

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

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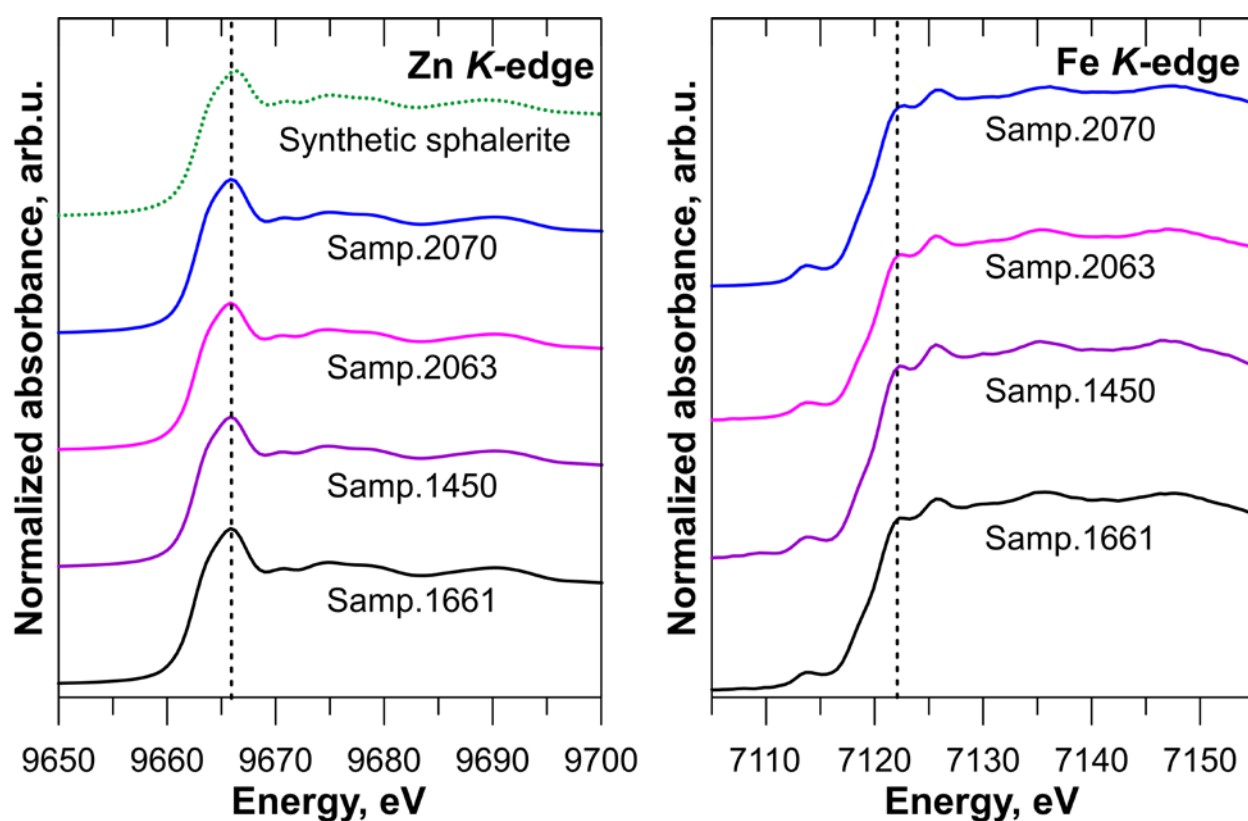


Figure S1. *Left:* Zn K-edge XANES spectra of In-Au-bearing sphalerites and pure synthetic sphalerite ZnS. *Right:* Fe K-edge XANES spectra In-Au-bearing sphalerites. Vertical dashed lines indicate positions of the white line.

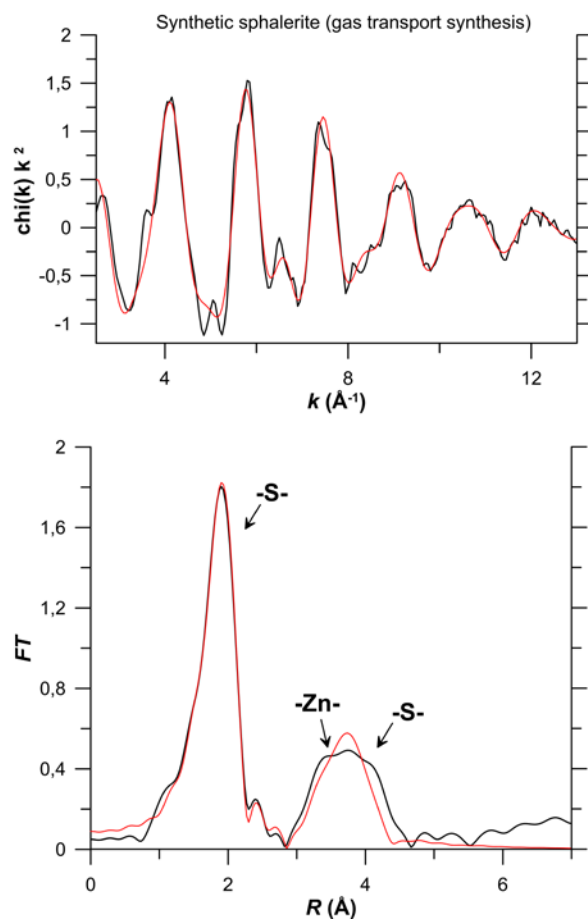


Figure S2. Zn K-edge EXAFS spectra of pure synthetic sphalerite, and In-Au-bearing sphalerites. *Top:* k^2 -weighted background-subtracted EXAFS spectra, *Bottom:* Fourier transforms (FT) of the k^2 -weighted EXAFS spectra (not corrected for phase shift). Black lines – experiment, red lines – fit results.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

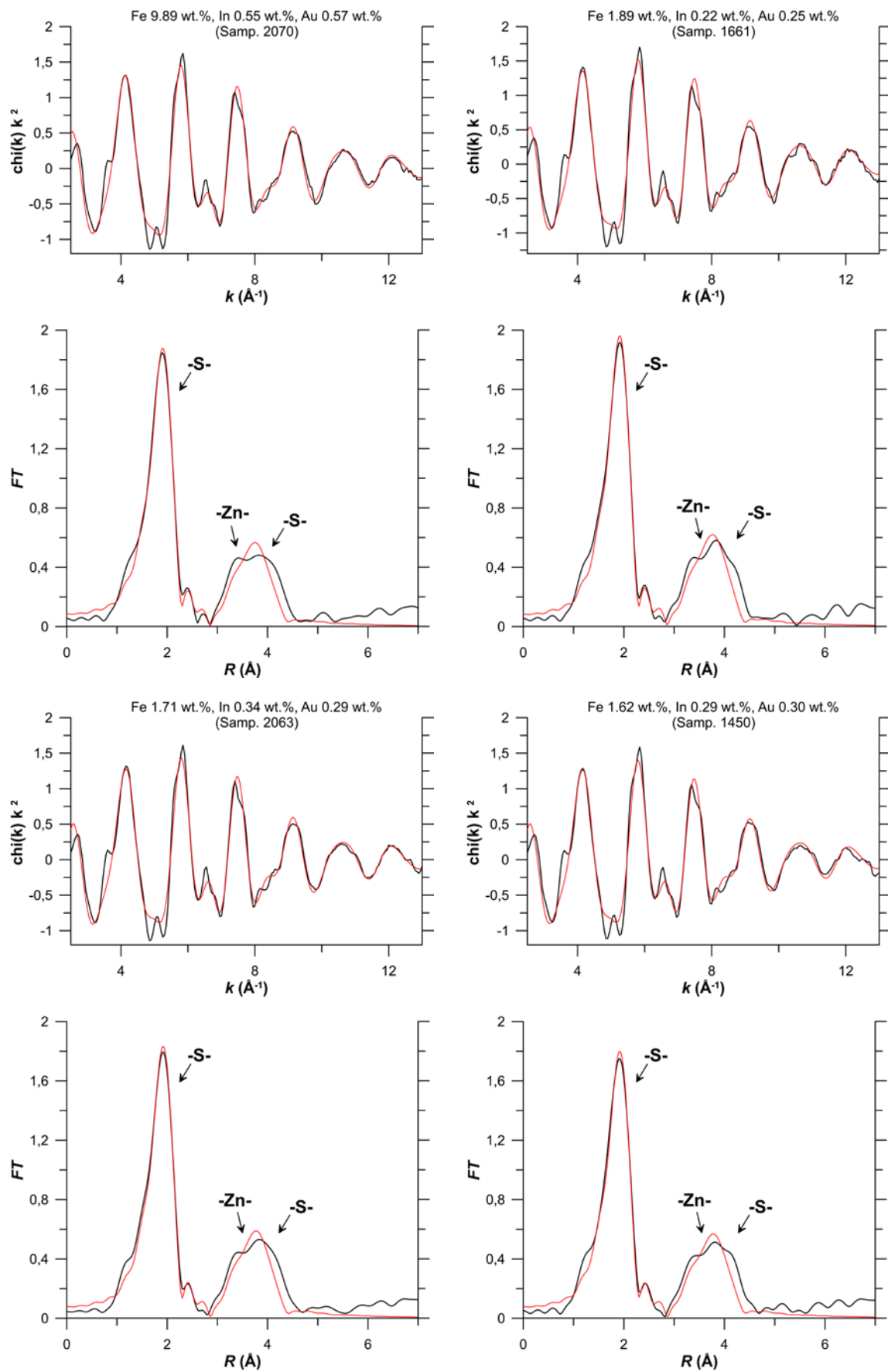


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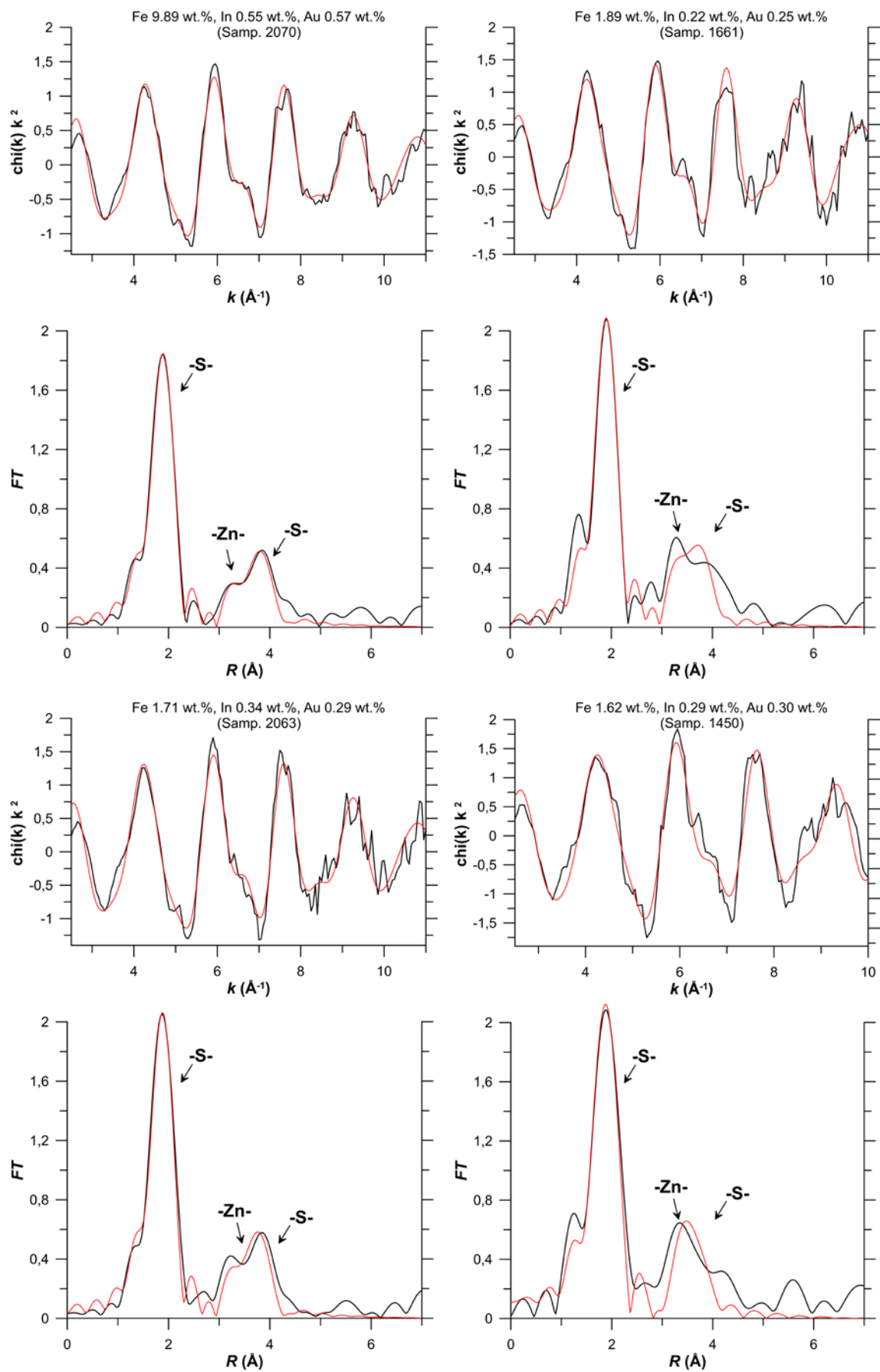


Figure S3. Fe K-edge EXAFS spectra of In-Au-bearing sphalerites (see Fig. S2 for explanation).

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 cites) | | | |
| +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 cites) | | | |
| +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 $R = 2.32 \text{ \AA}$. | | | |