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ABSTRACT

The volatile siderophile elements are important tracers of the delivery of volatile elements to the Earth. Their concentrations in the bulk silicate Earth are a function of the relative timing of their accretion and their sequestration into the core: a comprehensive understanding of their metal-silicate partitioning behaviour is therefore required in order to infer the volatile element accretion history. We present new partitioning data between liquid metal and liquid silicate at 11 GPa for a suite of volatile siderophile elements: Ag, As, Au, Cu, Ge, P, Pb, Sb, Sn. We focus particularly on determining their valence states and the effects of Si on partitioning, which are required in order to extrapolate from experimental conditions to core-formation conditions. It was found that all elements have weak to strong positive interaction parameters with Si. At low fO_2 , redox equilibria dictate that the siderophile elements should become more siderophile. However, at low fO_2 , Si also partitions more strongly into the metal. Given the 1 Download English Version:

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