Supplementary Information for

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Supplementary Fig. 1 *P-T* conditions for core formation and the metal/silicate partition coefficient of hydrogen $D_{\rm H}^*$. The *P-T* conditions for metal-silicate equilibrium based on single-stage core formation models^{2–4} are shown by black circles. The *P-T* evolutions in the present continuous and multi-stage core formation models are from earlier modellings; *T*_{MOB1} (red) adopted in ref. 5, *T*_{MOB2} (black) in ref. 3 and *T*_{MOB3} (purple) in refs. 6 & 60. $D_{\rm H}^*$ is defined for simplicity as $c_{\rm H}^{*\text{core}}/c_{\rm H}^{\text{silicate}}$, in which $c_{\rm H}^{*\text{core}}$ represents hydrogen concentration in iron by weight, without considering other elements so that $D_{\rm H}^*$ does not depend on the incorporation of O and Si whose amounts change with *P* and *T*. $D_{\rm H}^*$ at $\Delta IW = -2.3$ is greater than 29 along *P-T* paths considered in any previous core formation models except below ~3 GPa where hydrogen is not partitioned into iron^{10,16}.



Supplementary Fig. 2 Changes in XRD patterns upon decompression from 21 GPa to ambient pressure and subsequent re-compression to 7 GPa. The $FeH_X(X=1.0)$ sample was sandwiched between the NaCl layers (pressure medium) in a DAC. The lattice volume of the sample was larger than that of pure Fe at 21 GPa but became identical to it after decompression to 1 bar, indicating loss of hydrogen from iron lattice. Upon subsequent re-compression, dhcp FeH was not formed, suggesting that hydrogen did not remain within metal but escaped from the sample.



Supplementary Fig. 3 Sample cross-section for run #1. X-ray maps for Fe, Ca, Si, O and Mg and scanning electron microscope image.



Supplementary Fig. 4 Delivery of water and evolution of H_2O in silicates and H in the core based on continuous core formation model. Evolutions in water concentration in impactors (a) and equilibrated silicates (b) and in hydrogen content in the core (c). Calculations were performed along path 6 in Badro *et al.*⁵ with three different water delivery scenarios illustrated in a; constant (orange), linear increase (green) and none except the last seven impactors (blue).



Supplementary Fig. 5 Evolution during multi-stage core formation. (a, b) P & T (a) and fO_2 (b) conditions for metal-silicate equilibrium; (c) core mass fraction; (d–i) FeO (d), Ni (e), Co (f) and H₂O (h) in the silicate, and O & Si (g) and H (i) in the core. Calculations were made for nine different combinations of partitioning data (solid curves^{2,57}, S1–S3; dotted curves³, F1–F3; dash-dotted curve⁶, R1–R3) and *P*-*T* path (red, T_{MOB1} ; black, T_{MOB2} ; purple, T_{MOB3}) (Supplementary Table 4). See Supplementary Table 3 for each parameter set.



Supplementary Fig. 6 Parameter search maps for reductive, moderate and

oxidative impactors. The impactor's Φ_{Fe} and Φ_{Si} values in **a** and **c** are from homogeneous accretion models by Rubie *et al.*⁶⁰ (those in **b** are in between). Note that they are different from those of best model parameters sets listed in Supplementary Table 3. Colors indicate the difference from target values, which is defined as $\Sigma((\text{calculated value})/(\text{present Earth value})-1)^2$ for core mass fraction and mantle concentrations of FeO, Ni and Co. Dots indicate calculation points. Bold broken lines show the target of leaving ~690 ppm H₂O in silicates after core formation.



Supplementary Fig. 7 Calibration curve for the SIMS analysis of ¹H/²⁸Si based on standard glasses.



Supplementary Fig. 8 K_D^0 with and without considering the presence of hydrogen and carbon for activity estimates. Black and grey circles are based on molar fractions obtained including hydrogen and carbon, respectively, along with silicon and oxygen in liquid iron, while red circles do not include hydrogen nor carbon to obtain the K_D^0 values. Crosses show earlier results obtained in the H-free system³.



Supplementary Fig. 9 Partition coefficient *D* of hydrogen (molar basis) as a function of oxygen fugacity relative to the IW buffer. The difference in experimental *P* and *T* condition is corrected by the a + b/T + cP/T term. The slope of this plot indicates the valence state (n) of hydrogen in silicate melt to be 0.999.



Supplementary Fig. 10 Change in the proportion of impactor silicate in silicate with which impactor core equilibrated. The result for model S1 in Supplementary Tables 3 and 4 is shown.



Supplementary Fig. 11 Comparison of exchange coefficient K_D between those obtained only from the present experiments (black lines) and from earlier low-pressure experiments¹² combined with this study (red lines). The numbers given to each datum point and regression line indicate pressure conditions.



Supplementary Fig. 12 Changes in evolution during multi-stage core formation with different K_D for hydrogen. Similar to Supplementary Fig. 5. Black (model #S1) and red curves (model #S1') show results with K_D from Eqs. 2 and 10, respectively. Other model parameters are given in Supplementary Table 3.

Run #	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
P (GPa)	46(5)	48(5)	57(6)	60(6)	47(5)	30(3)
<i>T</i> (K)	3920 (200)	3450 (170)	3860 (190)	4560 (230)	4230 (210)	3080 (150)
H in metal (ppm wt)	9390 (690)	9030 (690)	9280 (630)	26160 (1600)	5320 (380)	8020 (640)
H in silicate (ppm wt)	201(3)	309(5)	233(5)	466(9)	94(6)	219(4)
$D_{ m H}$	47(4)	29(2)	40(3)	56(4)	57(6)	37(3)
$fO_2 (\Delta IW)$	-0.88	-0.99	-1.08	-1.17	-1.27	-1.33
Structure of FeH _X	fcc	fcc	fcc	hcp	fcc	fcc
Lattice volume of FeH_X (Å ³)	42.84(1)	43.26(11)	41.59(4)	25.14(65)	40.84(3)	44.60(4)
Hydrogen content X	0.52	0.52	0.52	1.78	0.23	0.43
ε-FeOOH proportion*	0.19	0.15	0.18	0.06	0.13	0.07
Area of ROI in SIMS analysis (µm ²)	120	160	80	110	60	80
$\log_{10} K_{ m D}{}^{ m H}$	1.32(6)	1.10(6)	1.22(5)	1.37(5)	1.35(6)	1.18(6)

Supplementary Table 1 Summary of the present experiments

Numbers in parentheses indicate uncertainty in the last digits. Errors in hydrogen concentration in metal derive mainly from the uncertainty in $\Delta V_{\rm H}$ (Eq. 3) in addition to those in the volume of FeH_X and the proportion of FeOOH.

*Defined as $\frac{x_{\varepsilon-\text{FeOOH}}}{x_{\varepsilon-\text{FeOOH}}+x_{\text{FeH}_x}}$

	Conditions			Core composition (wt%)				Contribution to CDD*			
	P (GPa)	$T(\mathbf{K})$	ΔIW	S	Si	0	Н	S	Si	0	Н
ref. 2	50	3500	-2.3	2.0	4.5	2.5	0.4	14%	47%	29%	41%
ref. 3	54	3350	-2.3	2.0	7.9	1.5	0.3	14%	83%	17%	33%
ref. 4	40	3750	-2.3	2.0	13.3	-	0.6	14%	139%	-	62%

Supplementary Table 2 Conditions and consequences of single-stage core formation

*The outer core density deficit (CDD) is explained by 13.9 wt% S, 9.6 wt% Si, 8.7wt% O or 1.0 wt% H according to Umemoto & Hirose²⁴.

Mode	1#	S 1	S1'*	S2	S3	F1	F2	F3-1	F3-2	R1	R2	R3
Partitionin	ng data	refs. 2, 57			ref. 3				ref. 6			
N		3	3	3	2	1	3	3	10	1	3	3
final $P($	GPa)	60	60	63	67	60	65	62	61	56	48	51
Т		$T_{\rm MOB1}$	$T_{\rm MOB1}$	$T_{\rm MOB2}$	$T_{\rm MOB3}$	$T_{\rm MOB1}$	$T_{\rm MOB2}$	$T_{\rm MOB3}$	$T_{\rm MOB3}$	$T_{\rm MOB1}$	$T_{\rm MOB2}$	$T_{\rm MOB3}$
$\Phi_{ m Fe}$;	0.985	0.985	0.880	0.935	0.985	0.950	0.970	0.950	0.999	0.860	0.870
$\Phi_{ m Si}$		0.085	0.085	0.030	0.015	0.170	0.088	0.050	0.080	0.200	0.041	0.038
H ₂ O (w	/t%)	1.60	1.00	0.88	0.88	1.07	0.95	0.90	0.92	0.88	0.76	0.78
Impactor mass fra	r core ction	0.334	0.336	0.289	0.303	0.357	0.325	0.323	0.323	0.370	0.285	0.288
Impactor radius (r core (km)	276.6	277.1	263.5	306.6	407.6	274.1	273.5	183.2	412.6	262.4	263.2
	FeO	0.87	0.87	6.41	3.55	0.92	2.86	1.70	2.85	0.06	7.45	6.95
	SiO ₂	50.34	50.81	49.41	51.29	48.33	49.74	51.37	49.98	47.98	48.68	49.01
Impactor	MgO	38.02	38.37	35.20	35.98	40.24	37.70	37.37	37.55	41.45	35.08	35.21
(wt%)	Al_2O_3	4.63	4.67	4.29	4.38	4.90	4.59	4.55	4.57	5.05	4.27	4.29
	CaO	3.73	3.77	3.46	3.53	3.95	3.70	3.67	3.69	4.07	3.44	3.46
	${\rm H}_2{\rm O}$	2.40	1.51	1.24	1.26	1.66	1.41	1.33	1.36	1.40	1.06	1.10
	Fe	88.16	88.16	89.98	91.19	84.40	87.69	89.69	88.07	83.33	89.21	89.46
	Ni	5.23	5.23	5.98	5.70	5.01	5.40	5.41	5.42	4.88	6.07	6.01
Impactor	Co	0.25	0.25	0.28	0.27	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.23	0.29	0.28
(wt%)	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Si	4.36	4.36	1.76	0.84	8.35	4.66	2.65	4.25	9.57	2.44	2.24
	S	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
	а	0.098					0.	46			1.06	
K _D (Ni)	b		36	05		2700				1553		
	c		-5	57		-61				-98		
	а		0.2	267		0.36				0.13		
$K_{\rm D}({\rm Co})$	b		17	44		1500					2057	
	с		-3	57		-33				-57		
	а		0.9	86		0.6				0.6†		
$K_{\rm D}({\rm O})$	b	-3275				-3800				-3800†		
	c		()		22					22†	
	a		0.5	949 224			1	.3			2.98	
$K_{\rm D}({\rm Si})$	b		-12	324			-13	500			-15934	
	с	0				0				‡ +		

Supplementary Table 3 Parameter sets for multi-stage core formation models

 $Log K_D$ is given by a + b/T + cP/T.

*with K_D given in Eq. 10, while other models are based on that in Eq. 2.

†ref. 3

 $Log K_D = a + b/T + (c_1 P + c_2 P^2 + c_3 P^3)/T$; $c_1 = -155(25)$, $c_2 = 2.26(84)$ and $c_3 = -0.011(7)$ (ref. 63)

	Coro		Earth silicate				Earth	Difference		
Model #	mass	FeO	Ni	Co	H ₂ O	0	Si	S	Н	from target
	fraction	wt%	ppm	ppm	ppm	wt%	wt%	wt%	wt%	values*
S 1	0.311	7.96	1989	102.9	687	2.89	6.53	2.15	0.56	0.0025
S1'†	0.318	7.54	1887	97.5	659	2.72	7.56	2.11	0.34	0.0086
S2	0.284	8.05	2018	109.7	702	1.64	1.91	2.03	0.33	0.0226
S3	0.288	7.84	2177	112.9	685	1.69	2.37	2.11	0.32	0.0380
F1	0.332	8.44	1627	87.8	707	2.02	11.40	2.15	0.34	0.0506
F2	0.303	7.73	2066	96.5	715	0.97	5.87	2.14	0.33	0.0124
F3-1	0.295	7.98	1947	95.0	698	0.91	4.53	2.19	0.32	0.0134
F3-2	0.300	7.94	2097	99.7	693	0.80	5.51	2.16	0.33	0.0119
R1	0.345	8.10	1852	161.8	678	1.95	13.15	2.14	0.27	0.3507
R2	0.281	7.90	1708	129.1	709	0.62	1.41	2.03	0.28	0.1063
R3	0.281	7.83	2050	143.5	715	0.63	1.44	2.05	0.29	0.1872
HOM-1‡	0.275	8.07	1579	129.0	-	1.19	1.01	2.00	0.00	0.1315
HOM-2‡	0.331	6.37	3581	202.0	-	2.24	9.91	2.00	0.00	1.6911
Present Earth	0.325	8.05	1960	105	>690					

Supplementary Table 4 Results of multi-stage core formation modeling

Present-day Earth composition is from refs. 18 and 59.

*Defined as $\Sigma((\text{calculated value})/(\text{present Earth value})-1)^2$ for core mass fraction and mantle

concentrations of FeO, Ni and Co.

†with K_D given in Eq. 10

[‡]Homogeneous accretion models by ref. 60

	SM*	run #1	run #2	run #3	run #4	run #5	run #6
N†	28	8	8	8	8	8	8
SiO ₂	49.64	36.14(123)	38.54(126)	32.67(65)	37.59 (99)	34.26(98)	40.17(57)
TiO ₂	1.64	1.73(14)	1.89(9)	3.08(14)	1.73(7)	1.96(16)	2.49(12)
Al_2O_3	14.88	14.78(81)	13.96(43)	19.34(77)	18.71 (48)	18.63 (103)	11.32 (80)
FeO	11.43	29.43 (193)	26.10(175)	24.47(79)	22.89(89)	21.01(42)	23.27(136)
MgO	8.51	9.33 (35)	9.31(16)	11.03 (29)	11.34(23)	11.82(81)	8.91 (57)
CaO	10.55	4.15(46)	4.60(13)	4.53 (40)	4.06(22)	5.02(72)	8.40(57)
Na ₂ O	2.90	3.24(22)	2.82(19)	3.68(20)	2.35 (39)	3.66(40)	3.80(23)
K ₂ O	0.12	0.25(1)	0.25(4)	0.32(3)	0.26(4)	0.43(6)	0.32(3)
Total	99.67	99.05(120)	97.48 (100)	99.11 (96)	99.28(79)	96.80(263)	98.67(74)

Supplementary Table 5 Chemical compositions (wt%) of stating material and silicate melt

Numbers in parentheses are one standard deviation in the last digits.

*~0.6 and ~1.0 wt% H₂O was added.

†Number of analyses

	run #1	run #2	run #3 run #4		run #5	run #6
N*	8	-	8	8	8	8
Fe	85.00(83)	85.6(11)	85.03 (54)	83.55(84)	85.24(188)	92.54(55)
Si	2.27 (20)	3.2(3)	2.16(15)	4.73 (64)	1.52(20)	0.52(10)
0	12.14(50)	11.2(10)	11.33 (42)	8.70(58)	8.92(61)	4.48(40)
Al	0.20(2)	N.D	0.21(3)	0.31(1)	0.43(21)	0.01(1)
Mg	0.08(3)	N.D	0.09(1)	0.10(1)	0.22(18)	0.01(1)
Total	99.70(85)	100.00	98.82(86)	97.39(118)	96.34(102)	97.56(53)
C†	1.28(2)	-	1.01(7)	3.49(10)	1.69(13)	1.93(2)

Supplementary Table 6 Chemical compositions (wt%) of quenched liquid metals

Obtained with EDS for run #2 and with EPMA for other runs

Numbers in parentheses are one standard deviation in the last digits.

*Number of analyses

†Measured separately without carbon-coating