

1 **Cu-Mo partitioning between felsic melts and saline-aqueous fluids as a**
2 **function of $X_{NaCl_{aq}}$, fO_2 and fS_2**

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6 **ABSTRACT**

7 The formation of porphyry Cu-Mo deposits hinges critically on the ability of an
8 exsolving magmatic volatile phases (MVP) to efficiently extract the available Cu and Mo
9 from the silicate melt and transport them to the site of mineralization. There has been
10 substantial debate about the relative importance of the critical parameters likely to control
11 metal partitioning amongst silicate melts and supercritical fluids, vapors and brines. To
12 explore the relative contributions of key MVP parameters ($X_{NaCl_{aq}}$, fO_2 , fS_2) we present
13 felsic magmatic Cu-Mo partitioning experiments at both reduced (NNO+0.6) and
14 oxidized conditions ($fO_2=NNO+2$), at high fS_2 , and over the full range of salinities
15 ($X_{NaCl_{aq}}$) relevant to porphyry deposit formation. The experiments demonstrate that fluid-
16 melt Cu partition coefficients ($D_{Cu}^{f/m}$) have a dominantly 2nd-order exponential
17 relationship with $X_{NaCl_{aq}}$ at relevant salinities, consistent with a (Na,K)CuCl₂ ion-pair
18 complexation mechanism. We find a strong linear dependence of Cu partitioning on Cl
19 partitioning between coexisting brine and vapor, in good agreement with limited data
20 from unmodified natural fluid inclusions. Whereas H₂S can increase Cu partitioning via
21 (Na,K)CuCl(HS) formation, SO₂ has no measureable effect on Cu partitioning. These
22 data allow for quantifying the strong partitioning of Cu and Mo out of silicate melts at

23 MVP salinities above ~5wt%, which will become further enriched into tardo-magmatic
24 brines on phase separation. Our data also highlight that low-salinity (< 2-3 wt% NaCl_{eq})
25 oxidized MVPs are not capable of compatibly extracting Cu from evolved silicate melts
26 or transporting it to the site of mineralization. We also show that $D_{Mo}^{f/m}$ is a linear function
27 of X_{NaCleq} , consistent with mono-chloride (e.g. {Na,K}MoO₃Cl), Na-K molybdate (e.g.
28 {Na,K}HMoO₄), or thio-molybdate ({Na,K}HMoO₂S₂) complexation mechanisms at
29 modest salinities (>3wt%) rather than the Mo-oxy-hydroxy (MoO₂(OH)₂) complexation
30 observed at lower salinities. The fO_2 of the magmatic system has a subordinate effect on
31 $D_{Mo}^{f/m}$, with enhanced partitioning at higher fO_2 .

32 We use the combined dataset to produce expressions for $D_{Cu}^{f/m}$ and $D_{Mo}^{f/m}$ as
33 functions of X_{NaCleq} , X_{H_2S} , and fO_2 :

34 $D_{Cu}^{f/m} = 8.0(\pm 1.4) \times 10^4 [(X_{NaCleq})^2 (X_{H_2O})^{14 \pm 2} \{1 + 180(\pm 60)(X_{H_2S})\}] + 380(\pm 50)(X_{NaCleq}) +$
35 $0.8(\pm 0.5)$ and $D_{Mo}^{f/m}(\text{at NNO}+2) = 430(\pm 60) * (X_{NaCleq}) + 1.5(\pm 0.7) * (X_{H_2O})$

36 These equations provide Cu-Mo fluid-melt partition coefficients for common arc melt-
37 MVP assemblages as their composition evolves through time and space. Quantitative
38 modelling of the contrasting partitioning behavior of Cu and Mo using these equations
39 will allow for significant improvement in understanding metal extraction and porphyry
40 deposit formation.

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42 INTRODUCTION

43 A critical step in the formation of porphyry-style ore deposits is the efficient
44 extraction of ore metals (e.g. Cu, Mo, Au, Ag) from arc magmas during exsolution of

45 magmatic volatile phases (MVPs)¹. These volatile phases represent the precursor or
46 “proto-ore fluids” (Candela et al. 2010) that must leave the magmatic hearth, enter fluid-
47 focusing zones and react with other volatile phases and host rock to eventually generate
48 the hydrothermally altered, hypogene sulfide ore zones characteristic of porphyry
49 deposits (e.g. Sillitoe, 2010; Sinclair 2007). Advances in magmatic-hydrothermal
50 experiments and techniques for fluid inclusion analysis have enhanced our understanding
51 of the physical and chemical properties of these MVPs and their influence on the
52 extraction of different metals. Those experiments have focused on increasingly
53 challenging aspects of simulating volatile partitioning, specifically the role of salinity
54 (Candela and Holland 1984, Williams et al. 1995), the impact of the sulfur and fS_2
55 (Frank et al. 2011; Simon et al. 2006), the role of CO_2 (Tattitch et al. 2015) and on
56 thermodynamic modelling of the complexes which control metal speciation in high
57 temperature fluids (Zajacz et al. 2011). Finally, diffusion studies of quartz
58 (Lerchbaumer and Audétat 2012; Zajacz et al. 2009) and careful evaluation of fluid
59 inclusions from ore deposits (Seo and Heinrich 2013) highlight the need for caution when
60 making interpretations of the high temperature partitioning of Cu and other small, fast-
61 diffusing monovalent cations. The revelation that Cu can diffuse into low-salinity fluid
62 inclusions in natural systems (Lerchbaumer and Audétat 2012; Seo and Heinrich 2013)
63 demands we avoid using such inclusions to infer that Cu partitioning would favour

¹ This process is often referred to informally as “degassing” in the petrological literature. We use the two terms interchangeably here.

64 vapors over brines². Instead we must focus on magmatic volatile experimental work that
65 is not subject to the types of post-entrapment complications that limit interpretations of
66 natural fluid inclusions.

67 Ore-metal focused experimental studies have been complemented by numerous
68 advances in our understanding of arc magma generation (e.g. Annen et al. 2006;
69 Cashman and Blundy 2000; Lee et al. 2012; Sisson and Grove 1993; Sisson et al. 2005),
70 the exchange of major volatile components (H₂O, CO₂, H₂S, SO₂, Cl) between melts and
71 volatile phases (e.g. Lowenstern 2000, 2001; Webster 1997; Webster et al. 2011; Ghiorsio
72 & Gualda 2015), and the physical properties of the MVPs themselves (Bodnar et al.
73 1985; Sun and Dubessy 2012). Given our improved understanding of arc magma
74 generation and degassing, the most obvious goal is to evaluate the *where*, *when* and *how*
75 *much* for the extraction of ore metals to constrain the input of proto-ore fluids that leads
76 to the formation of Mo-Cu, Cu-Mo, Cu-Au porphyry copper deposits (PCD) as well as
77 other related hydrothermal deposits (e.g. epithermal). Yet, the systematic application of
78 experimental results to understanding ore metal partitioning has been limited by the the
79 relative paucity of partitioning data (compared to mineral-melt systems) and an
80 incomplete picture of MVPs and their evolving chemical characteristics during magma
81 ascent and crystallization.

82 In order to understand the extraction of copper from magmas for the wide range
83 of exsolution conditions predicted for porphyry-style ore deposits, we present a
84 compilation of the existing data for copper partitioning, as well as new experiments

² We use “brine” to denote a hypersaline fluid that is immiscible with a coexisting low-salinity vapor below the solvus in the H₂O-NaCl_{eq} system at the P-T conditions of interest.

85 exploring several thermodynamic vectors (T , P , $X_{NaCl_{eq}}$, fH_2S/fSO_2). These data are
86 unified by framing the effects of their thermodynamic variability in terms of the
87 dominant control on copper partitioning, namely the total chloride concentration of an
88 exsolved aqueous fluid ($\sum Cl$), as expressed in terms of NaCl-equivalent units ($NaCl_{eq}$) of
89 the MVPs. This statement is founded on numerous studies that demonstrate that when
90 chlorine is available for metal complexing, the partitioning of copper among silicate
91 melts, vapors, brines and supercritical fluids follows the salinity of the MVPs and
92 chlorine concentration of the melt (Candela and Holland 1984; Candela and Piccoli 1995;
93 Candela and Piccoli 2005; Frank et al. 2003; Simon et al. 2006; Tattitch et al. 2015;
94 Williams et al. 1995). After placing the experiments within this $\sum Cl$ framework, we can
95 then examine the subordinate effects of sulfur species that may also be present in proto-
96 ore fluids and the overall redox state, as expressed as the oxygen fugacity (fO_2).

97 Whereas the dataset for copper partitioning is fairly robust, the data for
98 molybdenum partitioning are significantly less developed. Nearly all PCD show some
99 degree of Mo enrichment in the ore zones. However, the diversity of Mo, Cu and Au
100 grades has led to classification of PCD according to their relative enrichments (i.e. Cu-
101 Mo, Mo-Cu, Cu, Cu-Au). In PCD with appreciable Mo and Cu the distribution of the Mo
102 ore (dominantly molybdenite) and that of Cu are often decoupled (John et al. 2010;
103 Redmond et al. 2004; Rusk et al. 2008; Sillitoe 2010), indicating that a different set of
104 MVP properties may control the extraction, complexation and or mineralization of Mo.
105 This challenge for understanding PCD mineralization led, early on, to experiments aimed
106 at unravelling the independent partitioning behaviour of Mo compared to Cu.

107 The first quantitative experimental work is the analysis of supercritical fluids by
108 Candela and Holland (1984), which provided a basic understanding of Mo partitioning
109 between melt and fluid at magmatic conditions, concluding that, unlike for Cu, Mo
110 partitioning had no dependence on fluid salinity. However, these early experiments relied
111 upon analysis of quenched fluids, which may not preserve the elevated Mo and/or Cu
112 concentrations of the more saline magmatic MVPs. Later work of Ulrich and Mavrogenes
113 (2008) examined the solubility of Mo species in MVPs ranging from $\sum\text{Cl}$ of zero to
114 nearly 4 M ($\sim 20\text{wt}\%$ $\text{NaCl}_{\text{c}}_{\text{q}}$), using chemical analysis of synthetic fluid inclusions. Their
115 study highlights a mild salinity dependence trend, consistent with a roughly 1:1 ratio for
116 Mo:Cl in the metal complexes present in MVPs. However, this work involved sulfur-free
117 starting composition, precluding molybdenite saturation and leading to unusually high
118 Mo concentrations. Moreover, it did not examine changing $f\text{O}_2$, or equilibrium of the
119 fluid with a silicate melt. Without these critical aspects, models for Mo extraction and
120 mineralization have remained much more poorly constrained than those for Cu. This
121 leaves us with two questions: (i) does Cl form part of the dominant Mo complexes that
122 occur in sulfurous magmatic fluids; and (ii) does $f\text{O}_2$ play a role in the stability of those
123 complexes? Thus, our goals for Mo mirror those for Cu. We must explore simultaneously
124 the influence of $f\text{S}_2$, $f\text{O}_2$ and $\sum\text{Cl}$ on both Cu and Mo partitioning in order to provide a
125 more complete narrative for what controls the extraction of these metals from silicate
126 melts and, ultimately, their accumulation in PCDs.

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128 *Sulfur in Porphyry Copper Deposits*

129 Porphyry copper deposits can be described as giant sulfur anomalies with variable
130 metal endowments of Fe, Cu, Mo and Au. The relative abundance of each of these metals
131 and their different affinities for MVPs and melts relative to sulfur species is critical in
132 PCD formation. Observations from the hypogene (magmatic) ore zones of PCD show
133 that Cu and Mo are hosted almost exclusively in sulfide minerals. Thus the precipitation
134 of Cu and Mo as sulfides points to the possibility that sulfur ligands (e.g. HS⁻) play a role
135 in deposition, and possibly transport, under hydrothermal conditions (Audétat et al. 1998;
136 Heinrich 2005; Heinrich et al. 2004; Heinrich et al. 1999; Pettke et al. 2010; Pokrovski et
137 al. 2008; Rusk et al. 2004; Ulrich et al. 1999). Studies of fluid inclusions from the ore
138 zone suggest that the chloride content of many fluid inclusions is insufficient to balance
139 the solute load, which is often used to infer a role for other ligands, including HS⁻, in
140 transporting ore metals (Heinrich et al. 1992; Simon et al. 2006).

141 Sulfur isotopic data from porphyry deposits supports a magmatic source for the
142 mineralizing sulfur, and many believe it is sourced from the same MVPs that extract the
143 ore metals. Recent studies of $\delta^{34}\text{S}$ systematics of sulfides from porphyry deposits
144 including Bingham, Butte, and Lepanto Far Southeast, are consistent with a magmatic
145 origin for the sulfur (Field et al. 2005; Hattori and Keith 2001; Imai 2000; Simon and
146 Ripley 2011). Here again, many infer that the sulfur, which is certainly sourced from
147 associated arc magmas, plays an important role in transport of ore metals and the
148 formation of sulfide mineralization, though this is not definitive. In addition, several
149 observations challenge whether sulfide mineralization is a consequence of sulfur-
150 complexed metal transport.

151 Hattori and Keith (2001) discuss that, given the mass balance considerations of
152 the small, evolved intrusions and their H₂O and S contents, a much larger (mafic) sulfur
153 reservoir is required to account for the large sulfur anomaly of a PCD. However,
154 numerous studies have shown that the partitioning of Cu into magmatic sulfide relative to
155 the parental melt is even more dramatic than into MVPs, with $D_{Cu}^{Sulfide/melt} > 1000$ at all
156 magmatic conditions (e.g. Jugo et al. 1999; Matjuschkin et al. 2016; Ripley et al. 2002).
157 As a result, if a magma saturates with even 0.1 mass% of an Fe (\pm Cu) sulfide phase prior
158 to volatile saturation, then 50% or more of all the Cu present in the melt will be
159 sequestered in the sulfide phase (Audétat and Simon 2012; Jugo et al. 1999; Simon et al.
160 2006). Given this intense partitioning, early sulfide saturation during differentiation, prior
161 to exsolution of MVPs, is often referred to as “poisoning” the system, and is thought to
162 greatly reduce the potential for ore deposit formation unless these sulfides can be
163 destroyed and release their metal contents to ascending fluids (Audétat and Simon 2012;
164 Candela and Piccoli 2005; Jugo et al. 1999; Lynton et al. 1993; Mengason et al. 2010;
165 Nadeau et al. 2010; Sillitoe 2010; Simon and Ripley 2011).

166 Keeping in mind the potential perils of early sulfide saturation, many studies
167 highlight that the intrusions associated with arc magmas are oxidized ($>NNO$) resulting
168 in a dominance of S⁴⁺ and S⁶⁺ rather than S²⁻ in their magmatic sulfur budgets (e.g.
169 Audétat and Simon 2012; Ballard et al. 2002; Candela and Piccoli 2005; Sillitoe 2010;
170 Simon and Ripley 2011; Streck and Dilles 1998). A highly oxidized system might then be
171 expected to avoid early sulfide saturation by keeping the proportion of S²⁻ in the melt
172 relatively low even at high total sulfur content. Yet recent work by Matjuschkin et al.
173 (2016) has questioned whether arc magmas can avoid sulfide saturation in the lower crust

174 simply by being very oxidized. They demonstrate that the sulfide/sulfate transition for
175 magmas moves to much higher fO_2 values at 5-15 kbar ($\sim NNO+4$) compared to studies
176 at ≤ 2 kbar (Botcharnikov et al. 2011; Carroll and Rutherford 1985; Clemente et al 2004;
177 Jugo et al. 2010). They suggest that arc magmas may avoid sulfide saturation through
178 other mechanisms such as early depletion of sulfur through degassing, which further
179 complicates the issue of generating a single shallow, evolved, Cu-Cl-S-rich magma.

180 In light of these challenges Blundy et al (2015) proposed and tested
181 experimentally an alternative mechanism by which ore metals might be extracted from
182 evolved melts via Cl-rich fluids that are subsequently mineralized by fluxing of sulfurous
183 gases from deeper, mafic reservoirs. This model for PCD formation does not require the
184 metal-chloride fluid to be sourced from the same magma as the abundant sulfur required
185 for mineralization; in effect metal supply and sulfur supply are decoupled. A recent study
186 by Henley et al. (2015) discussed an alternative mechanism whereby an oxidized sulfurous
187 gas (SO_2 dominant) reacts with plagioclase to form anhydrite ($CaSO_4$) and H_2S needed
188 for sulfide mineralization. Other recent studies have invoked mechanisms such as the
189 destruction of previously sequestered metal-rich magmatic sulfides (Wilkinson 2013) or
190 anhydrite (Chambefort et al. 2008) in deeper or less evolved melts in order to address the
191 challenges of bringing together the required metals (via H_2O and Cl-bearing fluids) and
192 sulfur, to make a PCD.

193 Navigating the implications of MVP exsolution from Cu-rich melts, with or
194 without significant reduced or oxidized sulfur contents, and testing these new emerging
195 models for PCD formation requires that we place much tighter constraints on how ΣCl ,
196 fH_2S , fSO_2 , and fO_2 might affect Cu-Mo partitioning. To examine the combined role of

197 chlorine and sulfur species in extracting and transporting Cu and Mo we will compare
198 Cu/Mo partitioning in fluids containing only Cl-ligands to those with variable sulfur
199 contents (fS_2), redox state (fO_2), and speciation (H_2S/SO_2). We have used emerging
200 experimental techniques including CuAu-alloy tubing, in-situ quartz fracturing, metal-
201 oxide fO_2 buffering and fluid inclusions (FI)-LA-ICPMS to characterize, quantitatively,
202 reduced and oxidized Cu-Mo-S-Cl-bearing aqueous MVPs and silicate melts. With these
203 data, and those from earlier experiments, we will then discuss the importance of these
204 partitioning data for evaluating competing models of magmatic fluid evolution in arcs
205 and PCD mineralization.

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EXPERIMENT DESIGN

208 Our experiments were designed to simulate a synthetic, volatile-saturated
209 magmatic system in which Cu and Mo equilibrate between a silicate melt and either a
210 vapor-brine mixture (100 MPa) or a supercritical fluid (200 MPa). The experimental
211 system allows for examining the relative affinity of Cu and Mo for MVPs at five different
212 salinities (expressed as $\sum Cl$ or $X_{NaCl_{eq}}$ in the MVP)³. The experiments were run at reduced
213 and oxidized conditions to allow for either H_2S or SO_2 to dominate the fluid's sulfur
214 budget, enabling us to deconvolve the relative roles of redox and sulfur content on the Cl-
215 dependent framework of previous experiments. Each experiment contained a quartz core
216 to trap synthetic fluid inclusions for the purpose of tracking major and trace elements
217 across all magmatic phases present in the experiments. Each experiment (100 or 200

³ We use a corrected version of $NaCl_{eq}$ that treats 1 mole of $CaCl_2$ or $FeCl_2$ as 1.5 $NaCl_{eq}$ to account for the deviations in fluid salinity measurements and thus effective salinity of MVPs with significant Ca and Fe.

218 MPa) was allowed to equilibrate for 3 days at 725°C or 810 °C before using a thermal
219 shock technique to fracture “in-situ” the quartz cores (Sterner and Bodnar 1991), and
220 begin the process of trapping fluid inclusions. Given that the experiments needed to
221 equilibrate in terms of fO_2 , fS_2 , as well as a_{Cu} and a_{Mo} in all phases, it was imperative to
222 use in-situ fractured quartz to allow sufficient equilibration prior to fluid trapping
223 (Tattitch et al. 2015). After 6 days, the run was “slow-quenched” over ~1 minute to
224 prevent re-fracturing the quartz core while still cooling quickly enough to prevent
225 diffusive re-equilibration of Cu and Mo in the melt during quench below the glass
226 transition temperature (~ 500°C; Deubner et al. 2003). The quench glass and minerals
227 provide for sampling the other magmatic phases. Smaller datasets of inclusion analyses
228 were also obtained from inclusions trapped in the silicate glass in order to evaluate
229 equilibrium.

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231 *Starting Materials*

232 Experiments presented were run in custom-alloyed Cu_3Au_{97} capsules using the
233 technique of Zajacz et al. (2011). The capsule material is permeable to H_2 allowing for
234 control of fO_2 (Chou 1987); it is also resistant to reaction with sulfur species at all
235 conditions, and serves to fix the a_{Cu} in the system ensuring quick equilibration of copper
236 amongst the magmatic phases. The capsules were run inside Nimonic or Inconel alloy
237 pressure vessels which buffer the fO_2 to 0.6 ± 0.2 log units above the NNO^4 reference
238 curve, based upon CoPd and NiPd fO_2 -sensor capsule tests (Appendix I). More oxidized

⁴ All experimental fO_2 values are referenced to log units above or below Ni-NiO buffer of O'Neill and Pownceby (1993) at the experimental P and T.

239 conditions were achieved by adding variable amounts of hematite to the water in the
240 pressure vessel, and thus overriding the so-called “intrinsic” fO_2 of the vessel. In the
241 oxidised runs CoPd and NiPd sensors indicate fO_2 ranged from NNO+1.8 to NNO+2.2 at
242 the end of the experiment. These values are below the magnetite-hematite buffer at run
243 conditions, reflecting that the rate of reaction of hematite to magnetite could not fully
244 consume all the H_2 generated by the vessel and the experiment despite hematite present at
245 the end of the runs. By running experiments at NNO+0.6 (intrinsic) and NNO+2 (added
246 hematite) we generated fluids dominated by H_2S or SO_2 respectively, whilst remaining
247 within a reasonable fO_2 range for arc magmas, and PCD in general.

248 Each experiment contained a felsic silicate melt at run conditions produced by
249 melting ground pumices from the rhyolitic Cardones Ignimbrite, Chile (Table 1; van
250 Zalinge et al. 2016). This material was chosen to simulate the evolved melts
251 representative of many ignimbrites throughout northern Chile that are chemically similar
252 to intrusive bodies associated with nearby PCD deposits. The melt composition fits
253 within the general compositional trend for other PCD partitioning experiments, that
254 utilize a melt close to the haplogranite minimum. Each experiment contained variable
255 amounts of natural molybdenite as well as chalcopyrite to maintain high levels of Mo and
256 Cu and promote accurate analyses. Crushed synthetic pyrrhotite, made at University of
257 Bristol, was added to all reduced experiments to promote sulfide equilibrium at the
258 desired fO_2/fS_2 . Smaller amounts of chalcopyrite were added to oxidized runs to source
259 the sulfur, which was expected to oxidize to SO_2 and magnetite, yielding anhydrite
260 during the runs.

261 Each run contained one or two natural, fracture-free, inclusion-free quartz cores
262 (2.6 mm OD) as a synthetic fluid inclusion trap. The silicate portion of each capsule was
263 kept physically separate from the sulfide portion by placing the quartz core between
264 them, and crimping the capsule around the quartz core (Figure 1). Longitudinal grooves
265 were cut into the core to allow fluid to pass freely around it and facilitate equilibration of
266 all magmatic phases. An aqueous solution containing NaCl, KCl, HCl, and 1000 ppm
267 CuCl₂ was added with a micro-syringe to generate a vapor/brine- or supercritical MVP-
268 bearing assemblage at run conditions. All starting material data are provided in Table 2.

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270 *MVP Compositions and Relevant Fugacities*

271 The most critical aspect of these experiments is the controlled variation of the
272 composition of the magmatic volatile assemblage, comprising either a single supercritical
273 fluid or a coexisting vapor-brine mixture. The supercritical fluid produced in the 200
274 MPa experiments at 810 °C had a bulk salinity of ~12 wt% NaCl_{eq} or a ΣCl of 2.5 M.
275 This is slightly higher than the upper end of the range that we would expect for fluids
276 initially exsolved from an evolved, volatile-saturated arc magma (Audétat et al. 2008;
277 Candela and Piccoli 2005). Running the same bulk composition at 810°C and 100 MPa
278 (below the critical point for NaCl-H₂O) results in the formation of coexisting low-salinity
279 vapor and brine. A single “near-solidus” experiment was run at 725°C and 100 MPa,
280 which narrowed the expected salinity gap given the contraction of the two-phase field at
281 these conditions (Bodnar et al. 1985; Driesner and Heinrich 2007). The salinities of the
282 MVPs in each experiment were determined by microthermometry of the run product fluid
283 inclusions, including corrections for additional colligative contributions of CaCl₂ and

284 FeCl₂. The experiments cover five different salinities (one supercritical, two exsolved
285 brine-vapour pairs) representative of the range of fluids that are generated from shallow
286 evolved magmatic intrusions, preserved in fluid inclusions (e.g. Audétat et al. 2008,
287 Beane and Bodnar 1995, Heinrich et al. 1999; Roedder 1971).

288 In addition to the chloride component of the fluids, each experiment contained a
289 significant amount of sulfur, which formed either H₂S or SO₂ at run conditions. Enough
290 chalcopyrite and pyrrhotite were added to the reduced experiment starting materials to
291 maintain sulfide saturation conditions for the melt and volatile phases. Equilibrium
292 between the chalcopyrite (average composition = 47 ± 0.5 mole% S), Cu-bearing
293 pyrrhotite (composition Fe = 59 ± 0.2 wt%, S = 38 ± 0.3 wt%, Cu = 3 ± 0.1 wt%), MVPs
294 (log *f*O₂ = NNO+0.6), and magnetite all indicate reduced runs had an equilibrium log *f*S₂
295 ~ 1x10⁻³ MPa (Barton 1973; Mengason et al. 2010; Whitney 1984). Equilibrium between
296 S₂, H₂ and H₂O in the MVPs will then generate the dominant sulfur species in the
297 experiments, i.e. H₂S and SO₂. Using the program SUPCRIT92, and fugacity coefficients
298 from Churakov and Gottschalk (2003), we calculated the mole fraction of these species in
299 the MVPs at the reduced and oxidized conditions of the experiments. Reduced
300 experiments contain approximately 1.5 mol% H₂S in the vapor (*X*_{H₂S} = 0.0149) with
301 negligible SO₂ (*X*_{SO₂} = 0.00040). The much smaller amounts (~5mg) of chalcopyrite and
302 pyrrhotite added to the oxidized runs were completely destroyed⁵, producing anhydrite
303 and magnetite, making sulfur available for the MVP and silicate melt. The total available

⁵ Using sulfides to generate the necessary sulfur in the oxidized experiments is effective because although *f*S₂ at anhydrite saturation is higher than the reduced runs, it is below the level required for sulfide saturation at the more oxidized conditions; this is confirmed by the run-product assemblages.

304 sulfur and estimated anhydrite solubility (Newton and Manning 2005 and references
305 therein) were used to estimate a $fS_2 = 2.5 \times 10^{-3}$ MPa; SUPCRIT92 calculations were then
306 used to estimate the fSO_2 and fH_2S . The oxidized experiments are a near inversion of the
307 ratio in the reduced experiments: 2.4 mol% SO_2 ($X_{SO_2} = 0.024$) and much lower H_2S
308 ($X_{H_2S} \sim 0.003$). These values are comparable with those predicted by Whitney et al (1984)
309 for sulfur-bearing magmatic gases in equilibrium with sulfides, as well as those for
310 anhydrite saturation in saline aqueous fluids (Newton and Manning 2005). The range of
311 experimental starting materials constrains the maximum ability of either H_2S or SO_2 to
312 form complexes of Cu and Mo in fluids of almost any salinity. We will also draw upon
313 results from published experimental data to extend these conditions beyond the ΣCl and
314 fS_2 range studied here.

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316 ANALYTICAL METHODS

317 *EPMA Analysis*

318 Phase identification and major element quantification of the non-aqueous (silicate,
319 sulfate and sulfide) experimental run products were made using a Cameca SX100
320 Electron Probe Microanalyzer. The solid run products were mounted in 1" epoxy rounds,
321 polished and carbon-coated. Backscattered electron (BSE) images and Energy Dispersive
322 Spectroscopy (EDS) were used for phase identification. Quantitative compositions for
323 major elements (Na_2O , K_2O , CaO , FeO , MgO , MnO , TiO_2 , Al_2O_3 , SiO_2) and volatiles (S,
324 Cl, H_2O) in run product glasses were determined using Wavelength Dispersive
325 Spectrometry (WDS). An accelerating voltage of 15 kV, a beam current of 5 nA, and a
326 beam diameter of 10 μm was used for all glass analyses. The low beam current used

327 minimizes diffusion of Na away from the analytical volume (Humphreys et al., 2006).
328 Between 15 and 25 glass analyses were collected for each experiment, discarding some
329 analyses for low totals (< 90%) and element ratios redolent of analytical overlap onto
330 feldspar or quartz. Water contents were determined using the volatiles by-difference
331 (VBD) method, assuming negligible CO₂, and cross-checked in two runs against the
332 dissolved H₂O contents determined by SIMS.

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334 *Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry (SIMS)*

335 Dissolved H₂O and CO₂ in glasses from runs CMA201 and CMA224 were
336 determined by SIMS using the Cameca ims1270 ion microprobe at University of
337 Edinburgh with analytical conditions are described in detail in Mutch et al. (2016);
338 Primary beam of (O₂)⁻ ions accelerated to 12.2 kV and focussed to a ~15 µm diameter 4.2
339 nA beam at the sample surface (net impact energy of 22.2 kV). Positive secondary ions,
340 with a 75±20 V offset to reduce molecular ion transmission, were acquired over a total of
341 10 analytical cycles (~10 minutes total analysis time). CO₂ (as ¹²C) and H₂O (as ¹H) were
342 analysed at high mass resolution (M/ΔM ≈ 3000) to resolve ¹²C⁺ from ²⁴Mg²⁺. Calibration
343 was carried out for background-corrected, ³⁰Si-normalised ¹H and ¹²C ratios against a
344 range of rhyolitic glass standards with ≤1.04 wt% CO₂ and ≤10 wt% H₂O. We
345 additionally analysed for MgO (as ²⁶Mg⁺) and for CaO (as ⁴⁴Ca²⁺) using glass standards
346 for calibration. These data provide more accurate values for glass MgO than EMPA at
347 low concentrations (<0.1 wt%); for CaO the SIMS data provide a cross-check against
348 EPMA. Eight glass spots were analysed from each run and the mean and s.d.
349 concentration determined. Run CMA201 is homogeneous at the 12% relative level;

350 CMA224 shows some heterogeneity (25% relative). The glasses contained negligible
351 CO₂ (≤ 10 ppm). H₂O contents agree within 0.5 wt% with VBD values for these two
352 samples.

353

354 *Fluid Inclusion Microthermometry*

355 Microthermometric measurements were made on both vapor-brine and
356 supercritical MVP experiments using a Linkam THMS600 and USGS microthermometry
357 stages. The quartz core from each experiment was cut into several slices 300-1000 μm in
358 thickness and doubly polished until a fluid inclusion assemblage of interest was within 50
359 μm of the surface. All supercritical inclusions (200 MPa), as well as vapor inclusions
360 (100 MPa), were under-saturated in halite or sylvite at room temperature and their bulk
361 salinity was determined by measuring the freezing point depression of water. Additional
362 iterative corrections were made to the bulk salinity for the colligative effects of multi-
363 chloride salts by treating the CaCl₂ and FeCl₂ components as contributing 1.5 NaCl_{eq} per
364 mole. Vapor-rich inclusions containing salt crystals (mixed inclusions) were discarded, as
365 were any showing significant necking. Any individual inclusion with a freezing point
366 temperature outside the 2 σ standard deviation of the entire population of inclusions from
367 the same experiment was also discarded as unrepresentative. Brine inclusions were
368 identified at room temperature by the presence of both halite and sylvite daughter
369 minerals and a smaller vapor bubble. Brine inclusion salinity was determined by
370 measuring the combined sylvite and halite dissolution temperatures and then using the
371 program SALTY (Bodnar et al. 1989). No brine inclusions were discarded on the basis of

372 microthermometric data, however deviation in Na/K ratio of the inclusions was used to
373 filter LA-ICPMS data for incomplete inclusion ablation.

374

375 *LA-ICPMS Analysis*

376 The major and trace element composition of run product fluid inclusions was
377 determined using laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (LA-
378 ICPMS) at Virginia Tech using an Agilent 7500ce ICPMS and a GeoLas 193nm excimer
379 laser within a 1.8 cm³ ablation cell. The quadrupole mass spectrometer allows for near-
380 simultaneous analysis of major (Na, K, Ca, Si, Al, Fe) and trace elements (Cu, Mo) down
381 to at least ppm levels (Heinrich et al. 2003; Gunther et al. 1998; Mutchler et al. 2008).
382 Unfortunately, the O₂ mass interferences for S did not allow us to quantify the S content
383 of the fluid inclusions. Inclusions with no evidence of necking and without neighbouring
384 inclusions within the analytical volume were selected for analysis. An energy density of
385 ~10 J/cm² and a pulse rate of 5 Hz was used to ablate through the overlying quartz host
386 and into the individual inclusions while stepwise increasing the spot size from 10-16 μm
387 up to just larger than the inclusion diameter. Each signal was then integrated and
388 concentrations determined using the salinity as the internal standard. Results from
389 microthermometry were used to determine salinity, which was then used to calculate the
390 ΣCl to balance the Na, K and Ca present in the inclusions. Roughly 30% of the inclusions
391 ablated were not usable as the quartz fractured or the inclusion was positioned too deep
392 for detection of all elements. A small number of inclusions were discarded based on large
393 deviations in their Na/K ratios ($>2\sigma$) from those determined by microthermometry. A

394 fluid inclusion assemblage was then defined by the average of all the inclusions of a
395 single type (vapor, brine, supercritical) for each experiment.

396 Run product silicate glasses were also analysed for Cu and Mo by LA-ICPMS. A
397 lower energy density of $\sim 7 \text{ J/cm}^2$ was used along with 60 μm spot size to homogenize the
398 analyses. Analyses of 6-10 individual spots were standardized against Na from EMPA
399 analyses and averaged to yield Cu and Mo concentrations for each synthetic melt.

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RESULTS

Experimental Run Products

403 Each experiment produced a quenched glass containing a magmatic mineral
404 assemblage. The 200 MPa experiments had much higher melt fractions owing to the
405 higher water solubility and lower liquidus temperature (Fig 2A-B). The reduced
406 experiments (CMA406 and CMA407) contained abundant chalcopyrite and molybdenite
407 along with clinopyroxene and minor amounts of apatite and plagioclase (Fig 2A). There
408 is little evidence for any micron or sub-micron sulfide grains in the glasses that would
409 hinder trace element analyses. Gold nuggets and small sulfides are observed in some
410 glass analyses and on occasion clearly impact an otherwise stable Cu signal; these
411 periods of ablation were not used to quantify any trace elements.

412 The oxidized experiments (CMA420 and CMA421) contain abundant anhydrite,
413 often found inside holes formed by volatile bubbles in the glass (Fig 2B and 2D), with no
414 observable remaining chalcopyrite. These experiments lack any Ca-rich silicates
415 (clinopyroxene, plagioclase) and contain instead Ca-poor amphibole and biotite (Fig 2B).
416 However, the experiments remain saturated in molybdenite, owing to its stability at lower

417 $a_{\text{H}_2\text{S}}$ than Cu-Fe sulfides under oxidizing conditions (Audétat et al. 2011). The 100MPa
418 experiments show the same exchange of sulfides (CMA201) for sulfates (CMA224) with
419 increased oxidation. However, as the melt fraction is lower, these experiments also have
420 more abundant amphibole, biotite, and plagioclase or anhydrite with minor amounts of K-
421 feldspar (Fig 2C-D) in addition to relict plagioclase and quartz from the starting material.
422 The near-solidus experiment (CMA303) contained only a small amount of quench glass
423 due to a much higher overall crystallinity, yet has the same mineral assemblage as the
424 higher temperature runs.

425 In addition to glass, every experiment contained larger mineral run product
426 minerals including: the starting sulfides, newly formed magnetite, and overgrown quartz
427 cores with fluid inclusions. The quartz cores contained assemblages of fluid inclusions
428 (supercritical at 200 MPa, coexisting vapor and brine at 100 MPa) contained within the
429 regrown or “healed” fractures. The composition of larger pieces of run product sulfides
430 were used to confirm the f_{S_2} in the reduced experiments using the Cu-adjusted algorithm
431 of Mengason et al (2010).

432

433 *Silicate Melt Composition*

434 The major element compositions of the run product glasses are shown in Table 3.
435 The more oxidized experiments have melts that show significant depletion of CaO due to
436 the crystallization of anhydrite. As a result, the oxidized experiments have an aluminium
437 saturation index (ASI) that is more peraluminous (ASI = 1.04 to 1.19) compared to the
438 generally close to metaluminous glasses from reduced runs (ASI = 1.02-1.05). The sulfur
439 content of the oxidized runs is also elevated (~200 ppm S) compared to the reduced runs

440 (~90 ppm S) owing to the higher solubility of S^{6+} compared to S^{2-} (Clemente et al. 2004;
441 Zajacz 2015). Interestingly, the Cl content of the melt also varies; the oxidized runs have
442 a slightly lower Cl despite the same ΣCl in the experiments. This is likely due to the
443 change in melt aluminosity resulting from CaO loss to anhydrite crystallization. Water
444 contents of the melt vary from 4.4 to 6.9 (Table 3). EMPA by-difference values are
445 higher than SIMS, but agree at the 1 s.d. level.

446 The Cu and Mo concentrations of each experiment are also reported in Table 3.
447 Experiment CMA406 contains less Cu than the other supercritical run due to using a
448 lower a_{Cu} capsule (Cu_2Au_{97}). This was to ensure that any apparent deviation in Cu
449 partitioning was not dependant on the a_{Cu} used for a given experiment. All melts
450 remained saturated in molybdenite and thus any variability in melt Mo content must be
451 the result of variability in solubility as a function of composition, P, T or fO_2 . The Mo
452 concentration of the melt from the oxidized runs (43-59 ppm) is consistently 2-5 times
453 greater than those from the reduced runs (10-28 ppm). This trend with oxidation is in
454 good agreement with recent experimental data quantifying the solubility of molybdenite
455 in granitic melts of similar composition to ours (Sun et al. 2014).

456

457 *Fluid Inclusion Types and Compositions*

458 We characterized assemblages of fluid inclusions from each experiment, which
459 trapped samples of either a single supercritical fluid or coexisting vapor and brine at
460 magmatic conditions. The relative size of the contraction vapor bubble decreases with
461 increasing MVP salinity and density, and halite and sylvite are observed in the brine
462 inclusions from all subcritical, 100 MPa runs (Fig 3). Inclusions trapping MVPs from

463 reduced experiments always contained one or more small opaque daughter minerals
464 inferred to be (Cu)-Fe sulfides (chalcopyrite or pyrrhotite) and molybdenite (Fig 3 A-E)
465 precipitated from the fluids on quench. Fluid inclusions trapped in the more oxidized runs
466 occasionally contain dark daughter minerals inferred to be molybdenite (Fig 3 I-L) and
467 occasionally translucent, red daughter minerals that may be K-Fe-Cl phases observed in
468 other fluid inclusion studies (e.g. Anthony et al. 1984; Koderer et al. 2003). The oxidized
469 fluid inclusions also often contained minor transparent daughter minerals that did not
470 melt upon heating to 550 °C, well above the otherwise common salt disappearance
471 temperatures, indicating that they are neither halite nor sylvite (Fig 3 F, I, K, L). We have
472 inferred that these are an unidentified sulfate phase(s) formed due to the high SO₂ content
473 of the oxidized MVPs.

474 The fluid inclusion LA-ICPMS data show a strong increase in the Cu
475 concentration of higher salinity supercritical and brine MVPs compared to the lower
476 salinity vapors. Reduced experiments containing abundant H₂S have elevated Cu
477 concentrations in all MVP phases compared to those from the oxidized, SO₂-dominated
478 runs. Trends for Mo are not as readily apparent from the raw data but an increase in Mo
479 concentration function of salinity is still apparent.

480

481 *Partition Coefficients*

482 There is ubiquitous evidence that primary supercritical fluids exsolved from their
483 parent melt undergo phase separation into coexisting brine and vapor, which persist down
484 to sub-solidus/ore zone conditions where fluid-melt partition coefficients are no longer
485 relevant. Thus, it is critical to understand both fluid-melt and brine-vapor partitioning to

486 understand the evolution of proto-ore fluids. For each experiment we report the partition
487 coefficient for each of the MVPs (vapor, brine, and supercritical) relative to the silicate
488 melt (Table 5) and brine-vapor partition coefficients for 100 MPa runs. Replicate
489 experiments show averaged values that deviate by less than 1 sigma, indicating that the
490 principle source of the reported uncertainty is analytical in origin. As a result, we have a
491 high degree of confidence that these data are representative of ore metal partitioning
492 behaviour over the P-T- fO_2 range examined. In addition, fluid inclusions sampling the
493 supercritical MVPs at 200 MPa and brines at 100 MPa from the quartz-hosted
494 assemblages have been compared to a smaller set of inclusions hosted in the glass from
495 each of the runs (excluding CMA406) to evaluate equilibrium between the time of quartz
496 trapping and the quench. (Appendix II). Plotting their relative Cu and Mo contents (Fig 7
497 – Appendix II) shows clearly that the inclusions in both hosts are a good match to each
498 other and thus strongly suggests that both the quartz-hosted inclusions and silicate glass
499 represent sampling of equilibrium magmatic phases. However, due to significant
500 concentrations of most of the major elements (Na, K, Ca, Fe) in the host glass, some or
501 all of these elements are often not resolvable in the LA-ICPMS data for the glass-hosted
502 inclusions. In addition, more inclusions were discarded due to no resolvable major
503 element signal. Given their incomplete characterization and limited dataset, none of the
504 glass-hosted inclusions have been included in the averages reported below.

505

506 *Major Element Partitioning (Cl, Fe, S)*

507 Given the expectation of a strong influence of Cl, the fluid melt partition
508 coefficients are given along with their respective $\sum Cl$ as both $X_{NaCl_{eq}}$ and wt% salinity for

509 convenience. The initial Cl added to the starting materials and the NaCl-H₂O solvus for
510 the P-T conditions controls these values for each experiment. The apparent $D_{Cl}^{f/m}$ between
511 vapor and melt or fluid and melt is also shown in Table 5 and varies from 12 (± 4) at
512 $X_{NaCl_{eq}} = 0.01$ (~ 3 wt%), 25 (± 5) at $X_{NaCl_{eq}} = 0.016$ (5wt%) at 100 MPa, to either 33 (± 4)
513 or 44 (± 6) at $X_{NaCl_{eq}} = 0.044$ (13wt%) at 200 MPa. The variability in these D_{Cl} values
514 will be discussed below as a function of the ΣCl in the fluid, pressure, and changes to
515 melt composition.

516 The importance of Fe in the formation of PCD cannot be overstated, with Fe-S
517 minerals representing the bulk of the ore and the most significant elemental anomalies
518 that define a PCD. To explore the role of Fe we also report the $D_{Fe}^{f/m}$ and $D_{Fe}^{b/v}$ for relevant
519 experiments. For the evolved melts used in this study Fe partitioning increases strongly as
520 a function of salinity. The measured $D_{Fe}^{f/m}$ increases from 0.6 (± 0.2) for vapor at $X_{NaCl_{eq}} =$
521 0.01, to 2.1 (± 0.5) for supercritical fluids at $X_{NaCl_{eq}} = 0.044$. Given that Fe is a significant
522 component of silicate melts, the absolute value of $D_{Fe}^{f/m}$ may vary with a_{FeO} in the silicate
523 melt. The brine-melt partition coefficient ($D_{Fe}^{b/m}$) = 12 (± 4) and the brine-vapor partition
524 coefficient ($D_{Fe}^{b/v}$) = 23 (± 12). The presence of reduced sulfur and increased Fe²⁺ does
525 increase Fe partition coefficients, and our reduced, S-bearing experiments have $D_{Fe}^{f/m}$
526 values of 0.77 (± 0.38), 3.3 (± 1.2), and 30 (± 10) for vapors, supercritical fluids and brines
527 respectively.

528 Although our experiments do not measure S directly we can infer $D_S^{f/m}$ values of
529 ~ 200 for reduced and oxidized conditions based on the calculated values of ~ 2 or ~ 4
530 wt% S in the MVPs and measured values of ~ 100 or ~ 200 ppm S in the melt (Table 3) at

531 reduced and oxidized conditions respectively. This is of the same magnitude reported by
532 Webster et al. (2011) of $\sim 50 < D_S^{f/m} < \sim 200$ at 900 °C, 200MPa and similar fO_2 values
533 (NNO-0.4 to NNO+1.4), Massotta et al. (2016) for rhyolite at 200 MPa and Re-ReO₂
534 buffered fO_2 ($D_S^{f/m} = 101 \pm 19$ at 900 °C and 114 ± 43 at 800 °C), as well as results from
535 Zajacz et al. (2015) for “rhyolite like melts” at higher pressure and temperature ($D_S^{f/m}$
536 $= 200$ at 500 MPa and ~ 1250 °C).

537

538 *Copper Partitioning*

539 We report fluid/melt and brine/vapor (100 MPa) partition coefficients for Cu as a
540 function of the X_{NaCleq} (salinity) and X_{H_2S}/X_{SO_2} (Table 5). In the oxidized experiments
541 (NNO + 2) we observe much stronger partitioning of Cu into supercritical fluids of
542 moderate salinity compared to a lower salinity vapor (oxidized $D_{Cu}^{s/m} = 140 \pm 25$ at X_{NaCleq}
543 $= 0.044$ (13wt%) compared to $D_{Cu}^{v/m} = 18 \pm 9$ at $X_{NaCleq} = 0.016$ (5wt%) and $D_{Cu}^{v/m} = 9 \pm 5$ at
544 $X_{NaCleq} = 0.01$ (~3wt%). However, partitioning of Cu into magmatic brine appears to
545 maintain the same strong enrichment in Cu as for supercritical fluids (oxidized $D_{Cu}^{b/m} =$
546 165 ± 90). Given that brines may separate from a single fluid phase as it decompresses at
547 sub-solidus temperatures, we also note the partitioning of Cu between the vapor and brine
548 and, here again, we observe a marked salinity dependence. The $D_{Cu}^{b/v}$ increases by a factor
549 two, from 9 ± 5 to 19 ± 11 , as the ratio of Cl in the brine over the vapor ($\sum Cl^{b/v}$) increases
550 from 10 to 20. Experiments at reduced conditions (NNO + 0.6) show the same trends
551 albeit with somewhat increased partitioning from melt into MVPs; $D_{Cu}^{v/m} = 40 \pm 9$ increases
552 to $D_{Cu}^{s/m} = 280 \pm 78$ as we increase the salinity from $X_{NaCleq} = 0.01$ (~3wt%) to $X_{NaCleq} =$

553 0.044 (13wt%). The brine maintains the strong Cl-dependent partitioning observed for
554 supercritical fluids (reduced $D_{Cu}^{b/m} = 310 \pm 100$). While the brine still dominates the vapor
555 in terms of Cu content, the $D_{Cu}^{b/v}$ decreases to 10 ± 4 at a $\sum Cl^{b/v}$ ratio of 20 due to Cu
556 concentration in the vapor increasing in the presence of reduced sulfur ligands more
557 strongly than it does in the brine.

558

559 *Molybdenum Partitioning*

560 Partitioning data for Mo also show a consistent preference of Mo for the MVPs
561 relative to the silicate melt. The reduced experiments show an overall lower affinity of
562 Mo for the MVPs increasing from $D_{Mo}^{v/m} = 2.0 \pm 0.8$ at $X_{NaCleq} = 0.01$ (~3wt%) through
563 $D_{Mo}^{s/m} = 7.8 \pm 1.8$ at $X_{NaCleq} = 0.044$ (13wt%) for intermediate supercritical fluids, up to
564 $D_{Cu}^{b/m} = 71 \pm 22$ at $X_{NaCleq} = 0.33$ (62wt%) for magmatic brine. The oxidized experiments
565 sample a larger salinity range but the same trend is observed with slightly elevated
566 partitioning into MVPs over the silicate melt relative to reduced experiments ($D_{Mo}^{v/m}$
567 increases from 4.3 ± 2.2 at $X_{NaCleq} = 0.01$ (~3wt%), to 6.9 ± 3.6 at $X_{NaCleq} = 0.016$ (5wt%)
568 through $D_{Mo}^{s/m} = 21 \pm 5$ at $X_{NaCleq} = 0.044$ (13wt%) up to $D_{Mo}^{b/m} = 130 \pm 10$ for oxidized
569 magmatic brines (53wt% and 62wt%).

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570 **DISCUSSION**

571 *Magmatic Cu Partitioning*

572 A fundamental step in modelling Cu extraction from magmas by MVPs is
573 identifying the critical fluid parameters (X_{NaCleq}) and ligands that control Cu partitioning
574 and transport. Despite a suite of experimental studies that highlight the dominance of Cl

575 in controlling this partitioning (Candela and Holland 1984; Frank et al. 2011; Simon et al.
576 2006; Tattitch et al. 2015; Zajacz et al. 2011), there remain contrary claims based on both
577 natural and synthetic systems. As previously noted, the complications of Cu diffusion in
578 natural systems require that we exercise caution when interpreting data from quartz-
579 hosted fluid inclusions in natural systems, especially those experiencing repeated fluid-
580 fluxing events (Lerchbaumer and Audétat 2012; Seo and Heinrich 2013). These studies
581 highlight that even well-sealed vapor inclusions can readjust their Cu concentrations via
582 diffusion. In addition Seo and Heinrich (2013) provide some of the first topaz-hosted Cu
583 partitioning data which accord perfectly with our experimental trends (see Section 5.1).

584 There are very few experimental studies that make claims of Cu partitioning into
585 vapor relative to coexisting brines, that would refute the dominance of Cl in controlling
586 Cu partitioning. A well-known example is the study by Nagaseki and Hayashi (2008) that
587 purports to show magmatic vapor with Cu concentrations greater than coexisting brine at
588 (500-650 °C). However, their data rely upon the analysis of less than 5 vapor inclusions
589 per run, with generally only 1 to 3 analyses reported. We are wary of fluid inclusion
590 analyses where only a few individual inclusions are measured as the chances of
591 unrepresentative analyses are high; likewise, population averages with 1σ uncertainties
592 greater than 50% remain highly suspect. Moreover, duplication of one of the Nagaseki
593 and Hayashi (2008) runs by Lerchbaumer and Audétat (2012) disagrees with the original
594 experiments, yielding instead results consistent with brine-dominated Cu partitioning.
595 Thus the data of Nagaseki and Hayashi (2008) are in conflict with those presented herein,
596 existing magmatic copper partitioning data (Frank et al. 2011; Lerchbaumner and Audétat
597 2012; Simon et al. 2006; Zajacz et al. 2011) as well as work of Pokrovski et al. (2008) for

598 hydrothermal fluids at similar conditions (350 °C and 500 °C). These studies highlight
599 that, while sulfur will increase Cu concentration in vapors relative to brines, even ~1 wt%
600 S does not result in a preference of Cu for the vapor phase. As a result we will discuss
601 how the bulk of the existing magmatic Cu partitioning data can be combined with our
602 new data to provide a more comprehensive picture of Cu extraction and transport.

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604 *Magmatic Cu Partitioning into MVPs as a Function of ΣCl*

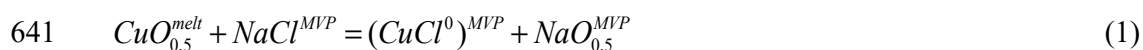
605 Compilation of our new Cu partitioning data along with existing literature data
606 over broad range of $X_{NaCl_{eq}}$, P, T and fO_2/fS_2 conditions relevant to MVP exsolution
607 from silica-rich arc magmas (Fig 4) shows a strong (and quantifiable) relationship
608 between Cu partitioning and salinity ($X_{NaCl_{eq}}$). Several prior studies of Cu partitioning
609 that also show the relationship between Cu and Cl have been excluded due to limitations
610 of their experiment designs. Candela and Holland (1984), Keppler and Wylie (1991) and
611 Williams et al. (1997) all show a strong correlation between Cu and Cl, but rely on
612 quenched fluids to characterize Cu concentrations. It is our belief that this method does
613 not quantitatively retain the metal-chloride complexes unique to the high-temperature
614 MVPs responsible for extraction and early transport of Cu and Mo (see below). Thus,
615 while they do highlight the importance of Cl, they have not been included in the
616 empirical fitting of Cu partitioning data described below.

617 The included data show that Cu will partition into supercritical fluids of modest
618 salinity ($X_{NaCl_{eq}} = 0.015$ to 0.044 or ~ 5 to 13 wt% $NaCl_{eq}$) at concentrations ~50 to more
619 than 300 times greater than the silicate melt from which they exsolve. The extraction of
620 Cu into MVPs of lower salinity will decrease sharply (Fig 4 - green line) with very

621 inefficient extraction below ~3wt% NaCl_{eq} to a point where Cu will become compatible
622 in the silicate melt relative to MVPs at salinities below ~1wt% NaCl_{eq}. Such low salinity
623 (< 3wt%) MVPs are therefore incapable of sequestering and concentrating Cu from
624 silicate melts in the pressure range studied.

625 Whereas most arc magmas are unlikely to attain brine saturation prior to reaching
626 the solidus (Audétat et al. 2008), the formation of brines in the sub-solidus magmatic
627 environment, or in the fluid fluxing pathways above the magmatic hearth, will exert a
628 strong control on the fate of Cu previously extracted from the magma by single-phase
629 fluids. As a primary, Cu-rich, MVP decompresses, it will intersect the NaCl-H₂O solvus
630 and undergo phase separation. Our examination of Cu partitioning shows that when
631 supercritical fluids undergo phase separation the near-magmatic (or “tardo-magmatic”)
632 brines always have an increased capacity to sequester the available Cu compared to the
633 coexisting vapor (Fig 4). As the solvus expands with decreasing pressure, the ability of the
634 brine to concentrate Cu increases, as the salinity and Cu content of the coexisting vapor
635 will continually decrease as pressure drops.

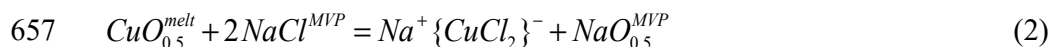
636 The combined suite of partitioning data also provides information on Cu
637 complexation mechanisms in MVPs. At very low concentrations of $\sum\text{Cl}$ (Figure 4) the
638 experimental data suggest that a simple Cu-Cl complexation mechanism operates. The
639 logarithmic slope of ~1 for $X_{\text{NaCl}_{eq}}$ values below ~ 0.005 (~2 wt% NaCl_{eq}) indicates a 1:1
640 Cu:Cl ratio, suggestive of complexation according to the equilibrium:



642 Thus at very low $\sum\text{Cl}$ there may be insufficient Cl to form larger ion pair complexes but a
643 narrow range where CuCl⁰ may become important. However, Cu is already only slightly

644 favoured in the MVPs at this point, and as the X_{NaCleq} continues to decrease below 0.002,
645 Cu will become compatible in evolved melts due to minimal solubility of Cu in an MVP
646 lacking adequate ΣCl . The quench experiments by Candela and Holland (1984) explore
647 Cu partitioning into supercritical fluids within this very low salinity range, and can be
648 used to help pin down the intercept of $D_{Cu}^{f/m}$ at $X_{NaCleq} = 0$ ($D_{Cu^0}^{f/m} = 0.8 \pm 0.5$).

649 The logarithmic relationship between Cu and ΣCl in the combined suite of
650 experiments presented over the salinity range 2 wt% to 13 wt% has a slope of ~ 2 (Figure
651 4), indicating a 1:2 ratio for Cu:Cl. This is consistent with the bent-linear
652 $(Na,K)^+ \{CuCl_2\}^-$ associated ion pair complex predicted by Zajacz et al. (2011) and
653 supported by numerous other studies of magmatic Cu partitioning (Frank et al. 2011;
654 Simon et al. 2006; Tattitch et al. 2015). For these primary, saline, magmatic MVPs, the
655 experimental data support the proposition that Cu complexation is dominantly controlled
656 by $(Na,K)CuCl_2$ as follows:



658 Analogous equilibria can be written to describe the exchange of Cu with KCl and HCl in
659 the MVPs. Thermodynamic calculations presented by Zajacz et al. (2011) indicate that
660 the K^+ version of the Cu complex in equation 1 is slightly favoured over the Na^+ version,
661 but that both are far more stable than the H^+ version. As a result, MVPs exsolved from
662 strongly peraluminous systems with a high H:Na-K ratio in the MVPs (e.g. Williams et
663 al. 1997) may have a more limited capacity for extraction of Cu.

664 We can combine this lower stability for $CuCl^0$ with the much more pronounced
665 $(Na,K)CuCl_2$ complexation mechanism to form a quantitative model for Cu extraction by
666 first combining the equilibrium constants (K_{EQ1} and K_{EQ2}) for equations (1) and (2);

$$667 \quad K_{EQ2} = \frac{a(\text{NaCuCl}_2) \cdot a(\text{NaO}_{0.5}^{\text{melt}})}{(X_{\text{NaCl}})^2 \cdot a(\text{CuO}_{0.5}^{\text{melt}})} \quad (3)$$

$$668 \quad K_{EQ1} = \frac{a(\text{CuCl}^0) \cdot a(\text{NaO}_{0.5}^{\text{melt}})}{(X_{\text{NaCl}}) \cdot a(\text{CuO}_{0.5}^{\text{melt}})} \quad (4)$$

669 (along with analogous equations for K) and then rearranging the equation to define Cu
 670 partitioning as a function of NaCl/KCl and the equilibrium constants K_{EQ1} and K_{EQ2} :

$$671 \quad D_{\text{Cu}}^{f/m} = \frac{a(\text{NaCuCl}_2) + a(\text{KCuCl}_2) + a(\text{CuCl}^0)}{a(\text{CuO}_{0.5}^{\text{melt}})} = \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{K_{EQ2} \cdot (X_{\text{NaCl}})^2 + K_{EQ1} \cdot (X_{\text{NaCl}})}{a(\text{NaO}_{0.5}^{\text{melt}})} + \frac{K_{EQ2b} \cdot (X_{\text{KCl}})^2 + K_{EQ1b} \cdot (X_{\text{KCl}})}{a(\text{KO}_{0.5}^{\text{melt}})}$$

672 Given that Zajacz et al. (2011) predict that $K_{\text{NaCl}}:K_{\text{KCl}}$ ratio is close to unity we will
 673 assume that variability in fluid NaCl:KCl, (or magmatic $\text{Na}_2\text{O}:\text{K}_2\text{O}$) ratios will have
 674 negligible effects on partitioning, thus we adopt NaCl_{eq} as a definition of salinity. The
 675 stability of HCuCl_2 complexes is predicted to be lower than Na-K complexation,
 676 however, we have not resolved the effect of variable HCl on the $D_{\text{Cu}}^{f/m}$.

677 “Intermediate” salinity fluids (5wt% to 40 wt%) show a strong excess capacity to
 678 extract Cu from the melt above that soluble as simple CuCl^0 species (Figure 4). By
 679 simplifying Eq 5 assuming that (i) NaCuCl_2 and KCuCl_2 behave similarly; (ii) CuCl^0
 680 dominates the fluid at low salinity; and (iii) fitting the Cl-free $D_{\text{Cu}}^{f/m}$ by adding in the
 681 lowest salinity point from Candela and Holland (1984) we obtain an expression to predict
 682 copper partitioning as a function of $X_{\text{NaCl}_{\text{eq}}}$ in the MVP for melts of similar Na/K and
 683 ASI:

$$684 \quad D_{\text{Cu}}^{f/m} = K_2 (X_{\text{NaCl}_{\text{eq}}})^2 + K_1 (X_{\text{NaCl}_{\text{eq}}}) + D_{\text{Cu}^0}^{f/m} \quad (6)$$

685 This functional form ignores the changes to the MVP as we transition from a supercritical
686 fluid towards high-salinity brine and ultimately a wet salt melt. The excess Cu capacity of
687 the intermediate MVPs is contingent on the stability of the (Na,K)CuCl₂ complex; which
688 is in turn contingent on the partial dissociation of NaCl and/or solvation in fluid.

689 As an exsolved Cl-rich MVP transitions from an intermediate salinity
690 supercritical fluid towards phase separation, the stability of the dominant (Na,K)CuCl₂
691 complex appears to decrease, as manifest in the decline in $D_{Cu}^{f/m}$ as X_{NaCleq} increases
692 above 0.1 (Figure 4). At still higher X_{NaCleq} the partitioning trend returns to that for CuCl⁰
693 (Figure 4 dashed line) consistent with a transition of the MVP towards an NaCl-KCl “wet
694 salt melt” with low H₂O activity (or X_{H_2O}), eventually converging on pure NaCl (X_{NaCleq}
695 =1). Under these conditions the alkali-chloride component of the MVP remains
696 increasingly associated and the dominant Cu complexation moves back towards a CuCl⁰
697 component. In effect, decreasing X_{H_2O} limits the stability of (Na,K)CuCl₂, which implies
698 in turn that this complex is solvated significantly by H₂O. We can capture this change by
699 including a solvation parameter for (Na,K)CuCl₂ in the partitioning equation as follows:

$$700 \quad D_{Cu}^{f/m} = K_2 \left[(X_{NaCleq})^2 * (X_{H_2O})^Z \right] + K_1 (X_{NaCleq}) + D_{Cu}^{f/m} \quad (7)$$

701 where Z represents an unknown number of H₂O species associated with the (Na,K)CuCl₂
702 complex. We can then fit this equation to the combined dataset using a weighted least
703 squares regression to obtain the final expression for $D_{Cu}^{f/m}$ as a function of X_{NaCleq} and
704 X_{H_2O} for MVPs of any salinity:

$$705 \quad D_{Cu}^{f/m} = 8.0 \times 10^4 (\pm 1.4 \times 10^4) \left[(X_{NaCleq})^2 * (X_{H_2O})^{14 \pm 2} \right] + 380 (\pm 50) (X_{NaCleq}) + 0.8 (\pm 0.5) \quad (8)$$

706 This expression provides a robust fit to all of the experimental data across all the
707 experiment designs ($R^2=0.94$ and $<25\%$ relative uncertainty on K's) with the exception of
708 one datum from Frank et al. (2011), which shows anomalously low $D_{Cu}^{f/m}$. In addition, we
709 see further evidence that while the data from Candela and Holland (1984) highlight the
710 control of Cl on Cu partitioning, the quenched fluids follow the estimated line for $CuCl^0$
711 only (Fig. 4 – black crosses) and do not record the additional Cu extraction capacity of
712 MVPs due to (Na,K)CuCl₂ complexation. Using Equation (8), we can model $D_{Cu}^{f/m}$ over
713 any salinity range, with a particularly high density of experiments covering the range of
714 salinities expected for initial exsolution of a magmatic supercritical fluid (roughly 0 to 12
715 wt% NaCl_{eq}). Although variations in Na/K/H likely affect partitioning, the combined
716 dataset covers metaluminous (ASI~1) to peraluminous (ASI~1.2) melt compositions
717 relevant to PCD formation. In addition, the impacts of other common salts (e.g. CaCl₂
718 and FeCl₂) on $D_{Cu}^{f/m}$ at high temperature are poorly constrained. Thus, the data presented,
719 and empirical fit for $D_{Cu}^{f/m}$ as a function of $X_{NaCl_{eq}}$, are appropriate for MVPs where NaCl
720 and KCl dominate the chloride budget. Particular HCl-rich systems, or those dominated
721 by other salts, would require additional parameterization to accurately predict Cu
722 partitioning.

723 The trend for Cu partitioning between coexisting brine and vapor (Figure 5) is
724 much simpler than that for Cu partitioning between fluid and melt (c.f. Figure 4). As the
725 ratio of $\sum Cl$ in the brine to that in the vapor increases during decompression ($D_{Cl}^{b/v}$
726 increases from ~1 to ~100) so the capacity of the vapor to carry Cu will fall and that of
727 the brine will increase in proportion to $D_{Cl}^{b/v}$. The well-established NaCl-H₂O solvus and

728 the combined dataset presented in Fig 5 highlight that magmatic fluids ascending to
729 shallow levels (<75 MPa) will inevitably phase separate, forming Cu-rich brines during
730 decompression, that will sequestering the majority of the original Cl and Cu. These
731 metal-rich “brine reservoirs” can accumulate and remain stable in the sub-solidus host
732 rocks for $\geq 30,000$ years above the parental melt, as shown by the numerical models of
733 Weis (2015). Coexisting phase compositions for brines and vapors suggested by
734 numerous studies of PCD (e.g. Aud  tat et al. 2008; Heinrich 2005; Heinrich et al. 1999;
735 Rusk et al. 2008) indicate that brine-saturated vapors with $\leq 1\text{-}3$ wt% NaCl_{eq} coexist with
736 smaller amounts of very saline brine ($\sim 30\text{wt}\%$ to $>60\text{wt}\%$ NaCl_{eq}) due to phase
737 separation of an originally supercritical fluid upon decompression to pressures between
738 90 to <50 MPa. The bulk $\text{H}_2\text{O}:\text{Cl}$ ratio of low-pressure (~ 100 MPa) melt inclusions in
739 silicic volcanic rocks (e.g. Blundy et al. 2008) and fluid inclusions measured in PCD (e.g.
740 Aud  tat et al. 2008; Heinrich et al. 1999) suggest that supercritical fluid input salinity
741 ranges from $\sim 5\text{wt}\%$ to $8\text{wt}\%$ NaCl_{eq} are common (e.g. Candela and Piccoli 2005;
742 Lerchbaumer and Aud  tat 2012). Given these values and the Cu partitioning we report, at
743 least 50% to $>85\%$ of the *total mass fraction* of Cu available for mineralization will be
744 sequestered into the volumetrically minor brine phases during fluid ascent and unmixing,
745 consistent with observations of other recent studies that utilize experimental data for Cu
746 partitioning (e.g. Lerchbaumer and Aud  tat 2012). This does not account for any Cu lost
747 from escaping vapor due to sub-lithostatic venting (likely associated with brecciation)
748 that would cause additional brine separation. In both cases the accumulated brine
749 phase(s) will become more enriched in Cu and dominate the Cu mineralization potential
750 of the system. In some cases evidence exists for mineralized veins formed directly from

751 metal-rich brine with no role of a previously separated low-density vapor (e.g. Wilson et
752 al. 2003). As a result, the fate of brines, the details of their role in pervasive potassic
753 alteration, and the mechanism by which their Cu content can become mineralized as
754 sulfides, plays a critical role in PCD formation.

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756 *The Influence of fO_2 and fS_2 on MVP Cu Partitioning*

757 The dominant control on Cu partitioning and transport into MVPs is demonstrably
758 their Cl content. However, our Cu partitioning data, along with those of other
759 experimental studies (e.g. Frank et al. 2011, Simon et al. 2006, Zajacz et al. 2011),
760 indicate that the presence of reduced sulfur species can enhance the amount of Cu that
761 partitions into magmatic MVPs, especially in magmatic vapor relative to coexisting brine
762 (Fig 4 and 5 yellow symbols). This is likely due to the stability of a modified version of
763 the (Na,K)CuCl₂ binary ligand complex where HS⁻ replaces one of the Cl⁻ ligands (Mei et
764 al. 2013; Zajacz et al. 2011):



766 This complex forms under reduced conditions where H₂S or HS⁻ dominate the sulfur
767 budget of the lower density MVPs. It is also clear from Figures 4 and 5 that the ability of
768 H₂S to influence Cu complexation and extraction is subordinate to that of Cl, and under
769 none of the experimental conditions discussed (350 to 810 °C at ~40 MPa to 200 MPa)
770 does the magmatic vapor show a stronger affinity for Cu than a coexisting brine (Fig 5 -
771 yellow filled symbols). We can parameterize the impact of H₂S on $D_{Cu}^{f/m}$ using the
772 equilibrium between the previously defined NaCuCl₂ complex from low-H₂S systems and
773 NaCuClHS (Eq 9):

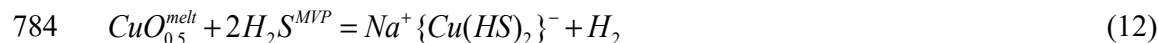
774 $D_{Cu}^{f/m} * [CuO]_{melt} = [NaCuCl_2] + [NaCuClHS] + [CuCl^0] + [NaCuHS_2] + [Cu]$
 775 $[NaCuClHS] = K_1 \left[(X_{NaCleq})^2 * (X_{H_2O})^Z \right] * K_9 * X_{H_2S} * (X_{H_2O})^Y$ (10)

775 which simplifies to:

776 $D_{Cu}^{f/m} = K_1 \left[(X_{NaCleq})^2 * \left\{ (X_{H_2O})^Z + K_9 (X_{H_2S}) (X_{H_2O})^Y \right\} \right] + K_2 (X_{NaCleq}) + [NaCuHS_2]$ (11)

777 Where the Y and Z terms represent the hydration parameters for the NaCuClHS and
 778 NaClCl₂ complexes respectively, and K₁, K₂, and K₉ are the equilibrium constants for the
 779 equations described above.

780 The *ab initio* thermodynamic calculations, backed by fluid solubility data for Cu,
 781 presented by Zajacz et al. (2011), also show that HS⁻ alone cannot stabilize significant
 782 quantities of Cu in an MVP; Cl and alkali cations are required. This is due to the limited
 783 stability of the binary (Na,K,H)⁺Cu(HS)₂⁻ complexes formed via the equilibrium:



785 Zajacz et al's (2011) calculations are supported by the strong dependence of our reported

786 $D_{Cu}^{f/m}$ on X_{NaCleq} , even for systems with significant fH_2S (Fig 4). As we used the same Cu-
 787 Au alloy composition as Zajacz et al. (2011), we can then compare the Cu concentration
 788 range of the silicate melt in our runs to the Cu content of pure H₂O-H₂S fluids in Zajacz
 789 et al. (2011) runs (~40 ppm Cu) to obtain the apparent partition coefficient between the
 790 melt and Cl-free, H₂S-rich MVPs ($D_{Cu}^{f/m} \sim 1.5$). However, given 1) the similar densities
 791 and extremely low dielectric constant for the Cl-free vapor at both sets of conditions, and
 792 2) the experiments of Zajacz et al. (2011) were conducted at 1000°C with more than
 793 double the total sulfur in the volatile phase, Cu concentrations in MVPs will likely be

794 comparable or lower at 800°C and 100 or 200 MPa. Thus making this apparent $D_{Cu}^{f/m} \sim$
795 1.5 value a maximum for very low ΣCl MVPs at our conditions.

796 Using this maximum value for $[NaCuHS_2]$, the Cu concentration range in the melt
797 ($D_{Cu}^{f/m} \sim 1.5$), and the previous fit and intercept for low H₂S Cu-Cl partitioning data (Eq
798 8) we can define Cu partitioning in the presence of H₂S as follows:

$$799 \quad D_{Cu}^{f/m} = 8.0 \times 10^4 \left[(X_{NaCleg})^2 * \left\{ (X_{H_2O})^{15} + K_9 (X_{H_2S}) (X_{H_2O})^Y \right\} \right] + 380 (X_{NaCleg}) + 0.8 \quad (13)$$

800 Following Equation (13) the additional partitioning capacity of H₂S-rich MVPs relies on
801 the equilibrium constant for Cl-HS exchange (K_9), the mole fraction of H₂S in the MVP
802 and the relevant solvation parameter for NaCuClHS (Y) which may be different than that
803 for NaCuCl₂ (Z). We have run an additional least squares regression using this
804 formulation to fit the available H₂S-rich experiments containing ~ 1.5 mol% H₂S (Figure
805 4 - yellow symbols) to yield the following combined equation for Cu partitioning;

$$806 \quad D_{Cu}^{f/m} = 8.0(\pm 1.4) \times 10^4 \left[(X_{NaCleg})^2 * \left\{ (X_{H_2O})^{14 \pm 2} + 180(\pm 60) (X_{H_2S}) (X_{H_2O})^{15 \pm 2} \right\} \right] \\ + 380(\pm 50) (X_{NaCleg}) + 0.8(\pm 0.5) \quad (14)$$

807 Equation (14) provides an excellent fit to the data with $R_2 = 0.95$ and $< 25\%$ relative
808 uncertainty on K_9 and Y fit parameters. The H₂S model fit returns a rather uncertain
809 intercept but the quality of the fit is very insensitive to the intercept value. The original
810 intercept from the low f_{H_2S} dataset has been retained for simplicity. Thus, for the
811 unlikely case of salt-free degassing, additional data would be required to improve
812 Equation (14) to predict the limited Cu partitioning expected for such conditions.

813 Given the very similar Y and Z parameters for the influence of H₂O as a solvent
814 on the two ion-pair complexes we can apply a final simplification ($Y = Z$) to yield:

815
$$D_{Cu}^{f/m} = 8.0(\pm 1.4) \times 10^4 \left[(X_{NaCleq})^2 (X_{H_2O})^{14 \pm 2} \{1 + 180(\pm 60)(X_{H_2S})\} \right]$$

816
$$+ 380(\pm 50)(X_{NaCleq}) + 0.8(\pm 0.5)$$
 (15)

816 This final Cu partitioning equation highlights the dominance of X_{NaCleq} on controlling Cu
817 extraction from melts into MVPs, and excess Cu extracted into MVPs containing H_2S .
818 The formation of the $\{(Na, K)CuClHS\}$ complex is limited by both X_{NaCleq} and X_{H_2S} and
819 can, at most, roughly double Cu partitioning into MVPs at the maximum reasonable X_{H_2S}
820 (sulfide saturation) for reduced systems.

821 The maximum increase in Cu partitioning show in Fig (4) at maximum X_{H_2S} is
822 only valid for MVPs that are *already saturated* in magmatic Cu-Fe sulfides. Conversely,
823 the presence of oxidized sulfur species (SO_2) has a negligible impact on the partitioning
824 of copper, with partition coefficients indistinguishable from those from sulfur-free
825 magmatic systems (Fig 4). In oxidized sulfurous MVPs magmatic SO_2 , in much the same
826 way as CO_2 (Tattitch et al. 2015), behaves as a “hard gas” and does not appear to act as a
827 ligand for metal transport. Thus, in a magmatic system dominated by oxidized sulfur
828 species, we should not expect any increase in Cu partitioning out of the melt and into
829 vapors, brines, or supercritical fluids. Instead, efficient extraction and transport of Cu is
830 controlled by $\sum Cl$ or X_{NaCleq} in the MVPs and varies according to the competition
831 between $(Na,K)CuCl_2$ and $CuCl^0$ complexation (Eq 8) with limited modification due to
832 minor amounts of H_2S (Eq 15).

833

834 *The influence of X_{NaCleq} and fO_2 on Molybdenum Partitioning*

835 In a manner similar to Cu, MVPs may efficiently extract Mo, but, naturally, are
836 limited by what is available from the melt, which in turn depends on the solubility of

837 molybdenite. Audéat et al. (2011) investigated the influence of temperature, fO_2 , and
838 fS_2 on Mo concentrations at molybdenite saturation in natural systems. They showed that
839 at fixed fS_2 or at MSS/pyrrhotite saturation the Mo concentration of a melt increases with
840 increasing fO_2 due to the predominance of Mo^{6+} in the melt and Mo^{4+} in molybdenite. By
841 contrast, lower Mo concentrations in silicate melts at molybdenite saturation with
842 decreasing temperature are likely due to an increase in melt polymerization, which is
843 unfavorable to the highly coordinated Mo species in the melt. Our data provide a strong
844 experimental confirmation of the model of Audéat et al. (2011). The concentration of
845 Mo reported for our melts at 810 °C at reduced conditions (10-28 ppm Mo) and oxidized
846 conditions (43-59 ppm Mo) as well as the lower temperature (725°C) oxidized run (10
847 ppm Mo) are all in excellent agreement with the model shown in Figure 5 of Audéat et
848 al. (2011). Yet while Mo concentrations in molybdenite-saturated melts may be well
849 constrained experimentally, the partitioning of Mo into MVPs is not.

850 The limited experimental data on Mo partitioning into MVP have provided
851 conflicting viewpoints of whether MVP chemistry has any control on the extent to which
852 Mo can be extracted from magmas. Candela and Holland (1984) suggest that Mo will
853 form “oxo-hydroxo” complexes and that these will be dominantly influenced by fO_2 and
854 temperature. Based on thermodynamic data, they argue that, Mo^{6+} will predominate in
855 fluids and thus complexes such as $MoO_2(OH)_2$ might be expected. However, their
856 experiments did not systematically examine a sufficient range in fO_2 to evaluate redox
857 control on the stability of such a complex. In contrast, Ulrich and Mavrogenes (2008)
858 suggest that for Mo-rich fluids there is a correlation between the solubility of Mo oxides
859 and the salinity or $\sum Cl$ a MVP. On the basis of a logarithmic slope of ~ 0.78 for Mo

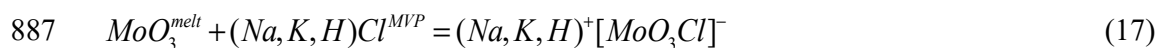
860 concentration versus $\sum\text{Cl}$ they suggest that there is a roughly 1:1 ratio of Mo to Cl in the
861 high temperature aqueous complex. This relationship would be in keeping with other
862 molybdenum partitioning experiments at high salinity (Webster 1997) and high
863 temperature (1300°C -1400°C and 1 GPa; MacKenzie and Canil 2011). However, the
864 non-unity slope (~ 0.78), the high concentrations of Mo and the high uncertainty in the
865 data suggest that more precise analysis is required to better establish the link between Cl
866 and Mo. Finally, neither of these studies included sulfur as part of the magmatic
867 assemblage and are thus at Mo concentrations far above molybdenite saturation.

868 Our data do not suggest any direct influence of reduced or oxidized volatile sulfur
869 species on the partitioning of Mo at magmatic conditions. However, we can establish a
870 strong link between $D_{\text{Mo}}^{f/m}$ and both $X_{\text{NaCl}_{\text{eq}}}$ and redox state. There is a clear trend of
871 increasing $D_{\text{Mo}}^{f/m}$ with increasing salinity and a separation between the experiments at
872 reduced and oxidized conditions (Fig 6). If we regress the logarithmic correlation
873 between $D_{\text{Mo}}^{f/m}$ and $X_{\text{NaCl}_{\text{eq}}}$ for the oxidized and reduced experiments separately, both sets
874 of experiments produced a 1:1 trend for Mo:Cl, indicating that a mono-chloride complex
875 controls Mo partitioning. The low salinity end of the trend intersects the existing data for
876 Mo partitioning into supercritical fluids at low to moderate salinity ($D_{\text{Mo}}^{f/m} = 2.5 \pm 1.6$) of
877 Candela and Holland (1984). At $X_{\text{NaCl}_{\text{eq}}} > 0.01$ we suspect that that the salinity-dependant
878 Mo complexes responsible for the increase were not retained in their quenched
879 experimental fluids.

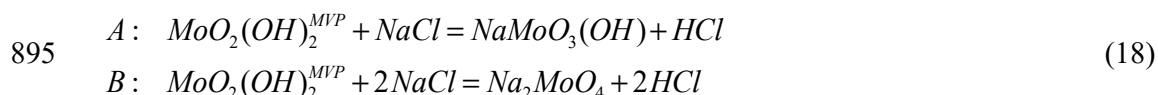
880 We speculate that any partitioning controlled by a salinity-dependent complex is
881 similar to the formation of oxy-hydroxy Mo-complexes via partial substitution of (OH)
882 for O in MoO_3 complexes in the melt according to the equilibrium:



884 The formation of a mono-chloride complex then involves simply replacing the
885 H₂O in the Mo complexes shown in equation (16) with a chloride ligand and allowing
886 Na⁺, K⁺ or H⁺ to serve as a cation for an associated ion pair complex as follows:



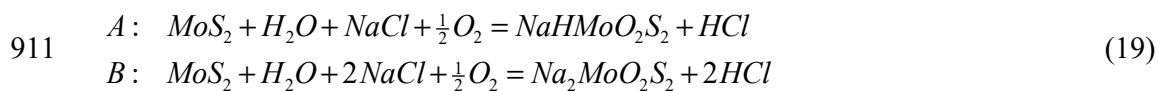
888 We emphasize that the complex shown in equation (17) is only a schematic
889 representation of possible mono-chloride Mo complexes in MVPs. The high salinity end
890 of our trend for $D_{Mo}^{f/m}$ between reduced fluids and silicic melts is in excellent agreement
891 with high-temperature, 200 MPa partitioning data presented by Webster (1997) (Fig 6 –
892 filled circles). In the absence of definitive data on Cl as a complexing ligand we should
893 also consider the possibility that Na/K molybdate species are controlling salinity-
894 dependent complexation, e.g.:



896 (and equivalent expressions for KCl). However, the consistent slope of 1 on a logarithmic
897 plot of $D_{Mo}^{f/m}$ vs X_{NaCleq} suggests that if molybdates are controlling partitioning only the
898 first substitution of Na/K for H (Eq. 18A) is favoured across the entire salinity range. A
899 complexation involving 2 Na/K replacements (Eq. 18B) should have a 2nd order
900 dependence on X_{NaCleq} . The strong increase in overall partitioning of Mo with increasing
901 X_{NaCleq} would require that the Na/K molybdates are much more favourable complexes
902 than the H molybdates. Moreover, the consistent slope for $D_{Mo}^{f/m}$ vs. X_{NaCleq} across vapors,
903 supercritical fluids and brines with different fSO_2 also suggests that the elevated Mo
904 partitioning at oxidized conditions is a result of an increase in stability of the same mono-

905 chloride or Na/K molybdate complexes relative to the silicate melts rather than any direct
906 role of SO₂ in Mo complexation.

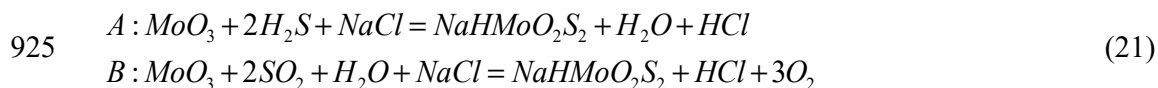
907 Recent work by Zhang et al. (2012) also highlights the possibility that
908 thiomolybdates (e.g. NaHMoO₂S₂) control the solubility of molybdenite in saline,
909 sulfurous magmatic-hydrothermal fluids. They show that this complexation relies upon
910 an equilibrium dependant on X_{NaCleq} , as well fO_2 , which is shown below.



912 The complexation in equation 19A is more consistent with the data presented in
913 this study as it will be both linearly dependent on X_{NaCleq} and have a more limited
914 dependence on $fHCl$. Furthermore, Equation (19) includes an implicit dependence on
915 fO_2 that is also observed in our data. The solubility data reported by Zhang et al. (2012)
916 are also consistent with our data at oxidized conditions, while their data at higher and
917 lower fS_2 at more reduced conditions suggests slightly higher molybdenite solubility but
918 bracket our data. These can then be converted to a partitioning equilibrium by
919 considering the solubility of molybdenite in the melt according to the expression:



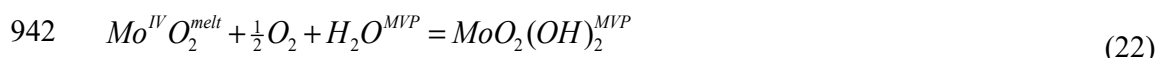
921 By combining this expression with the equilibria presented by Zhang et al. (2012) for the
922 mono-alkali complex (Equation 19A) we obtain equilibria for the partitioning of Mo
923 between melt and fluid as thiomolybdate complexes in the MVP via either H₂S or, at
924 oxidized conditions, via SO₂:



926 These equilibria highlight the same linear dependence of molybdenum partitioning on
927 X_{NaCleg} . However, the additional influences of H₂S, or SO₂ and O₂ are not readily
928 observed in our dataset and thus confirmation of the complexes in Equation (21) would
929 be required before further treatment.

930 Although Mo⁶⁺ is likely the most significant valence of molybdenum in the
931 hydrous silicate melt, the stability of Mo⁴⁺ in the prevailing oxide and sulfide (MoO₂ and
932 MoS₂ respectively) would suggest that at least some of the Mo in the melt is present as an
933 Mo^{IV}O₂ component. Farges and Seiwert (2006) reported XAFS spectra for Mo in silicate
934 melts/glass to show that dissolved H₂O increases the stability of MoO₂ {Mo(IV)O₆⁻⁸},
935 and that significant dissolved sulfur can produce Mo(IV,V,IV)O_nS_m^{-x}, or Mo(IV)S₄⁻⁴
936 components in the melt. They demonstrated that 30% or more of the total Mo is present
937 as Mo⁴⁺ for higher temperature conditions with variable *f*O₂ covering the range examined
938 here.

939 Although the exact speciation of Mo in the melt for our experimental conditions
940 remains unclear, we should also consider partitioning involving lower Mo valences, such
941 as:



945 To the extent that Mo is present as Mo(IV) or Mo(V) in the melt the *f*O₂ of the system
946 will thus have an influence on partitioning. It is also possible that a different mono-
947 chloride or sulfide complex, perhaps sensitive to *f*O₂, is responsible for the observed
948 trends in the Mo partitioning data.

949 Despite these various caveats, given the available experimental data, we have
 950 chosen to assume a NaMoO_3Cl complexation mechanism and fit the Mo partitioning data
 951 for reduced and oxidized fluids separately as functions of their salinity. Alternative
 952 complexation via Na-K molybdates or Na-K-H thiomolybdates would retain a linear
 953 dependence on $X_{\text{NaCl}_{eq}}$, but with additional terms for the influence of $f\text{HCl}$, $f\text{H}_2\text{S}$ or $f\text{SO}_2$
 954 on the complex's stability.

955 If we examine and rearrange the equilibrium constants for equations (22) and (23)
 956 we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 957 \quad K_{EQ22} &= \frac{a\text{MoO}_2(\text{OH})_2}{(a\text{H}_2\text{O})(a\text{MoO}_3)} & \frac{a\text{MoO}_2(\text{OH})_2}{[\text{Mo}]^{\text{melt}}} &= K_{EQ22}(a\text{H}_2\text{O}) \\
 K_{EQ23} &= \frac{a\text{NaMoO}_3\text{Cl}}{(a\text{NaCl}_{eq})(a\text{MoO}_3)} & \frac{a\text{NaMoO}_3\text{Cl}}{[\text{Mo}]^{\text{melt}}} &= K_{EQ23}(a\text{NaCl}_{eq})
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{25}$$

958 The overall $D_{\text{Mo}}^{f/m}$ is then the sum of the oxy-hydroxy and mono-chloride or
 959 thiomolybdate complexes:

$$960 \quad [\text{Mo}]^{\text{MVP}} = \frac{a\text{MoO}_2(\text{OH})_2 + a\text{NaMoO}_3\text{Cl}}{[\text{Mo}]^{\text{melt}}}
 \tag{26}$$

961 Simplifying activities to mole fractions and combining these expressions yields $D_{\text{Mo}}^{f/m}$ as a
 962 function of $X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$, $X_{\text{NaCl}_{eq}}$, and $f\text{O}_2$:

$$963 \quad D_{\text{Mo}}^{f/m} = K_{EQ22}(X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}) + K_{EQ23}(X_{\text{NaCl}_{eq}})
 \tag{27}$$

964 Regardless of the exact complexation mechanism, we can match this equation with the
 965 experimental and natural $D_{\text{Mo}}^{f/m}$ data for either reduced ($\sim\text{NNO}+0.6$) or oxidized
 966 ($\sim\text{NNO}+2$) fluids. Using our experimental dataset and a single average value from

967 Candela and Holland (1984) for $D_{Mo}^{f/m} = 2.5(1.6)$ at $X_{NaCleq} = 0.001$ we have generated two
968 empirically fit expressions for $D_{Mo}^{f/m}$ vs X_{NaCleq} at reduced;

$$969 D_{Mo}^{f/m} \{NNO + 0.6\} = 1.5(\pm 0.7) * (X_{H_2O}) + 150(\pm 30) * (X_{NaCleq}) \quad (28)$$

970 and at oxidized conditions:

$$971 D_{Mo}^{f/m} \{NNO + 2\} = 1.5(\pm 0.7) * (X_{H_2O}) + 430(\pm 60) * (X_{NaCleq}) \quad (29)$$

972 These expressions are in excellent agreement with the experiments at both conditions ($R^2 =$
973 0.94 and 0.95 respectively with 20% and 15% relative uncertainty in the equilibrium
974 constant) as shown by the curved light blue and dark blue lines in Fig (6).

975 Our expression can be used to predict Mo partitioning over a large range of
976 conditions for felsic melts, although caution should be exercised outside the experimental
977 conditions. Equations (28) and (29) demonstrate that the salinity-dependent complexes
978 are roughly two orders of magnitude more favourable than oxy-hydroxy Mo complexes.
979 It is worth noting that although the derivation is shown for Na, our experimental data do
980 not provide any direct evidence as to which cation(s) dominate the Mo complexes (i.e.
981 Na^+ , K^+ , or H^+).

982 The data of Audétat and Pettke (2003) provide a test of the X_{NaCleq} dependence of
983 Mo partitioning. They measured Mo in co-genetic melt inclusions and vapor/brine fluid
984 inclusions from the Rito del Medio pluton, covering a range of salinities. Their measured
985 values match our experimental data for relatively oxidized fluids (Figure 6 open
986 diamonds). Additional data presented by Zajacz et al. (2008) from the Ehrenfriedersdorf
987 (Erzgebirge Mtns.), Rito del Medio (Mexico), and Mt. Malosa (Malawi) systems,
988 Audétat (2010) from the Cave Peak Mo-Nb deposit (Texas) and by Audétat et al. (2008)

989 from the Stronghold Granite (Arizona) cover a smaller salinity range and are more
990 scattered, but again are all broadly consistent with the salinity-dependent trends for
991 oxidized magmatic fluids. A limited amount of data from the Cuasso al Monte (Italy) and
992 minor parts of Mt. Malosa show somewhat muted Mo partitioning into the MVPs, more
993 consistent with only oxy-hydroxy complexation of Mo; it remains unclear why these
994 systems do not seem to show the expected X_{NaCleq} -dependence (Zajacz et al. 2008).

995 Given the 1:1 correlation between Mo and X_{NaCleq} across the full range of salinity
996 examined we predict, as for Cu, that brine/vapor partitioning will follow the same trends.
997 When we examine the data for brine/vapor partitioning from natural systems, the
998 majority show $D_{Mo}^{b/v}$ directly proportional to the ratio of chloride in brine to that in vapor
999 ($\sum Cl^{b/v}$), in the same manner observed in our experiments. Analysis of coexisting brine
1000 and vapor fluid inclusions from the Questa Mo deposit (Klemm et al. 2008), Cave Peak
1001 Mo-Nb deposit (Audétat 2010), and Grasberg Cu-Au deposit (Heinrich et al. 1999) all
1002 show $D_{Mo}^{b/v} = D_{Cl}^{b/v}$ within the analytical uncertainty. Additional data from the Treasure
1003 Mountain dome and Drammen granite (Lerchbaumer and Audétat 2012) also show an
1004 increase in Mo concentrations with increasing salinity, albeit with a very large range in
1005 absolute concentrations for different samples within the same system. We conclude that
1006 salinity-dependent complexes play an important role in Mo extraction from melts, and
1007 that our expression for $D_{Mo}^{f/m}$ as a function of X_{NaCleq} provides a good first estimate for
1008 modelling natural systems.

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IMPLICATIONS

1011 Understanding controls on the partitioning of Cu and Mo in the arc environment
1012 has long been viewed as critical to building genetic models for the formation of PCDs.
1013 Several recent studies have cast doubt upon what natural samples can tell us about Cu/Mo
1014 MVP partitioning (Lerchbaumer and Audétat 2012; Seo and Heinrich 2013), while others
1015 have proposed new reactive mechanisms for mineralization (Blundy et al. 2015; Henley
1016 at al. 2015; Richards (2016) and references therein; van Hinsberg et al. 2016) that draw
1017 upon a broader range of the MVPs known to flux through arc magmatic systems. Our
1018 study provides a more comprehensive picture of magmatic Cu and Mo partitioning,
1019 covering the spectrum of pressure, temperature, salinity (ΣCl), oxidation environment
1020 ($f\text{O}_2$), and sulfur content necessary to make reasonable predictions throughout the
1021 shallow arc crust. In addition, the compiled experimental dataset incorporates data
1022 produced by numerous independent studies of synthetic and natural systems showing the
1023 same behaviour for Cu and Mo across the range of conditions examined.

1024 Our compilation of experimental data shows very clearly how $(\text{Na,K,H})^+ \{\text{CuCl}_2\}^-$
1025 ion pair complexes and Cl partitioning control Cu partitioning in supercritical MVPs and,
1026 following phase separation, in magmatic vapors and brines. Reduced sulfur species have
1027 a subordinate influence on partitioning, while oxidise sulfur species show no discernible
1028 effect. The inability of SO_2 to impact Cu partitioning further complicates models for
1029 maintaining a simultaneously high Cu, Fe and S content in a magmatic vapor as it
1030 decompresses away from the parental magmas. Furthermore, new studies highlight the
1031 difficulty in obviating sulfide saturation through oxidation alone (Matjuschkin et al.
1032 2016) indicating that Cu and S may be decoupled during MVP exsolution. New
1033 mechanisms for mineralization explore this idea of an external source for sulfur, avoiding

1034 problems of co-enrichment of Cu, Fe and S into shallow melts, as well as highlighting
1035 that many barren intrusions may be those associated with “normal” Cu-Fe-Cl MVPs that
1036 did not receive a subsequent sulfur flux. In this scenario we must imagine superimposing
1037 mixing of MVPs from disparate sources within the wider magmatic system (Blundy et al.
1038 2015) and reactive mineralization mechanisms (Henley et al. 2015) on the already
1039 complicated picture of degassing supercritical fluids and phase separation of metal-rich
1040 brines. In order to critically evaluate these new hypotheses against conventional
1041 mechanisms of PCD mineralization the next step is to construct models for fluid
1042 transport, storage, and mineralization across all MVP salinities using the quantitative Cl-
1043 dominated partitioning behaviour for Cu and Mo presented here.

1044 The stability of Mo-oxy-hydroxy complexes in MVPs means that, unlike Cu, Mo
1045 will remain slightly compatible in the MVPs even at very low salinity, for the P-T
1046 conditions common to Mo porphyry deposits. During the early stages of MVP exsolution
1047 higher temperatures and lower salinities will favour a higher Mo/Cu ratio in the exsolved
1048 fluids compared to exsolution in later stages whereupon significant Cl enrichment in the
1049 melt through crystallisation (e.g. Candela and Piccoli 1997, 2005) and higher $D_{Cl}^{f/m}$ (e.g.
1050 Webster et al. 2014) will favour Cu partitioning over Mo. Thus the earliest exsolved
1051 fluids will have the highest Mo/Cu ratio during the lifetime of an intrusion.

1052 Oxidized fluids of sufficient $\sum Cl$ will also have a large potential for extracting
1053 Mo from silicate melts. Given the sharply decreasing equilibrium fS_2 at MoS_2 saturation
1054 (Audétat et al. 2011) with reduced fO_2 , we speculate that, where reduced sulfur is
1055 available (via H_2S or reaction of SO_2 to produce S^{6+} and S^{2-}), an MVP will precipitate
1056 molybdenite until the available Mo is exhausted before any precipitation of Cu-Fe

1057 sulfides at higher fS_2 . However, given that complexation of Mo as mono-chlorides,
1058 molybdates, or thiomolybdates would all be broadly consistent with our data, we feel that
1059 more direct characterization of MVP Mo complexation is required before elaborating on
1060 interpretations of Mo transport and mineralization. Nonetheless, establishing the
1061 empirical relationship between Cl and S for transport and mineralization of Mo vs. Cu is
1062 critical to reconcile the observation that Mo mineralization is distinct from Cu-Au or
1063 simple Cu mineralization in many porphyry deposits (e.g, Proffett 2003; Rusk et al. 2008;
1064 Wilson et al. 2003).

1065 Extrapolating the Cl-dependence of Cu and Mo partitioning to greater depths of
1066 MVP release requires a detailed study of Cl partitioning as a function of pressure and
1067 melt composition. While early studies suggest that Cl may partition strongly into MVPs
1068 during early/deep degassing (Shinohara 1994), these data are in conflict with the
1069 increased compatibility of Cl in less evolved melts (Zajacz et al. 2012) and the
1070 observation of Cl-rich and S-poor, evolved, low pressure melt inclusions in many natural
1071 volcanic systems (e.g. Blundy et al 2008 USGS Prof Pap). Our data for $D_{Cl}^{f/m}$ show that
1072 Cl partitioning has a strong dependence on the exsolving fluid salinity (or ΣCl) and that
1073 Cl becomes more compatible in peralkaline melts. In order to deconvolve these effects
1074 from the effects of pressure and melt composition more broadly, additional experimental
1075 work is required. In either case reduced Cl partitioning into the MVPs will limit Cu and
1076 Mo extraction. Thus shallow intrusions of metaluminous to slightly peraluminous
1077 magmas rich in Cl, consistent with observed trends in volcanic systems, are likely the
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1 Figure 1: Schematic of the experimental capsule design. A custom alloyed
2 $\text{Cu}_3\text{Au}_{97}$ capsule is loaded with silicate glass, aqueous solution, molybdenite
3 (Mb), magnetite (Mt) and variable amounts of pyrrhotite (Po) and chalcopyrite
4 (Ccp) depending on reduced or oxidized conditions. The capsule is sealed and
5 loaded in a Nimonic alloy cup and connected to an external magnetic filler rod
6 control system. At run conditions the experiment yields a silicate magma and a
7 magmatic volatile assemblage that contains either H_2S or SO_2 +anhydrite. Quartz
8 cores with longitudinal grooves (for fluid migration) keep the oxides/sulfides
9 physically separate from the magma to improve analyses and serve to trap
10 samples of the MVP(s) as fluid inclusions after in-situ fracturing.

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12 Figure 2:
13 SEM images of run products from experiments at 200 MPa (A,B) and 100 MPa
14 (C,D) at reduced (A,C) and oxidized (B,D) conditions. Experiments conducted at
15 200 MPa show much lower crystallinity due to lower H_2O saturated liquidus.
16 Biotite (Bt), clinopyroxene (Cpx), magnetite (Mt) and apatite (Ap) are present in
17 these runs as well as either chalcopyrite (Ccp) or anhydrite (Anh) at reduced and
18 oxidized conditions respectively. At lower pressure and higher crystallinity the
19 same assemblage is observed except that Cpx is quite rare and instead
20 amphibole (Hbl), plagioclase (Pl), and alkali feldspar (Ksp) are present. All of the
21 experiments are also quartz (Qtz) saturated due to the experiment design.

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24 Figure 3:
25 Photomicrographs of fluid inclusions from all experiment types. Inclusions are
26 shown for both reduced (above) and oxidized (below) experiments with
27 increasing salinity to the right. With increasing salinity, the density of the fluid
28 increases and so the contraction bubble size decreases. Experiments at 100 MPa
29 produced brine inclusions that also contain daughter mineral halite and sylvite
30 (E, K, L). At reduced conditions all the inclusions contain chalcopyrite (Ccp) and
31 intermediate to high salinity inclusions (C, D, E) also contain molybdenite (Mb).
32 At oxidized conditions no Ccp is observed but instead a transparent phase,
33 inferred to be a sulphate, is present. Here again, intermediate to high salinity
34 inclusions (I, J, K) contain molybdenite.

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36 Figure 4:
37 Compilation of copper partitioning data between a MVP and silicate melt ($D_{\text{Cu}}^{f/m}$)
38 from our experiments as well as numerous other studies. Data for sulfur-free and
39 low $f\text{H}_2\text{S}$ experiments is shown in black-filled symbols.. These data show a clear
40 trend of $D_{\text{Cu}}^{f/m}$ increasing with increasing $X_{\text{NaCl}_{\text{eq}}}$, due to the varied stability of
41 both CuCl^0 (1:1 Cu:Cl - dashed line), and "excess" Cu due to $(\text{Na,K})\text{CuCl}_2$ (1:2
42 Cu:Cl) complexation. The solid green line shows the empirical fit of these data
43 assuming these complexation mechanisms and provides equilibrium constants
44 to determine $D_{\text{Cu}}^{f/m}$ at any salinity. Quenched-fluid data from Candela and
45 Holland (1984), shown in black crosses, follows the inferred trend for CuCl^0 only
46 and is not included in the fit (see text). In addition, H_2S -rich experiments are
47 shown in yellow filled symbols and a similar fit (dotted line) for the additional
48 contribution of $(\text{Na,K})\text{CuCl}(\text{HS})$, and minimal $(\text{Na,K})\text{Cu}(\text{HS})_2$ complexation (See

49 text for fit equations and derivation). The empirical fit of the data based on the
50 equilibrium between these complexes and the melt is shown in the top left.

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52 Figure 5:

53 Compilation of copper partitioning data between coexisting brine and vapor
54 from experiments as well as natural, topaz-hosted, fluid inclusions from the Mole
55 Granite. Data for sulfur-free and low f_{H_2S} experiments (black filled symbols)
56 clearly shows the 1:1 correlation between D_{Cu} and D_{Cl} between the coexisting
57 phases. H_2S -rich MVPs show a deviation towards the vapor phase, but under no
58 conditions does the Cu favour the vapor over the brine. In addition, the data from
59 natural topaz-hosted inclusions (average with 2σ error bars for all data) clearly
60 fall directly on the line for the oxidized, or S-poor, brine-vapor partitioning data.
61 This is in contrast to existing quartz-hosted data, which would plot low off the
62 figure due to post-entrapment modification of vapor-rich inclusions.

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64 Figure 6:

65 Compilation of molybdenum partitioning data between MVPs and silicate melts
66 from experiments, molybdenum deposits and granitic plutonic systems. Both
67 reduced experiments and oxidized experiments show a trend of increasing D_{Mo}
68 with increasing salinity transitioning from a $MoO_2(OH)_2$ dominated system to
69 one controlled by a salinity dependant complex such as $(Na,K)MoO_3Cl$ or
70 $(Na,K)MoO_3(OH)$ or $(Na,K)HMoO_2S_2$ given the 1:1 Mo:Cl dependence over the
71 majority of the data range. Our reduced experimental data (blue filled symbols)
72 is in good agreement with limited datasets from older reduced experimental
73 studies (black symbols). However, experiments at oxidized conditions (blue
74 open symbols) are in good agreement with nearly all the data from natural
75 systems (open symbols), with Mo partitioning roughly 2x greater than at
76 reduced conditions. The empirical fits for the experimental data are shown in the
77 top left.

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Table 1: Cardones Ignimbrite pumice composition (wt%)

Na₂O	2.7
K₂O	4.8
CaO	2.2
FeO	0.56
MgO	0.73
MnO	0.07
TiO₂	0.15
Al₂O₃	12.8
SiO₂	74.4
ASI	0.95

Glass composition determined by ICP-EOS and contains 4.1wt% H₂O
Melt ASI moves from slightly peralkaline value shown to metaluminous
when equilibrating with experimental aqueous fluid

Table 2: Reduced and Oxidized Experiment Conditions

Run	Duration (Hours)*	Temp (°C)	Pressure (MPa)	Log fO_2	Starting Glass (mg)	Na/K/H [◇] Solution (μl)	Starting Phases [§]
Reduced							
CMA201 [†]	72*/120	810	100	NNO+0.5	10	10	G, Aq, Qtz, Ccp, Po, Mb
CMA406	72*/120	810	200	NNO+0.6	13	16	G, Aq, Qtz, Ccp, Po, Mb
CMA407	72*/120	810	200	NNO+0.7	14	15	G, Aq, Qtz, Ccp, Po, Mb
Oxidized							
CMA224 ^{ox, †}	72*/120	810	100	NNO+2.0	11	10	G, Aq, Qtz, Mb, Po ^d
CMA303 ^{ox, †}	72*/144	725	100	NNO+1.8	12	10	G, Aq, Qtz, Mb, Po ^d
CMA420 ^{ox}	72*/120	810	200	NNO+1.8	15	16	G, Aq, Qtz, Mb, Po ^d
CMA421 ^{ox}	96*/144	810	200	NNO+2.2	15	16	G, Aq, Qtz, Mb, Po ^d

*All experiments equilibrated at run conditions for 72 or 96 hours prior to in-situ fracturing

[◇] Aqueous starting solution: Na/K/H in a 10/10/1 ratio and 2.1 molal ΣCl

[§] G=Rhyolite Glass, Aq=Aqueous Soln, Qtz=Quartz, Ccp=Chalcopyrite, Po=Pyrrhotite, Mb=Molybdenite,

[†] Cardones pumice also yielded minor relict Kspar, plagioclase, biotite, and clinopyroxene in lower P runs

^{ox} Oxidized runs contain 3mg of crushed Ccp as a sulphur source which oxidized to SO₂ during run.

^d Starting Po breaks down to generate SO₂ and anhydrite during oxidized runs

Table 3: Compositions of Reduced and Oxidized run product glasses: Shown in wt% ($\pm 2\sigma$)

RUN	n	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	CaO	FeO	Al ₂ O ₃	SiO ₂	S (ppm)	Cl (ppm)	Cu (ppm) ^L	Mo (ppm) ^L	H ₂ O ^s	ASI
*Reduced { Log fO_2 = NNO + 0.6 }													
CMA201	12	3.1 (0.3)	5.4 (0.1)	0.5 (0.1)	0.50 (0.07)	12.1 (0.4)	72.3 (0.8)	90 (60)	2400 (230)	19 (4)	10 (3)	4.6 (1.1)	1.02
CMA406 ^a	21	2.9 (0.2)	5.1 (0.1)	1.0 (0.1)	0.62 (0.08)	12.7 (0.5)	70.0 (1)	88 (60)	2000 (140)	7 (1)	15 (3)	6.1 (0.7)	1.05
CMA407	21	2.7 (0.3)	4.9 (0.1)	1.0 (0.1)	1.10 (0.09)	12.2 (0.6)	70.6 (1.3)	86 (70)	1900 (150)	13 (5)	28 (7)	6.1 (0.7)	1.05
*Oxidized { Log fO_2 = NNO +2.0 }													
CMA224	13	2.8 (0.2)	5.3 (0.2)	0.30 (0.04)	0.92 (0.05)	11.4 (0.3)	73.2 (0.7)	200 (80)	1500 (370)	28 (5)	43 (7)	4.8 (0.6)	1.04
CMA303	8	3.2 (0.3)	5.1 (0.2)	0.48 (0.1)	0.87 (0.08)	13.9 (0.9)	71.9 (1.5)	210 (120)	1300 (300)	27 (5)	10 (2)	4.4 (1)	1.19
CMA420	18	2.9 (0.2)	5.3 (0.1)	0.10 (0.02)	0.83 (0.06)	12 (0.6)	71.0 (1.1)	220 (100)	1500 (120)	17 (2)	59 (19)	6.3 (0.6)	1.11
CMA420	22	2.7 (0.3)	5.0 (0.2)	0.10 (0.03)	0.83 (0.07)	11.4 (0.7)	71.7 (1.6)	190 (100)	1500 (210)	12 (1)	52 (14)	6.9 (1.7)	1.13

‡ Minor components (MgO, TiO₂, MnO, P₂O₅) are below (0.2, 0.1, 0.1 and 0.05) wt% respectively in all runs

* Log fO_2 values calculated based on CoPd and NiPd sensors run with experiments ($2\sigma = \pm 0.2$ log units)

^L Cu and Mo concentrations are based on separate LA-ICPMS analyses ($n > 5$) run in tandem with fluid inclusion analyses

^a Experiment CMA406 was run using a Cu₂Au₉₈ capsule rather than the Cu₃Au₉₇ alloy used for all other experiments

^s H₂O values were also determined by SIMS analysis and are within 1σ of the water by difference values reported in this table

All experiments used Cardones Ignimbrite Pumice starting material

Table 4: LA-ICPMS Analysis of Fluid Inclusions from Reduced and Oxidized experiments (Na, K, Fe, Cu, Mo in ppm)

Run	FI Type	N	Microtherm ^{S,C}	(NaCl _{eq}) [*]	X _{Cl} ^m	Na ($\pm 2\sigma$)	K ($\pm 2\sigma$)	Ca ($\pm 2\sigma$)	Fe ($\pm 2\sigma$)	Cu ($\pm 2\sigma$)	Mo ($\pm 2\sigma$)
Reduced { Log fO_2 = NNO + 0.6 }											
CMA201	Brine	14	220-225°C/ 365-370°C	61-62	0.33	109000 (6000)	180000 (13100)	23000 (11500)	129000 (46100)	6020 (1500)	690 (120)
CMA201	Vapor	11	-2 to -1.8 °C	3-3.5	0.01	2900 (1300)	4400 (2200)	720 (400)	3400 (1700)	650 (300)	25 (5)
CMA406 ^a	Super Critical	21	-8 to -7.5 °C	12.5-13	0.044	17000 (2700)	27000 (5800)	2700 (1000)	17000 (7100)	2060 (460)	120 (30)
CMA407	Super Critical	12	-8 to -7.5 °C	12.5-13	0.044	17000 (2400)	29000 (4400)	1800 (380)	25000 (6700)	3300 (1250)	220 (50)
Oxidized { Log fO_2 = NNO + 2 }											
CMA224	Brine	15	210-215°C/ 365-375°C	61-62	0.33	115000 (12600)	145000 (24800)	37000 (18500)	96000 (34200)	5000 (1300)	5700 (2600)
CMA224	Vapor	12	-2 to -1.8 °C	3-3.5	0.01	4900 (1700)	7300 (2500)	1100 (600)	4300 (1800)	260 (140)	200 (60)
CMA303	Brine	8	260-270°C/ 330-335°C	53-54	0.26	90000 (67000)	113000 (44800)	29000 (13000)	75000 (30000)	4200 (1500)	1400 (110)
CMA303	Vapor	6	~ -3	5	0.016	9000 (3100)	11000 (9800)	4000 (2100)	3700 (550)	480 (220)	73 (36)
CMA420	Super Critical	12	-8 to -7.5 °C	12.5-13	0.044	12000 (1100)	20000 (3400)	690 (400)	12000 (3200)	2000 (440)	1300 (370)
CMA421	Super Critical	27	-8 to -7.5 °C	12.5-13	0.044	11700 (2400)	21000 (2200)	1100 (600)	16000 (3500)	1700 (400)	900 (220)

^S Salt disappearance temperature ranges determined for brine inclusions (sylvite/halite)

^C Ice melting temperature ranges determined for vapor and supercritical inclusions

* Salinity: NaCl equivalent units, shown in wt% (CaCl₂ and FeCl₂ counted as 1.5 salinity units)

^m Total Chloride as mole fraction (X_{Cl} or X_{NaCleq}) inferred from Microthermometry and adjusted for Na/K/Ca/Fe

^a Experiment CMA406 was run using a Cu₂Au₉₈ capsule rather than the Cu₃Au₉₇ alloy used for all other experiments

Table 5: Chlorine, Iron, Calcium, Copper and Molybdenum Partition Coefficients for Fluids (MVPs) and Melt

Run	FI Type	(Wt% NaCl _{eq})	X _{NaCl_{eq}} ^m	$D_{Cl}^{f/m}$	$D_{Fe}^{f/m}$	$D_{Ca}^{f/m}$	$D_{Cu}^{f/m}$	$D_{Cu}^{b/v}$	$D_{Mo}^{f/m}$	$D_{Mo}^{b/v}$
Reduced {Log fO₂ = NNO + 0.6}										
CMA201	Brine	61-62	0.33		29(10)	6.5(3.8)	310 (100)		71 (22)	
CMA201	Vapor	3-3.5	0.01	9(4)	0.76(.38)	0.20(0.12)	34 (17)	10 (5)	2.6 (0.8)	42 (15)
CMA406	Super Critical	12.5-13	0.044			0.53(0.21)	310 (83)		8.2 (2.7)	
CMA407	Super Critical	12.5-13	0.044	33(4)	3.3(1.2)	0.32(0.08)	250 (130)		7.5 (2.4)	
Oxidized { Log fO₂ = NNO + 2 }										
CMA224	Brine	61-62	0.33		13(5)	10(8.3)	175 (60)		130 (66)	
CMA224	Vapor	3-3.5	0.01	15(4)	0.6(0.2)	0.31(0.25)	9.2 (3)	20 (11)	4.8 (1.6)	31 (21)
CMA303	Brine	53-54	0.26		11(4)	7.0(5.1)	160 (70)		135 (24)	
CMA303	Vapor	5	0.016	25(6)	0.7(0.1)	0.91(0.74)	18 (9)	9 (5)	6.9 (3.6)	20 (10)
CMA420	Super Critical	12.5-13	0.044			0.92(0.54)	140 (35)		24 (9.8)	
CMA421	Super Critical	12.5-13	0.044	44(6)	2.1(0.5)	1.8(1.1)	140 (40)		18 (6.4)	

Partition coefficients shown are (f/m)=fluid/melt (vapor, brine or supercritical) and (b/v) = brine/vapor

^m Total Chloride from Microthermometry (X_{Cl} or X_{NaCl_{eq}}), (CaCl₂ and FeCl₂ counted as 1.5 salinity units)

**Figure 1:
Experiment Design**

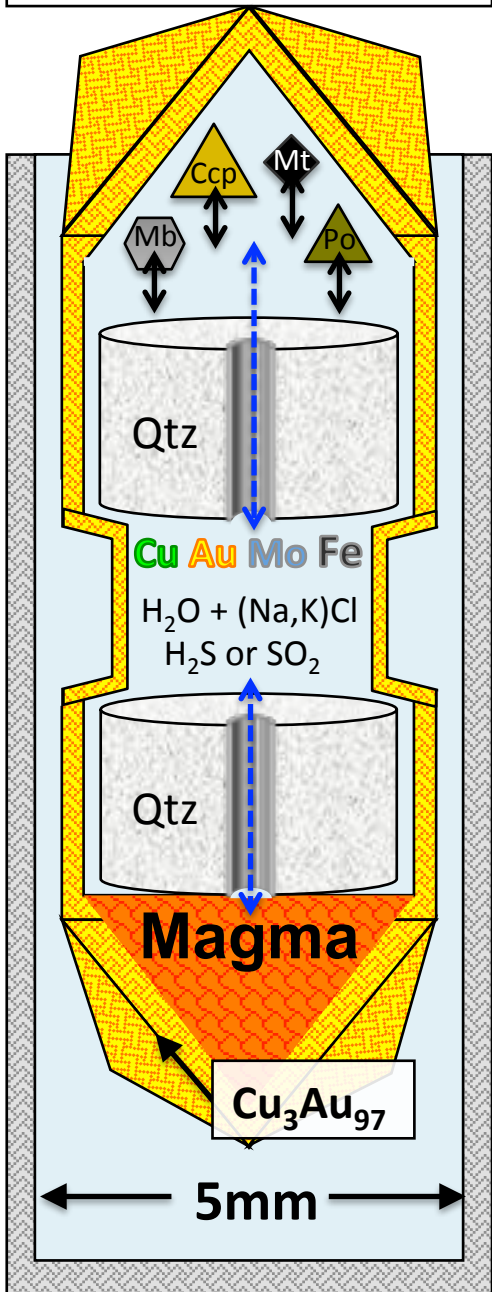


Figure 2: Run-product Glass and Minerals

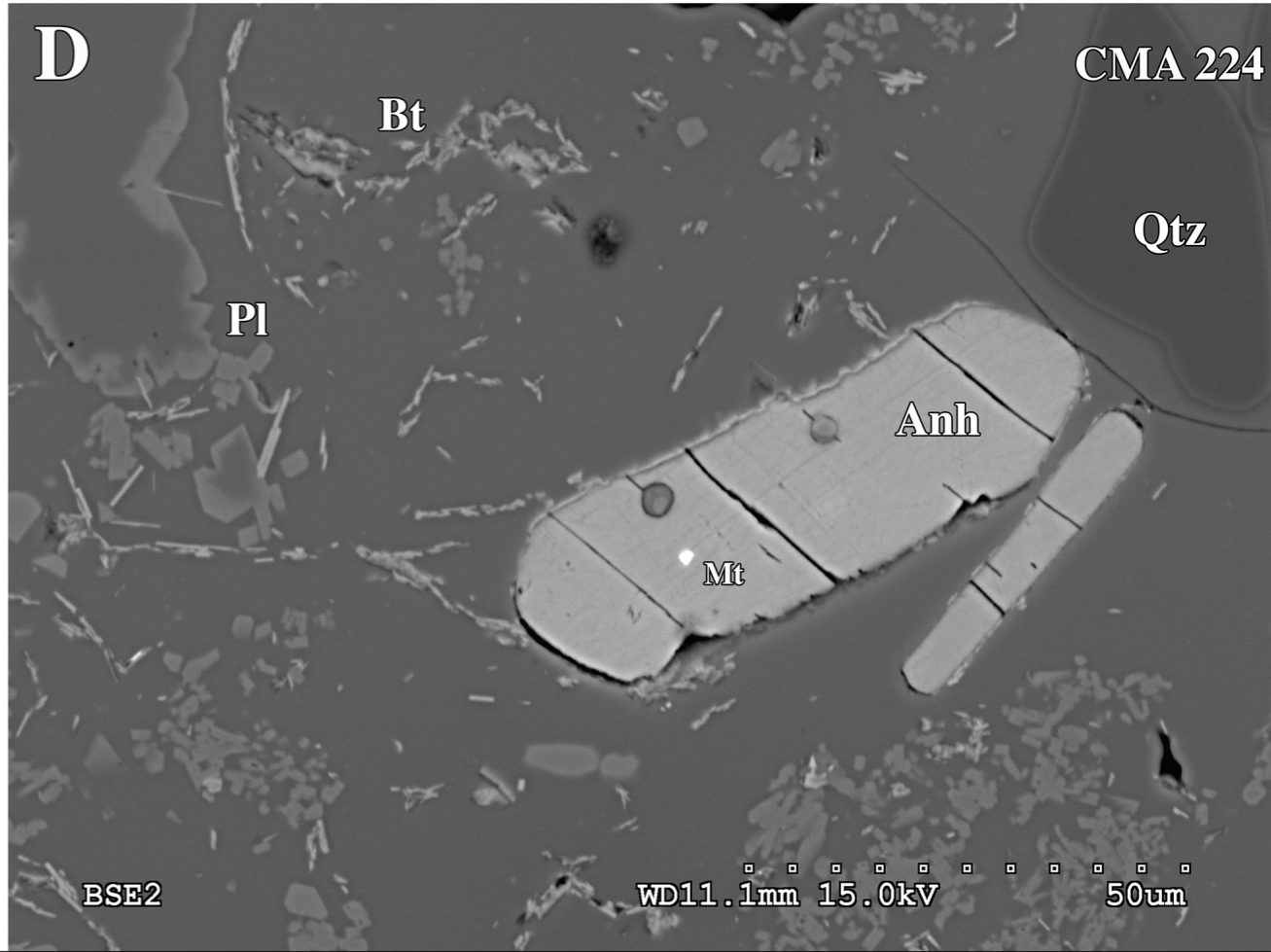
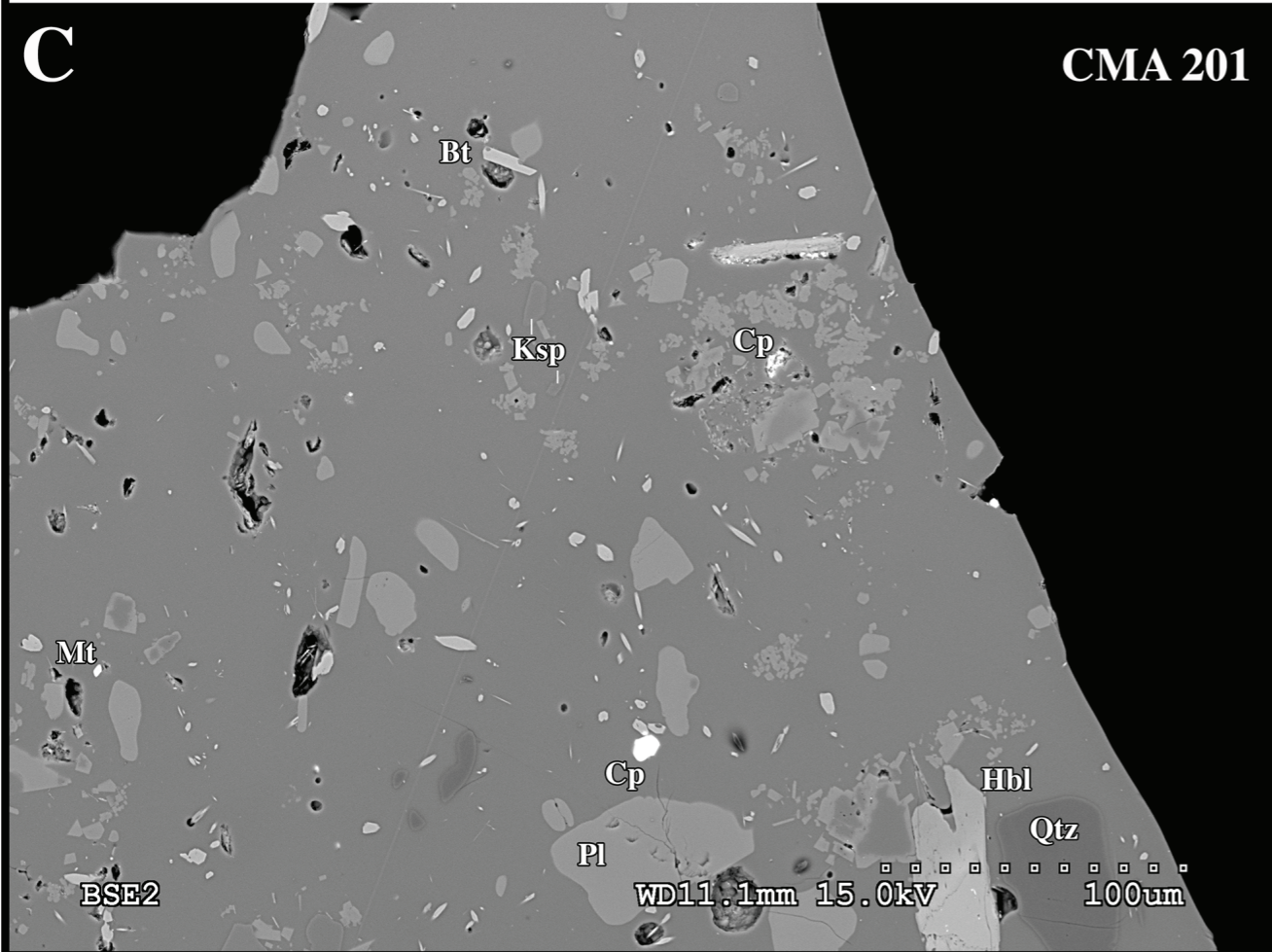
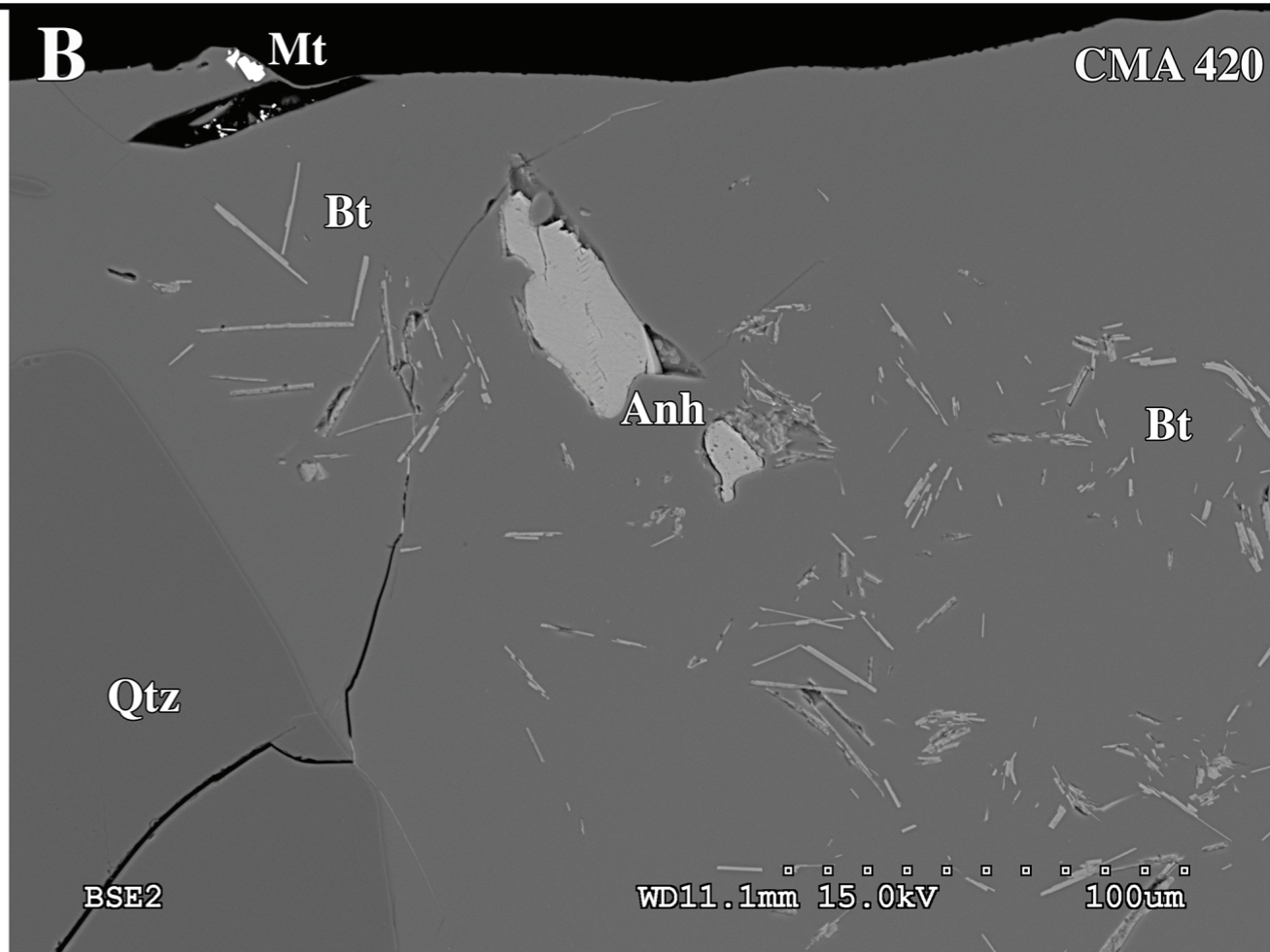
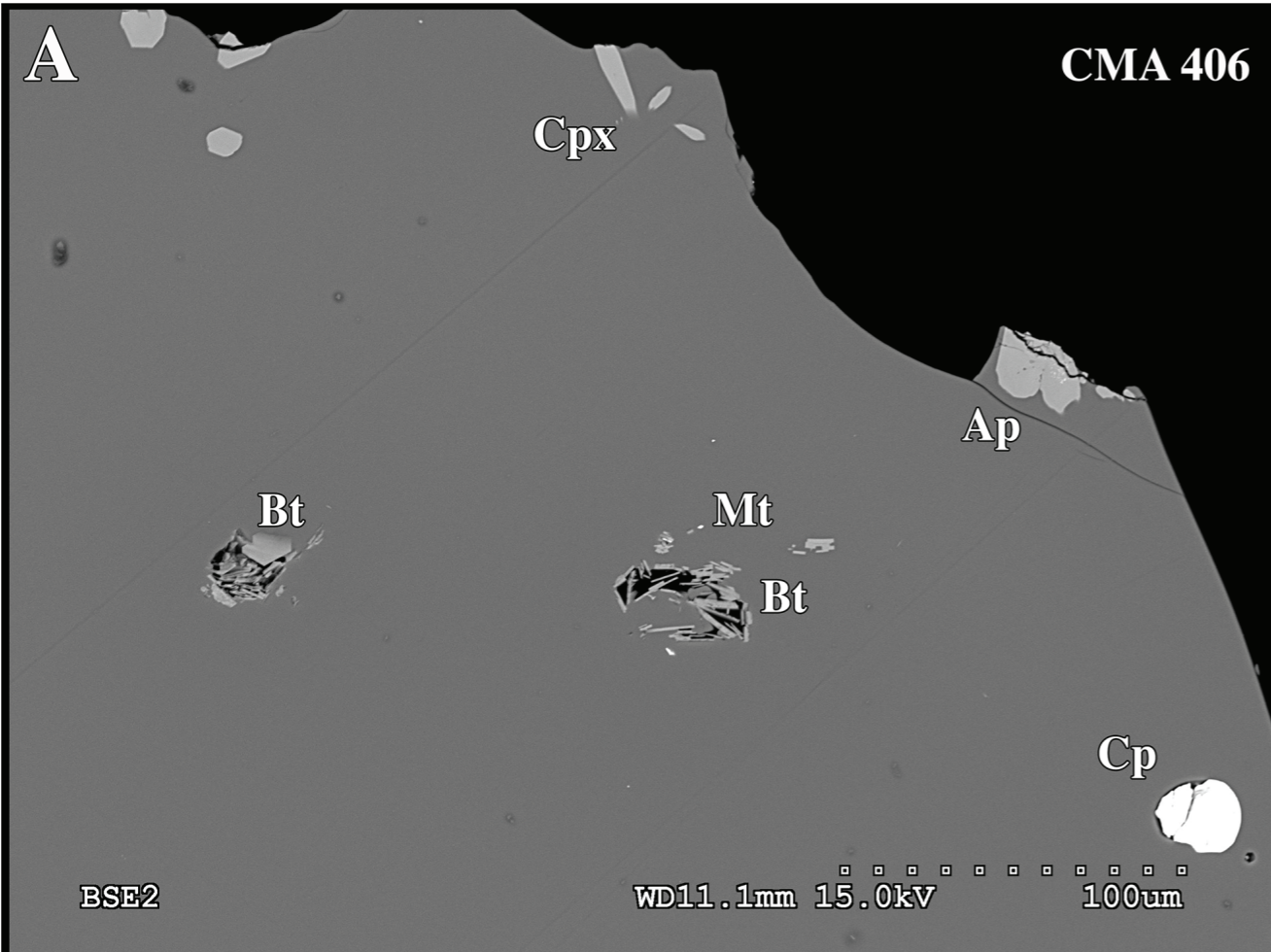
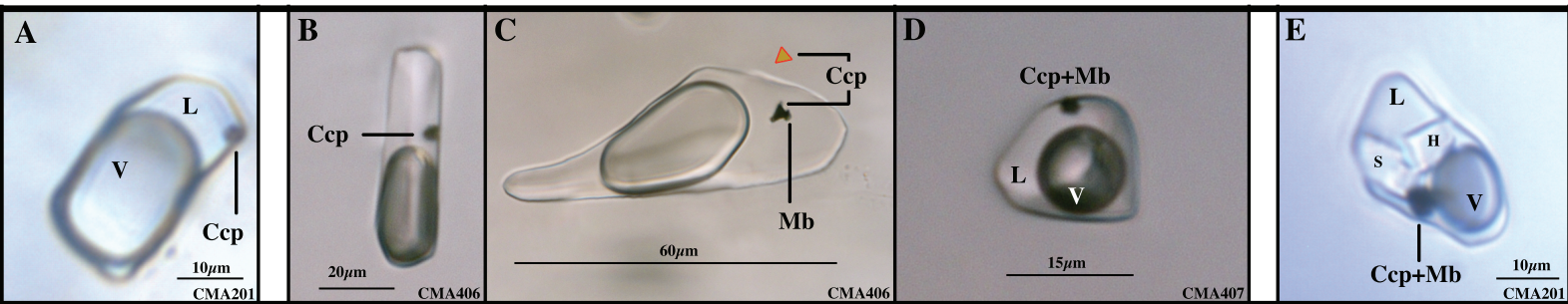


Figure 3: Run-product Fluid Inclusions



Reduced ($\log fO_2 = NNO+0.6$)

Increasing Salinity ($X_{NaCl_{eq}}$) and Density

Oxidized ($\log fO_2 = NNO+2$)

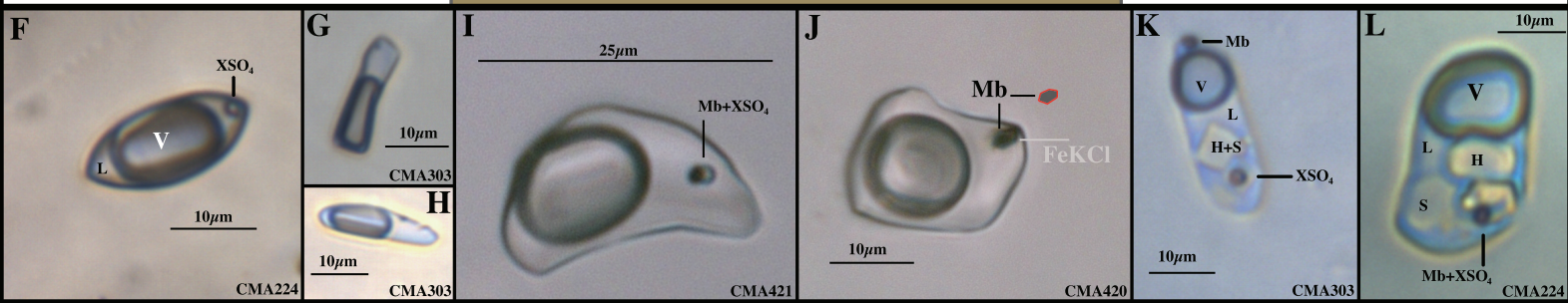


Figure 4: Copper Partitioning (Fluid/Melt) as a function of $X_{\text{NaCl}_{\text{eq}}}$ and $X_{\text{H}_2\text{S}}$

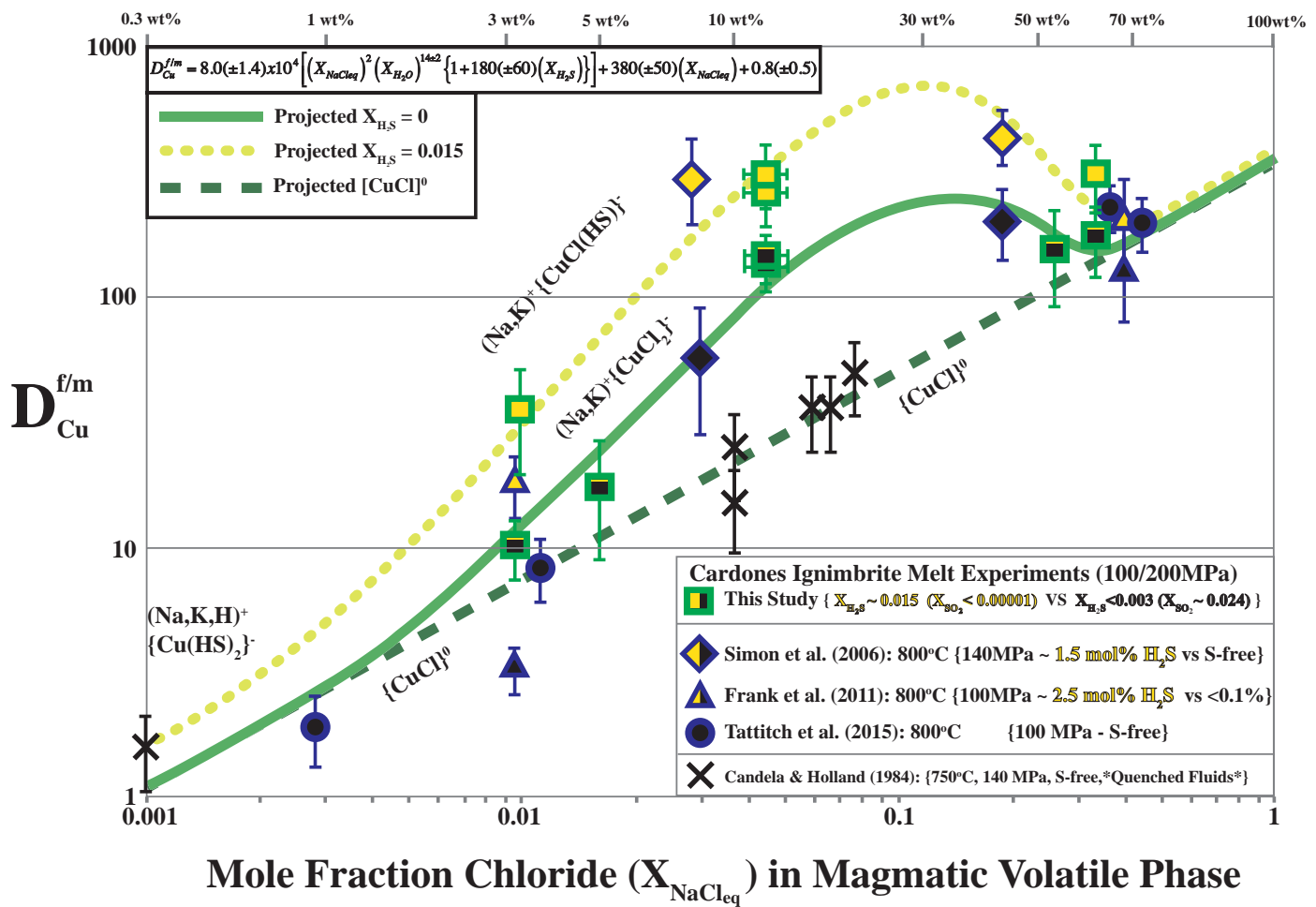


Figure 5: Copper Partitioning (Brine/Vapor) as a function of $D_{Cl}^{b/v}$

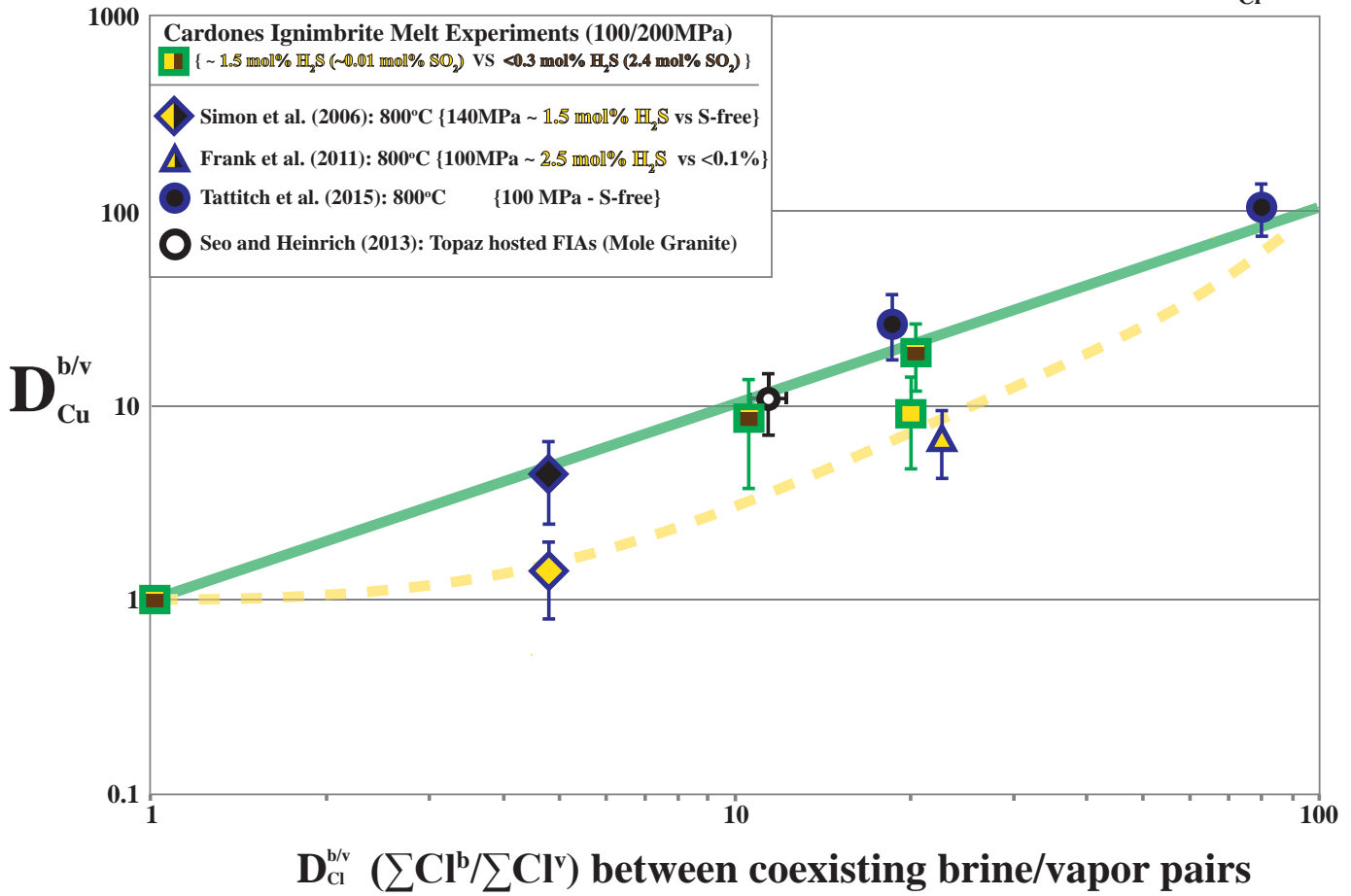


Figure 6: Molybdenum Partitioning (Fluid/Melt) as a function of $X_{\text{NaCl}_{\text{eq}}}$ and $f\text{O}_2$

