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# Metal-Silicate Differentiation in Early Accreted Bodies: a Joint Experimental and Theoretical Study

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#### HOW TO STUDY PLANET FORMATION IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM ? METEORITES = PRIMITIVE « CHUNKS » OF PLANETESIMALS









**Rock-metal mixture** 



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Metal

Rock

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#### EXPERIMENTAL PETROLOGY A THREE-PHASE SYSTEM



Natural Samples



Atmosphere furnace experiments

#### **EXPERIMENTAL PETROLOGY** Atmosphere furnace experiments – the result



75 vol% Silicate melt Magma ocean - like



32.5 vol% Silicate melt Primitive achondrite - like

#### EXPERIMENTAL PETROLOGY MORE EXPERIMENTS



Natural Samples

Atmosphere furnace

nace Piston-Cylinder Experiments

#### EXPERIMENTAL PETROLOGY Atmosphere Furnace – Piston-Cylinder Comparison

Ni<sub>(s)</sub> and 75 vol% silicate melt

Ni<sub>(s)</sub> and 32.5 vol% silicate melt

Experiment at 1 GPa



#### **EXPERIMENTAL PETROLOGY ATMOSPHERE FURNACE – PISTON–CYLINDER COMPARISON**

Ni<sub>(s)</sub> and 75 vol% silicate melt





0.5 hours with Ni(1)



500 µm

90

70

10-

100

10<sup>1</sup>

10<sup>2</sup>

10<sup>3</sup>

104

Blob volume (µm<sup>3</sup>)

9 hours with Ni(I)





107

108

106

105

























