

# Disclosing the biocide activity of $\alpha$ -Ag<sub>2-2x</sub>Cu<sub>x</sub>WO<sub>4</sub> (0 ≤ x ≤

## 0.16) solid solutions

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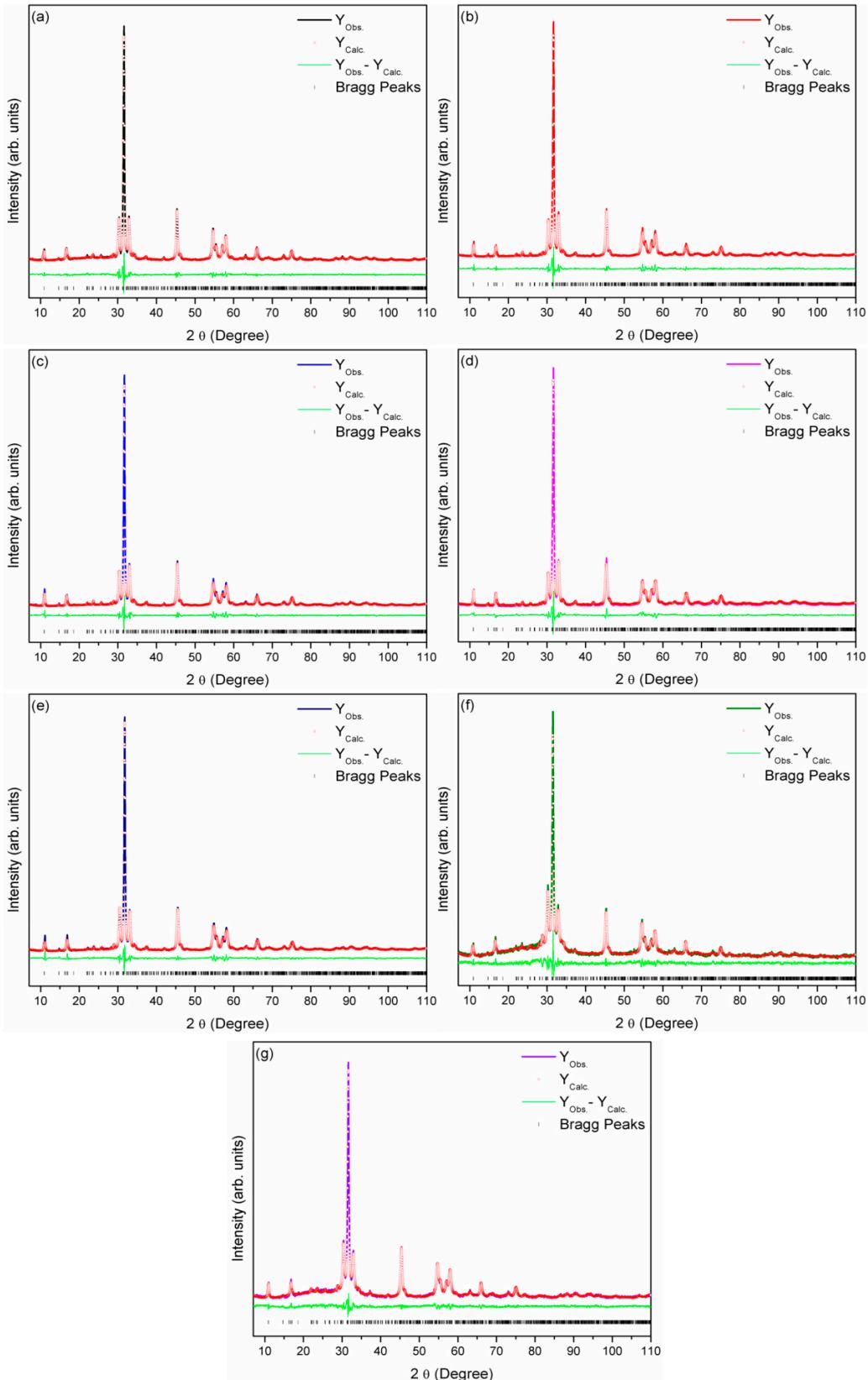
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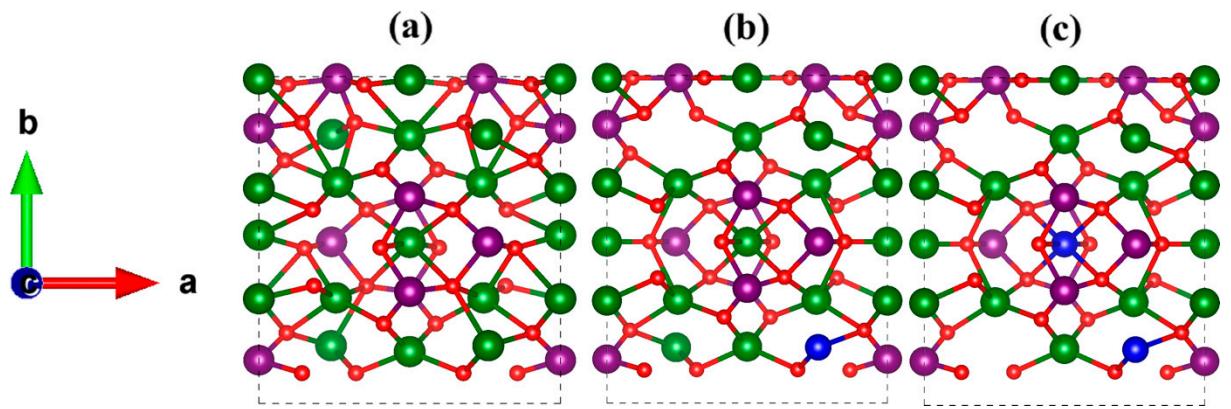
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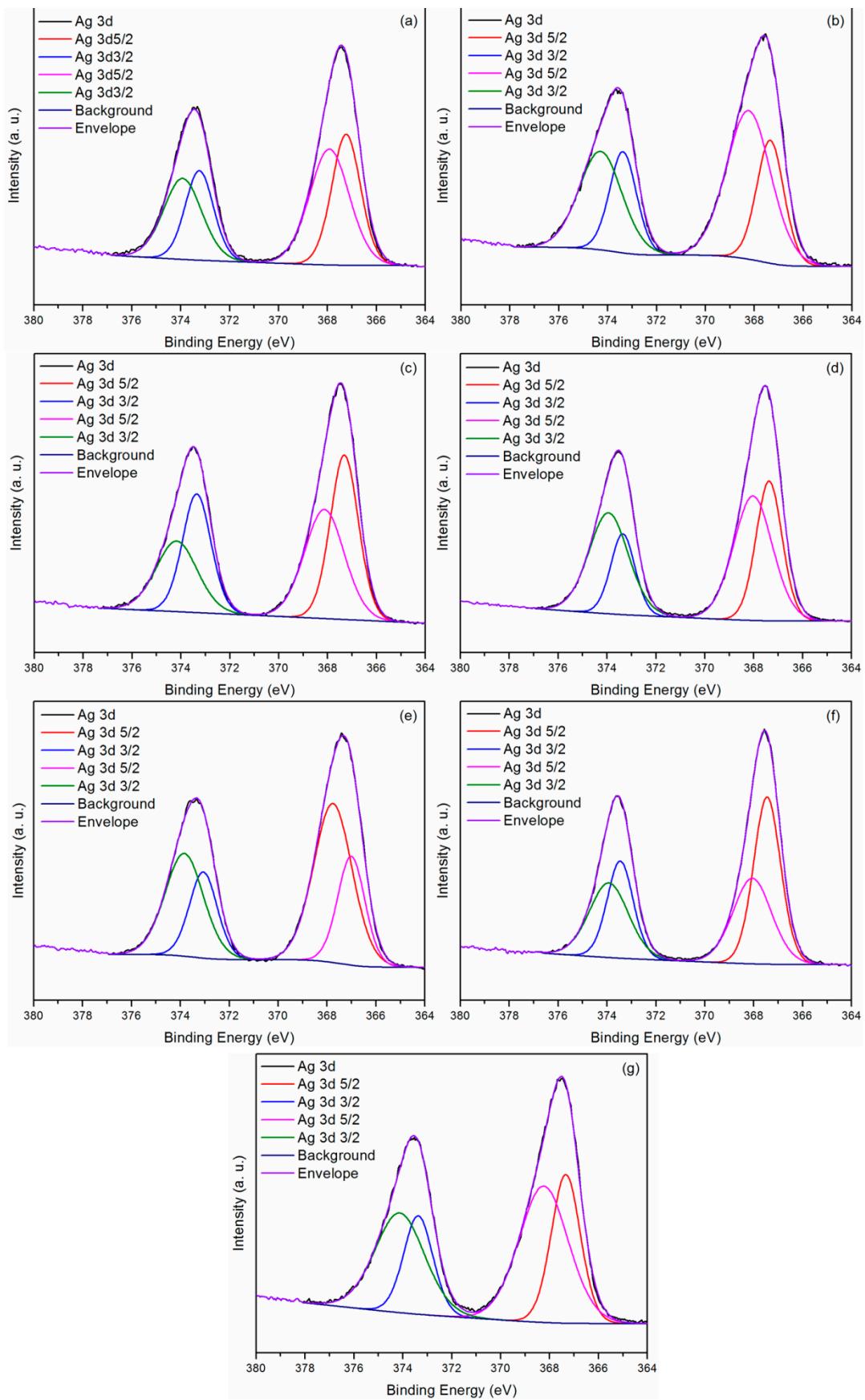
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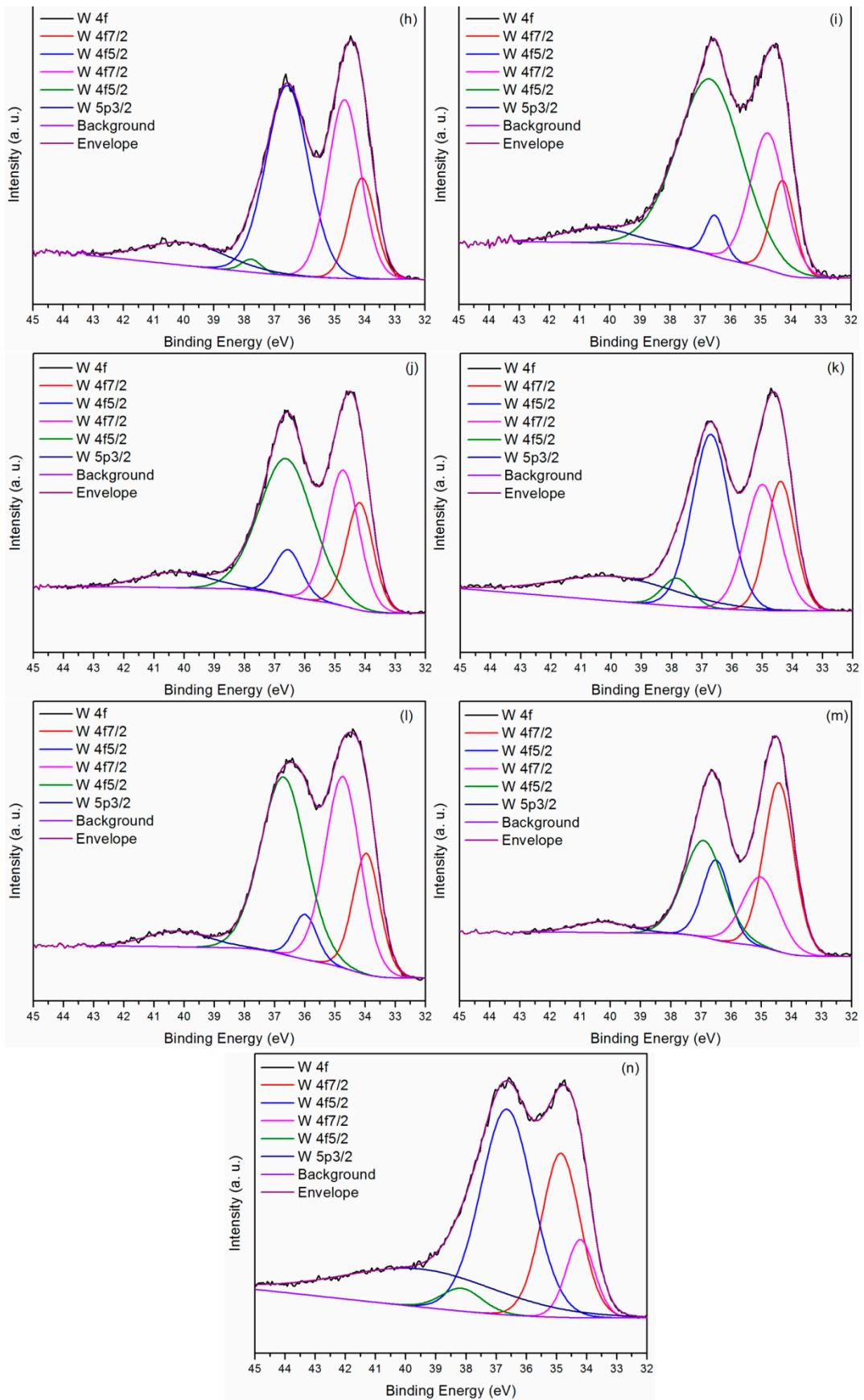
**Figure S1.** Rietveld refinement plot of the  $\alpha\text{-Ag}_{2-x}\text{Cu}_x\text{O}_4$  solid solutions with: (a)  $x = 0.00$ , (b)  $x = 0.005$ , (c)  $x = 0.01$ , (d)  $x = 0.02$ , (e)  $x = 0.04$ , (f)  $x = 0.08$ , and (g)  $x = 0.16$ .



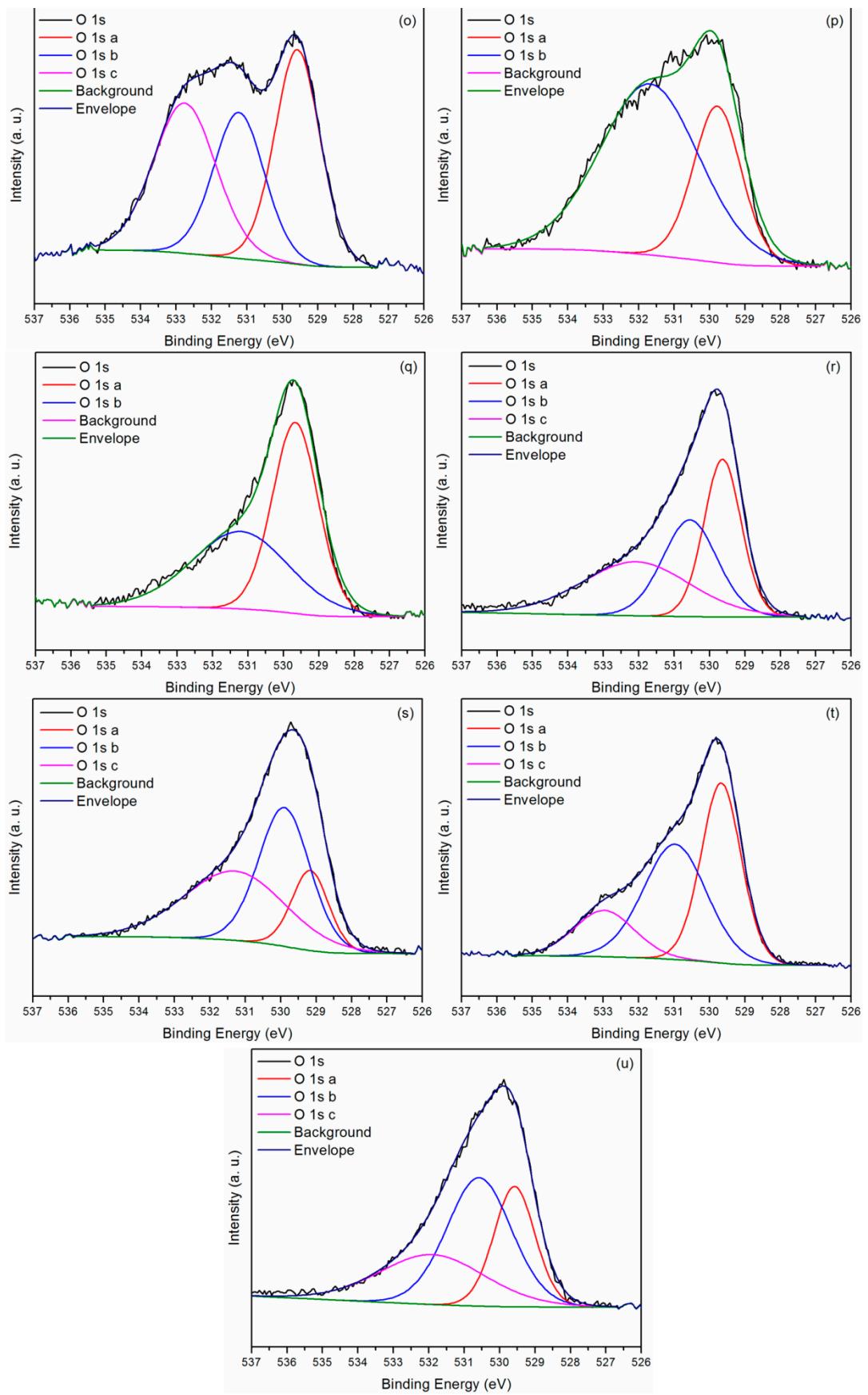
**Figure S2.** Calculated geometries for  $\alpha$ -Ag<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>4</sub> undoped (a), doped by one copper atom (b) and doped by two copper atoms (c). The Cu, Ag, W, and O atoms are represented by blue, green, purple, and red colors, respectively.



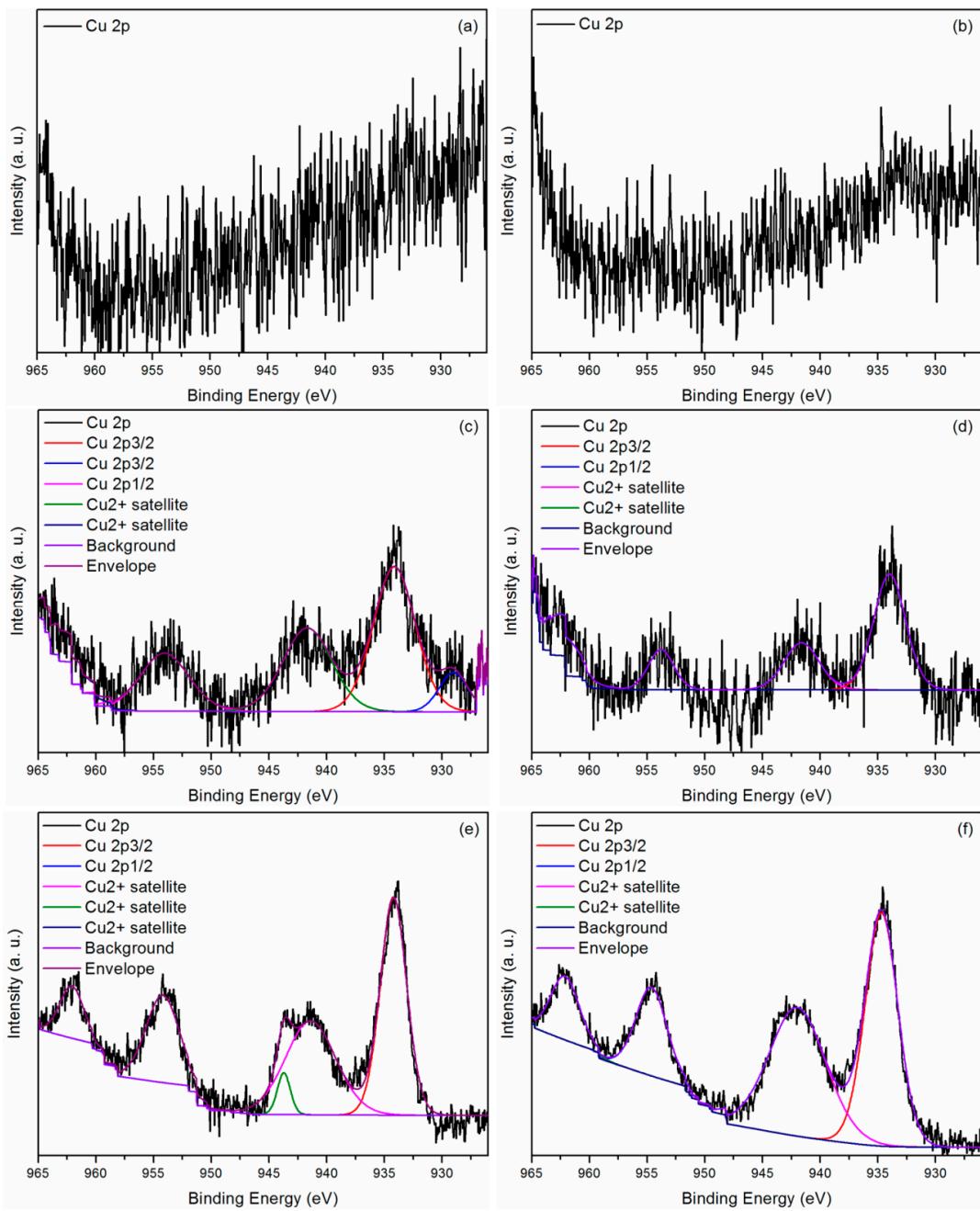
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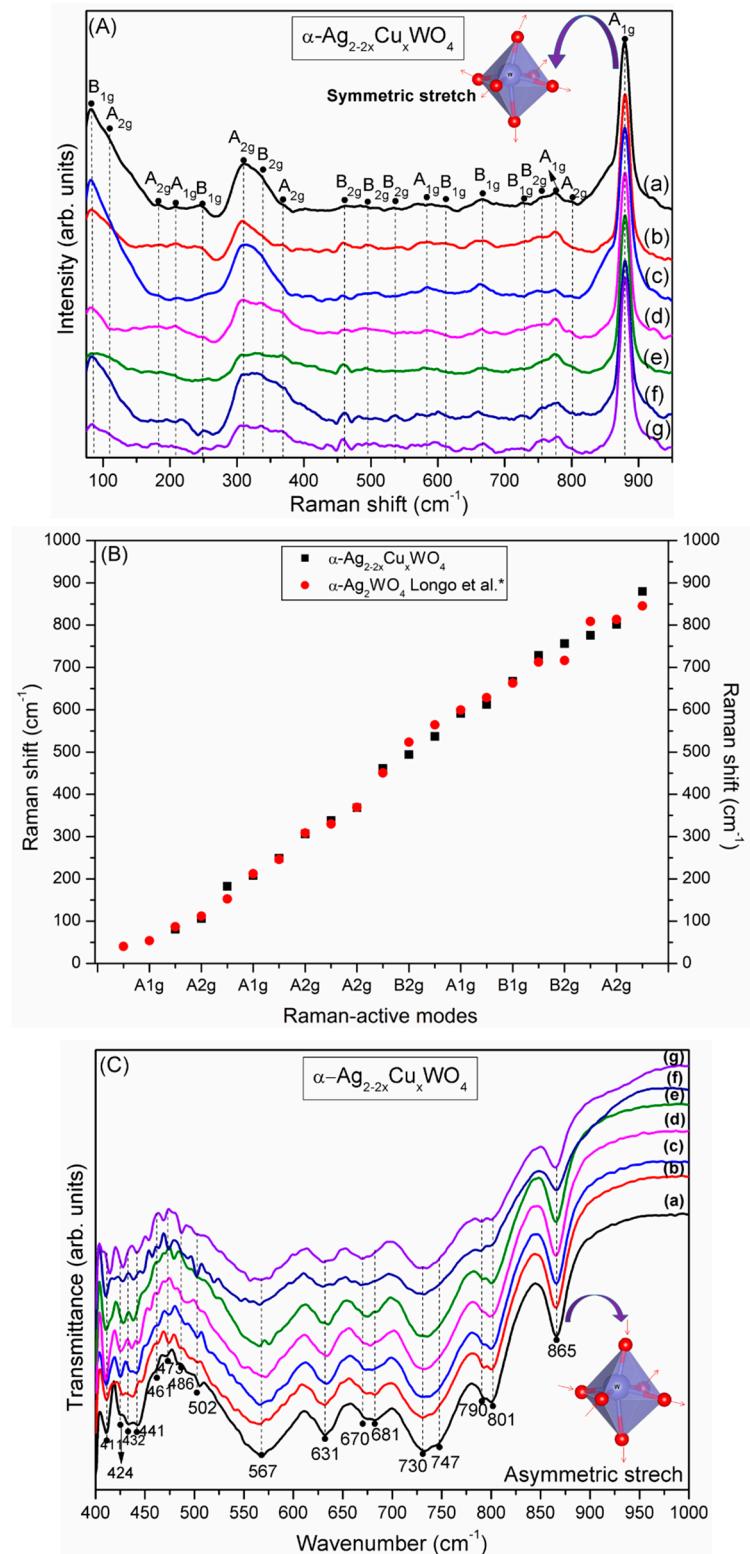
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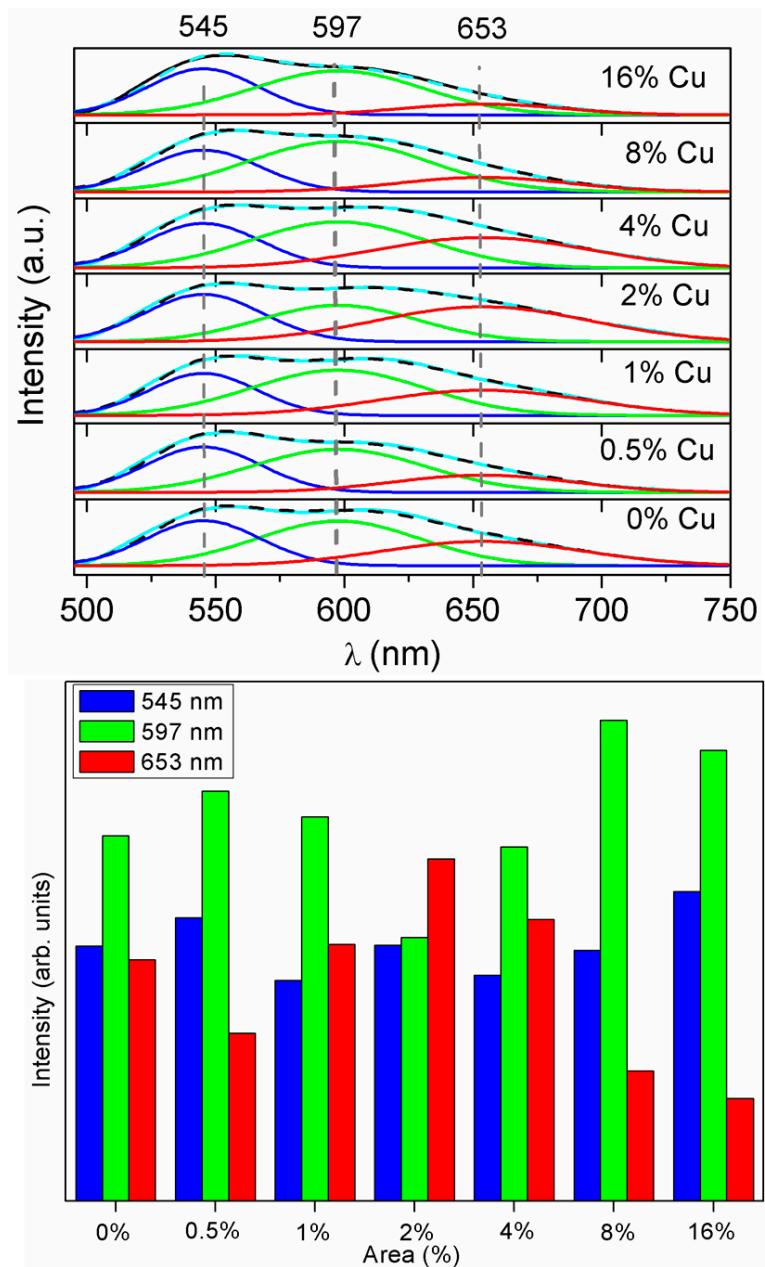
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**Figure S4.** Core level spectrum of Cu-2p of the  $\alpha$ -Ag<sub>2-x</sub>Cu<sub>x</sub>O<sub>4</sub> solid solutions with (a)  $x = 0.005$ ; (b)  $x = 0.01$ ; (c)  $x = 0.02$ ; (d)  $x = 0.04$ ; (e)  $x = 0.08$ ; and (f)  $x = 0.16$ .



**Figure S5. (A and B)** Experimental and theoretical Raman-active modes and **(C)** Experimental ATR-FTIR spectra of  $\alpha\text{-Ag}_{2-2x}\text{Cu}_x\text{WO}_4$  for  $x$ : (a) 0.00, (b) 0.005, (c) 0.01, (d) 0.02, (e) 0.04, (f) 0.08 and (g) 0.16.



**Figure S6.** Deconvolution of PL spectra of  $\alpha\text{-Ag}_{2-2x}\text{Cu}_x\text{O}_4$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 0.16$ ) solid solutions and area percentage of each color component corresponding to the emission peak.

## Tables

**Table S1.** Lattice parameters, unit cell volume and statistical parameters of quality obtained by Rietveld refinements for the  $\alpha\text{-Ag}_{2-2x}\text{Cu}_x\text{WO}_4$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 0.16$ ) solid solutions.

Refined formula $\alpha\text{-Ag}_{2-2x}\text{Cu}_x\text{WO}_4$	Lattice Parameters			Cell volume ( $\text{\AA}^3$ )	R <sub>Bragg</sub> (%)	$\chi^2$ (%)	R <sub>wp</sub> (%)	R <sub>p</sub> (%)
	a ( $\text{\AA}$ )	b ( $\text{\AA}$ )	c ( $\text{\AA}$ )					
$x = 0.00$	10.880(0)	12.027(3)	5.901(2)	772.22(7)	2.06	1.60	8.79	6.98
$x = 0.005$	10.868(1)	12.029(2)	5.902(2)	771.63(2)	1.79	1.74	9.63	7.72
$x = 0.01$	10.863(8)	12.026(5)	5.899(8)	770.84(5)	1.93	1.67	9.31	7.22
$x = 0.02$	10.862(4)	12.025(7)	5.902(2)	771.00(5)	2.25	1.98	10.30	8.10
$x = 0.04$	10.865(1)	12.027(6)	5.897(0)	770.63(6)	2.11	1.66	9.47	7.25
$x = 0.08$	10.853(6)	12.030(0)	5.899(4)	770.29(1)	2.98	1.45	8.12	6.49
$x = 0.16$	10.881(0)	12.027(4)	5.890(8)	770.93(9)	2.50	1.43	7.68	6.01
ICSD N°4165	10.89(2)	12.03(2)	5.92(2)	775.56	-	-	-	-

**Table S2.** Atomic positions of the  $\alpha$ -Ag<sub>2-2x</sub>Cu<sub>x</sub>O<sub>4</sub> solid solutions with  $x = 0.00$  and  $0.005$ .

**Table S3.** Atomic positions of the  $\alpha$ -Ag<sub>2-2x</sub>Cu<sub>x</sub>O<sub>4</sub> solid solutions with  $x = 0.01$  and  $0.02$ .

**Table S4.** Atomic positions of the  $\alpha\text{-Ag}_{2-2x}\text{Cu}_x\text{O}_4$  solid solutions with  $x = 0.04$  and  $0.08$ .

Atoms	$\alpha\text{-Ag}_{2-2x}\text{Cu}_x\text{O}_4$ solid solutions										
	$x = 0.04$			$x = 0.08$						Wyckoff Sites	Occupancy y (%)
	x	y	z	Wyckoff Sites	Occupancy (%)	x	y	z			
W1	0.2577(8)	-0.0019(0)	0.5192(6)	4 c	100	0.2599(0)	-0.0032(9)	0.5274(5)	4 c	100	
W2	0.000	0.8455(9)	0.500	2 b	100	0.000	0.8442(0)	0.500	2 b	100	
W3	0.000	0.1360(9)	0.500	2 b	100	0.000	0.1347(0)	0.500	2 b	100	
Ag1	0.7519(6)	0.1732(0)	0.9917(5)	4 c	100	0.7551(4)	0.1752(5)	0.9922(8)	4 c	84.01	
Ag2	0.2359(6)	0.8197(0)	0.0132(5)	4 c	100	0.2391(4)	0.8217(5)	0.0137(8)	4 c	100	
Ag3	0.000	0.9893(0)	0.000	2 a	100	0.000	0.9913(5)	0.000	2 a	100	
Ag4	0.000	0.6552(0)	0.000	2 a	100	0.000	0.6572(5)	0.000	2 a	100	
Ag5	0.000	0.3169(0)	0.000	2 a	100	0.000	0.3189(5)	0.000	2 a	100	
Ag6	0.000	0.5113(0)	0.500	2 b	100	0.000	0.5133(5)	0.500	2 b	100	
O1	0.3717(7)	0.6016(5)	0.1770(5)	4 c	100	0.3735(3)	0.6031(1)	0.1854(4)	4 c	100	
O2	0.3717(7)	0.3676(5)	0.1700(5)	4 c	100	0.3735(3)	0.3691(1)	0.1784(4)	4 c	100	
O3	0.4227(7)	0.7246(5)	0.7970(5)	4 c	100	0.4245(3)	0.7261(1)	0.8054(4)	4 c	100	
O4	0.4287(7)	0.2526(5)	0.7740(5)	4 c	100	0.4305(3)	0.2541(1)	0.7824(4)	4 c	100	
O5	0.1657(7)	0.4836(5)	0.2640(5)	4 c	100	0.1675(3)	0.4851(1)	0.2724(4)	4 c	100	
O6	0.4177(7)	0.4856(5)	0.8290(5)	4 c	100	0.4195(3)	0.4871(1)	0.8374(4)	4 c	100	
O7	0.1927(7)	0.6016(5)	0.8390(5)	4 c	100	0.1945(3)	0.6031(1)	0.8474(4)	4 c	100	
O8	0.1967(7)	0.3686(5)	0.8820(5)	4 c	100	0.1985(3)	0.3701(1)	0.8904(4)	4 c	100	
Cu1	-	-	-	-	-	0.7509(0)	0.1711(0)	0.9877(0)	4 c	8.0	
Cu2	-	-	-	-	-	0.2349(0)	0.8176(0)	0.0092(0)	4 c	0.0	
Cu3	-	-	-	-	-	0.000	0.9872(0)	0.000	2 a	0.0	
Cu4	-	-	-	-	-	0.000	0.6531(0)	0.000	2 a	0.0	
Cu5	-	-	-	-	-	0.000	0.3148(0)	0.000	2 a	0.0	
Cu6	-	-	-	-	-	0.000	0.5092(0)	0.500	2 b	0.0	

**Table S5.** Atomic positions of the  $\alpha\text{-Ag}_{2-2x}\text{Cu}_x\text{O}_4$  solid solutions with  $x = 0.16$ .

Atoms	$\alpha\text{-Ag}_{2-2x}\text{Cu}_x\text{WO}_4$ solid solutions				
	$x = 0.16$		Wyckoff Sites	Occupancy (%)	
x	y	z			
W1	0.2593(2)	-0.0045(2)	0.5202(5)	4 c	100
W2	0.000	0.8429(7)	0.500	2 b	100
W3	0.000	0.1334(7)	0.500	2 b	100
Ag1	0.7542(9)	0.1760(1)	0.9926(1)	4 c	73.82
Ag2	0.2382(9)	0.8225(1)	0.0141(1)	4 c	100
Ag3	0.000	0.9921(1)	0.000	2 a	94.24
Ag4	0.000	0.6580(1)	0.000	2 a	100
Ag5	0.000	0.3197(1)	0.000	2 a	100
Ag6	0.000	0.5141(1)	0.500	2 b	100
O1	0.3704(8)	0.5952(7)	0.1856(0)	4 c	100
O2	0.3704(8)	0.3612(7)	0.1786(0)	4 c	100
O3	0.4214(8)	0.7182(7)	0.8056(0)	4 c	100
O4	0.4274(8)	0.2462(7)	0.7826(0)	4 c	100
O5	0.1644(8)	0.4772(7)	0.2726(0)	4 c	100
O6	0.4164(8)	0.4792(7)	0.8376(0)	4 c	100
O7	0.1914(8)	0.5952(7)	0.8476(0)	4 c	100
O8	0.1954(8)	0.3622(7)	0.8906(0)	4 c	100
Cu1	0.7509(0)	0.1711(0)	0.9877(0)	4 c	13.09
Cu2	0.2349(0)	0.8176(0)	0.0092(0)	4 c	0.0
Cu3	0.000	0.9872(0)	0.000	2 a	2.88
Cu4	0.000	0.6531(0)	0.000	2 a	0.0
Cu5	0.000	0.3148(0)	0.000	2 a	0.0
Cu6	0.000	0.5092(0)	0.500	2 b	0.0

**Table S6.** Values of peaks ratios in At% between C, Ag, W, O, and Cu for typical XPS survey spectra of  $\alpha\text{-Ag}_{2-2x}\text{Cu}_x\text{WO}_4$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 0.16$ ) solid solutions.

<b><math>\alpha\text{-Ag}_{2-2x}\text{Cu}_x\text{WO}_4</math> solid solutions</b>	<b>C-1s</b>	<b>Ag-3d</b>	<b>W-4d</b>	<b>O-1s</b>	<b>Cu-2p</b>
$x = 0.00$	67.46	7.35	1.23	23.95	-
$x = 0.005$	63.41	7.42	1.89	27.28	-
$x = 0.01$	49.83	13.21	3.87	33.09	-
$x = 0.02$	56.75	9.73	3.56	29.42	0.55
$x = 0.04$	48.93	15.46	3.12	31.95	0.54
$x = 0.08$	58.09	6.88	4.57	30.16	0.30
$x = 0.16$	60.69	5.01	2.56	31.55	0.20

**Table S7.** FWHM values, intensities, and positions of the Raman peaks of  $\alpha\text{-Ag}_{2-2x}\text{Cu}_x\text{WO}_4$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 0.16$ ) solid solutions.

<b><math>\alpha\text{-Ag}_{2-2x}\text{Cu}_x\text{WO}_4</math> solid solutions</b>	<b>FWHM</b>	<b>Intensities</b>	<b>Positions <math>2\theta</math> (°)</b>
$x = 0.00$	19.148	0.850	879.60
$x = 0.005$	16.598	0.891	879.65
$x = 0.01$	21.844	0.863	878.82
$x = 0.02$	16.687	0.902	879.41
$x = 0.04$	16.911	0.875	879.68
$x = 0.08$	18.171	0.840	879.76
$x = 0.16$	17.791	0.939	880.01