

Evidence for the extraterrestrial origin of a natural quasicrystal

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We present evidence that a rock sample found in the Koryak Mountains in Russia and containing icosahedrite, an icosahedral quasicrystalline phase with composition $\text{Al}_{63}\text{Cu}_{24}\text{Fe}_{13}$, is part of a meteorite, likely formed in the early solar system about 4.5 Gya. The quasicrystal grains are intergrown with diopside, forsterite, stishovite, and additional metallic phases [khatyrkite (CuAl_2), cupalite (CuAl), and β -phase (AlCuFe)]. This assemblage, in turn, is enclosed in a white rind consisting of diopside, hedenbergite, spinel (MgAl_2O_4), nepheline, and forsterite. Particularly notable is a grain of stishovite (from the interior), a tetragonal polymorph of silica that only occurs at ultrahigh pressures (≥ 10 Gpa), that contains an inclusion of quasicrystal. An extraterrestrial origin is inferred from secondary ion mass spectrometry $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$ and $^{17}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$ measurements of the pyroxene and olivine intergrown with the metal that show them to have isotopic compositions unlike any terrestrial minerals and instead overlap those of anhydrous phases in carbonaceous chondrite meteorites. The spinel from the white rind has an isotopic composition suggesting that it was part of a calcium-aluminum-rich inclusion similar to those found in CV3 chondrites. The mechanism that produced this exotic assemblage is not yet understood. The assemblage (metallic copper-aluminum alloy) is extremely reduced, and the close association of aluminum (high temperature refractory lithophile) with copper (low temperature chalcophile) is unexpected. Nevertheless, our evidence indicates that quasicrystals can form naturally under astrophysical conditions and remain stable over cosmic timescales, giving unique insights on their existence in nature and stability.

Icosahedrite, a naturally occurring quasicrystal, with composition $\text{Al}_{63}\text{Cu}_{24}\text{Fe}_{13}$ and exhibiting Bragg peak diffraction with icosahedral symmetry, was recently discovered in a rock sample found in the Museo di Storia Naturale of the Università degli Studi di Firenze (catalog number 46407/G), labeled as khatyrkite and identified as coming from the Khatyrka ultramafic zone in the Koryak Mountains in the Chukotka Autonomous Okrug of Far Eastern Russia (1, 2). Investigations over the past year have determined that the sample studied here, with size $0.27 \times 0.30 \times 0.32$ cm, is one of two rocks containing khatyrkite (CuAl_2) and cupalite (CuAl) to have been found in a claybed at the Listvenovyi stream in 1979 by V. V. Kryachko, the other being the holotype sample (3) deposited in the St. Petersburg Mining Institute. The holotype is an aggregate of metallic crystals, approximately 1 mm across, with no sign of surrounding host rock-forming minerals visible on the exterior. The interior has not been examined to date. By contrast, the sample studied here shows a remarkably complex set of assemblages (Fig. 1, Fig. 2), with a core containing quasicrystalline icosahedrite, crystalline metallic phases khatyrkite, cupalite, and β -phase (AlCuFe), diopside (Fig. S1), and forsterite (Fig. S2), as well as minute amounts of stishovite; and a white outer rind that contains very fine grained diopside, olivine, nepheline, hedenbergite, and spinel (MgAl_2O_4) (Fig. S3). Our grain and the holotype are the only two samples containing khatyrkite and cupalite to have been discovered anywhere to date.

The rock sample was first identified for study as a result of a decade-long systematic search for a natural quasicrystal (4). Quasicrystals are solids whose atomic arrangement exhibits quasiperiodic rather than periodic translational order and rotational symmetries that are impossible for ordinary crystals (5) such as fivefold symmetry in two-dimensions and icosahedral symmetry in three-dimensions. Until recently, the only known examples were synthetic materials produced by melting precise ratios of selected elemental components and quenching under controlled conditions (6–8). The search consisted of applying a set of metrics for recognizing quasicrystals to a database of powder diffraction data (4) and examining minerals outside the database with elemental compositions related to those of known synthetic quasicrystals.

The sample studied here is the only example to emerge from the search to date with a verified quasicrystalline phase, as evidenced by single crystal X-ray and transmission electron microscopy (TEM) diffraction patterns (1). The measured composition of the icosahedrite grains, $\text{Al}_{63}\text{Cu}_{24}\text{Fe}_{13}$, agrees with the ideal stoichiometry of a known quasicrystal synthesized in the laboratory (9). The olivine grains coexisting with this natural quasicrystal are near end-member forsterite [for most grains, the atomic $\text{Mg}/(\text{Fe} + \text{Mg})$ is in the range 94–99%] and the pyroxene grains are near end-member diopside [$\text{CaMgSi}_2\text{O}_6$, with atomic $\text{Mg}/(\text{Fe} + \text{Mg})$ generally 97–99%]. The Fe contents of these grains are too low to state with confidence whether they are in cation-exchange equilibrium at any plausible temperature, but their similarity in Fe content permits the interpretation that olivine and pyroxene in this sample formed together or in geochemically similar environments. Evidence of zoning in P, Cr, and Ni was found in some of the forsterite grains (Fig. S4).

Although Razin et al. (3) describe the khatyrkite holotype sample as being found in clay associated with weathered serpentinite, no evidence or argument supporting a natural origin, terrestrial or extraterrestrial, is presented. In our study, serious consideration was given to numerous theories for how the sample studied here may have originated, particularly the possibility that the rock (because of the Al alloy) is terrestrial or the result of anthropogenic activity (1). Although there is not yet a complete understanding of how the sample formed with all of the observed features, we report in this paper a series of investigations that supersede earlier results and clearly point to an extraterrestrial

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stoichiometry measured in our sample (to within measurement uncertainties).

The occurrence of a quasicrystal phase in a meteorite demonstrates that a quasicrystal phase can form naturally within a complex, inhomogeneous medium. The one we describe formed under astrophysical conditions; whether one can form in the course of planetary evolution remains to be determined. From the perspective of condensed matter physics our observations lend support to the original suggestion (5) that quasicrystals can be as stable as other forms of naturally occurring solid matter. The finding of natural quasicrystal enclosed within stishovite indicates either that the quasicrystal formed at high pressure (>7 GPa) or at least remained stable during a later high-*P* event. Laboratory studies of $\text{Al}_{63.5}\text{Cu}_{23}\text{Fe}_{12.5}$ in diamond-anvil cells (15, 16) at high pressures up to 35 GPa have not shown evidence of a phase transformation, but there have not yet been systematic studies of the phase diagram of quasicrystals at high pressure.

One of the many puzzles presented by our sample is the presence of metallic aluminum, which even in alloys requires highly reducing conditions to form. Metallic aluminum has never been detected even as a trace component in metal within enstatite chondrites and achondrites (aubrites), yet those latter metals do contain significant metallic silicon. It was therefore surprising at first to find in our sample that no metallic silicon existed at the contacts between metal grains and silicates (Fig. 1, Fig. 2). Accordingly, equilibrium thermodynamic calculations, adapting a general method outlined by Essene and Fisher (17) for the study of iron-silicon in a fulgurite, were made to determine the oxygen fugacity required to stabilize khatyrkite (the most extreme case) and cupalite. As these phases are largely iron free (Tables S1–S4), the calculations were simplified relative to what would be required for the icosahedrite itself (Tables S5–S8). Thermodynamic data were taken from Robie et al. (18) and, for activity coefficients in binary Al-Cu melts, from Hultgren et al. (19). The results (Fig. 5) confirm that extreme reducing conditions are required; however, the requisite $f\text{O}_2$ for the khatyrkite curve lies somewhat above the Si-SiO₂ buffer curve. This finding resolves the apparent anomaly of finding no metallic silicon at the metal-silicate interfaces. In fact, the $f\text{O}_2$ for khatyrkite is close to the estimated oxygen fugacity of the early solar nebula in the region where CAIs formed (20). Given the association of the metal with CAI phases (especially spinel) in our sample, a nebular origin could provide the necessary conditions to stabilize the metallic alloys. What it does not explain, however, is the association of

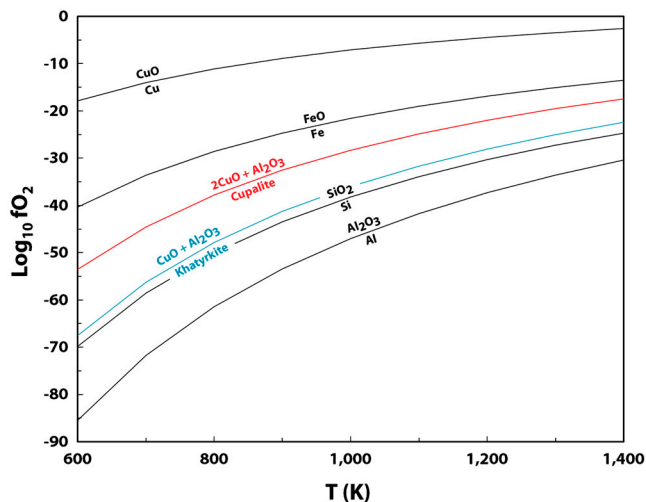


Fig. 5. $\text{Log}_{10} f\text{O}_2$ vs. T (K) equilibriums curves for several metal—metal oxide pairs and for cupalite and khatyrkite. The latter alloys require highly reducing conditions to form relative to their stoichiometric oxides, but not so reducing as for pure Al or Si.

aluminum with copper in the first place. In the context of equilibrium nebular condensation, aluminum is lithophile and condenses at very high temperatures in phases such as aluminates, gehlenite ($\text{Ca}_2\text{Al}_2\text{SiO}_7$), and anorthite ($\text{CaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8$). Copper, on the other hand, is chalcophile (associated with sulfur) and condenses at much lower temperatures than aluminum. The two elements are essentially never associated in chondrites, certainly not in CAIs. Their association in our sample remains an unsolved enigma.

If alloys examined here formed in association with CAIs, as the presence of ^{16}O -rich spinel seems to indicate, they formed at least three million years later than did common CAIs, based on the absence of detectable excess (radiogenic) of ^{26}Mg from the decay of ^{26}Al (i.e., whereas common CAIs have excess ^{26}Mg). Yet if the setting was on the chondrite parent body where copper mobilization might be expected owing to the presence of fluids, the expected $f\text{O}_2$ in such circumstances would be far too high to stabilize metallic copper-aluminum alloys. A conceivable resolution, we speculate, is that a hypervelocity impact on the parent body produced the reducing conditions and that our sample comes from a portion of such a body that had undergone fluid-hosted Cu enrichment prior to shock metamorphism. This speculation may also account for the minute amount of stishovite, which normally does not occur with forsterite and nepheline. This and other speculations are the subject of continuing investigation.

What is clear, however, is that this meteoritic fragment is not ordinary. Resolving the remarkable puzzles posed by this sample will not only further clarify the origin of the quasicrystal phase but also shed light on previously unobserved early solar system processes. Fitting all these clues together in a consistent theory of formation and evolution of the meteorite is the subject of an ongoing investigation.

Experimental Methods

The sample studied here (Mineral Collections of the Museo di Storia Naturale of the Università degli Studi di Firenze, catalog number 46407/G) was found to consist of a core with metallic phases intergrown with forsteritic olivine, diopsidic clinopyroxene, and a minute amount (50-nm sized grain) of stishovite, and a white external rind consisting primarily of silicates (forsteritic olivine, diopsidic clinopyroxene, hedenbergite, nepheline, and sodalite), oxides (spinel), and small amounts of metallic phases. The exterior rind was removed, and the core was sliced into thin sections (e.g., Fig. 1A), which were carefully studied with an electron microprobe. When the chemical analyses obtained at the microprobe showed similarities with those of known quasicrystals, individual samples of each metallic phase with its surrounding material were extracted to perform X-ray diffraction studies. Because the process destroyed the integrity of the thin sections, the remaining studies in this paper are obtained from exhaustive examination of the grains extracted from both the interior and exterior of the sample.

The grain with quasicrystal and diopside (Fig. 1B, grain used for REE studies), a large olivine grain used in the O-isotope studies, and the tiny stishovite grain with quasicrystal inclusion (Fig. 2), were all in the same interior sample containing predominantly quasicrystal. As shown in the figures, examples of olivine and clinopyroxene in direct contact with quasicrystal have been observed. Spinel, whose O-isotope composition most strongly indicates CAI, was only found in the exterior white rind material; direct contact with quasicrystal has not been observed.

SEM. The instrument used was a Zeiss-EVO MA15 Scanning Electron Microscope coupled with an Oxford INCA250 energy-dispersive spectrometer, operating at 25 kV accelerating potential, 500 pA probe current, 2,500 cps as average count rate on the whole spectrum, and a counting time of 500 s. Samples were

SIMS and NanoSIMS—Mg Isotope Data. To search for prepresent short-lived radionuclide ^{26}Al , a natural quasicrystal of approximately 10–15 μm was measured by both the NanoSIMS and the ims-7f geo. Terrestrial standards of AlCu alloys, Mg metal, Burma spinel, and synthetic quasicrystal (8) were used to deduce the sensitivity factor for Al/Mg and to correct the instrumental and intrinsic mass fractionations. Considering its small size, the Mg isotope of the quasicrystal was first measured with the NanoSIMS. However, large erroneous positive $\delta^{25}\text{Mg}$ values were obtained from the NanoSIMS measurements, mostly due to the combination of low ^{25}Mg count rates and the contribution of unknown scattering ions at the same mass in the NanoSIMS multicollection system. Reliable Mg isotope results of the quasicrystal were then acquired with the ims-7f geo. Briefly, an approximately 0.1 nA O^- primary beam of -13.5 keV was focused into a <5- μm diameter spot for the analyses. The sample voltage was set to +9 keV and secondary ions were collected with an energy band-pass of approximately 40 eV, an imaged field of approximately 75 μm , and a mass resolving power of approximately 4,000. The masses measured were ^{24}Mg , ^{25}Mg , ^{26}Mg , and ^{27}Al . Excesses

of ^{26}Mg ($\equiv^{26}\text{Mg}^*$), corrected for both instrumental and intrinsic mass fractionations, were calculated using a linear law; for the high Al/Mg samples, possible errors in determining radiogenic $^{26}\text{Mg}^*$ due to an incorrectly applied mass fractionation correction are negligible.

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Supporting Information

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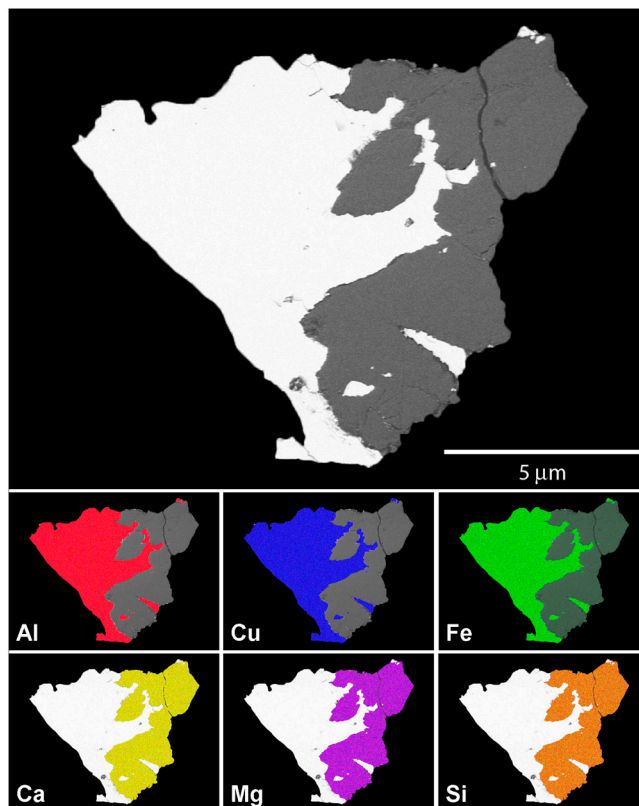


Fig. S1. Electron microprobe X-ray elemental maps for the grain reported in Fig. 1B. Experimental details are given in *Experimental Methods*.

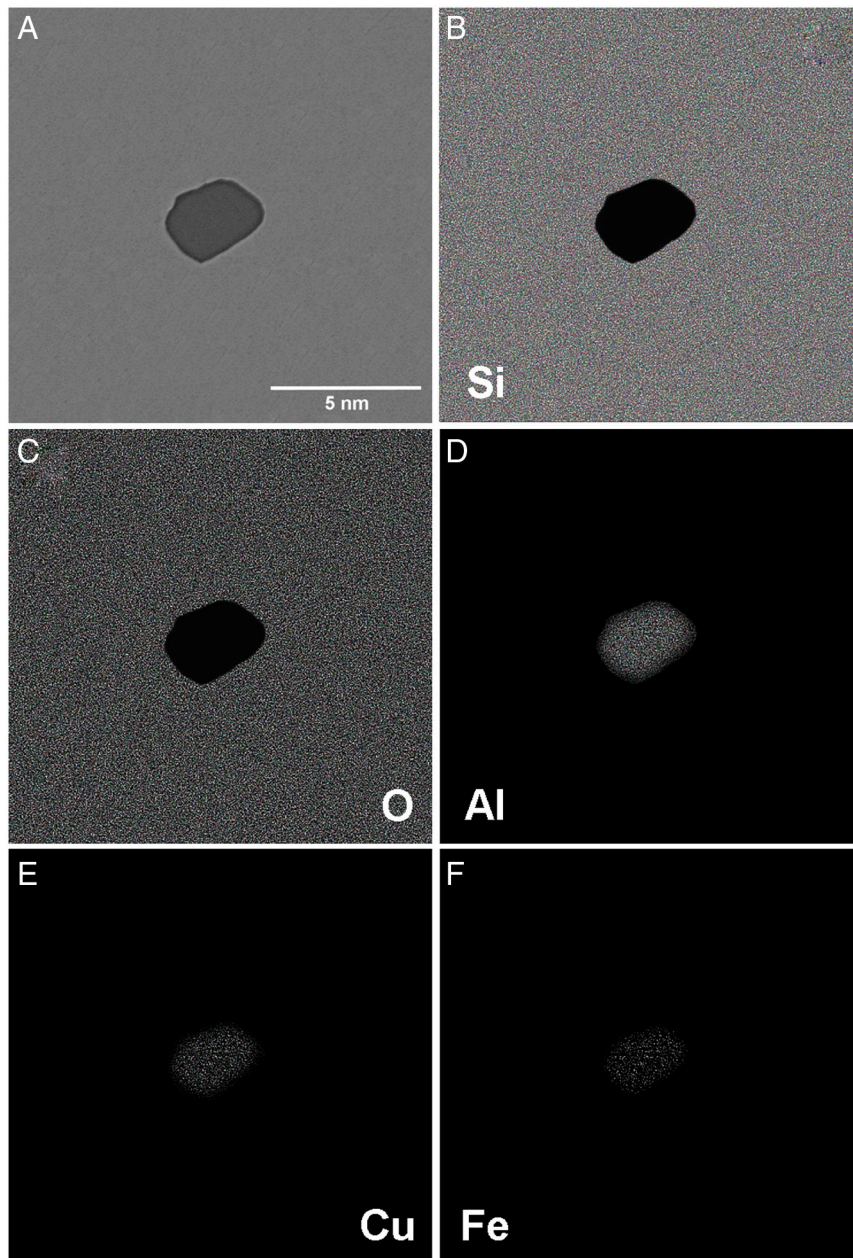


Fig. 56. Inclusion of icosahedrite (natural quasicrystal) within the stishovite grain reported in Fig. 2. (A) Transmission electron microscopy image of the grain. (B) Si map; (C) O map; (D) Al map; (E) Cu map; and (F) Fe map. Experimental details are given in *Experimental Methods*.

Table S5. Electron microprobe analyses (in wt % of elements) for icosahedrite in Fig. 1B

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Mg	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Al	44.91(0.45)	45.11(0.42)	45.10(0.38)	45.12(0.32)	45.19(0.43)	45.21(0.37)	44.89(0.36)	45.11(0.40)	45.22(0.33)	45.30(0.38)	45.01(0.35)
Si	0.10(0.02)	0.09(0.02)	0.10(0.02)	0.09(0.02)	0.08(0.02)	0.10(0.02)	0.18(0.03)	0.06(0.01)	0.07(0.02)	0.15(0.03)	0.15(0.03)
P	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
Cl	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Ca	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Cr	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
Fe	17.20(0.18)	17.30(0.20)	17.25(0.16)	17.17(0.15)	17.31(0.19)	17.25(0.18)	17.29(0.17)	17.17(0.18)	17.31(0.20)	17.26(0.16)	17.41(0.21)
Co	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Ni	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.03(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
Cu	37.51(0.29)	37.57(0.31)	37.40(0.27)	37.46(0.28)	37.51(0.29)	37.47(0.26)	37.56(0.31)	37.46(0.27)	37.57(0.29)	37.40(0.25)	37.49(0.28)
Zn	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.03(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)
S	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Total	99.75	100.07	99.85	99.88	100.09	100.06	99.97	99.86	100.20	100.15	100.07

	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Mg	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Al	44.88(0.38)	45.11(0.42)	45.28(0.30)	45.00(0.39)	45.17(0.35)	45.08(0.29)	45.11(0.37)	44.97(0.34)	45.12(0.37)	45.20(0.31)
Si	0.11(0.02)	0.07(0.02)	0.08(0.02)	0.11(0.02)	0.08(0.02)	0.12(0.02)	0.16(0.03)	0.14(0.02)	0.09(0.02)	0.10(0.02)
P	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
Cl	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Ca	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Cr	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Fe	17.36(0.10)	17.25(0.12)	17.26(0.11)	17.21(0.13)	17.23(0.10)	17.30(0.12)	17.35(0.11)	17.20(0.10)	17.16(0.09)	17.18(0.11)
Co	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Ni	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
Cu	37.59(0.25)	37.51(0.28)	37.39(0.29)	37.55(0.27)	37.50(0.31)	37.44(0.33)	37.48(0.27)	37.50(0.30)	37.57(0.32)	37.41(0.28)
Zn	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.03(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)
S	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Total	99.94	99.94	100.06	99.90	99.98	99.95	100.15	99.83	99.94	99.90

	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Mg	b.d.l.	0.03(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.05(0.01)	0.06(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.05(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
Al	45.06(0.35)	44.60(0.42)	45.10(0.40)	45.32(0.37)	45.22(0.49)	44.78(0.44)	44.31(0.35)	45.21(0.38)	45.11(0.40)	45.18(0.43)
Si	0.12(0.02)	0.15(0.03)	0.13(0.02)	0.16(0.02)	0.18(0.03)	0.19(0.03)	0.17(0.02)	0.10(0.02)	0.12(0.02)	0.13(0.02)
P	0.01(0.01)	0.09(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)
Cl	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Ca	b.d.l.	0.05(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.04(0.01)	0.08(0.02)	0.00(0.01)	0.07(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
Cr	b.d.l.	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
Fe	17.23(0.10)	17.25(0.11)	17.20(0.10)	17.15(0.12)	17.15(0.09)	17.30(0.11)	17.20(0.10)	17.28(0.13)	17.33(0.12)	17.28(0.11)
Co	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Ni	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
Cu	37.39(0.26)	37.49(0.25)	37.53(0.26)	37.40(0.28)	37.41(0.31)	37.38(0.23)	37.40(0.28)	37.55(0.29)	37.49(0.31)	37.50(0.26)
Zn	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
S	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.	b.d.l.
Total	99.81	99.68	99.96	100.12	100.13	99.66	99.24	100.15	100.08	100.10

Below detection limit, b.d.l.

Table S6. Electron microprobe analyses (in wt % of oxides) for clinopyroxene in Fig. 1B

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SiO ₂	55.12(0.55)	55.46(0.52)	54.99(0.50)	55.00(0.58)	55.30(0.49)	55.48(0.51)	55.40(0.57)	55.31(0.55)	55.50(0.54)
TiO ₂	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.04(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)
Al ₂ O ₃	0.02(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.07(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.08(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.08(0.02)
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.30(0.04)	0.28(0.04)	0.27(0.03)	0.36(0.05)	0.27(0.04)	0.22(0.04)	0.35(0.04)	0.30(0.05)	0.28(0.04)
FeO	0.41(0.04)	0.29(0.04)	0.31(0.04)	0.48(0.05)	0.29(0.04)	0.55(0.05)	0.27(0.04)	0.22(0.04)	0.54(0.05)
MnO	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)
MgO	18.44(0.13)	18.30(0.15)	18.33(0.14)	18.40(0.13)	18.38(0.11)	18.29(0.10)	18.43(0.12)	18.36(0.13)	18.46(0.12)
CaO	24.99(0.19)	25.11(0.21)	25.16(0.23)	24.95(0.17)	25.11(0.19)	25.08(0.18)	25.19(0.20)	25.22(0.22)	24.98(0.21)
Na ₂ O	0.40(0.04)	0.51(0.04)	0.53(0.04)	0.32(0.03)	0.55(0.04)	0.60(0.05)	0.43(0.04)	0.28(0.04)	0.56(0.05)
P ₂ O ₅	0.00(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.02(0.01)
CuO	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.05(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.07(0.02)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.06(0.01)
CoO	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)
NiO	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
Total	99.71	99.99	99.62	99.69	99.95	100.41	100.09	99.71	100.51

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
SiO ₂	54.85(0.57)	55.11(0.55)	55.10(0.48)	55.38(0.52)	55.27(0.53)	54.77(0.56)	55.00(0.50)	55.21(0.45)	54.97(0.52)	55.11(0.50)
TiO ₂	0.01(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)
Al ₂ O ₃	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.06(0.01)	0.09(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.07(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.19(0.03)	0.27(0.04)	0.24(0.04)	0.32(0.04)	0.31(0.04)	0.17(0.03)	0.23(0.04)	0.23(0.04)	0.27(0.04)	0.30(0.04)
FeO	0.30(0.04)	0.27(0.04)	0.50(0.05)	0.62(0.05)	0.33(0.04)	0.33(0.04)	0.25(0.04)	0.44(0.04)	0.20(0.03)	0.19(0.03)
MnO	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)
MgO	18.45(0.11)	18.40(0.15)	18.35(0.13)	18.27(0.17)	18.23(0.18)	18.40(0.15)	18.36(0.18)	18.29(0.16)	18.41(0.17)	18.31(0.15)
CaO	25.19(0.17)	24.90(0.21)	24.91(0.23)	25.07(0.18)	25.21(0.22)	25.10(0.21)	25.02(0.24)	24.88(0.21)	24.97(0.23)	25.02(0.19)
Na ₂ O	0.50(0.04)	0.36(0.04)	0.50(0.05)	0.30(0.04)	0.41(0.04)	0.43(0.04)	0.30(0.04)	0.33(0.04)	0.41(0.04)	0.38(0.04)
P ₂ O ₅	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)
CuO	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.09(0.02)	0.11(0.02)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.09(0.02)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
CoO	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
NiO	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)
Total	99.52	99.35	99.80	100.19	99.80	99.23	99.19	99.58	99.27	99.36

	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
SiO ₂	55.23(0.53)	55.41(0.55)	55.21(0.50)	55.00(0.47)	54.95(0.53)	55.56(0.55)	55.22(0.57)	55.34(0.44)	54.96(0.47)
TiO ₂	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.03(0.01)	0.01(0.01)
Al ₂ O ₃	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.08(0.02)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)
Cr ₂ O ₃	0.24(0.04)	0.24(0.04)	0.23(0.04)	0.20(0.04)	0.30(0.04)	0.15(0.03)	0.28(0.04)	0.25(0.04)	0.31(0.04)
FeO	0.30(0.04)	0.41(0.04)	0.33(0.04)	0.46(0.04)	0.38(0.04)	0.57(0.05)	0.40(0.04)	0.44(0.04)	0.36(0.04)
MnO	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
MgO	18.27(0.18)	18.34(0.15)	18.39(0.17)	18.44(0.18)	18.48(0.15)	18.34(0.16)	18.45(0.15)	18.49(0.17)	18.39(0.18)
CaO	25.10(0.21)	24.94(0.21)	25.11(0.20)	24.89(0.18)	24.93(0.19)	25.00(0.23)	25.18(0.22)	24.99(0.21)	25.12(0.18)
Na ₂ O	0.40(0.04)	0.45(0.05)	0.37(0.04)	0.40(0.04)	0.30(0.04)	0.40(0.04)	0.38(0.04)	0.38(0.04)	0.29(0.04)
P ₂ O ₅	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)
CuO	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.09(0.02)	0.00(0.01)	0.07(0.02)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
CoO	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
NiO	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.01(0.01)	0.00(0.01)	0.00(0.01)
Total	99.58	99.83	99.67	99.51	99.37	100.20	99.95	99.93	99.46

Table S7. Electron microprobe analyses for the grain (consisting of olivine and icosahedrite) reported in Fig. 1C. Icosahedrite (wt % of elements)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Al	43.13(0.33)	43.38(0.31)	43.22(0.29)	43.32(0.27)	43.10(0.34)	43.17(0.30)	43.22(0.33)	43.19(0.31)	43.44(0.34)	43.28(0.33)
Cu	38.70(0.26)	38.55(0.24)	38.45(0.28)	38.65(0.26)	38.50(0.27)	38.48(0.26)	38.55(0.28)	38.66(0.30)	38.33(0.25)	38.31(0.26)
Fe	18.09(0.11)	18.20(0.10)	18.14(0.08)	18.11(0.09)	18.19(0.11)	18.21(0.12)	18.18(0.10)	18.25(0.11)	18.30(0.10)	18.26(0.09)
Total	99.92	100.13	99.81	100.08	99.79	99.86	99.95	100.10	100.07	99.85

Table S8. Electron microprobe analyses for the grain (consisting of olivine and icosahedrite) reported in Fig. 1C. Olivine (wt % of oxides)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
CaO	0.32(0.04)	0.28(0.04)	0.34(0.04)	0.36(0.04)	0.27(0.04)	0.30(0.04)	0.31(0.04)	0.29(0.04)	0.33(0.04)	
MgO	55.27(0.52)	55.32(0.49)	55.25(0.55)	55.30(0.51)	55.40(0.55)	55.19(0.50)	55.29(0.49)	55.35(0.57)	55.21(0.56)	
FeO	2.07(0.06)	2.01(0.05)	2.05(0.05)	1.99(0.06)	2.10(0.06)	2.13(0.06)	2.05(0.05)	1.99(0.06)	2.16(0.06)	
SiO ₂	42.29(0.32)	42.31(0.29)	42.30(0.34)	42.34(0.36)	42.30(0.35)	42.34(0.29)	42.36(0.35)	42.34(0.32)	42.40(0.33)	
Total	99.95	99.92	99.94	99.99	100.07	99.96	100.01	99.97	100.10	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
CaO	0.32(0.04)	0.29(0.04)	0.32(0.04)	0.30(0.04)	0.31(0.04)	0.37(0.04)	0.33(0.04)	0.36(0.04)	0.24(0.04)	0.30(0.04)
MgO	55.30(0.53)	55.26(0.49)	55.37(0.53)	55.21(0.52)	55.32(0.51)	55.45(0.52)	55.10(0.50)	55.27(0.56)	55.31(0.48)	55.28(0.52)
FeO	2.05(0.05)	2.01(0.06)	1.98(0.06)	2.03(0.06)	1.96(0.05)	2.08(0.06)	2.11(0.06)	2.05(0.06)	1.95(0.06)	2.12(0.05)
SiO ₂	42.41(0.31)	42.36(0.31)	42.31(0.35)	42.41(0.28)	42.31(0.31)	42.19(0.30)	42.44(0.32)	42.34(0.34)	42.45(0.35)	42.29(0.28)
Total	100.08	99.92	99.98	99.95	99.90	100.09	99.98	100.02	99.95	99.99