Brief information about the project

Name of the project	AP19576851 «Synthesis of multi element sulfide standards
	for LA-ICP-MS analysis»
Relevance	Isotopic and elemental mapping of industrial and natural samples using laser ablation (LA) significantly expands the application of inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS), allowing you to clearly visualize spatial relationships and variations at the scale of the laser beam diameter (typically 10-100 μ m). A feature of the method is the destruction of the sample and reference standard at the site of analysis, which implies the need for reference samples with a homogeneous distribution of impurities for regular replacement. Considering the importance of sulfides in the accumulation of industrially important trace elements, as well as, for the geochemical interpretation of geological processes, finding ways to reproducibly prepare sulfide standards for LA-ICP-MS remains an important topical task
Purpose	Development of scientific and methodological bases for
T urpose	obtaining sulfide phases with a homogeneous distribution of impurities on a scale of 10-50 microns for use as an external standard for the LA-ICP-MS method
Objectives	1. Synthesis of matrices in the (Fe,Cu)-S system, selection of natural samples from ore concentrates, preparation of a sample of microimpurities.
	2. Mechanical homogenization in a ball mill of the matrix material and sample of microimpurities in concentrations of 20 and 200 ppm.
	3. Characterization of the phase and chemical composition of the matrix before and after homogenization.
	4. Pressing and annealing tablets at different temperatures.
	5. Preparation of polished sections.
	6. Study of the distribution of microimpurities in prepared samples by LA-ICP-MS.
Expected and achieved results	1) Samples of experimental sulfide standards (~20 pcs) with microimpurities (25 elements, including noble metals) will be made.
	2) Experimental information will be obtained on the distribution of microimpurities in samples by the LA-ICP-MS method at various laser beam diameters.
	3) Recommendations will be formulated on the procedure for the reproducible synthesis of the sulfide standard, ensuring the most uniform distribution of trace impurities.
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