

**Substitution mechanisms in In, Au, and Cu-bearing sphalerites studied by X-ray
absorption spectroscopy of synthetic and natural minerals**

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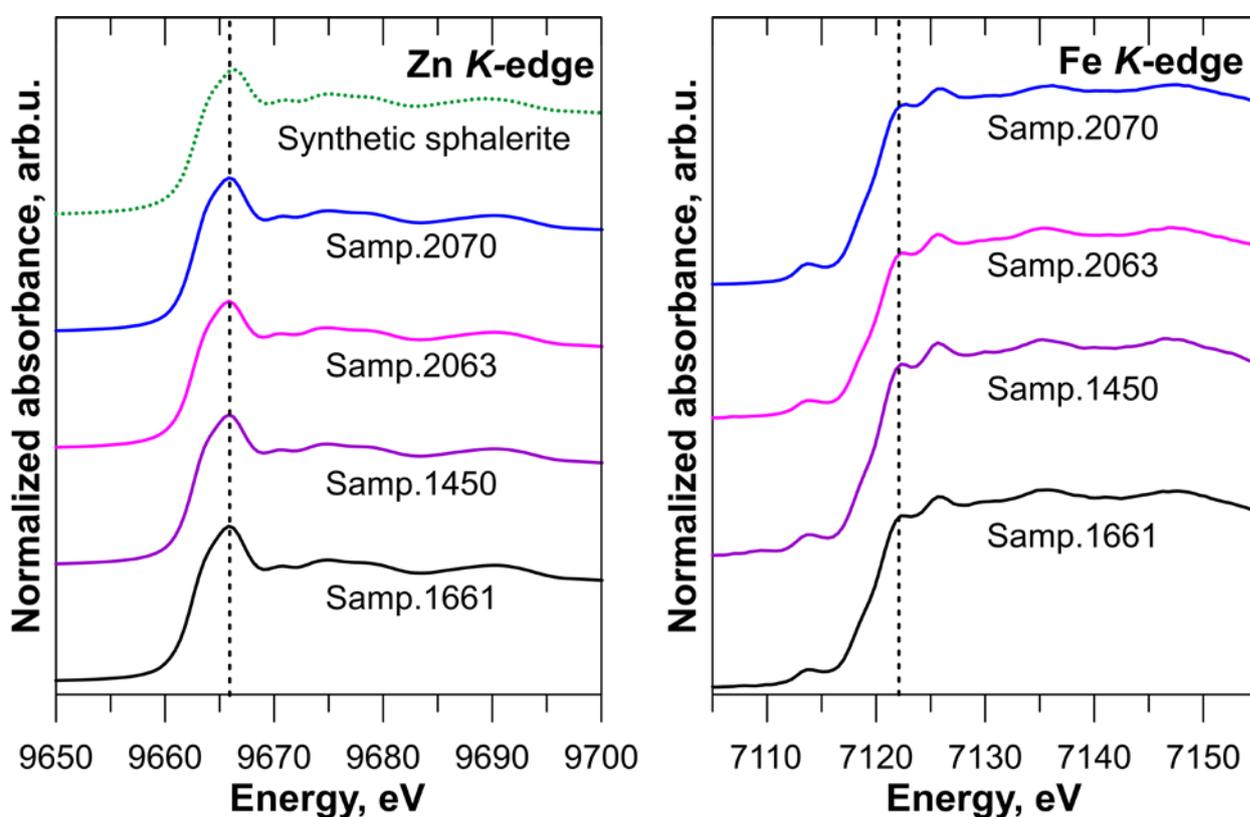


Figure S1. *Left:* Zn K-edge XANES spectra of In-Au-bearing sphalerites and pure synthetic sphalerite ZnS. *Right:* Fe K-edge XANES spectra In-Au-bearing sphalerites. Vertical dashed lines indicate positions of the white line.

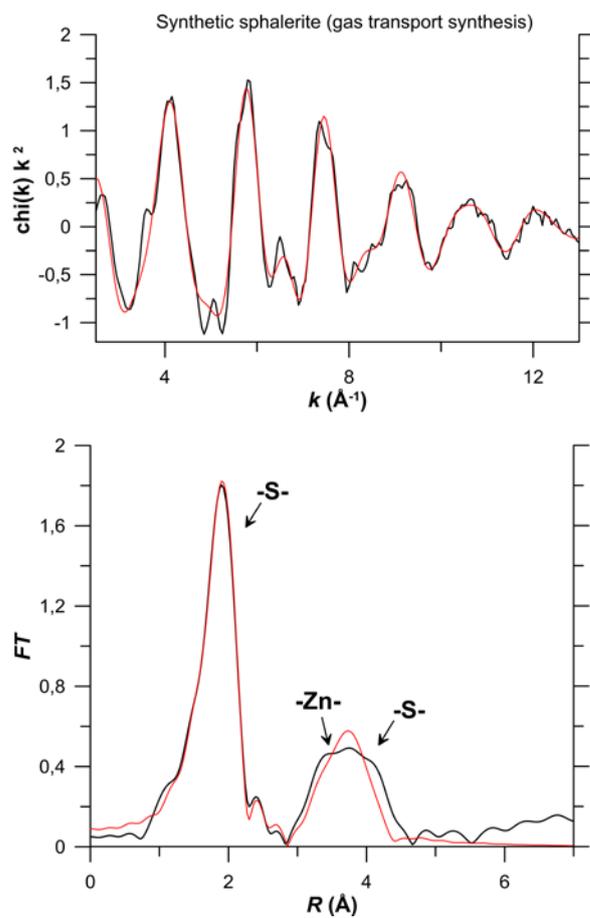


Figure S2. Zn K-edge EXAFS spectra of pure synthetic sphalerite, and In-Au-bearing sphalerites. *Top:* k^2 -weighted background-subtracted EXAFS spectra, *Bottom:* Fourier transforms (FT) of the k^2 -weighted EXAFS spectra (not corrected for phase shift). Black lines – experiment, red lines – fit results. Scattering atoms are indicated near FT peaks. Fit results are listed in Table 3.

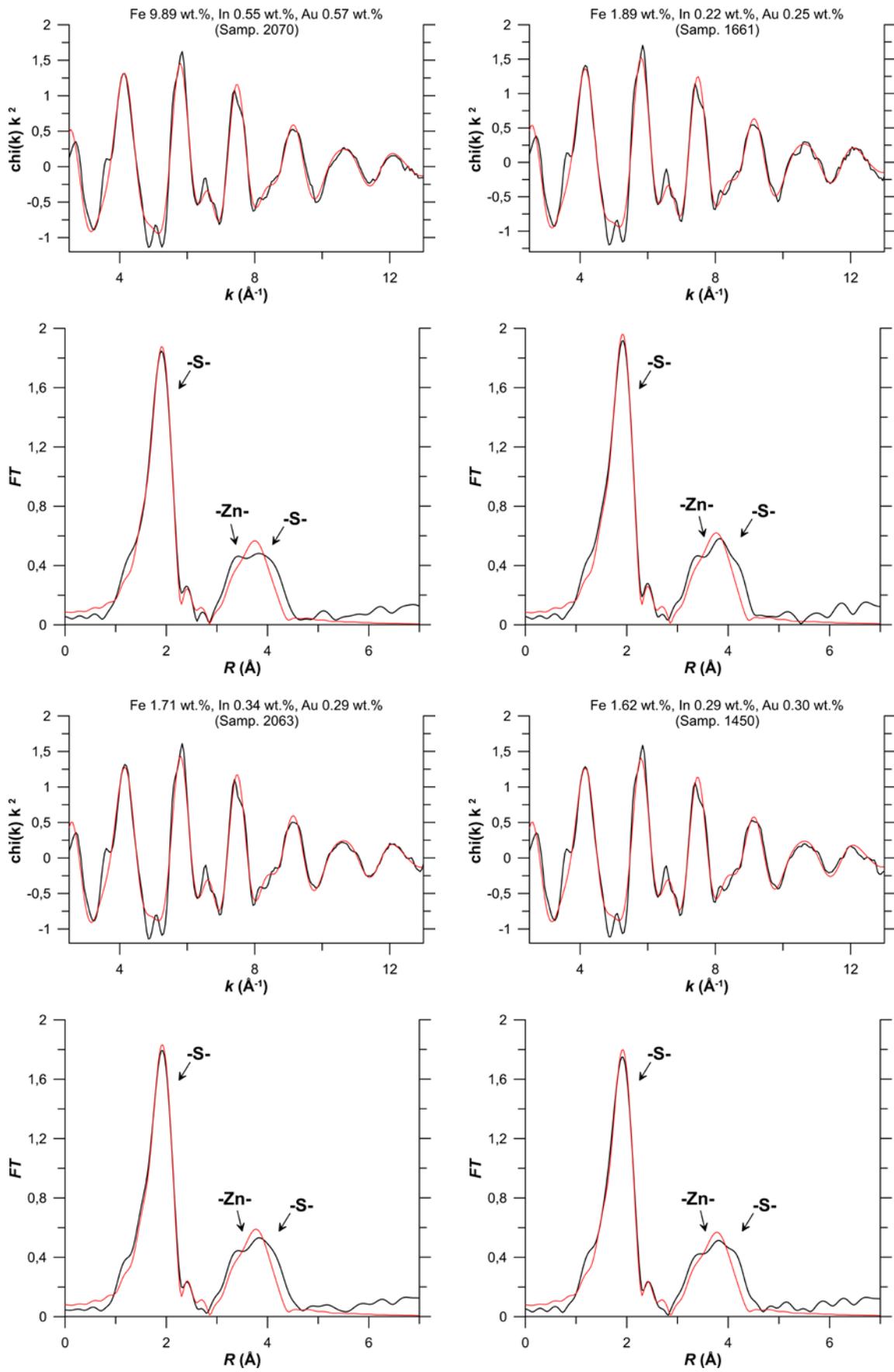


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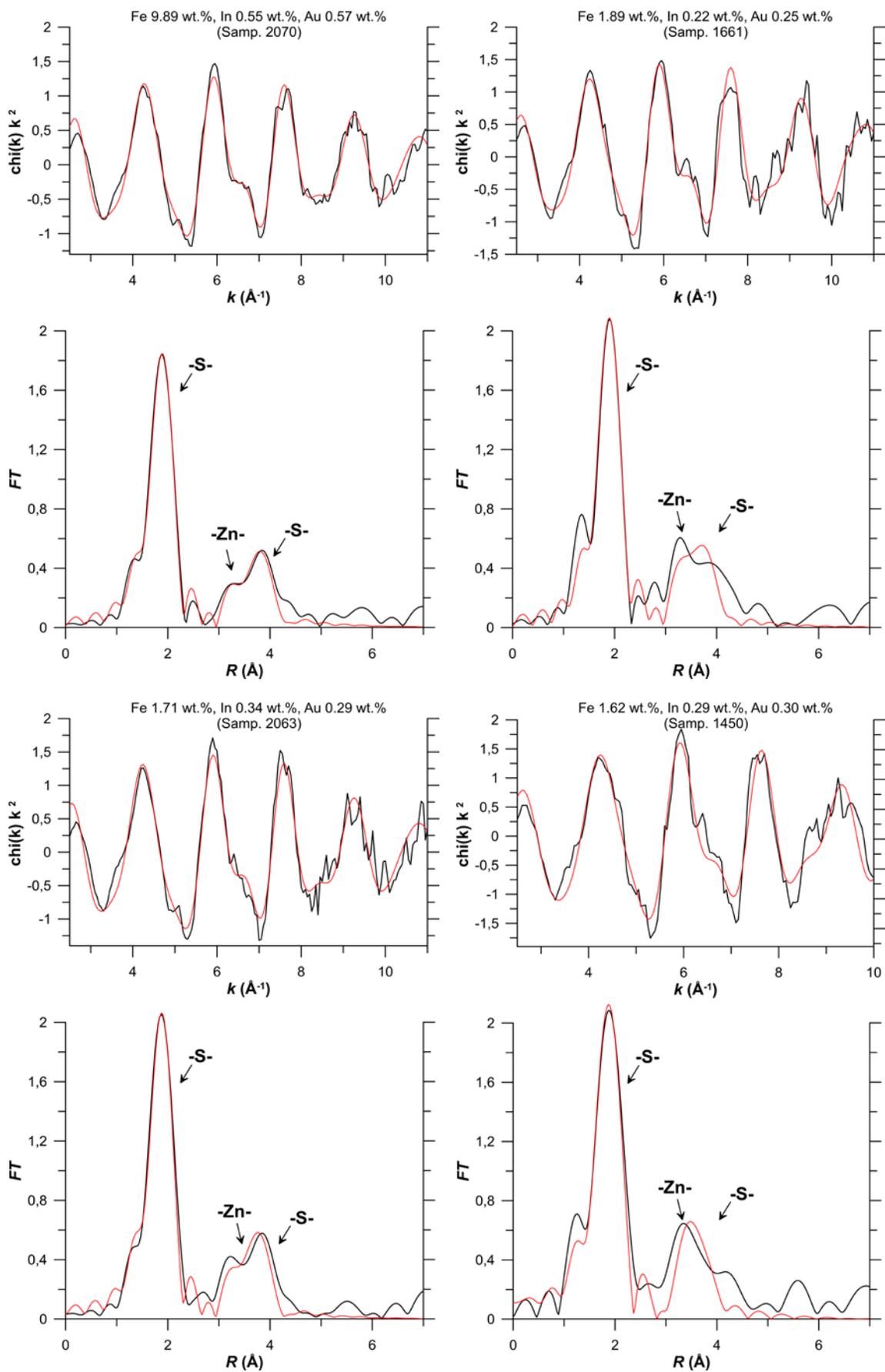


Figure S3. Fe K-edge EXAFS spectra of In-Au-bearing sphalerites (see Fig. S2 for explanation).

Table S1. Calculated Bader partial atomic charges for pure and doped ZnS. Data for Au₂S from Trigub et al. (2017) are shown for comparison. For Au-In- and Cu-In-bearing sphalerites atomic charges given for Zn and S correspond to atoms which charges exhibit the most pronounced difference from the charges of the atoms in the pure sphalerite.

Au(Cu)	In	Zn	S
ZnS			
		+0.92	-0.92
InS			
+0.88			-0.88
In₂S₃			
+0.74			-0.89
+0.95			
Au in Au₂S¹			
+0.21			-0.42
Au in ZnS (nearest atoms to Au)			
+0.17		+0.92	-0.84
In in ZnS (nearest atoms to In)			
	+1.24	+0.92	-0.91
In and Au in ZnS (In and Au atoms are located in neighboring sites)			
+0.16	+1.28	+0.92	-0.83
In and Au in ZnS (In and Au atoms are located far from each other)			
+0.17	+1.27	+0.92	-0.84
In and Cu in ZnS (In and Cu atoms are located in neighboring sites)			
+0.52	+1.27	+0.91	-0.88
In and Cu in ZnS (In and Cu atoms are located far from each other)			
+0.52	+1.28	+0.91	-0.90
¹ calculated for Au ₂ S structure relaxed with DFT method, optimized lattice constant $a = 5.35 \text{ \AA}$, Au-S distance $R = 2.32 \text{ \AA}$.			