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Multinary light absorbing semiconductor nanocrystals with diversified electronic and optical properties

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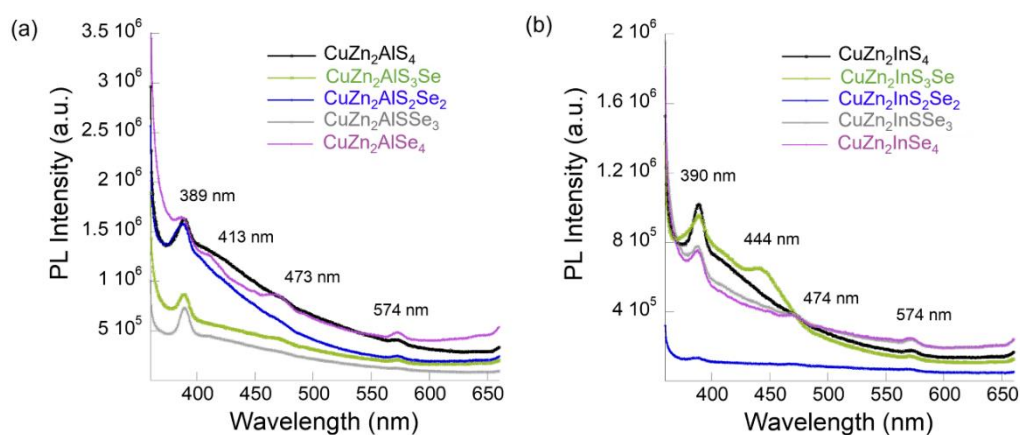


Figure S1. PL characterization of CZASse nanocrystals for 350 nm excitation. (a) CuZn₂AlS_xSe_{4-x} compositions and (b) CuZn₂InS_xSe_{4-x} compositions.

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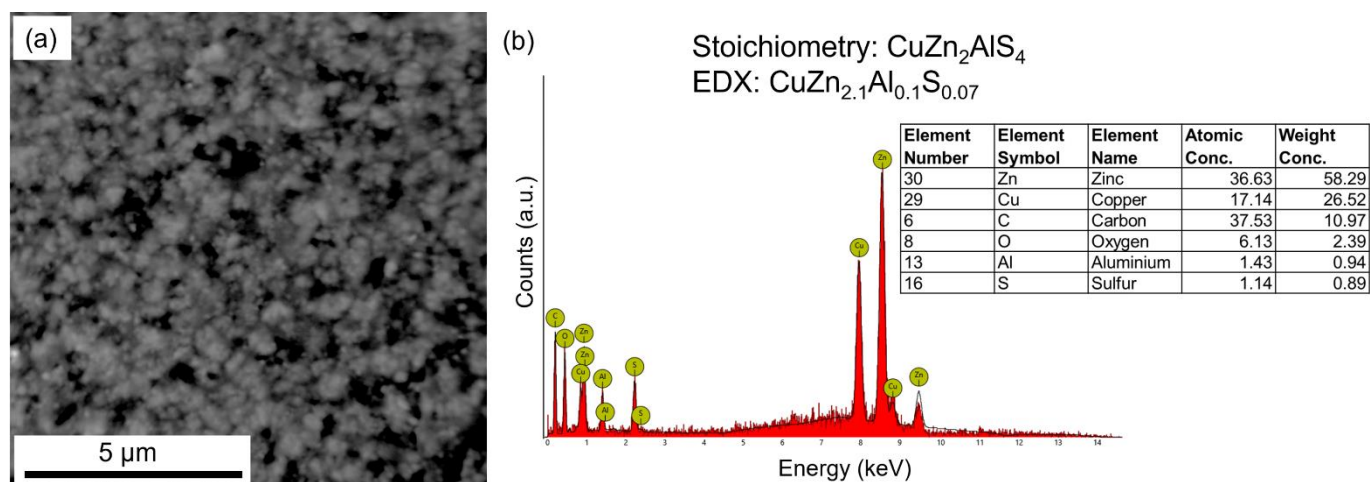


Figure S2. SEM and EDX characterization of $\text{CuZn}_2\text{AlS}_4$ nanocrystals.

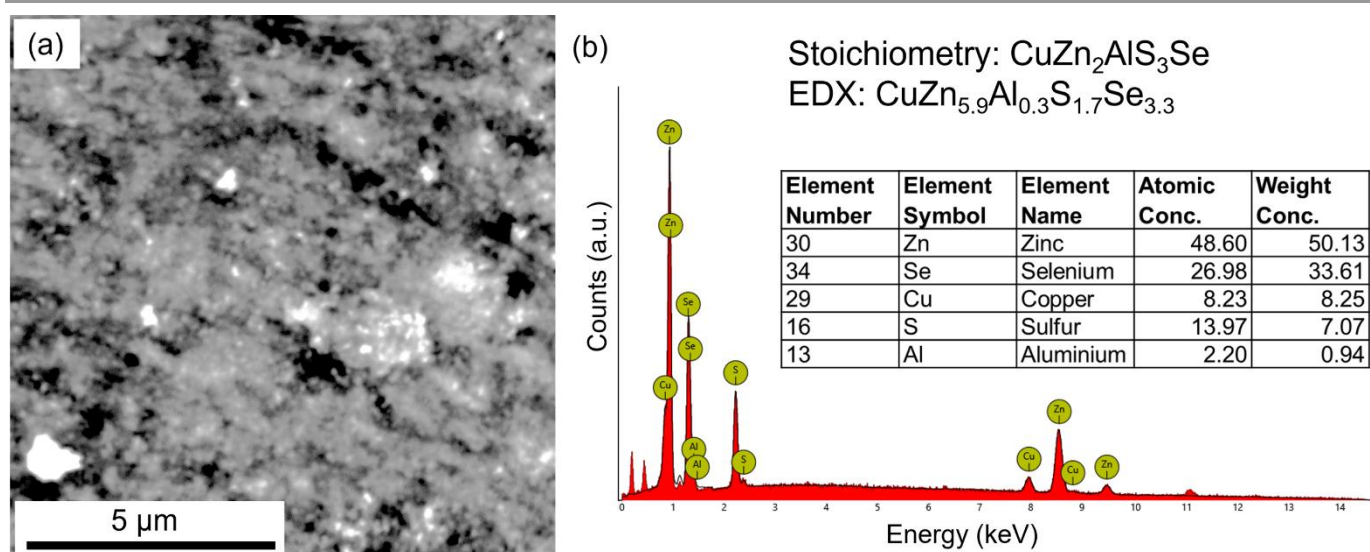


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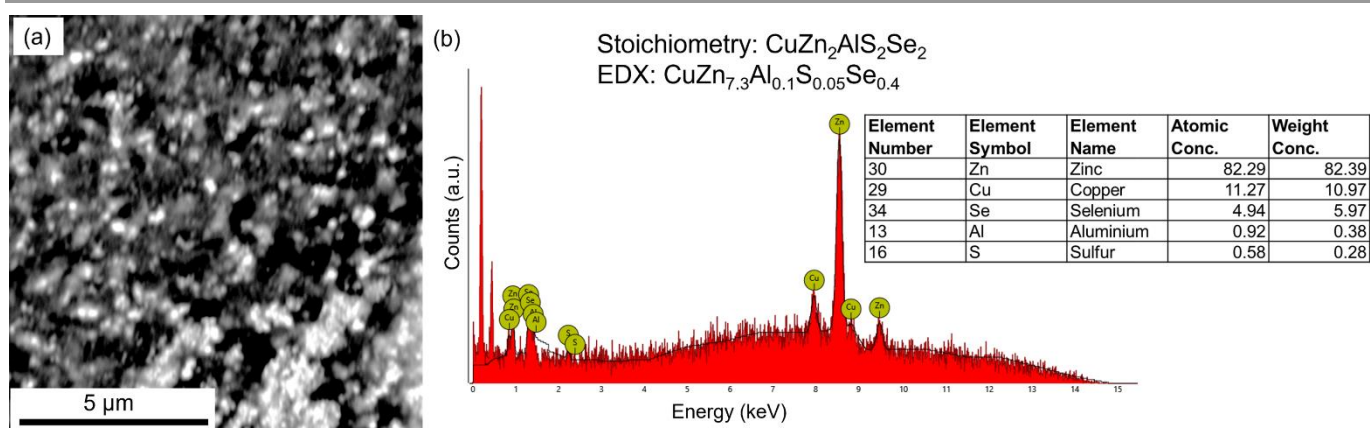


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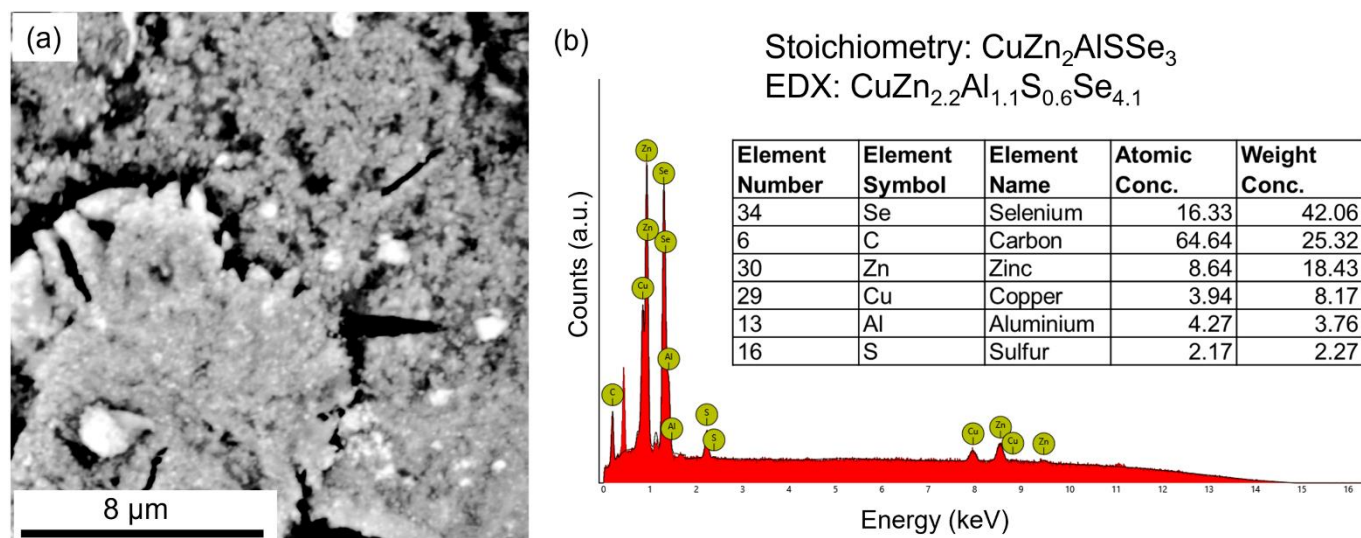


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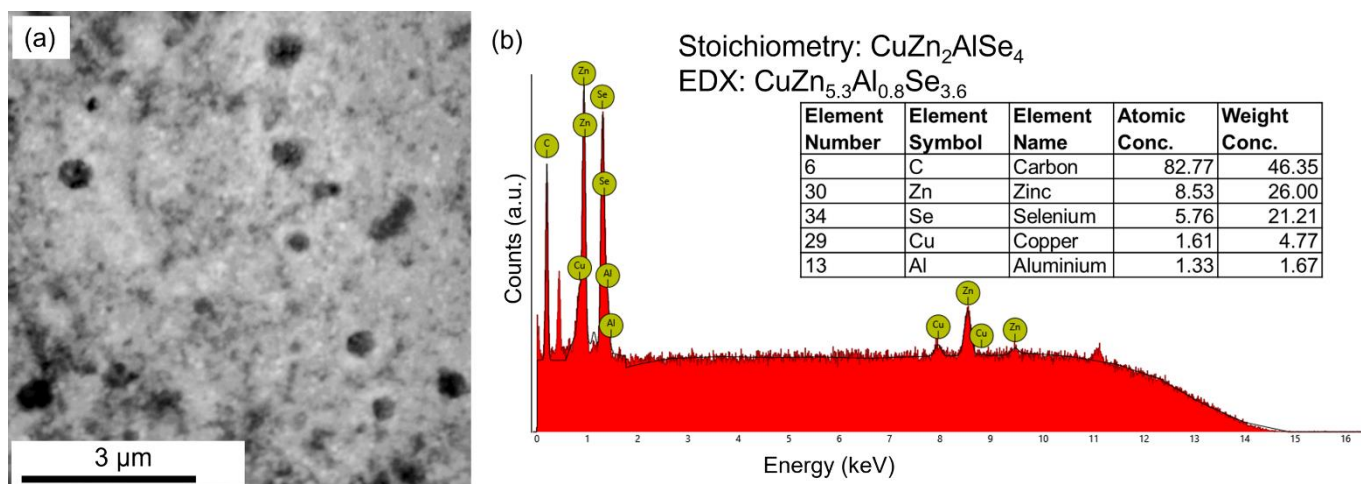


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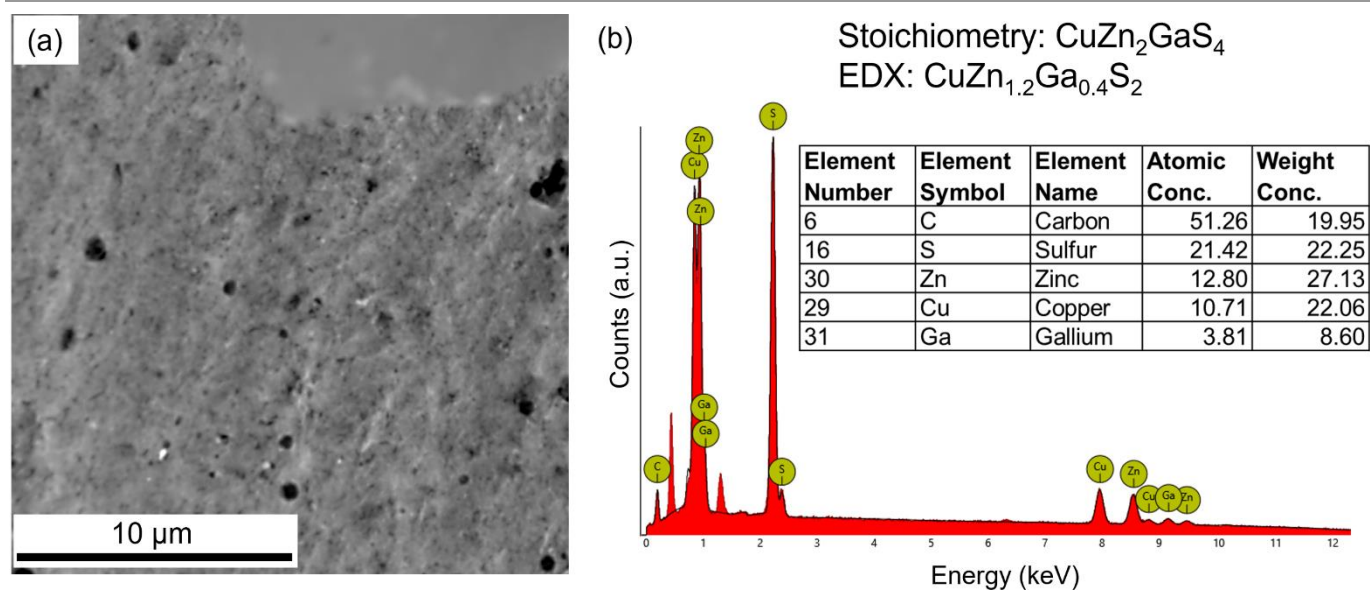


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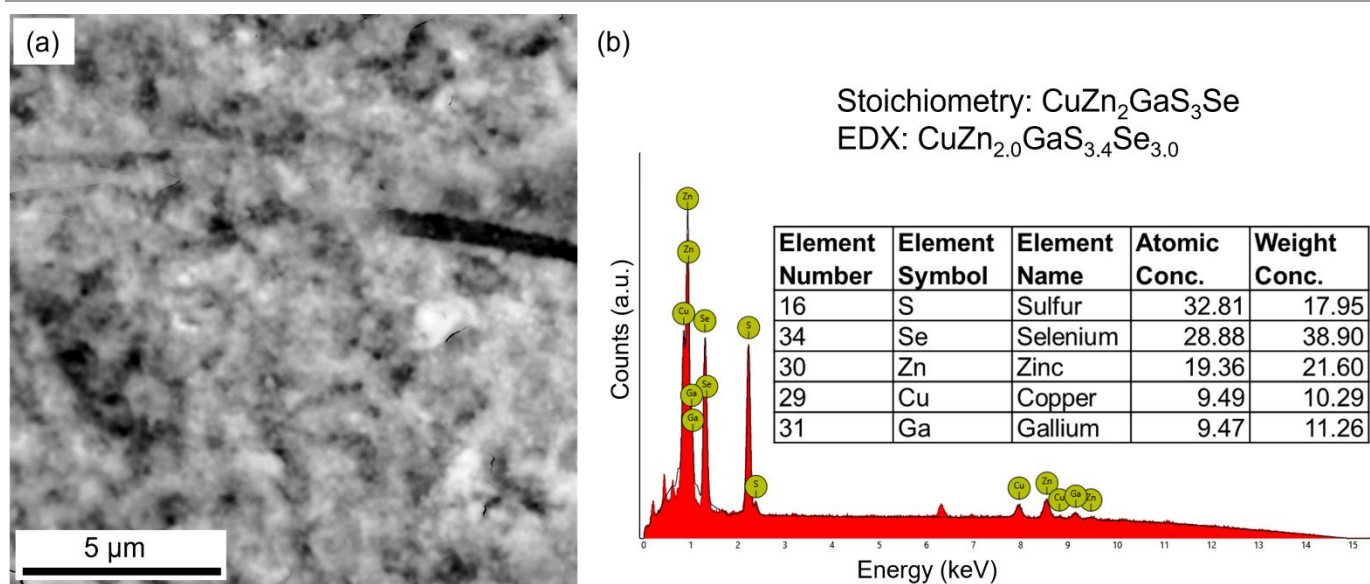


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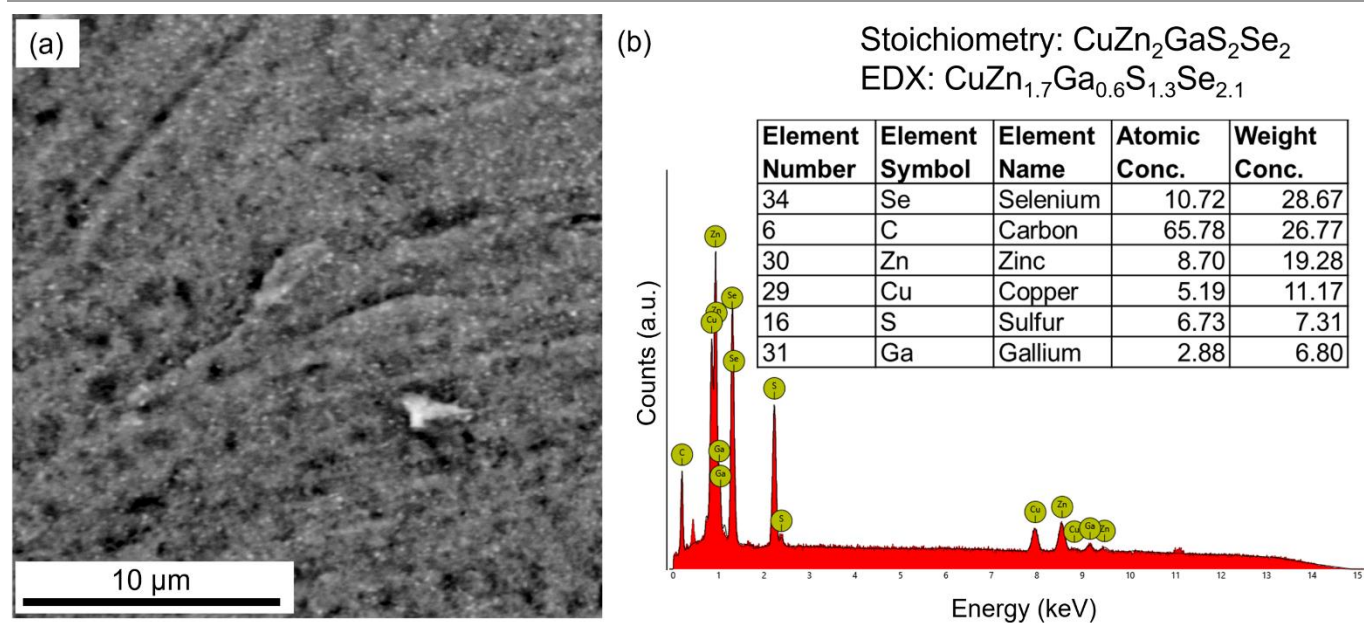


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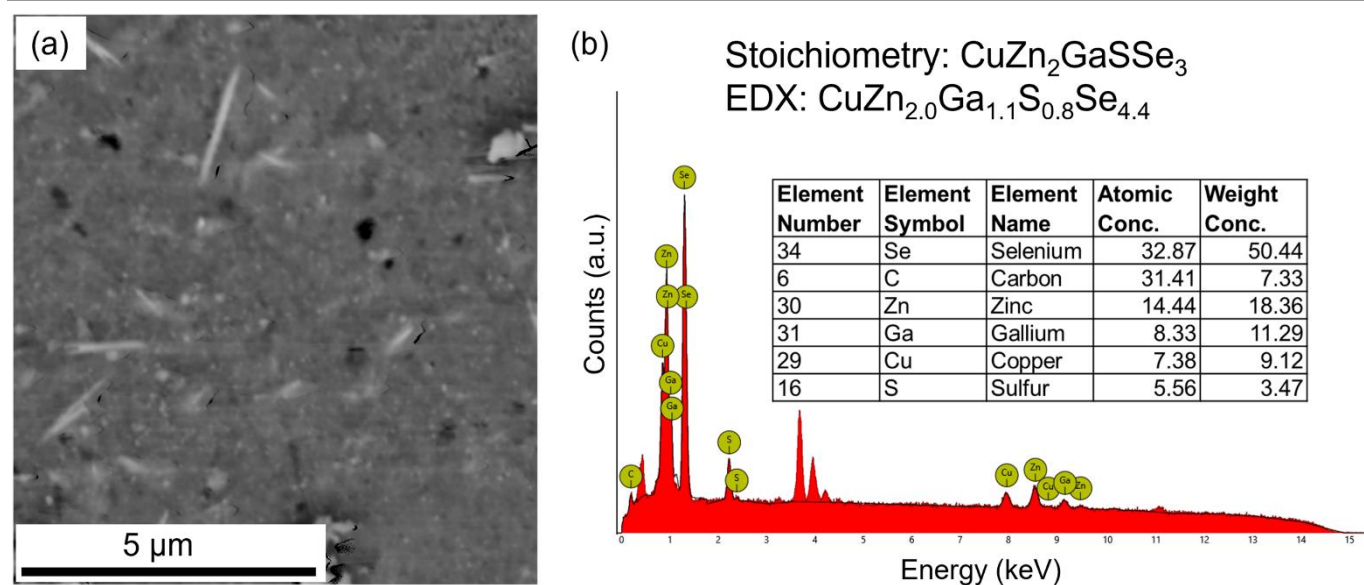


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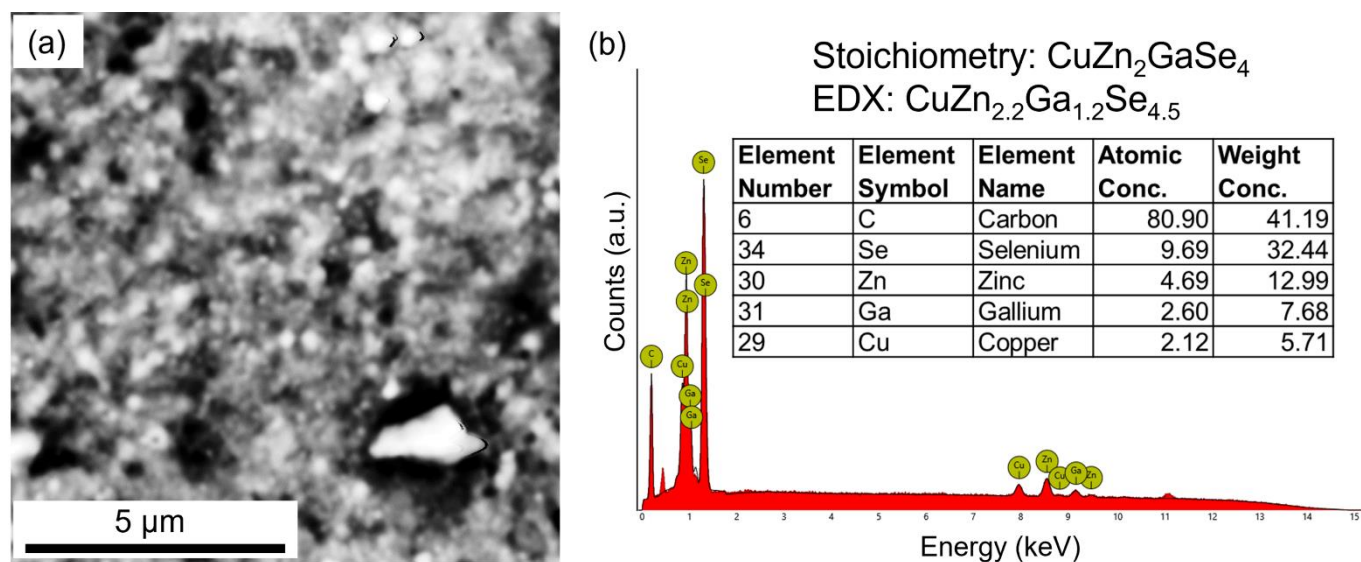


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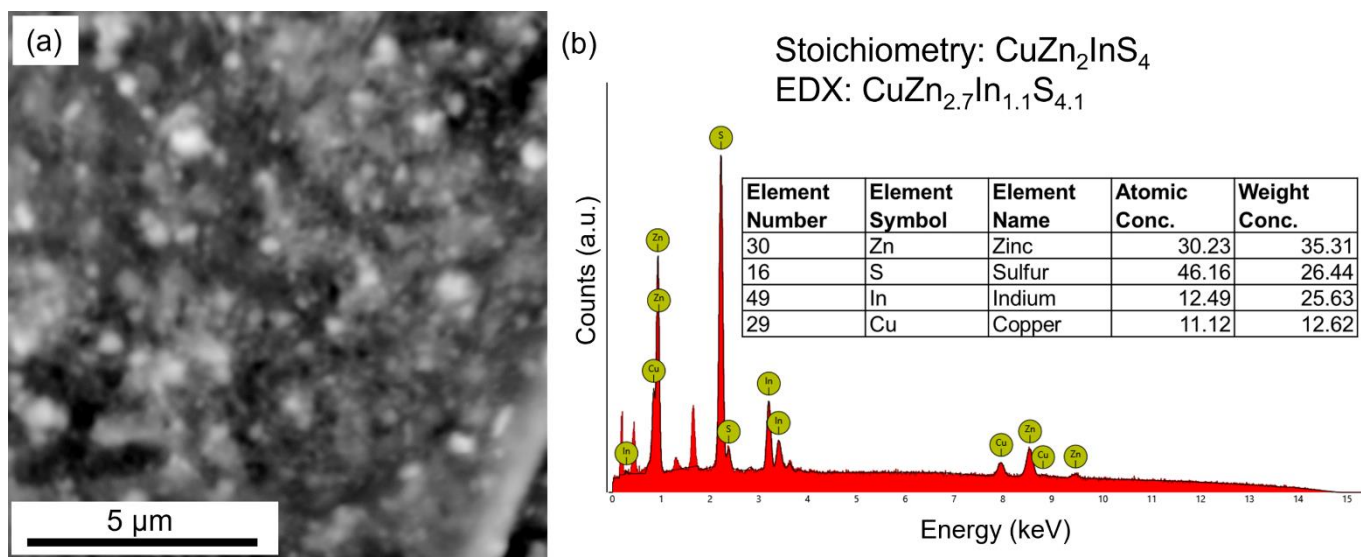


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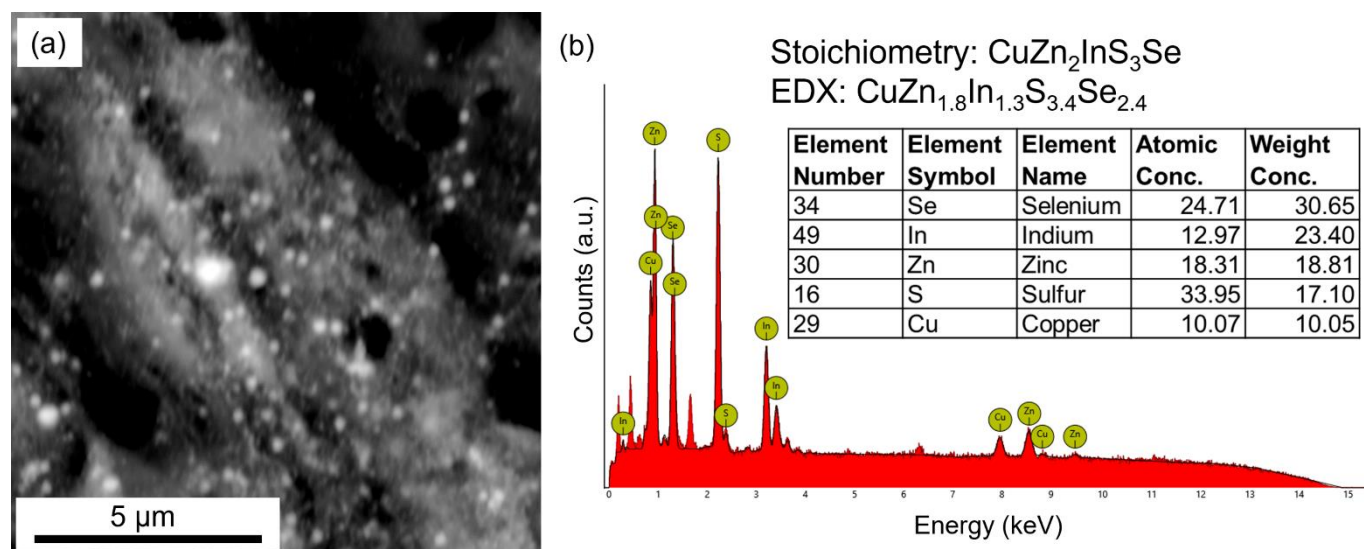


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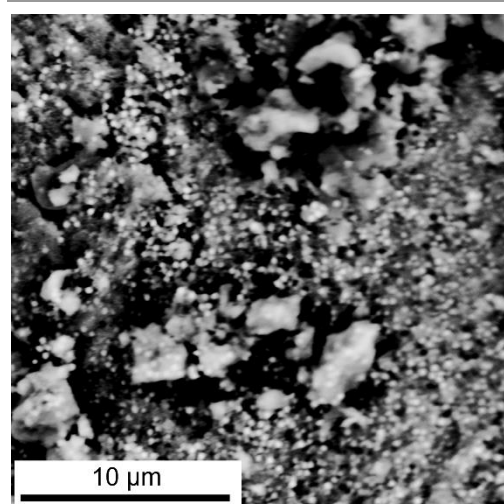


Figure S14. SEM characterization of $\text{CuZn}_2\text{InS}_2\text{Se}_2$ nanocrystals.

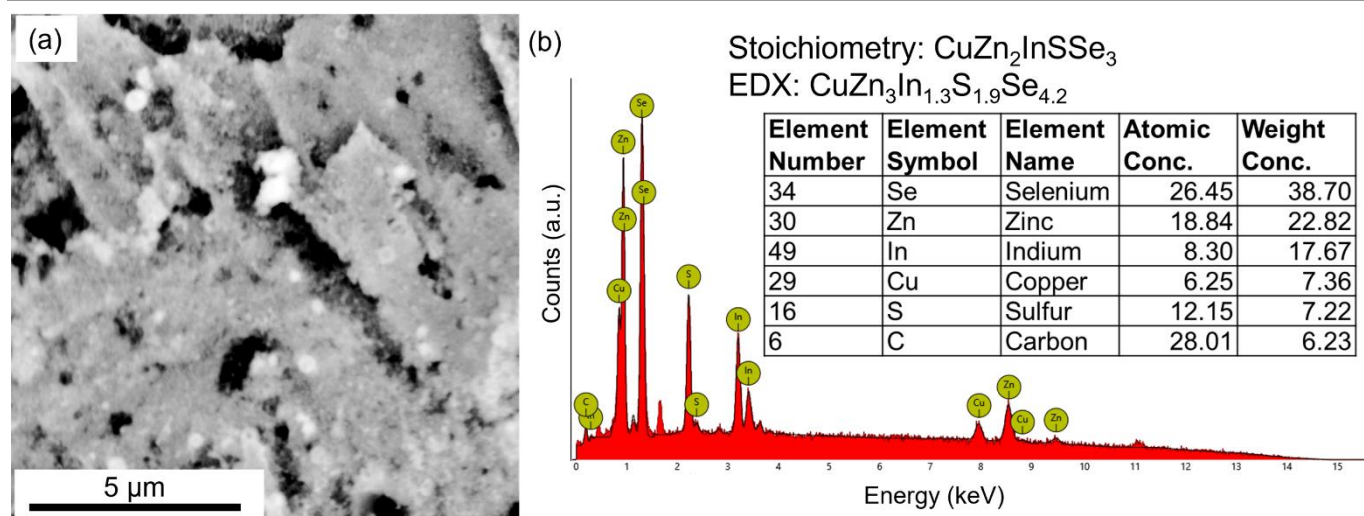


Figure S15. SEM and EDX characterization of $\text{CuZn}_2\text{InSSe}_3$ nanocrystals.

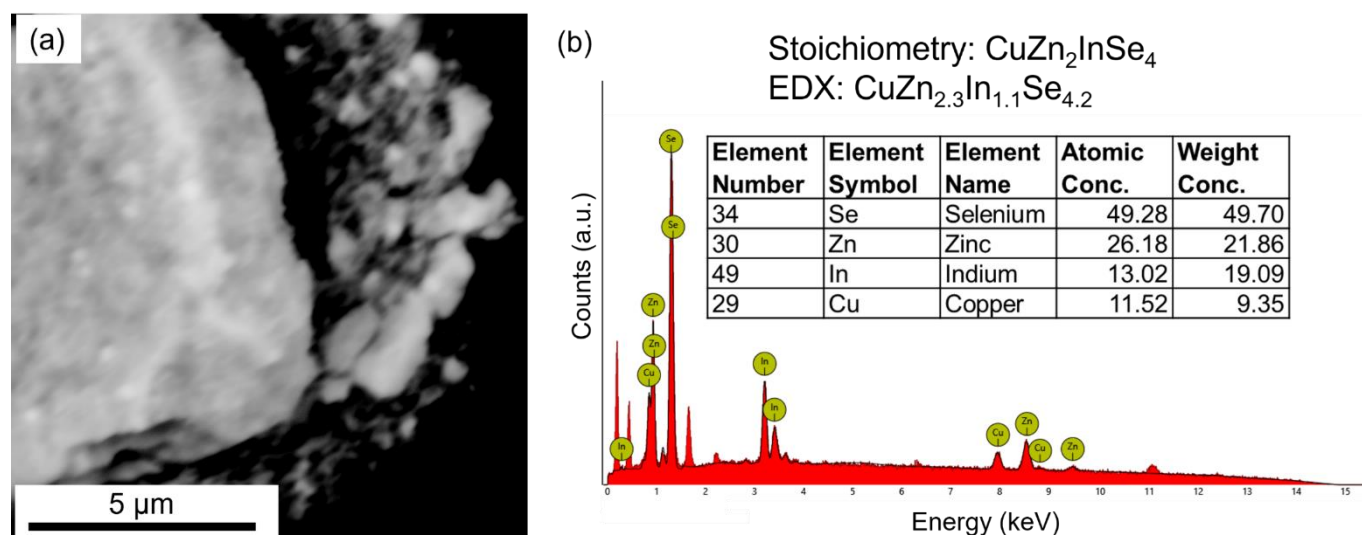


Figure S16. SEM and EDX characterization of CuZn₂InSe₄ nanocrystals.

Table S1. Summary of direct experimental bandgaps of CZASSe nanocrystals

Multinary nanocrystal composition	Eg_SCAN (eV)	Eg_HSE06 (eV)	Eg_experimental (eV)	% deviation w.r.t. SCAN	% deviation w.r.t. HSE06	ChemComm Eg_experimental (eV) ¹	Standard deviation	Crystallite size from Debye-Scherrer formula (nm)
CuZn ₂ AlS ₄	2.362	3.279	3.0	18.9	3.8	1.78	0.05	23.45
CuZn ₂ AlS ₃ Se	1.927	2.774	2.2	9.7	9.5			7.58
CuZn ₂ AlS ₂ Se ₂	1.656	2.467	2.4	28.8	11.6			10.93
CuZn ₂ AlSSe ₃	1.522	2.342	2.5	36.8	19.8			9.56
CuZn ₂ AlSe ₄	1.520	2.369	2.3	31.0	11.1			12.90
CuZn ₂ GaS ₄	1.863	2.791	2.2	19.9	8.6	1.64	0.04	4.83
CuZn ₂ GaS ₃ Se	1.443	2.299	1.8	25.6	1.7			9.87
CuZn ₂ GaS ₂ Se ₂	1.182	2.002	2.5	56.7	36.5			7.66
CuZn ₂ GaSSe ₃	1.052	1.880	1.8	46.6	18.2			11.50
CuZn ₂ GaSe ₄	1.044	1.903	1.8	46.6	16.5			13.17
CuZn ₂ InS ₄	1.214	2.116	2.8	56.2	35.4	1.42	0.03	3.51
CuZn ₂ InS ₃ Se	0.903	1.733	2.7	66.2	46.7			5.54
CuZn ₂ InS ₂ Se ₂	0.723	1.513	3.0	75.6	58.5			4.80
CuZn ₂ InSSe ₃	0.640	1.436	2.4	72.6	51.3			12.68
CuZn ₂ InSe ₄	0.650	1.473	2.4	72.3	50.0			18.28

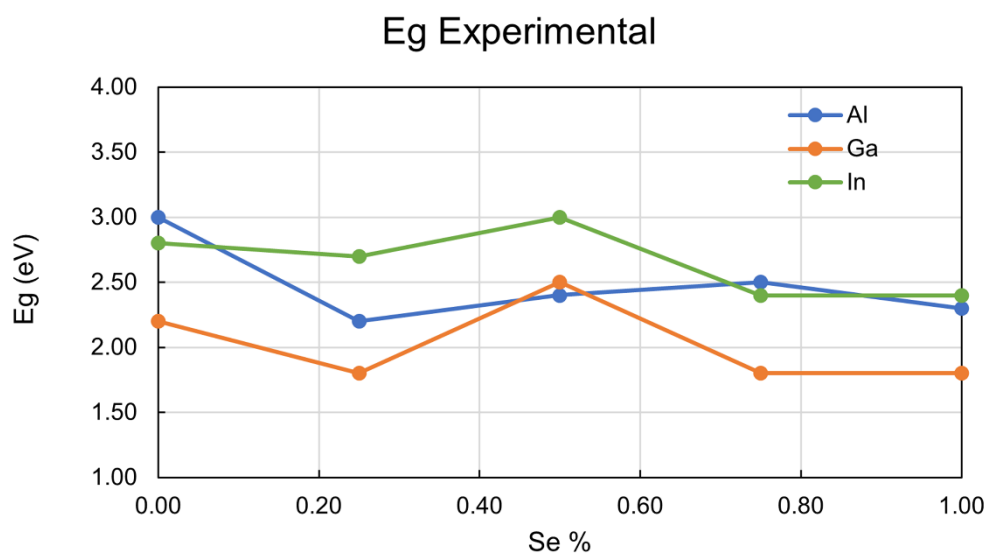


Figure S17. Plot showing variation of experimental bandgap of $\text{CuZn}_2\text{AS}_x\text{Se}_{4-x}$ nanocrystal compositions with varying Se content of the nanocrystals.

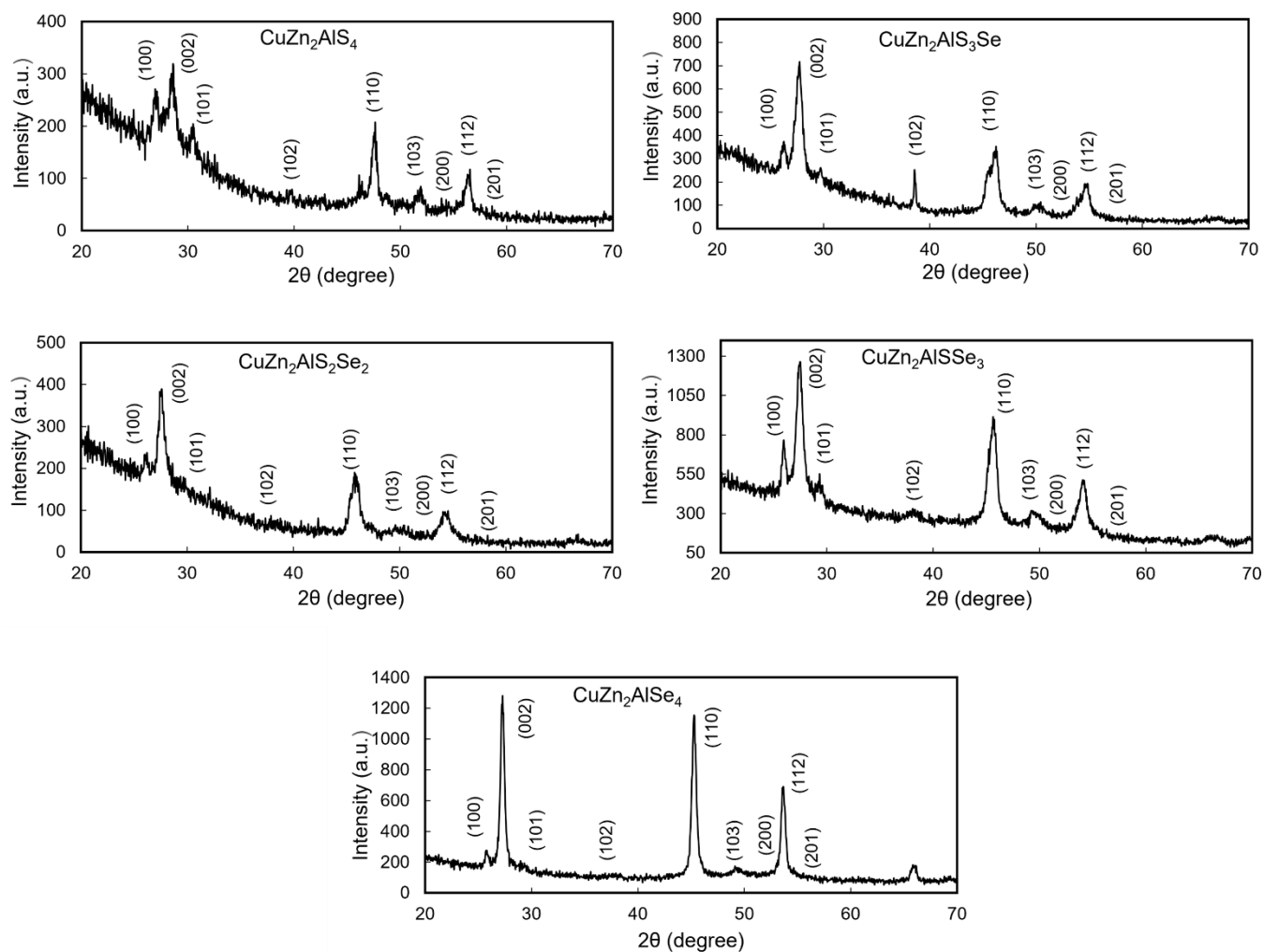


Figure S18. XRD characterization of the different wurtzite phase $\text{CuZn}_2\text{AlS}_x\text{Se}_{4-x}$ nanocrystal compositions.

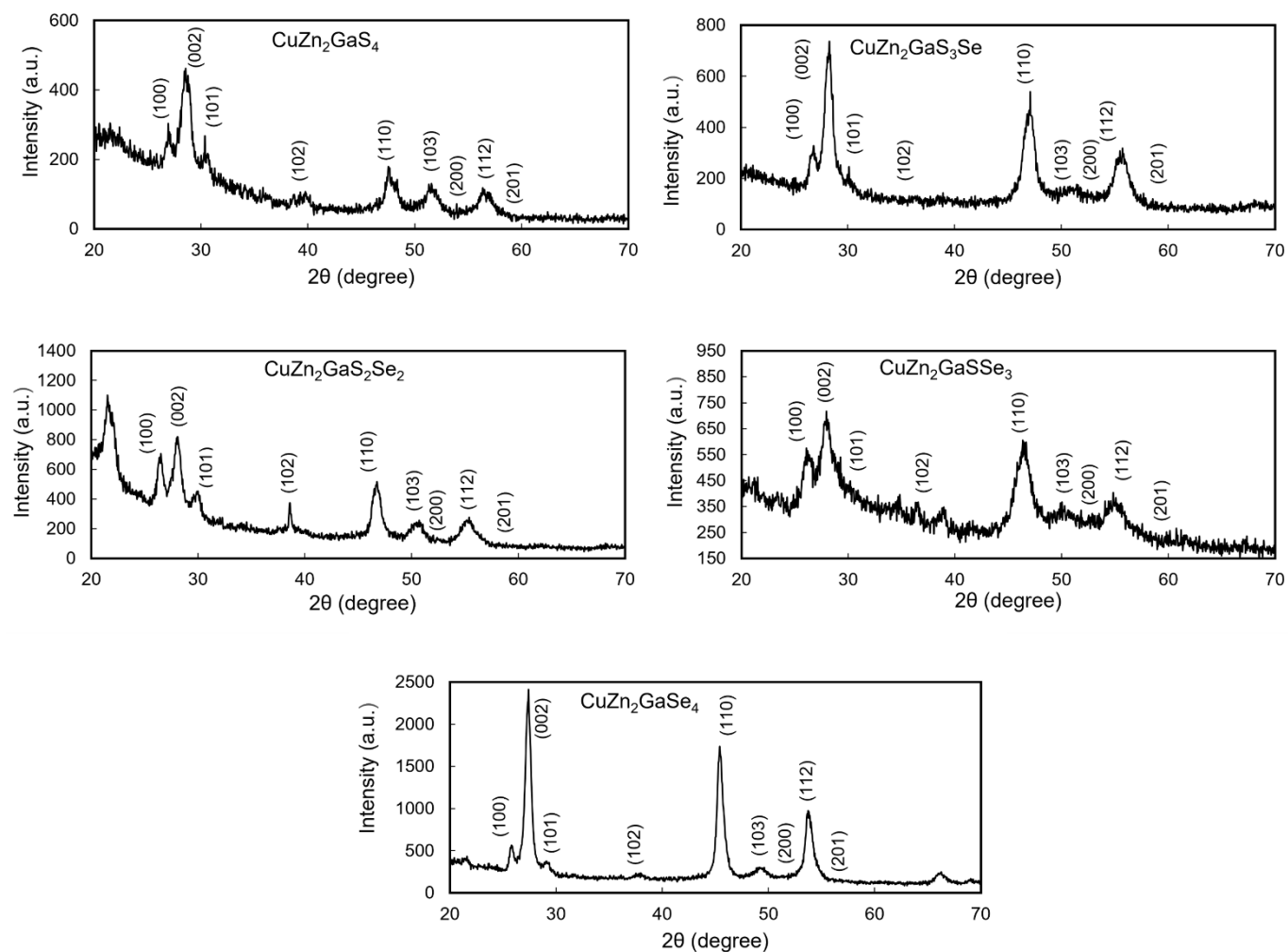


Figure S19. XRD characterization of the remaining wurtzite phase $\text{CuZn}_2\text{GaS}_x\text{Se}_{4-x}$ nanocrystal compositions.

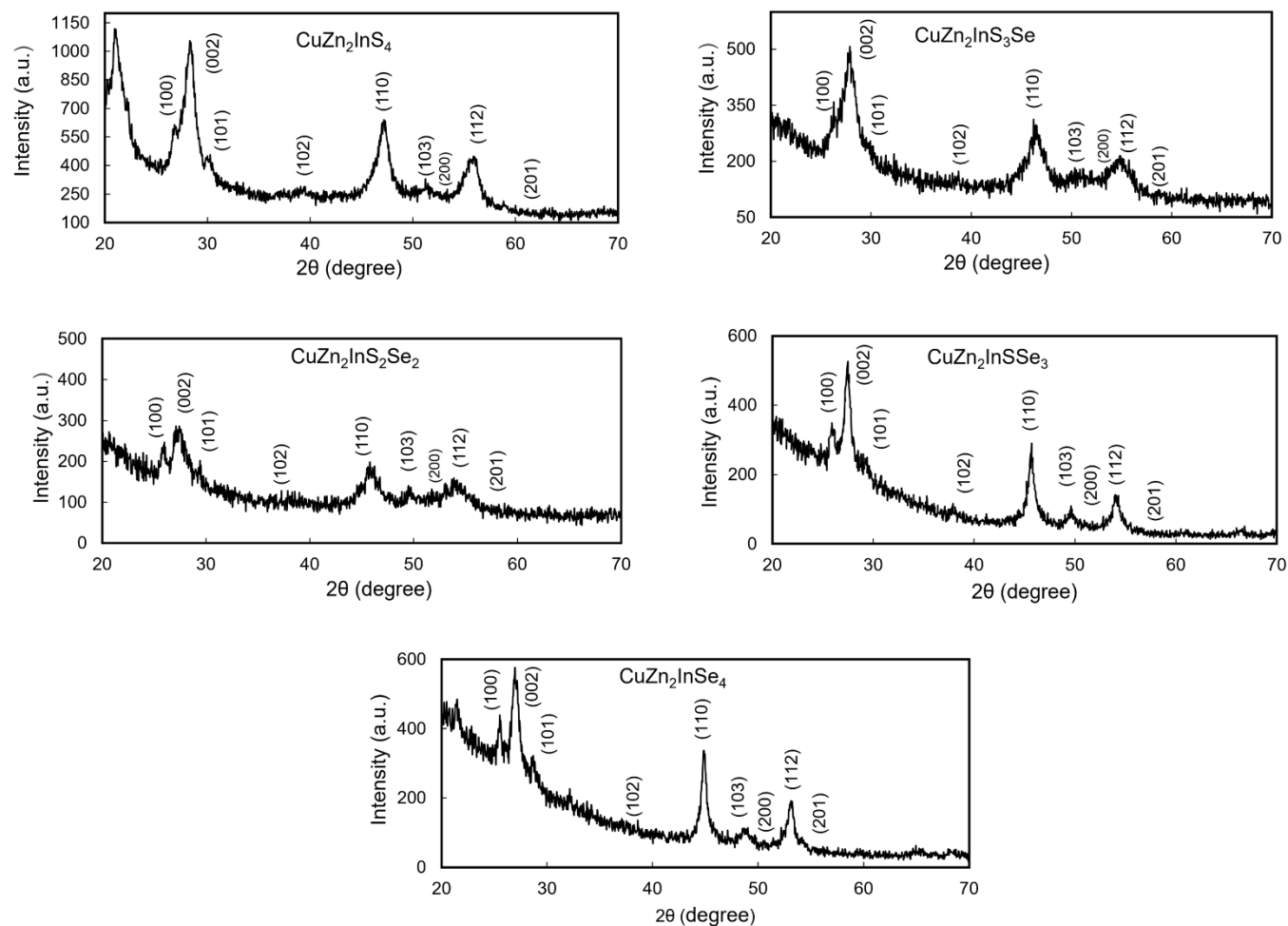


Figure S20. XRD characterization of different wurtzite phase $\text{CuZn}_2\text{InS}_x\text{Se}_{4-x}$ nanocrystal compositions.

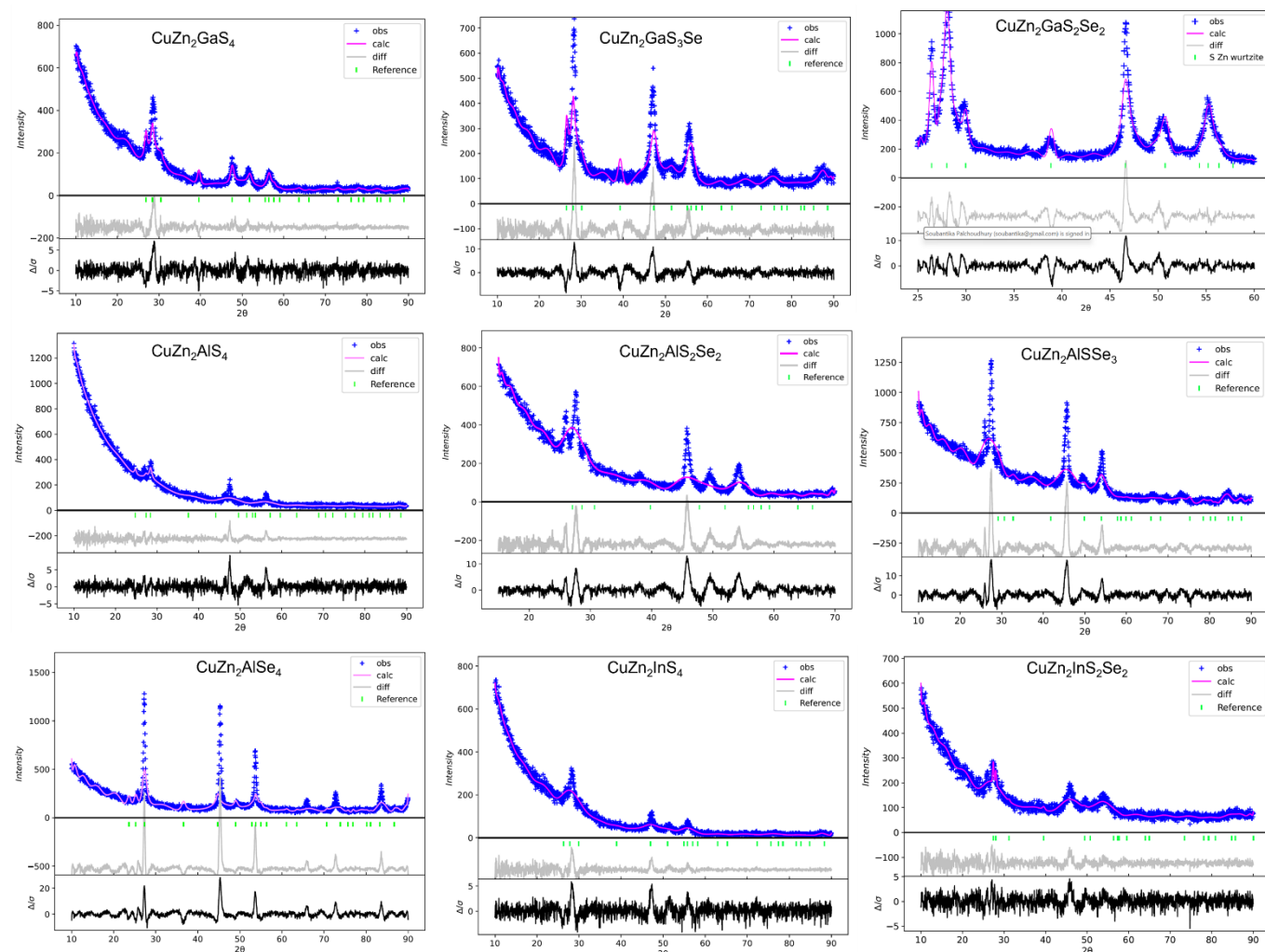


Figure S21. Rietveld fit of different CZASSe nanocrystal compositions.

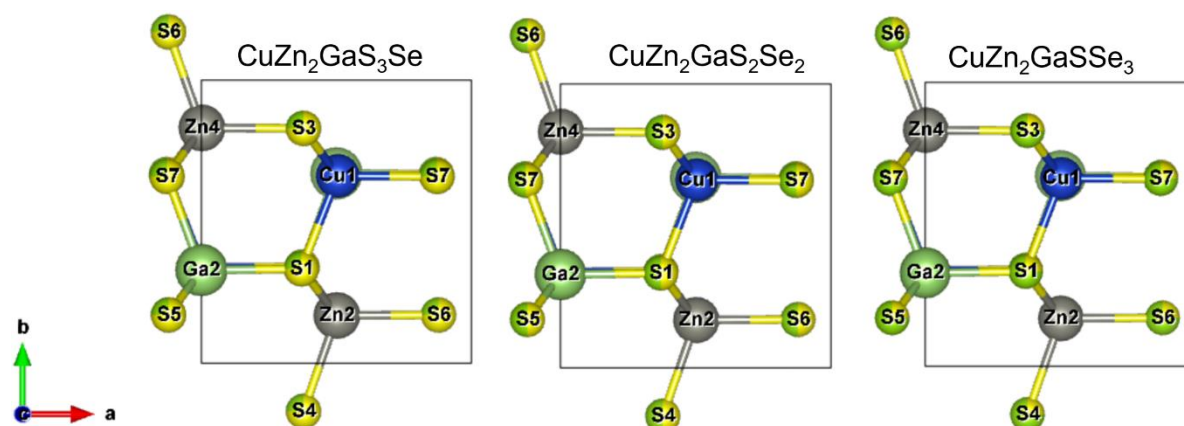


Figure S22. Unit cell of different $\text{CuZn}_2\text{GaS}_x\text{Se}_{4-x}$ compositions used for electronic structure calculations.

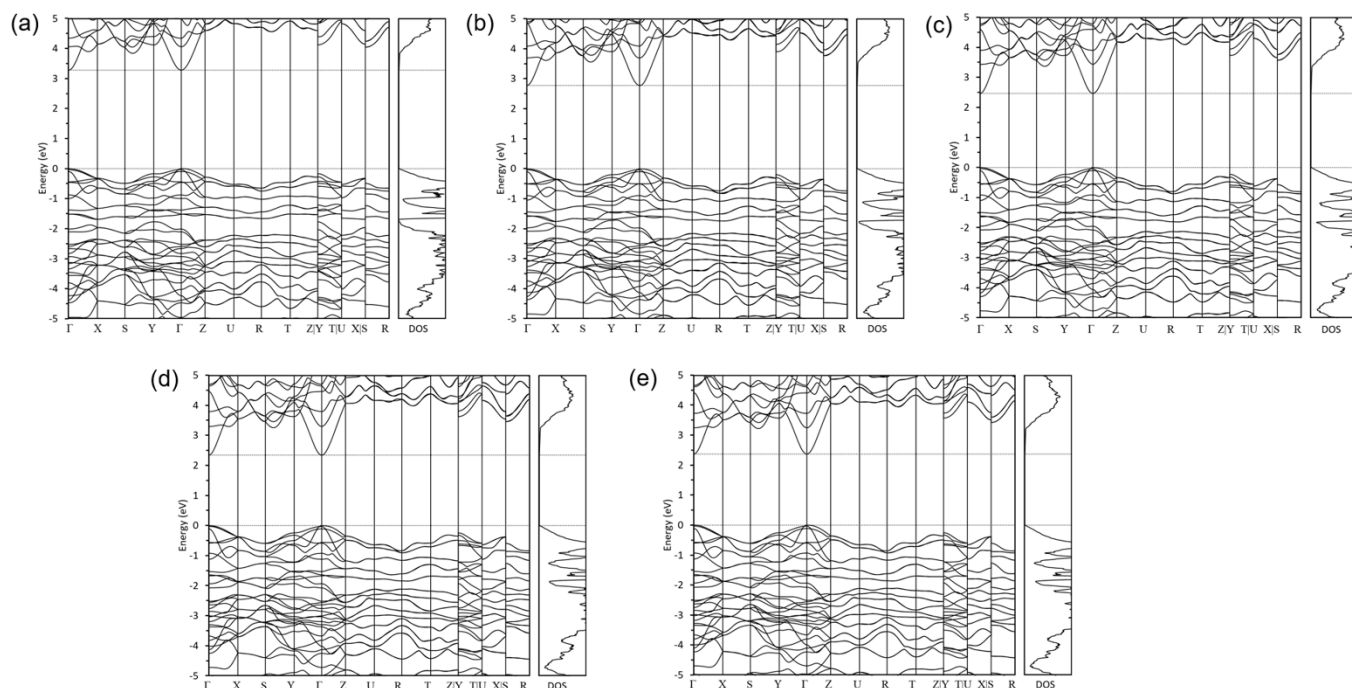


Figure S23. Electronic structures of different $\text{CuZn}_2\text{AlS}_x\text{Se}_{4-x}$ compositions calculated using HSE06 hybrid functionals along with virtual crystal approximation. (a) $\text{CuZn}_2\text{AlS}_4$, (b) $\text{CuZn}_2\text{AlS}_3\text{Se}$, (c) $\text{CuZn}_2\text{AlS}_2\text{Se}_2$, (d) $\text{CuZn}_2\text{AlSSe}_3$, and (e) $\text{CuZn}_2\text{AlSe}_4$.

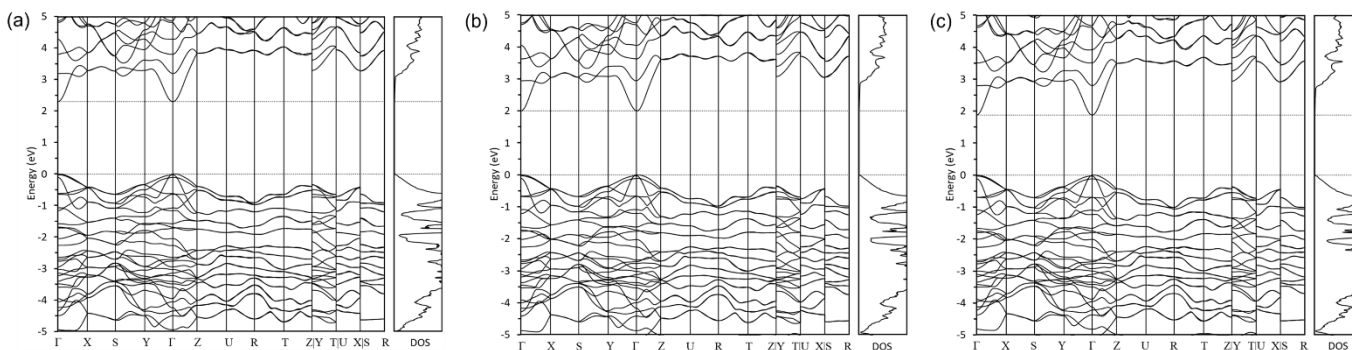


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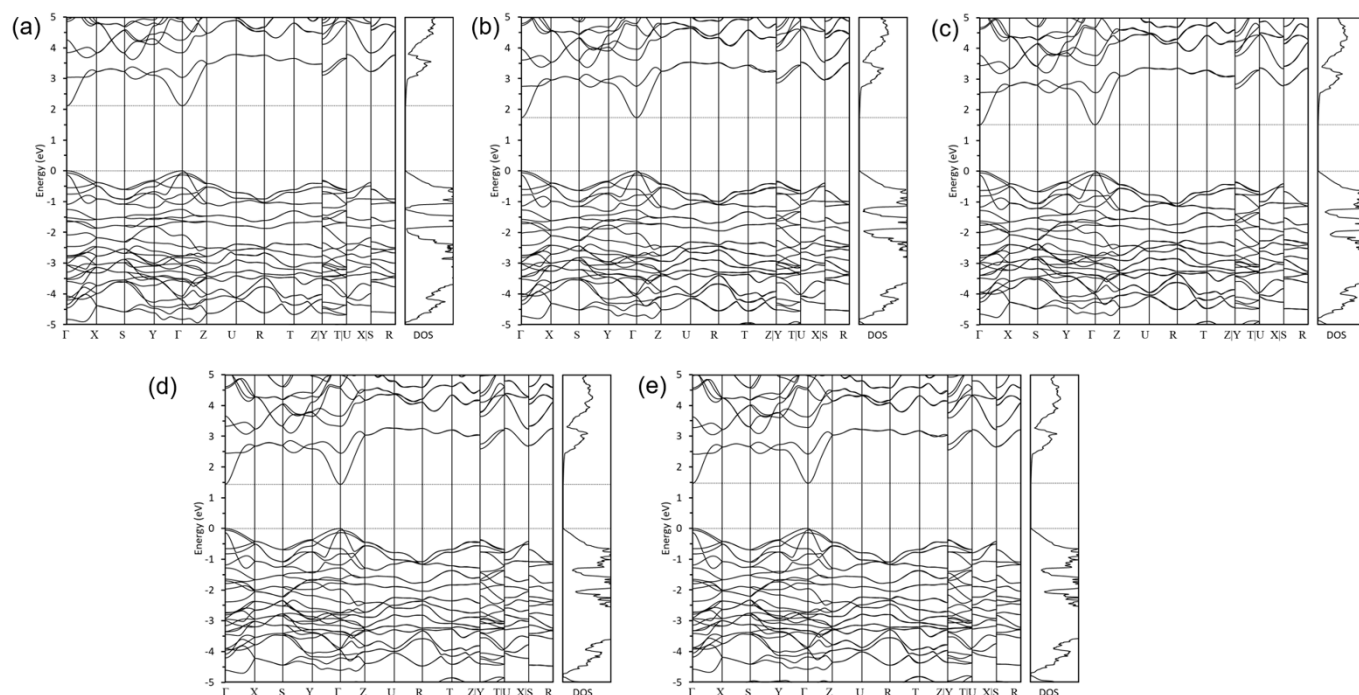


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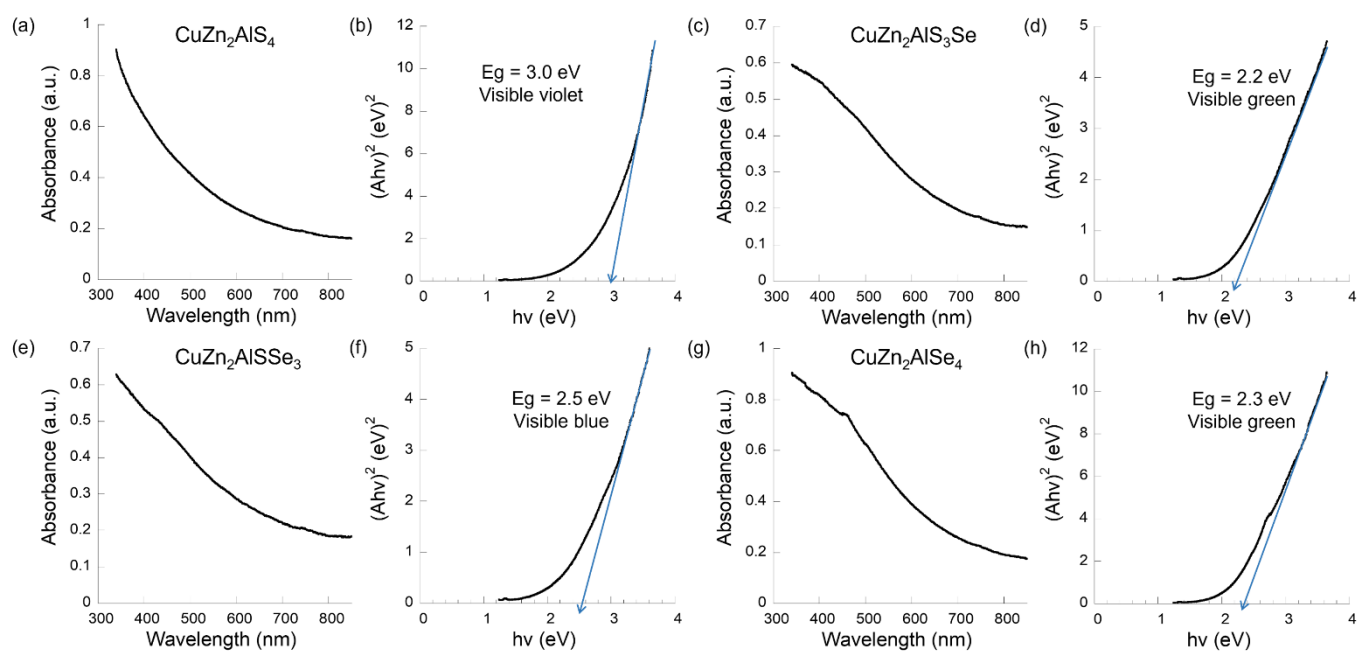


Figure S26. UV-vis and Tauc plots showing experimental bandgaps of $\text{CuZn}_2\text{AlS}_x\text{Se}_{4-x}$ nanocrystals. (a-b) $\text{CuZn}_2\text{AlS}_4$, (c-d) $\text{CuZn}_2\text{AlS}_3\text{Se}$, (e-f) $\text{CuZn}_2\text{AlS}_2\text{Se}_3$, and (g-h) $\text{CuZn}_2\text{AlSe}_4$.

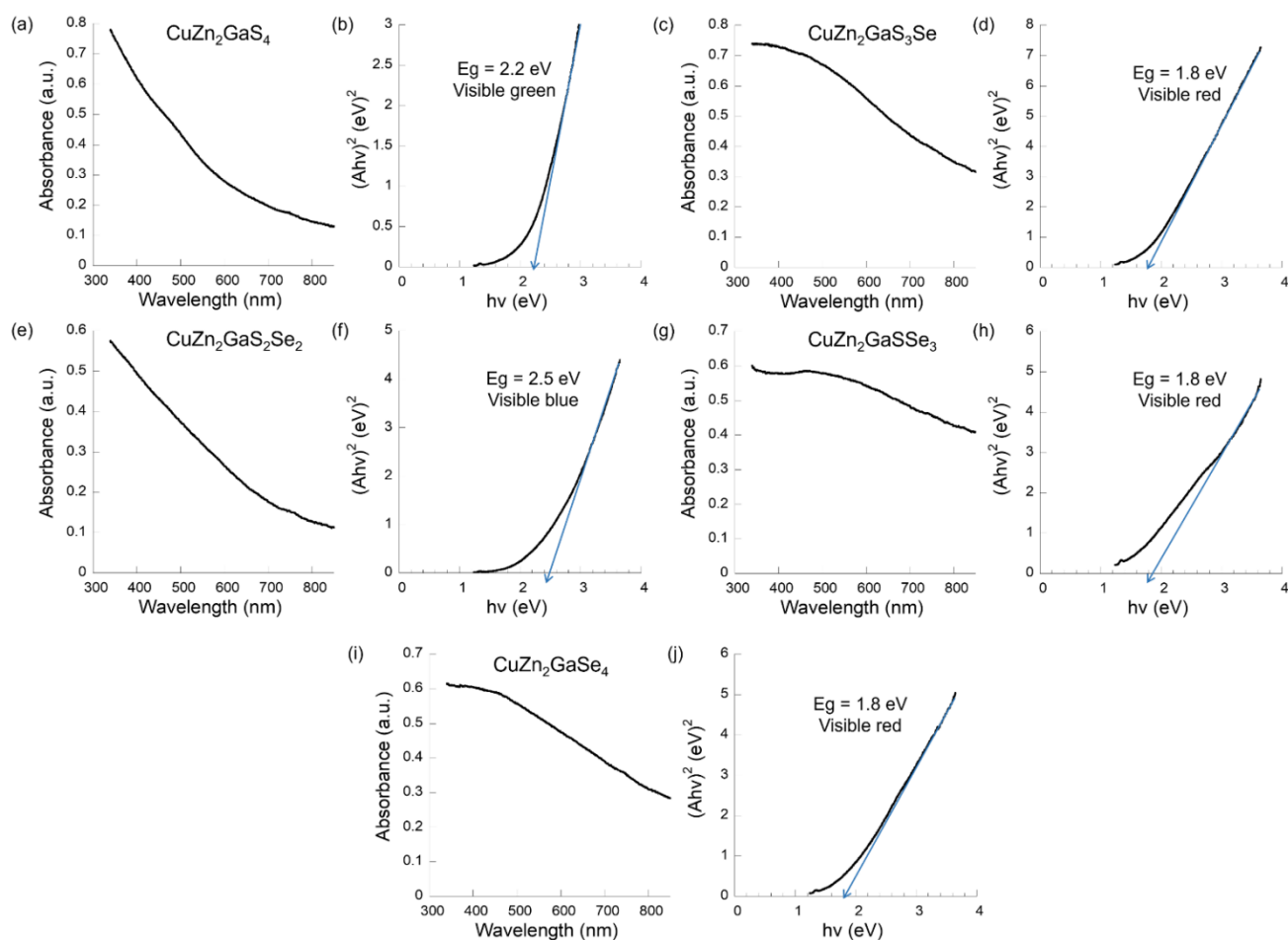


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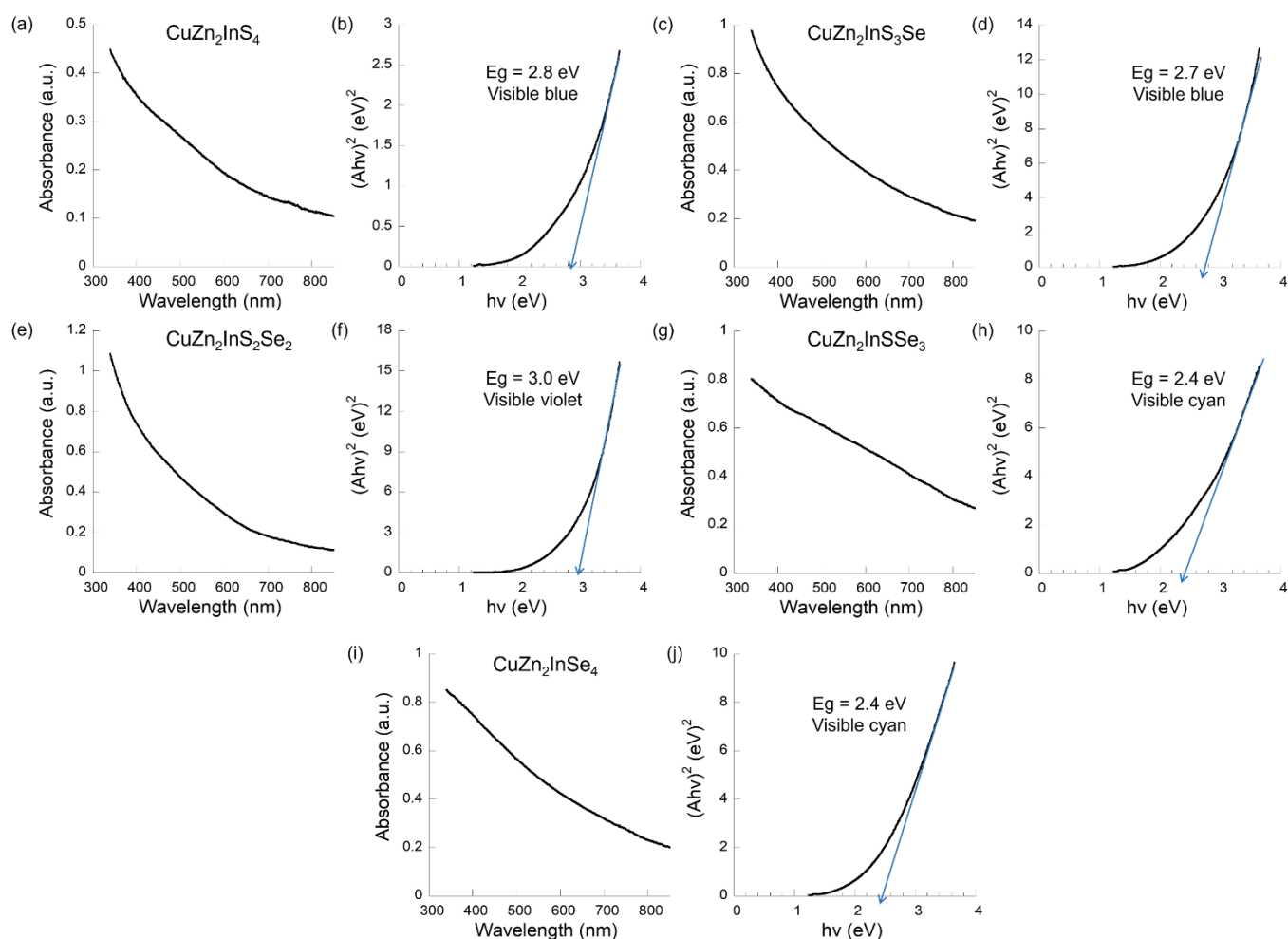


Figure S28. UV-vis and Tauc plots showing experimental bandgaps of $\text{CuZn}_2\text{InS}_x\text{Se}_{4-x}$ nanocrystals. (a-b) $\text{CuZn}_2\text{InS}_4$, (c-d) $\text{CuZn}_2\text{InS}_3\text{Se}$, (e-f) $\text{CuZn}_2\text{InS}_2\text{Se}_2$, (g-h) $\text{CuZn}_2\text{InSSe}_3$, and (i-j) $\text{CuZn}_2\text{InSe}_4$.

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