) + 2 \cdot 755.68(\pm 200.60) \cdot (1-X_S)$ $- 3 \cdot 282.16(\pm 92.87) \cdot (1-X_S)^2]$	0.392 to 0.530
1300 †	$\log fS_2 = 82.4(\pm 14.1) + 2 \cdot \log X_S$ $+ 2 \cdot (1-X_S)^2 \cdot [-631.31(\pm 133.00) + 2 \cdot 655.81(\pm 155.60) \cdot (1-X_S)$ $- 3 \cdot 255.27(\pm 67.80) \cdot (1-X_S)^2]$	0.325 to 0.53
1400	$\log fS_2 = -4.784(\pm 0.031) + 0.8537(\pm 0.1288) \cdot X_S$	0.125 to 0.38
1400	$\log fS_2 = 61.92(\pm 2.36) + 2 \cdot \log X_S$ $+ 2 \cdot (1-X_S)^2 \cdot [-427.40(\pm 18.95) + 2 \cdot 411.71(\pm 19.96) \cdot (1-X_S)$ $- 3 \cdot 146.02(\pm 7.63) \cdot (1-X_S)^2]$	0.380 to 0.53

Fits use all literature data (see figure 2), except for: * literature data without Nagamori et al. (1970); † literature data without Nagamori et al. (1970) but including our results.

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601 **Figure captions**

602

603 **Figure 1**

604 (A) Fe-S phase relationships as a function of temperature after Kubaschewski (1982).

605 (B) Sulfur fugacities over iron-saturated melts as function of temperature. These sulfur fugacities
606 can be calculated from equation [4], shown as the solid line in the Figure. Data are taken from
607 Bale and Toguri (1976, squares), Bog and Rosenqvist (1958, circles), Nagamori et al. (1970,
608 triangles), Sharma and Chang (1979, open hexagon), Chuang et al. (1985, open circle),
609 Rosenqvist and Dunicz (1952, circles semi-filled bottom), and Rosenqvist (1954, circles semi-
610 filled top).

611 Note: S₂ vapor is present in all stability fields as an additional phase.

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613 **Figure 2**

614 Experimental data for sulfur fugacity as function of the mole fraction of sulfur at temperatures of
615 1100°C, 1200°C, 1300°C, and 1400°C. Data of the present work are plotted as closed circles.
616 Sulfur mole fractions in the Fe-S monitor are determined by the combustion method. The
617 uncertainties of the mole fraction of sulfur are within the symbol size. Sulfur fugacities are
618 calculated using thermodynamic data from Chase et al. (1998). Experiment S-IV-16 (1400°C) is
619 not plotted in the Figure. The fS_2 at $X_S=0.125$ (1400°C) equals the value of the intersect of the
620 dotted line with the y-axis. The vertical lines in the diagrams show the phase boundaries from the
621 phase diagram (Kubaschewski 1982). The stable phases are indicated and in addition S_2 vapor is
622 present with all phases. The dotted lines are best fit lines through the data (see text for more
623 details and Table 2). Please note that at high $\log fS_2$ (0 to -1) the X_S does not depend on
624 temperature. At lower fS_2 deviations become prominent. The shape of the curves implies that a
625 small error in X_S has little effect on fS_2 determination of X_S values < 0.45 and has a more
626 pronounced effect for X_S values > 0.45 .

627 Literature data: Bale and Toguri (1976, squares), Bog and Rosenqvist (1958, crossed circles),
628 Burgmann et al. (1968, circles), Ditman and Vecko (1965, diamonds), and Nagamori et al. (1970,
629 triangles).

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631 **Figure 3A-C**

632 Comparison of oxygen fugacity determination by different methods. In all plots, the solid line
633 indicates the expected 1:1 correlation. The dotted lines are 1 % (Fig 3A) and 5 % (Fig 3B and 3C)
634 deviations from the 1:1 correlation. (A) Oxygen fugacities calculated using thermodynamic data
635 from Chase et al. (1998) vs. those using thermodynamic properties from Gurvich et al. (1989).
636 (B) Oxygen fugacities measured with solid state electrolyte sensors vs. fO_2 calculated using
637 thermodynamic data from Chase et al. (1998). (C) Oxygen fugacities measured with solid state
638 electrolyte sensors vs. fO_2 calculated using the thermodynamic data from Gurvich et al. (1989).

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640 **Figure 4A-C**

641 (A) Sulfur fugacity calculated from the thermodynamic data from Chase et al. (1998) vs. sulfur
642 fugacity calculated using data from Gurvich et al. (1989). The solid line is the expected 1:1
643 correlation. The dotted line indicates 5 % deviations from the 1:1 line.

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644 (B) Sulfur mole fractions in the Fe-S monitor determined by the weighing method vs. those
645 obtained from combustion method. The uncertainties of the calculated mole fraction of sulfur are
646 within the symbol size. The solid line is 1:1 correlation; the dotted lines indicate 5 % (black line)
647 and 15 % (grey line) deviations from the 1:1 line. #1: S-I-16, #2: S-I-18, #3: S-II-8, #4: S-I-11,
648 #5: S-IV-16. The deviations in X_S are larger for smaller sample sizes (see text).

649 (C) Sulfur fugacity calculated from the thermodynamic data from Chase et al. (1998) vs. sulfur
650 fugacity calculated using equation [10] and our experimental X_S data obtained from combustion
651 method. Only data at 1200°C and 1400°C are compared (see text for more details). The solid line
652 is 1:1 correlation; the dotted lines indicate 10 % (black line) and 15 % (grey line) deviations from
653 the 1:1 line.

