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1 | **Te-rich raspite, $\text{Pb}(\text{W}_{0.56}\text{Te}_{0.44})\text{O}_4$, from Tombstone, Arizona, USA:**
2 | **the first natural example of Te^{6+} substitution for W^{6+}**

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13 | **Abstract**

14 | Te-rich raspite, $\text{Pb}(\text{W}_{0.56}\text{Te}_{0.44})\text{O}_4$, from the Grand Central mine, Tombstone,
15 | Arizona, USA was studied with single-crystal X-ray diffraction, Raman spectroscopy, and
16 | electron microprobe analysis. The mineral represents the first natural example of Te^{6+}
17 | substitution for W^{6+} . It displays monoclinic symmetry with space group $P2_1/a$ and unit cell
18 | parameters $a = 13.621(3)$, $b = 5.019(1)$, $c = 5.586(1)$ Å, $\beta = 107.979(5)^\circ$, and $V = 363.2(2)$
19 | Å³. Its structure consists of distorted MO_6 ($M = \text{W} + \text{Te}$) octahedra sharing edges to form
20 | zigzag chains running parallel to [010]. These octahedral chains are linked together by
21 | seven coordinated Pb^{2+} cations. In addition, a refinement of the regular raspite structure
22 | with measured chemistry $\text{Pb}_{1.00}\text{W}_{1.00}\text{O}_4$, $P2_1/a$ symmetry and unit cell parameters $a =$
23 | $13.5773(8)$, $b = 4.9806(3)$, $c = 5.5670(3)$ Å, $\beta = 107.658(3)^\circ$, and $V = 358.72(4)$ Å³ is
24 | presented. Compared to regular raspite (PbWO_4), the partial substitution of the small
25 | radius Te^{6+} for larger W^{6+} results in a decrease in the MO_6 octahedral distortion, with a
26 | concomitant increase in the MO_6 octahedral volume and the average Pb-O bond length. In
27 | addition, as should be expected for mixed occupancy compounds, most Raman bands for
28 | the mixed Te-rich raspite are broader than the corresponding ones for the end-member
29 | regular raspite. High-temperature annealing experiments reveal that Te-rich raspite
30 | transforms irreversibly to the stolzite structure at $590(10)$ °C, which is considerably higher
31 | than the reported transformation temperature of $395(5)$ °C for regular raspite.

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33 **Keywords:** Te-rich raspite, lead tungstate, stolzite, crystal structure, X-ray diffraction,
34 Raman spectra, phase transformation

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Introduction

37 Naturally occurring lead tungstate (PbWO_4), has been reported to crystallize as the
38 high-temperature tetragonal $I4_1/a$ stolzite (Plakhov et al. 1970) or the low-temperature
39 monoclinic $P2_1/a$ raspite (Fujita et al. 1977). These phases are useful as scintillators
40 compounds and possesses many unique physical properties, such as high density, short
41 radiation length, short decay constant, and rather high radiation hardness (e.g., Arora and
42 Chudasama 2007; Yeom and Lim 2012). They have been used as laser host materials
43 (Chen et al. 2001), scintillators in high-energy physics detectors (Kobayashi et al. 1998;
44 Annenkov et al. 2002), and an oxide ion conductor (Takai et al. 1999). Furthermore,
45 considerable efforts have been devoted to synthesize nanobelt or bamboo-leaf-like raspite
46 to understand its luminescence properties (George et al. 2008; Zheng et al., 2010).

47 Relative to the tetragonal stolzite, the low-temperature monoclinic raspite is rather
48 rare in nature and transforms irreversibly to stolzite between 400 and 450 °C (Shaw and
49 Claringbull 1955; Bastians et al. 2004). In addition, a third monoclinic ($P2_1/n$) phase,
50 PbWO_4 -III, can be synthesized by quench from high-pressure and high-temperature
51 conditions (Richter et al. 1976). Raspite was originally described by Hlawatsch (1897)
52 from Broken Hill, New South Wales, Australia. Shaw and Claringbull (1955) conducted
53 the first X-ray structural analysis on this mineral, but only located the positions of Pb^{2+} and
54 W^{6+} . A detailed structural model of raspite was reported by Fujita et al. (1977) without
55 anisotropic displacement parameters for O atoms ($R = 0.080$). This paper reports the
56 structure determinations of a Te-rich raspite, $\text{Pb}(\text{W}_{0.56}\text{Te}_{0.44})\text{O}_4$, and a regular raspite of
57 ideal composition PbWO_4 , from single-crystal X-ray diffraction experiments along with
58 Raman spectra measured before and after heat-treatments, revealing that the substitution of
59 Te^{6+} for W^{6+} can appreciably expand the phase stability field of raspite as a function of
60 temperature.

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Experimental Procedures

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63 The Te-rich raspite specimen used in this study is from the Grand Central mine,
64 Tombstone, Arizona, USA, and is in the collection of the RRUFF Project
65 (<http://rruff.info/R130514>). The crystals are pale yellow-to-colorless, elongated, and
66 prismatic-to-tabular. They are associated with chlorargyrite, emmonsite, ottoite, quartz,
67 and jarosite. The regular raspite specimen is from Broken Hill, New South Wales,
68 Australia (<http://rruff.info/R050567>) and the crystals display similar morphology to the Te-
69 rich raspite. The chemical compositions of the two samples were analyzed using a Cameca
70 SX100 electron microprobe at 20 kV and 20 nA with a beam size of < 1 μm . The
71 following standards were used: NBS K458 glass (Pb), scheelite (W), zinc telluride (Te)
72 and anorthite (Al). The average compositions (wt.%) (9 analysis points for both samples)
73 are PbO 50.79(51), WO_3 30.93(1.55), TeO_3 18.26(1.75), and Al_2O_3 0.12(4) for Te-rich
74 raspite, and PbO 48.85(28) and WO_3 50.93(32) for regular raspite. The resultant empirical
75 formulas are $\text{Pb}_{0.96}(\text{W}_{0.57}\text{Te}_{0.44}\text{Al}_{0.01})_{1.02}\text{O}_4$ and $\text{Pb}_{1.00}\text{W}_{1.00}\text{O}_4$ for Te-rich and regular raspite,
76 respectively.

77 Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data for Te-rich and regular raspite were collected
78 from nearly equi-dimensional crystals on a Bruker X8 APEX2 CCD X-ray diffractometer
79 equipped with graphite-monochromatized $\text{MoK}\alpha$ radiation. Reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ were
80 indexed based on a monoclinic unit cell (Table 1). No satellite or super-lattice reflections
81 were observed. The intensity data were corrected for X-ray absorption using the Bruker
82 program SADABS. The systematic absence of reflections suggest the unique space group
83 $P2_1/a$. The crystal structure was solved and refined using SHELX97 (Sheldrick 2008). The
84 positions of all atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. For
85 simplicity, during the Te-raspite structure refinements, the Pb site was assumed to be fully
86 occupied by Pb and the M (= W + Te) site by (0.56 W + 0.44 Te). The Pb site occupancy
87 was also varied during the refinement, which produced a refined occupancy of 1.01. A full
88 Pb occupancy model was thus adopted. For the regular raspite, the structure refinement
89 indicated the ideal formula PbWO_4 . Final atomic coordinates and displacement parameters
90 are listed in Table 2, and selected bond lengths and angles in Table 3.

91 The Raman spectra of Te-rich and regular raspite were recorded on randomly
92 oriented crystals on a Thermo Almega microRaman system, using a solid-state laser with a

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93 frequency of 532 nm and a thermoelectrically cooled CCD detector. The laser is partially
94 polarized with 4 cm^{-1} resolution and a spot size of $1\ \mu\text{m}$.

95 To better understand the effect of the Te^{6+} substitution for W^{6+} on the raspite-to-
96 stolzite transformation, we also carried out high-temperature annealing experiments on
97 both Te-rich and regular raspite. The two samples were heated at a series of increasing
98 temperatures from 390 to 600 °C in air in 10 or 20 °C steps for 24 h duration at each
99 temperature. Both samples were examined by Raman spectroscopy at each step after
100 cooling to bracket the temperature ranges for the phase transformation.

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102 Results and Discussion

103 *Crystal Structure*

104 The crystal structure of Te-rich raspite is characterized by distorted MO_6 ($M = \text{W} +$
105 Te) octahedra sharing edges to form zigzag chains parallel to [010]. These octahedral
106 chains are interlinked by Pb atoms coordinated to seven O atoms (Fig. 1, Table 3).
107 Compared to the MO_6 octahedron in regular raspite, that in Te-rich raspite is noticeably
108 less distorted, as measured by the octahedral angle variance (OAV) and quadratic
109 elongation (OQE) indices (Robinson et al. 1971), 85 and 1.029, respectively, for the MO_6
110 octahedron in Te-rich raspite and 104 and 1.038 for that in regular raspite (Table 3). The
111 greater distortion of the MO_6 octahedron in regular raspite stems primarily from the so-
112 called second order Jahn-Teller (SOJT) effect of W^{6+} , owing to its empty d -shell (e.g., Ra
113 et al. 2003; Lufaso and Woodward 2004). In contrast, Te^{6+} has a full d -shell, which
114 suppresses part of the SOJT distortions.

115 The partial substitution of smaller Te^{6+} ($r = 0.56\ \text{\AA}$) for larger W^{6+} ($r = 0.60\ \text{\AA}$)
116 (Shannon 1976) results in little change in the average M -O bond distance, but a significant
117 increase in the average Pb-O bond length from $2.610\ \text{\AA}$ in regular raspite to $2.635\ \text{\AA}$ in Te-
118 rich raspite (Table 3). Nevertheless, due to less distortion, the volume of the MO_6
119 octahedron in Te-rich raspite ($9.472\ \text{\AA}^3$) is larger than that in regular raspite ($9.426\ \text{\AA}^3$)
120 (Table 3). Thus, it appears that the Te^{6+} substitution for W^{6+} in raspite reduces its structural
121 packing efficiency, making the unit-cell parameters of Te-rich raspite greater than those of
122 regular raspite (Table 1). Similar results have been observed for the $\text{LaNi}_{0.8}\text{M}_{0.2}\text{O}_3$ solid

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123 solution ($M = \text{Mo}^{6+}, \text{Te}^{6+}, \text{W}^{6+}$), in which the unit-cell volume of the Te-bearing phase is
124 larger than that of the W-bearing phase (Alvarez et al. 1995, 1997).

125 From the crystal-chemical point of view, because six-coordinated W^{6+} , Mo^{6+} , and
126 Te^{6+} have similar ionic radii, 0.60, 0.59, and 0.56 Å (Shannon 1976), respectively, one
127 may expect extensive solid solutions among them. This is indeed the case for some
128 synthetic compounds, such as $\text{LaNi}_{0.8}\text{M}_{0.2}\text{O}_3$ ($M = \text{Mo}^{6+}, \text{Te}^{6+}, \text{W}^{6+}$) (Alvarez et al. 1995,
129 1997), $\text{Pb}_2\text{Mg}(\text{W}_{1-x}\text{Te}_x)\text{O}_6$ (Rivezzi and Sciau 1998), $\text{LiY}(\text{W}_{1-x}\text{Te}_x)\text{O}_8$ (Wang et al. 2010),
130 and a variety of Mo-Te mixed oxides used as catalysts in the gas phase selective oxidation
131 of hydrocarbons (e.g., López Nieto et al. 2003; Holmberg et al. 2007; Botella et al. 2009).
132 However, there has been no report thus far for the significant substitution of Te^{6+} for W^{6+}
133 or Mo^{6+} in minerals, despite the common substitution between W^{6+} and Mo^{6+} , as in the
134 scheelite group of minerals (Tyson et al. 1988, Zhang et al. 1998) and in stolzite from
135 France (Chiappero et al. 2011). Therefore, our Te-rich raspite represents the first natural
136 example of Te^{6+} substituting for W^{6+} .

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138 *Raman Spectra*

139 Both raspite and stolzite have been previously investigated with Raman
140 spectroscopy (Frost et al. 2004, Bastians et al. 2004; Yang and Huang 2012). Detailed
141 assignments of major Raman bands for raspite have been proposed by Bastians et al.
142 (2004). Figure 2 shows the Raman spectra of Te-rich and regular raspite. Evidently, the
143 two spectra are analogous, but some differences between them are discernible. Specifically,
144 as a consequence of the partial Te^{6+} substitution for W^{6+} (Te-W disordering) in the
145 octahedral site, most Raman bands for Te-rich raspite are considerably broader than the
146 corresponding ones for regular raspite. In particular, between 840 and 920 cm^{-1} , there is
147 only one strong, sharp band at 870 cm^{-1} for regular raspite, which is ascribable to the W-O
148 symmetrical stretching vibrations within the WO_6 octahedron (Bastians et al. 2004; Yang
149 and Huang 2012). In contrast, there are two strong overlapped bands in the same region for
150 Te-rich raspite, the major one at 881 cm^{-1} and the shoulder at 871 cm^{-1} (Fig. 2), which may
151 be assigned to the Te-O and W-O symmetrical stretching vibrations within the MO_6
152 octahedron, respectively, as the Te-O bond is shorter and stronger with more covalent
153 nature than the W-O bond (Wang et al. 2010). The bands between 620 and 750 cm^{-1} for the

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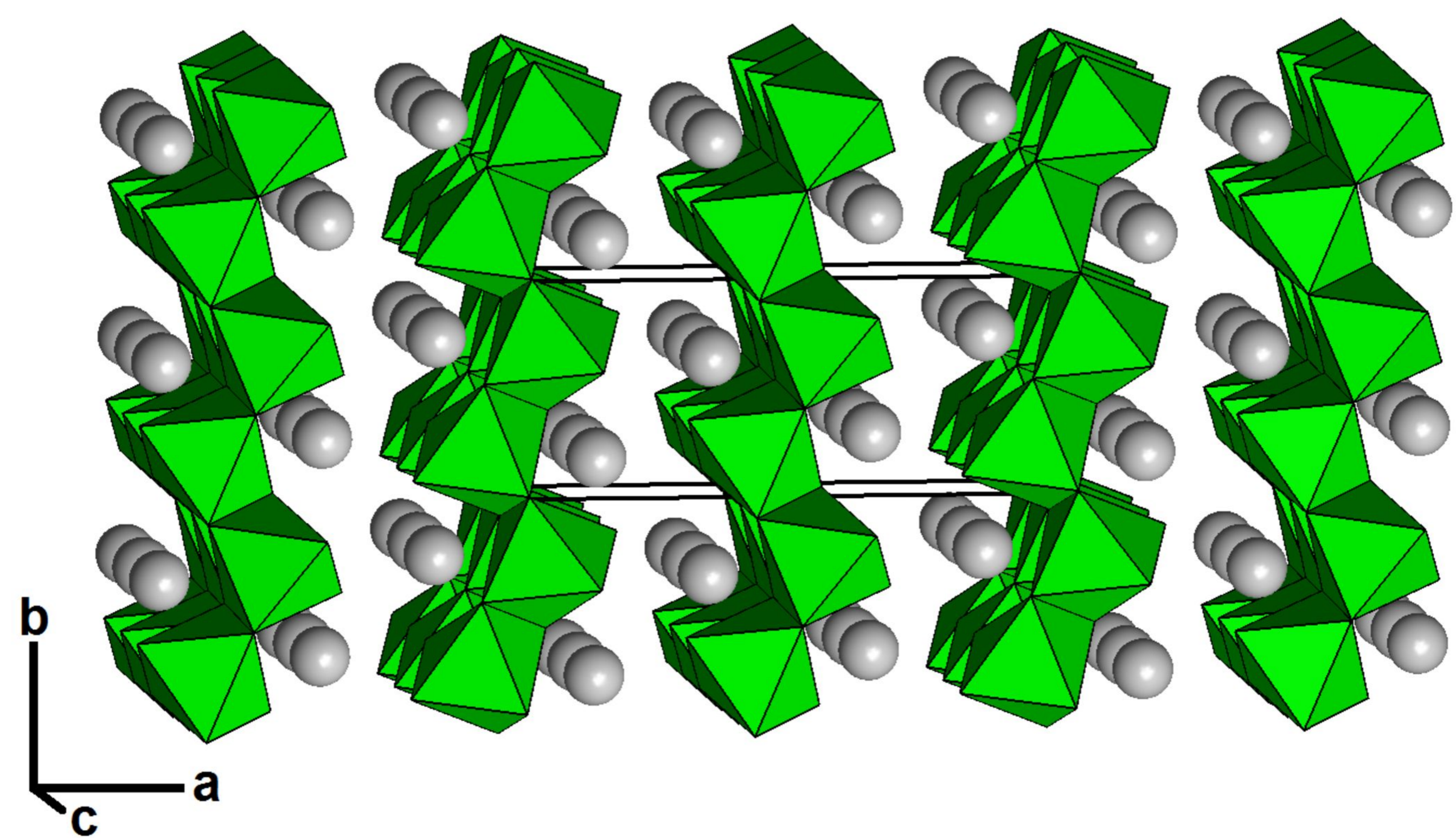
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264 Figure 1. Crystal structure of Te-rich raspite. The octahedra and spheres represent the MO_6 ($M = W + Te$) groups and Pb atoms,
265 respectively.
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267 Figure 2. Raman spectra of Te-rich and regular raspites at room temperature. The spectra are shown with vertical offset for more
268 clarity.
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270 Figure 3. Raman spectra of regular and Te-rich raspites annealed at different temperatures. The Raman spectrum of stolzite was taken
271 from the RRUFF Project (<http://rruff.info/R050568>) for comparison. The spectra are shown with vertical offset for more clarity.
272 Annealing temperatures are indicated on the left.
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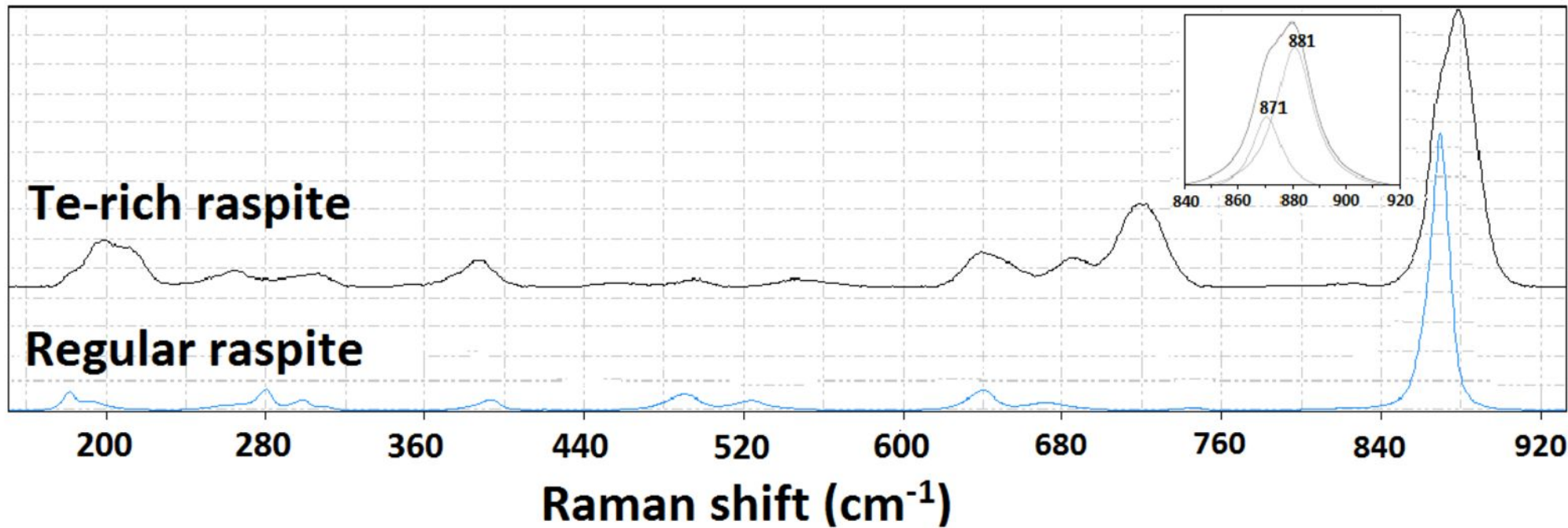
294 **Table 1.** Crystallographic data and refinement results for Te-rich and regular raspites

	Te-rich raspite	Regular raspite
Chemical formula	Pb(W _{0.56} Te _{0.44})O ₄	PbWO ₄
Crystal size (mm)	0.05 × 0.04 × 0.04	0.05 × 0.05 × 0.04
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>a</i> (No. 14)	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>a</i> (No. 14)
<i>a</i> (Å)	13.621(3)	13.5773(8)
<i>b</i> (Å)	5.0187(12)	4.9806(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	5.5858(14)	5.5670(3)
β (°)	107.979(5)	107.658(3)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	363.19(15)	358.72(4)
<i>Z</i>	4	4
ρ _{cal} (g/cm ³)	7.869	8.426
λ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
μ (mm ⁻¹)	67.40	78.76
2θ range for data collection	≤65.34	≤65.15
No. of reflections collected	5113	8180
Index ranges	-20 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 15 -7 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 7 -8 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 8	-20 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 19 0 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 7 0 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 8
No. of independent reflections	1336	1315
No. of reflections with <i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)	1211	1156
No. of parameters refined	57	56
<i>R</i> (int)	0.033	0.048
Final <i>R</i> factors [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.026, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.052	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.025, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.053
Final <i>R</i> factors (all data)	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.031, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.054	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.032, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.055
Goodness-of-fit	1.13	1.06

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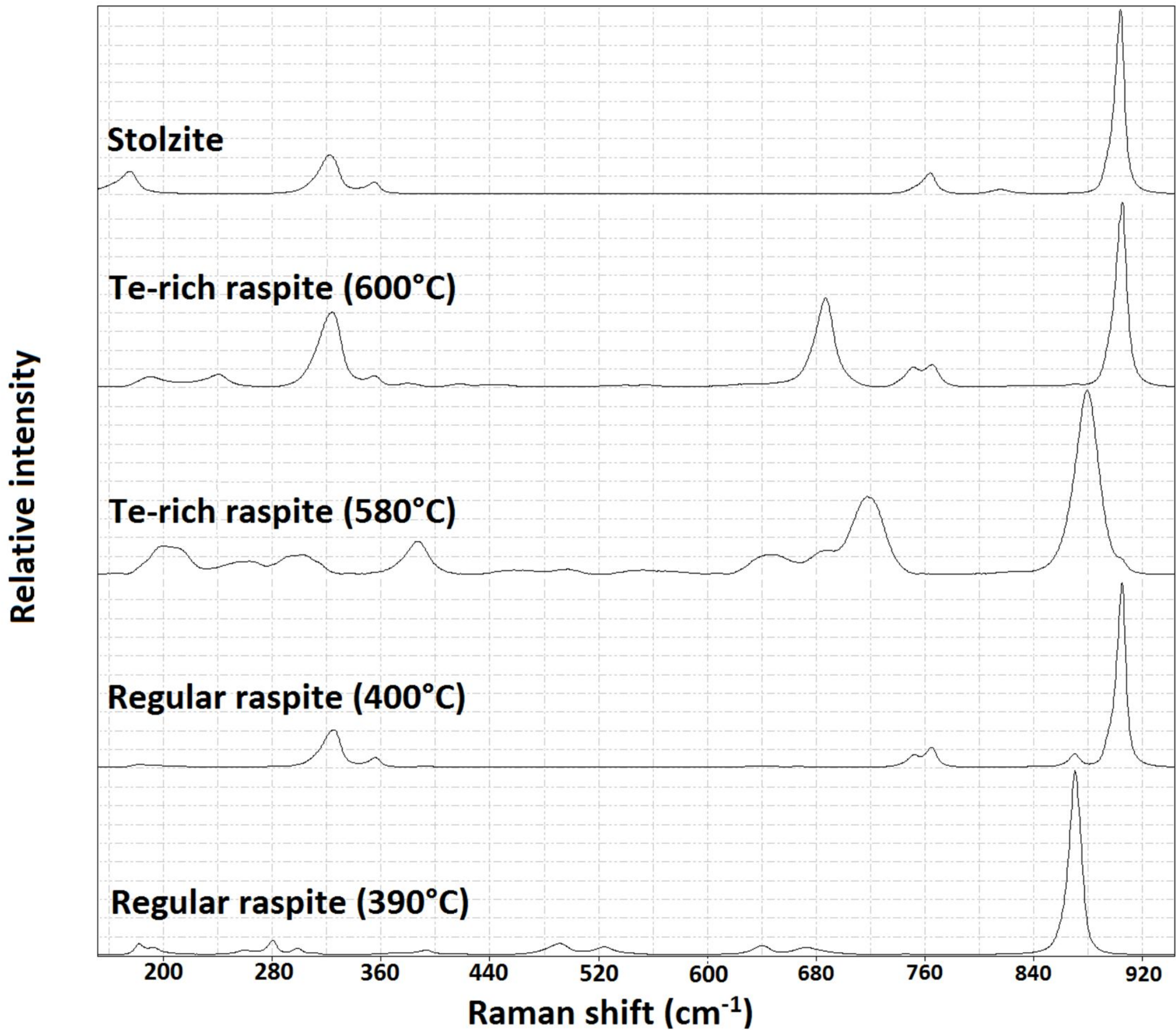


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Goodness-of-fit	1.13	1.06

Table 2. Coordinates and displacement parameters of atoms in Te-rich raspite and regular raspite.

Atom	x	y	z	U_{iso}	U_{11}	U_{22}	U_{33}	U_{23}	U_{13}	U_{12}
Te-rich raspite (R130514)										
Pb	0.15739 (2)	0.19923 (6)	0.16068 (6)	0.02070 (9)	0.0182(1)	0.0245(2)	0.0206(2)	-0.0067(1)	0.0078(1)	-0.0008(1)
M	0.07414 (2)	0.75045 (6)	0.59996 (6)	0.01008 (9)	0.0106(1)	0.0080(1)	0.0108(1)	0.0013(1)	0.0020(1)	0.0000(1)
O1	0.0195 (4)	0.0548 (10)	0.7274 (9)	0.0131 (9)	0.0136(22)	0.0147(21)	0.0087(21)	-0.0042(17)	0.0001(17)	0.0031(17)
O2	0.0195 (4)	0.4347 (9)	0.3918 (9)	0.0111 (9)	0.0121(21)	0.0082(19)	0.0162(23)	0.0000(16)	0.0091(18)	0.0002(16)
O3	0.1472 (4)	0.6318 (11)	0.9075 (9)	0.0182 (10)	0.0198(25)	0.0213(25)	0.0093(22)	0.0069(19)	-0.0017(19)	-0.0034(20)
O4	0.1847 (4)	0.8853 (10)	0.5273 (10)	0.0150 (9)	0.0103(22)	0.0186(23)	0.0162(23)	0.0083(19)	0.0043(19)	0.0007(18)
Regular raspite (R050567)										
Pb	0.14961 (2)	0.19458 (6)	0.16665 (5)	0.01241 (9)	0.01146 (14)	0.01554 (15)	0.01123 (14)	-0.00060 (9)	0.00496 (10)	0.00496 (10)
W	0.07711 (2)	0.74936 (5)	0.61164 (5)	0.00792 (8)	0.00726 (14)	0.00834 (14)	0.00809 (14)	0.00048 (9)	0.00222 (10)	0.00222 (10)
O1	0.0172 (4)	0.0442 (11)	0.7282 (10)	0.0117 (10)	0.011 (2)	0.014 (3)	0.009 (3)	-0.0001 (19)	0.002 (2)	0.002 (2)
O2	0.0627 (4)	0.4416 (11)	0.3930 (10)	0.0112 (10)	0.008 (2)	0.012 (2)	0.017 (3)	-0.003 (2)	0.009 (2)	0.009 (2)
O3	0.1468 (4)	0.6191 (12)	0.9101 (10)	0.0155 (11)	0.014 (3)	0.017 (3)	0.015 (3)	0.002 (2)	0.003 (2)	0.003 (2)
O4	0.1865 (4)	0.8922 (11)	0.5388 (10)	0.0135 (11)	0.010 (3)	0.016 (3)	0.016 (3)	0.004 (2)	0.005 (2)	0.005 (2)

Note: M = 0.56 W + 0.44 Te.

Table 3. Selected bond distances and angles for Te-rich and regular raspites.

	Pb(W_{0.56}Te_{0.44})O₄	PbWO₄
W-O1	1.929(5)	1.886 (5)
W-O1'	2.118(5)	2.192 (5)
W-O2	1.941(5)	1.930 (5)
W-O2'	2.080(5)	2.116 (5)
W-O3	1.800(5)	1.767 (6)
W-O4	1.807(5)	1.800 (5)
Average	1.946	1.9450
OV	9.472	9.426
OQE	1.029	1.038
OAV	85.4	104.2
Pb-O1	2.665 (5)	2.663(5)
Pb-O1'	2.958(5)	2.773(6)
Pb-O2	2.412 (4)	2.323 (5)
Pb-O3	2.571 (5)	2.545 (6)
Pb-O3'	2.823(6)	2.946(6)
Pb-O4	2.495 (5)	2.529 (6)
Pb-O4'	2.495 (5)	2.486(5)
Average	2.635	2.610
Polyhedral Volume	24.295	23.923

Note: OV--octahedral volume, OQE--octahedral quadratic elongation, OAV-- octahedral angle variance (Robinson et al., 1971).