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22 **ABSTRACT**

23 Zinc-rich fluor-elbaite from Piława Górna, Poland, was studied by electron microprobe (EPMA),
24 single-crystal X-ray diffraction (SREF) and Raman spectroscopy (RS) to check the possibility of
25 an application of RS, to draw crystal chemical conclusions for Al-rich and Li-bearing tourmalines
26 on basis of the O–H stretching vibrations in the spectral range 3400–3800 cm⁻¹. This tourmaline,
27 forming a thin metasomatic zone around gahnite, features varying compositions with a ZnO
28 content reaching in the studied fragment of 5.70(12) wt%. The crystal structure of this Zn-rich
29 fluor-elbaite [*a* = 15.921(1), *c* = 7.127(1) Å] was refined with a *R*1 value of 1.67 %. Its formula
30 was determined on the basis of electron-microprobe and structure refinement as
31 $^X(\text{Na}_{0.84}\square_{0.14}\text{Ca}_{0.01})_{\Sigma 1.00}^Y(\text{Al}_{1.06}\text{Li}_{0.84}\text{Zn}_{0.69}\text{Fe}^{2+}_{0.32}\text{Mn}_{0.09})_{\Sigma 3.00}^Z\text{Al}_6(\text{BO}_3)_3(^T\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})^V(\text{OH})_3^W(\text{F}_{0.65}\text{OH}$
32 $_{0.26}\text{O}_{0.09})$. The deconvolution of the O–H stretching vibration bands, performed by fitting of an
33 input model of component bands with Gaussian function shapes for the empirical spectrum,
34 indicates that each of the three maxima assigned for ^VOH bonded to ^YAl³⁺, ^YY²⁺, and ^YLi⁺ and
35 with the total integral intensity of at least 75% of the total OH content could be resolved into 1 to
36 3 bands, depending on the X-site occupation (vacancies, Na⁺ and Ca²⁺). The deconvolution
37 indicates further that several low intense bands of ^WO–H modes above a Raman shift of 3600 cm⁻¹
38 ¹, totally reaching ≤25 %, are dependent on the occupation of triplets of YYY cations bonded to
39 the hydroxyl. These ^WO–H modes are also influenced by the X-site occupation. Due to ordering
40 of all octahedral cations (except Al) at the Y site and a complete occupation of the Z site by Al
41 and the V site by OH, it seems possible to evaluate the Li and OH contents in a Al-rich and Li-
42 bearing tourmaline directly from the Raman spectrum. By using the ratio $^V\text{OH}_{\text{I}_{\text{YAlZAlZAl}}} /$
43 $(^V\text{OH}_{\text{I}_{\text{YZZ}}} + ^W\text{OH}_{\text{I}_{\text{YYY}}})$ as evaluated from RS, corresponding to the ratio $^Y\text{Al} / ^{V+W}\text{OH}$ in the
44 crystal, the formula of the Zn-bearing fluor-elbaite can be calculated as
45 $^X(\text{Na}_{0.85}\square_{0.14}\text{Ca}_{0.01})_{\Sigma 1.00}^Y(\text{Al}_{1.11}\text{Y}^{2+}_{1.11}\text{Li}_{0.78})_{\Sigma 3.00}^Z\text{Al}_6(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})(\text{OH})_3(\text{F}_{0.65}\text{OH}_{0.13}\text{O}_{0.22})$, where

46 $Y^{2+} = Zn + Fe + Mn$. The formula, determined only on basis of EPMA and deconvolution of RS
47 in the O–H stretching bands, corresponds very well (≤ 1 sd range of EPMA) to the formula
48 determined on basis of EPMA and SREF. This result implicates that the O–H stretching
49 vibrations, measured by Raman spectroscopy, can be applied for Al-rich and Li-bearing
50 tourmalines as a useful tool for an additional information for determining the crystal chemical
51 formula. It is also very helpful when crystal structural data are not available.

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53 **Key-words:** Zn-rich fluor-elbaite, structure refinement, Raman spectroscopy, OH stretching
54 vibrations, lithium content, hydroxyl content.

56 INTRODUCTION

57 The tourmaline supergroup comprises complex borosilicates that are found as accessory minerals
58 in a wide variety of igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks due to their stability over a
59 wide range in pressure, temperature and composition (Van Hinsberg et al. 2011). The generalized
60 formula of tourmaline-supergroup minerals is $XY_3Z_6(T_6O_{18})(BO_3)_3V_3W$, where X, Y, Z, T, B, V
61 (=O3) and W (=O1) denote different structural sites (Henry et al. 2011). These sites can have
62 different possible occupants:

63 $^IX X - Na^+, K^+, Ca^{2+}, Pb^{2+}, \square$ (vacancy),

64 $^{VI} Y - Fe^{2+}, Mg^{2+}, Mn^{2+}, Al^{3+}, Li^+, Fe^{3+}, Cr^{3+}, V^{3+}, Ti^{4+}, Zn^{2+}, Cu^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, \dots$

65 $^{VI} Z - Al^{3+}, Fe^{3+}, Cr^{3+}, V^{3+}, Mg^{2+}, Fe^{2+}, \dots$

66 $^{IV} T - Si^{4+}, Al^{3+}, B^{3+},$

67 $^{III} B - B^{3+},$

68 $^{III} V - OH^-, O^{2-},$

69 $^{III} W - OH^-, F^-, O^{2-}$

70 Some of these constituents can be simultaneously present on two and even three structural sites,
71 reflecting order-disorder phenomenon mainly between the octahedral Y- and Z-site occupants or
72 oxygen and hydroxyl on the V and W sites. Substitutions among the heterovalent Y- and Z-site
73 occupants are often coupled with ion replacements at other structural sites, mainly at the X, V
74 and W. Four of the sites (Y, Z, V, W) form an octahedral cluster $[V_3Y_3Z_6W]$ developed in the
75 unit cell around (0, 0, 0), (2/3, 1/3, 1/3) and (1/3, 2/3, 2/3), with a symmetry consistent with the
76 $R3m$ space group. In consequence of these substitutions, the tourmaline supergroup comprises
77 currently 35 valid mineral species accepted by the Commission on New Minerals, Nomenclature
78 and Classification (CNMNC) of the International Mineralogical Association (IMA). They
79 represent hydroxyl-, fluor- and oxy-species of X-vacant-, alkali- and calcic tourmalines with
80 typical octahedral occupants like Fe^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , Mn^{2+} , Al^{3+} , Li^+ , Fe^{3+} , Cr^{3+} and V^{3+} (Henry et al.
81 2011). Much less common are crystals highly enriched in atypical components like Pb (Sokolov
82 and Martin 2009), Ti (Lottermoser and Plimer 1987; Vezzoni et al. 2018), Cu (Vereshchagin et
83 al. 2013), Ni (Baksheev and Kudryavtseva 2004), Mn^{3+} (Bosi et al. 2017), Zn (Sokolov et al.
84 1988; Henry and Dutrow 1996; Ferreira et al. 2005; Pieczka et al. 2018), or K (Žáček et al. 2000;
85 Lussier et al. 2016). The Zn-enriched tourmalines are represented mainly by fluor-elbaite, rarer
86 elbaite, in which Zn^{2+} , beside typical Al^{3+} and Li^+ , is one of the main octahedral Y-site occupants.
87 Until quite lately, the most Zn-enriched tourmaline (3.83 wt% ZnO) was known from a rare-
88 element-bearing pegmatite of Russia (Sokolov et al. 1988). However recently, Pieczka et al.
89 (2018) described Zn-rich fluor-elbaite and elbaite containing up to 6.32 and 7.37 wt% ZnO,
90 respectively, in a rare-element dyke of the Julianna pegmatitic system, exposed during mining
91 works in a migmatite-amphibolite quarry at Piława Górna, Lower Silesia, Poland (Szuszkiewicz
92 et al. 2013). In the dyke, these tourmalines, associated with Zn-enriched schorl and foitite (up to
93 2.45 wt% ZnO), formed a thin metasomatic zone around gahnite, changing progressively into

94 typical, only slightly Zn-enriched, fluor-elbaite and elbaite. In the original paper, the occurrence
95 and compositional relationships of the tourmalines were described in detail, as well as a Raman
96 spectrum of Zn-rich fluor-elbaite was presented. Unfortunately, in Pieczka et al. (2018) the
97 captions for Figures 9a and 9b presenting the Raman spectra of O–H stretching modes in Zn-rich
98 fluor-elbaite and associated (Zn,Li)-bearing schorl in the range of 3400–3800 cm⁻¹ were
99 inadvertently switched, i.e. the caption (b) should be (a) and conversely, consistent with Figure 8
100 presenting both these spectra in the range of 50–4000 cm⁻¹.

101 Raman spectroscopy is a method commonly used in mineralogy for a quick identification of
102 minerals because an extensive sample preparation is not necessary and, similarly as infra-red
103 spectroscopy, it is known as a non-destructive method giving fingerprint of a specific species.
104 The great advantage of Raman spectroscopy is its capability to analyze areas as small as ~1 μm²,
105 which makes it useful in studies of highly heterogeneous materials, which require micrometer-
106 scale spatial resolution. The acquisition area of the method is only somewhat smaller, but may be
107 comparable with the acquisition area of the wave-length-dispersive electron probe microanalysis
108 (EPMA-WDS), at least an order of magnitude smaller than the crystal dimensions required by
109 single-crystal X-ray diffraction as the basic method of structure recognition. This capability can
110 make Raman spectroscopy a very useful and complementary tool in crystal chemical and
111 structural studies. Moreover, because ^VOH and ^WOH anions are bonded to different Y-site
112 occupants as well as to Al at the Z site, O–H stretching modes in Raman spectra of Li-bearing
113 tourmalines contain critical crystal-chemical and structural information of the structural part with
114 the greatest compositional variation. Therefore, in this paper we analyze the possibility of a
115 Raman spectroscopy application for a fast evaluation of crystal chemical relationships in Li-
116 bearing tourmalines, especially the quantitative estimation of the Y-site population and of the
117 ^WOH amount. To present the possibilities of Raman spectroscopy, we discuss the crystal structure

118 and explain in detail the Raman spectrum of this Zn-rich fluor-elbaite, especially focusing on O–
119 H stretching vibrations in which our interpretation is in agreement with the structural and
120 compositional results.

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122 MATERIALS AND METHODS

123 **Electron probe microanalysis (EPMA)**

124 Electron probe microanalysis of Zn-rich fluor-elbaite in a zone around gahnite was performed at
125 the Inter-Institute Analytical Complex for Minerals and Synthetic Substances at the University of
126 Warsaw, Poland, using a Cameca SX 100 electron microprobe (CAMECA, Cedex, France). The
127 analyses were made on a grinded, polished and coated with carbon small fragment of the
128 pegmatite with the gahnite crystals overgrown by Zn-rich fluor-elbaite mounted in 1-inch epoxy
129 disc. The microprobe operated in WDS mode under the following conditions: accelerating
130 voltage of 15 kV, beam current of 10 nA, beam diameter of 2 μm , peak count-time of 20 s,
131 background time of 10 s. Standards (analytical lines, diffracting crystals and mean detection
132 limits in wt % element) were as follows: fluorophlogopite (F $K\alpha$, PC0, 0.12), albite (Na $K\alpha$, TAP,
133 0.03), diopside (Mg $K\alpha$, TAP, 0.02), (Si $K\alpha$, TAP, 0.03) and (Ca $K\alpha$, PET, 0.02), orthoclase (Al
134 $K\alpha$, TAP, 0.03) and (K $K\alpha$, PET, 0.02), rutile (Ti $K\alpha$, LPET, 0.02), rhodonite (Mn $K\alpha$, LIF, 0.09),
135 hematite (Fe $K\alpha$, LIF, 0.08), V_2O_5 (V $K\alpha$, LIF, 0.06), Cr_2O_3 (Cr $K\alpha$, LPET, 0.02), and sphalerite
136 (Zn $K\alpha$, LIF, 0.09). The raw data were reduced with the PAP routine of Pouchou and Pichoir
137 (1991). The estimation of the Li_2O amounts from EPMA results on the basis of a multiple-
138 regression equation of Pesquera et al. (2016) did not give positive result because the calculated
139 Li_2O amount (in wt%) is distinctly ZnO dependent for higher ZnO contents (Pieczka et al. 2018).
140 Therefore, we estimated the Li_2O and H_2O contents on the basis of the refined Y- and W-site
141 scattering values. The atomic contents and chemical formula of the Zn-rich fluor-elbaite were

142 normalized in relation to 14.5 (O,OH,F) anions pfu, i.e. $31 \text{ (O,OH,F)} - 12 \text{ O} - 4.5 \text{ O}$ after
143 assumption the presence of 6 Si atoms per formula unit (apfu), 3 B apfu, total Fe as FeO, and
144 Li_2O and H_2O amounts matching the calculated Li and OH contents during the formula
145 calculation to the refined Y-site electron density, and the sum of Y-site occupants equal to 3 apfu.
146 A small excess of Si above 6 apfu for the measured SiO_2 amount indicated at the applied
147 normalization was considered as a small inaccuracy in the SiO_2 analysis [below 1.5 standard
148 deviation (sd) of a single EPMA Si determination] or as an external admixture, e.g. of quartz
149 micro-inclusions occurring in the Zn-rich fluor-elbaite zone. The EPMA results recalculated in
150 such way presented in Table 1 correspond to spot analyses of Zn-rich fluor-elbaite, observed in
151 one area of a zone around gahnite (Fig. 1). From this area, in which also micro-Raman spectra
152 were collected (discussed in Pieczka et al. 2018), we extracted a small fragment of this
153 tourmaline for the single-crystal X-ray diffraction investigation.

154 **Crystal structure refinement (SREF)**

155 The crystal structure of Zn-rich fluor-elbaite was refined at the Institut für Mineralogie und
156 Kristallographie, Geozentrum, Universität Wien, Austria. As a first step, the quality of different
157 tourmaline crystals was checked with a Bruker APEXII diffractometer equipped with a CCD area
158 detector and an Incoatec Microfocus Source $\text{I}\mu\text{S}$ (30 W, multilayer mirror, $\text{MoK}\alpha$). The crystal
159 with the best quality, $170 \times 150 \times 120 \mu\text{m}$ in size, was subsequently measured on this
160 diffractometer. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data, up to $80.52^\circ 2\theta$, were collected at room
161 temperature, integrated and corrected for Lorentz and polarization factors with an absorption
162 correction by evaluation of partial multiscans. The structure was refined with SHELXL97
163 (Sheldrick 1998) using scattering factors for neutral atoms and a tourmaline starting model from
164 Ertl et al. (2010) (sample R6b). Refinement was performed with anisotropic displacement
165 parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms. Supplemental Material (CIF file) provides crystal data

166 and details of the structure refinement. The various site occupancies were refined according to
167 well-known characteristics of the tourmaline structure, and considering the electron-probe
168 analysis; this strategy appears sound with the resulting empirical formula being compatible with
169 that determined from the EPMA results. Hence, the X site occupancy was refined by using a Na
170 scattering factor, the Y site with Zn and Li scattering factors, and the W site with F and O
171 scattering factors, whereas the Si occupancy at the T site and the Al occupancy at the Z site were
172 fixed at 1.00, typical for (Al,Li)-bearing tourmalines. A preliminary refinement, with O1 and O2
173 sites constrained to their positions of maximum site-symmetry, has shown relatively high U_{eq}
174 values for these both oxygen sites. Following the findings of Burns et al. (1994), who reported
175 high U_{eq} values for the O1 and O2 sites that indicate position disorder, the crystal structure was
176 finally refined with both oxygen sites allowed to disorder with coordinates (x, x/2, z) and (x, y,
177 z). The refinement converged at a $R1(F)$ value of 1.67%.

178 **Raman spectroscopy (RS)**

179 Raman spectra of Zn-rich fluor-elbaite were collected in back-scattered geometry at the Faculty
180 of Materials Science and Ceramics, AGH UST, Cracow, Poland, with a Horiba Labram HR
181 spectrometer integrated with an Olympus BX 41 confocal microscope. The system was calibrated
182 using the 520.7 cm^{-1} Raman band of Si. The spectra were recorded in the range of $50\text{--}4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$
183 using the 532 nm line of a solid-state Nd-YAG laser (10 mW) and 1800 grating, on randomly
184 oriented surfaces of Zn-rich tourmaline in a fragment of the pegmatite mounted in epoxy resin
185 that was used previously for EPMA and partly extracted for SREF studies. Prior to the Raman
186 measurements the carbon coating of the disc was removed. The Raman measurements were
187 carried out by accumulation of two scans with precision $\pm 0.39\text{ cm}^{-1}$, each with an acquisition
188 time of 600 s at the microscope magnification $100\times$; the minimum lateral and depth resolution ~ 1
189 μm , and an estimated analytical spot size of $\sim 1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. Because all the spectra recorded on a small

190 fragment of the tourmaline were very similar one to the other in the range of OH stretching
191 vibrations (3400–3800 cm⁻¹), only one representative spectrum was resolved, the same that was
192 presented and initially interpreted by Pieczka et al. (2018).

193 An initial resolution of the recorded spectrum was done in the range of 3400–3800 cm⁻¹
194 applying the FITYK program for data processing and nonlinear curve fitting (Wojdyr 2010), after
195 subtracting a linear background. To identify hidden bands, peak positions, full-widths at half
196 maximum (FWHM), and integrated intensities were determined by fitting with pseudo-Voigt
197 (PV) functions $PV = x \cdot \text{Lorentz} + (1-x) \cdot \text{Gauss}$, with x varying in the range from 0 (0 %) to 1 (100
198 %), applying the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm (Levenberg 1944; Marquardt 1963). Although
199 good fits with $R^2 > 0.995$ of input models to the empirical spectrum were easily achieved, the
200 theoretical Y- and W-site occupants in these models differ to the occupants as determined by
201 EPMA and SREF, probably due to different fractions of the Lorentzian and Gaussian components
202 in the fitted component bands. Additionally, initial bands with small intensities very often have
203 been eliminated during fitting by their addition to nearby more intense bands by increasing of
204 their Lorentzian component. Therefore, the final fitting was performed on an input model of
205 component bands with Gaussian function shapes and application of the Levenberg-Marquardt
206 fitting method. Spectral position, height and FWHM of each anticipated band was matched in
207 such a way to minimize difference between the empirical spectrum and the theoretical spectrum
208 designated as the sum of intensities of the anticipated bands, considering (1) fine structure of the
209 spectrum and information on spectral positions and assignments of O–H stretching vibrations in
210 Li-bearing tourmalines (Gonzalez-Carreño et al. 1988; Hoang et al. 2011; Skogby et al. 2012;
211 Fantini et al. 2014; Watenphul et al. 2016a; Mercurio et al. 2018; Bronzova et al. 2019), and (2)
212 crystal-chemical data of the studied tourmaline making possible explanation of the component
213 bands by local ^VOH and ^WOH short-range arrangements. A weak band ~3450 cm⁻¹ with a total

214 intensity ~3.5–3.6 % of the total spectrum (tested with various variants of the spectrum
215 deconvolution) was related to a fluorescence band. The spectrum was slightly smoothed prior the
216 fitting procedure to better isolate the peak maxima, first of all for bands above 3600 cm⁻¹ with
217 very small intensities.

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219 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

220 Crystal structure

221 By using the refinement and the chemical data, the Zn-rich fluor-elbaite features the following
222 average empirical formula:

223 $X(\text{Na}_{0.84}\square_{0.14}\text{Ca}_{0.01})_{\Sigma 1.00} Y(\text{Al}_{1.06}\text{Li}_{0.84}\text{Zn}_{0.69}\text{Fe}^{2+}_{0.32}\text{Mn}_{0.09})_{\Sigma 3.00} Z\text{Al}_6(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{T}\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})^V(\text{OH})_3^W(\text{F}_{0.65}\text{OH}$
224 $0.26\text{O}_{0.09})$. Its structure was refined with *R*1 value of 1.67% for 2304 reflections. The refined unit-

225 cell parameters of the tourmaline are: *a* = 15.921(1), *c* = 7.127(1) Å and *V* = 1564.5(3) Å³. In the
226 refinement, the T, B, Z and V sites were fixed with complete occupancies by Si, B, Al and OH,

227 respectively, in accordance with the average distances and with many other Al-rich and Li-

228 bearing tourmalines (e.g. Donnay and Barton 1972; Burns et al. 1994; Shtukenberg et al. 2007;

229 Ertl et al. 2013). Although the T site in Al-rich, Li-bearing tourmalines may sometimes exhibit a

230 small amount of tetrahedrally coordinated boron, the refined <T–O> mean distance of 1.6197(5)

231 Å, is within one standard deviation identical with the <Si–O> bond length for tourmaline as given

232 by MacDonald and Hawthorne (1995) and Bosi and Lucchesi (2007), which were estimated as

233 1.620 Å and 1.619(1) Å, respectively. This indicates that the T site of this tourmaline is filled

234 exclusively by Si. This is also in agreement (within 1 sd) with the SiO₂ measured by EPMA

235 [6.04(8) apfu, Table 1]. The B site is occupied only with boron, as the refined mean bond length

236 <B–O> = 1.375(1) Å is compatible with a distance 1.374(2) Å evaluated by Bosi and Lucchesi

237 (2007) for tourmalines with the site completely filled with B³⁺. Similarly, the Z site features a

238 <Z–O> distance of 1.9087(6) Å, also similar with such distances of other Li-bearing tourmalines
239 where the Z site is completely filled by Al (e.g. Donnay and Barton 1972, Burns et al. 1994;
240 Shtukenberg et al. 2007; Ertl et al. 2013). The refined X-site occupancy [$\langle X-O \rangle = 2.685(1) \text{ \AA}$],
241 corresponding to the presence at the site 0.821(6) Na apfu, agrees within 2 sd with the occupancy
242 of the site by 0.85(1) Na + 0.01(0) Ca apfu [9.0(1) refined eps (electrons per a site) vs 9.6(2) eps
243 calculated from the empirical formula]. The refined Y-site occupancy, $Zn_{0.477(1)}Li_{0.523(1)}$,
244 indicating the refined site scattering of 15.87(3) eps corresponds to the estimated site population
245 $(Al_{1.06}Li_{0.84}Zn_{0.69}Fe^{2+}_{0.32}Mn_{0.09})_{\Sigma 3.00}$, and the refined and calculated on the basis of Shannon's
246 (1976) ionic radii <Y–O> mean bond lengths, 2.038(1) Å and 2.040 Å, respectively, are also the
247 same. The occupancy of the V sites was fixed to 3 OH pfu with the refined $V[=O(3)]-H(3)$
248 distance of 0.819 Å, showing a weak hydrogen bond with oxygen from O(5). The refined W-site
249 occupancy, $F_{0.57(5)}O_{0.43(5)}$, is in good agreement with the microprobe data of F equal to 0.65(4)
250 apfu [8.57(5) eps vs 8.65(4) eps, respectively].

251 **Micro-Raman spectroscopy**

252 Although Raman and IR studies of tourmalines refer usually to the Si_6O_{18} rings, BO_3 groups and
253 OH groups, all previous researchers agree that the O–H stretching vibrations in the range 3000–
254 4000 cm^{-1} , carry the highest portion of crystal chemical and structural information (Gonzalez-
255 Carreño et al. 1988, Hoang et al. 2011; Skogby et al. 2012; Zhao et al. 2012; Fantini et al. 2014;
256 Bosi et al. 2015, 2016; Berryman et al. 2016; Kutzschbach et al. 2016; Watenphul et al. 2016a;
257 Mercurio et al. 2018; Bronzova et al. 2019). This is a result of the specific location of the $^V OH$
258 and $^W OH$ groups in the tourmaline structure because the ligands are bonded to the octahedrally-
259 coordinated occupants of the Y- and Z-sites, which are the two sites with the highest
260 diversification in cation populations. Therefore, we agree with such statements as, for example,
261 with Watenphul et al. (2016a) that “the stretching modes of the OH groups in the V and W sites

262 are good candidates for establishing the functional relationship between Raman peak parameters
263 and the crystal chemistry of tourmaline”. Furthermore, it should be possible to use this
264 relationship for a fast evaluation of the Y- and W-site populations for other Al-rich and Li-
265 bearing tourmalines, when we are able to decode this relationship. Hence, we must consider that
266 the O–H stretching vibration range reflects quantitatively the chemical bonds of all OH groups
267 from the V and W sites together with all bonded octahedral cations, and additionally, being under
268 the influence of valence-varying X-site occupants (Ca^{2+} , Na^+ and K^+ , and a formally zero-valence
269 vacancy) and W-site occupants (OH^-/F^- , O^{2-}).

270 As our tourmaline is a fluor-elbaite, its crystal chemistry and structure is expected to be less
271 complex: the Z site can be assumed to be occupied completely by Al, i.e. without a noticeable
272 disordering of Y- and Z-site cations like Mg or Fe, and the V sites can be assumed to be
273 completely occupied by OH, assumptions shown to be valid in many previous studies of Al-rich
274 and Li-bearing tourmalines. The structure refinement results of the studied fluor-elbaite presented
275 above are consistent with this structural model. This restricts our band interpretation to an
276 analysis of local arrangements around the $^{\text{V}}\text{OH}$ and $^{\text{W}}\text{OH}$ sites in dependence on the Y-site
277 occupancy. Such a model of interpretation of O–H stretching modes in Raman or IR spectra of
278 tourmalines is applied commonly, e.g. Gonzalez-Carreño et al. (1988), Hoang et al. (2011),
279 Skogby et al. (2012), Zhao et al. (2012), Fantini et al. (2014), Bosi et al. (2015), Berryman et al.
280 (2016), Kutzschbach et al. (2016), Mercurio et al. (2018), Bronzova et al. (2019). Applying this
281 model, we will show that Raman spectroscopy of a Al-rich and Li-bearing tourmaline together
282 with a proper deconvolution of its spectrum leads to Y- and W-site occupancies comparable with
283 those derived from single-crystal X-ray diffraction.

284 Watenphul et al. (2016a) presented an alternative interpretation of the $^{\text{V}}\text{OH}$ stretching modes
285 based on the site-symmetry analysis, which led to the assumption that H atoms of the $^{\text{V}}\text{OH}$

286 groups are related by rotation around the 3-fold axis and collectively participate in a single
287 phonon mode. In consequence, the energy of the $\nu_{\text{O-H}}$ stretching band should be affected by
288 local cation arrangements associated with all the three ν_{OH} groups bonded to all cations of the
289 octahedral cluster, which schematically may be presented as $\nu_{\text{(OH)}_3\text{-[YZZ-YZZ-YZZ]}}$. This
290 model was also used by Bosi et al. (2016) in studies of thermal stability of the octahedral clusters
291 in dravite. In contrast, the model exploring individual local arrangements around each of the three
292 ν_{OH} groups takes into account the influence of 1/3 portion of the octahedral cluster [$\nu_{\text{OH-YZ}_2}$]₃
293 developed around the 3-fold axis (the W site is omitted in the two schemes) modifying the energy
294 of the $\nu_{\text{O-H}}$ stretching band in the single ν_{OH} group. Schematically it may be presented as $\nu_{\text{OH-}}$
295 [YZZ]. To explain why we finally decided to employ the short-range arrangement model for the
296 interpretation of our tourmaline spectrum, we first will have to discuss the results of the
297 deconvolution of the Zn-rich fluor-elbaite spectrum, consistent with the assumption of Watenphul
298 et al. (2016a).

299 Figure 2a presents Raman spectrum of the Zn-rich fluor-elbaite in the range of O–H stretching
300 modes (3400–3800 cm^{-1}). The spectrum has three intense peaks with the maxima at 3497, 3561
301 and 3597 cm^{-1} . Peaks with similar Raman shifts in the spectrum of elbaite (3494±8, 3562±4 and
302 3593±4 cm^{-1}) were assigned by Watenphul et al. (2016a) to $\nu_{\text{O-H}}$ stretching modes related to the
303 octahedral clusters: ${}^{\text{Y}}\text{Li}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}-({}^{\text{Y}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al})_2$, $(\text{Y}^{2+\text{Z}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al})_2-{}^{\text{Y}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}$ and $({}^{\text{Y}}\text{Li}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al})_2-$
304 ${}^{\text{Y}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}$, where Y^{2+} denotes the total of all divalent Y-site occupants ($\text{Y}^{2+} = {}^{\text{Y}}\text{Fe}^{2+} + {}^{\text{Y}}\text{Mn}^{2+} +$
305 ${}^{\text{Y}}\text{Zn}^{2+} + {}^{\text{Y}}\text{Mg}^{2+}$). A visible asymmetry of the peak 3497 cm^{-1} centered at $\sim 3475 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ would be
306 assigned to the $\text{Y}^{2+\text{Z}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}-({}^{\text{Y}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al})_2$ cluster (Watenphul et al. 2016a; Table 3, p.977). The
307 deconvolution of the spectrum in the range of $\nu_{\text{O-H}}$ stretching modes into four component
308 bands, as was suggested in the paper above, was done with a high $R^2 = 99.95 \%$, with pseudo-
309 Voigt functions and in majority free values of peak center, height and FWHM as presented in the

310 upper part of Table 2. The fitted component bands 3481.6(9), 3498.9(4), 3560.3(0) and 3596.8(0)
311 cm^{-1} locate within statistical Raman shift ranges as obtained by Watenphul et al. (2016a).
312 However, the contents of ^YLi , Y^{2+} and ^YAl calculated on the basis of the equation given by these
313 authors (see p. 980) for the calculation of specific Y-site occupants on the basis of the band
314 assignments, 0.59 Li, 1.04 Y^{2+} and 1.37 Al apfu, differ significantly from those calculated on the
315 basis of EPMA and SREF: 0.84, 1.10 and 1.06 apfu, respectively. The difference could be a
316 result from the omission of two other possible [YZZ–YZZ–YZZ] clusters. These clusters are
317 connected with ^VOH groups that must show up in a Raman spectrum of a Y^{2+} -bearing Li-
318 tourmaline: $^Y\text{Li}^Z\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}-Y^{2+Z}\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}-^Y\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}$ and $(Y^{2+Z}\text{Al}^Z\text{Al})_3$. These clusters can be explained
319 due to bond-valence constraints around the W site in the tourmaline structure (Hawthorne 1996,
320 2002, 2016; Bosi 2013), which allow seven variants of the [YYY] triplet, for which the W site
321 can be occupied by OH^-/F^- or O^{2-} at the simultaneous presence of OH^- at the V site (Table 3).
322 The first of the two arrangements cited above is especially important, because its frequency,
323 compared to the cluster $(Y^{2+Z}\text{Al}^Z\text{Al})_2-^Y\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}$, is commonly higher or at least equal, when the
324 content of Y^{2+} is 2-times higher than the content of Li. Therefore, we also have tested a
325 deconvolution of the spectrum into six ^VOH component bands, accepting that the arrangements
326 $(^V\text{OH}-Y^{2+Z}\text{Al}^Z\text{Al})_3$, $(^V\text{OH}-Y^{2+Z}\text{Al}^Z\text{Al})_2 \times ^V\text{OH}-^Y\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}$ and $^V\text{OH}-^Y\text{Li}^Z\text{Al}^Z\text{Al} \times ^V\text{OH}-$
327 $Y^{2+Z}\text{Al}^Z\text{Al} \times ^V\text{OH}-^Y\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}$ could collectively correspond to the band observed at $\sim 3561 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.
328 Results of such a deconvolution that characterizes a similarly high R^2 are presented in Table 2
329 (lower part) and in Figure 2b. In this case, the integral intensities of the component bands
330 centered at 3477.9(2), 3497.1(1), 3545(1), 3555.7, 3564.2(1) and 3596.3(0) cm^{-1} and their
331 assignments indicate the presence of 0.93 Li, 0.80 Y^{2+} and 1.27 Al apfu, although the contents
332 also differ to the EPMA + SREF results. The discrepancy among the EPMA + SREF contents
333 and the contents estimated on the basis of the equation (directly related to the used interpretation

334 model) is also visible in Figure 7 in the original paper of Watenphul et al. (2016a), where the
335 deviations among the contents of Y-site occupants, evaluated by applying these two methods, are
336 relatively distinct. In our opinion is this a serious problem of this model, particularly when the Y-
337 site occupants represent a more complicated ternary system (Li^+ , Y^{2+} , Al^{3+}).

338 **The input model of Raman spectrum in the O–H stretching vibration range**

339 Similarly to other researchers (Gonzalez-Carreño et al. 1988; Hoang et al. 2011; Skogby et al.
340 2012; Zhao et al. 2012; Fantini et al. 2014; Bosi et al. 2015; Berryman et al. 2016; Kutzschbach
341 et al. 2016; Mercurio et al. 2018; Bronzova et al. 2019) we accept that Raman shifts of the $^{\text{V}}\text{O–H}$
342 stretching bands in tourmaline are dependent on the valence of one bonded Y-site occupant, in
343 Al-rich and Li-bearing tourmalines varying from 3+ to 1+. Because each of the $^{\text{V}}\text{OH}$ groups is
344 bonded to one Y and two Z cations and Z site is exclusively occupied by Al as is the case in Al-
345 rich and Li-bearing tourmalines, the only possible arrangements of the [YZZ] triplet around the V
346 site are $^{\text{Y}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}$, $\text{Y}^{2+\text{Z}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}$ and $^{\text{Y}}\text{Li}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}$. The Y cations with different valences shift the
347 electron density away from the $^{\text{V}}\text{O–H}$ bond proportionally to its own charge, and as a result, the
348 $^{\text{V}}\text{O–H}$ bond length increases, but its strength decreases in accord with the sequence $^{\text{Y}}\text{Li}^+ \dots ^{\text{V}}\text{O–H}$
349 through $\text{Y}^{2+} \dots ^{\text{V}}\text{O–H}$ to $^{\text{Y}}\text{Al}^{3+} \dots ^{\text{V}}\text{O–H}$. Consequently, $^{\text{Y}}\text{Li}$, Y^{2+} and $^{\text{Y}}\text{Al}^{3+}$ are assigned to bands
350 with the observed maxima 3597, 3561 and 3497 cm^{-1} , respectively. Because in the tourmaline
351 structure $^{\text{V}}\text{OH}$ groups occur with at least 75% abundance relative to the total content of hydroxyls
352 [$3^{\text{V}}\text{OH} + ^{\text{W}}(\text{OH},\text{F},\text{O})$], the resulting Raman bands have relatively high intensities. An exact
353 observation of the spectrum in Figure 2 allows noticing asymmetry of all the peaks toward lower
354 Raman shifts. Kutzschbach et al. (2016) observed such an effect for the Al-peak in synthetic
355 olenite and interpreted it as a result of the presence of vacancies at the X site. We agree with this
356 interpretation, because an alkali-vacant-type substitution of $\text{X}^+ + \text{Y}^{2+} = \text{X}\square^{0+} + ^{\text{Y}}\text{Al}^{3+}$, with Al^{3+} at
357 the Y sites, needs a vacant X site. However, in such a case, we must accept that cations at the

358 remaining two octahedral sites of the [YYY] triplet are also related to this empty X site.
359 Therefore, we should expect for our tourmaline with occupation of the X-site ($\text{Na}_{0.84}\square_{0.14}\text{Ca}_{0.01}$)_{Σ1}
360 the presence of, at least, doubled bands for each absorption peaks previously assigned to the
361 presence of ^YAl³⁺, Y²⁺ and ^YLi. In case of a highly diversified X-site population, each of the
362 ^VOH-^YAl^ZAl^ZAl and ^VOH-^YLi^ZAl^ZAl absorption peaks could be deconvoluted even into three
363 bands, related to the presence of vacancy, Na or Ca at the X site, as can be assumed on the basis
364 of the bond-valence constraints around the W site (Hawthorne 1996, 2002, 2016; Bosi 2013) and
365 to the related V-site occupancies (Table 3). All the expectations we considered in an input model
366 of component bands related to the ^ZO–H stretching vibrations, assuming the presence of three
367 components for the bands centered at 3497 and 3597 cm⁻¹ (influenced by ^X□, ^XNa and ^XCa) and
368 two components for the band centered at 3561 cm⁻¹ (influenced only by □ and Na).

369 The ^WOH hydroxyls are bonded to three Y cations and influenced by the X-site occupant, e.g.
370 Gonzalez-Carreño et al. (1988), Berryman et al. (2016), Bronzova et al. (2019). The presence of
371 Al, Y²⁺ and Li at the Y site of the studied Zn-rich fluor-elbaite results in ten variants of the
372 [YYY] triplet, from which only seven variants are allowed through bond-valence constraints
373 around the W site (Hawthorne 1996, 2002, 2016; Bosi 2013) as presented in Table 3. It allows to
374 expect that at a small proportion of ^WOH in the total OH content (≤ 25 %), the abundances of
375 individual [YYY] arrangements and corresponding intensities of component bands should only
376 be subordinate. Therefore, they only have a potential to modify the basic pattern of the spectrum
377 produced essentially by ^VOH bands at lower Raman shift values. Because H⁺ of the ^WOH group
378 receives repulsion from the charge of the X cation, the ^WO–H length is the longest at a vacant X
379 site, shorter when the X-site is occupied by Na, and the shortest for ^XCa²⁺, and is inversely
380 proportional to the respective bond strengths. Therefore, in a tourmaline spectrum ^WO–H...^X□
381 bands should occur at relatively low Raman shifts ~3600–3650 cm⁻¹ (a weak band at ~3615 cm⁻¹

382 is still assigned by us to ^VOH groups bonded to $^Y\text{Li}^{+Z}\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}\dots^X\text{Ca}$, $^W\text{O}-\text{H}\dots^X\text{Na}$ around 3700 cm^{-1}
383 1 (Hoang et al. 2011; Skogby et al. 2012; Fantini et al. 2014; Berryman et al. 2016; Watenphul et
384 al. 2016a), and $^W\text{OH}-^Y\text{Al}^Y\text{Li}^Y\text{Li}\dots^X\text{Ca}$ and $^W\text{OH}-\text{Y}^{2+}\text{Y}^{2+}\text{Li}\dots^X\text{Ca}$ bands might be expected above
385 to $3700\text{--}3750\text{ cm}^{-1}$. Applying to the [YYY] arrangements the same reasoning as those used above
386 for the [YZZ] triplets, it can be expected that the strongest effect of shifting the electron density
387 away from the $^W\text{O}-\text{H}$ bond would take place for a $^Y\text{AlY}^{2+}\text{Y}^{2+}$ arrangement, and the weakest for
388 the $^Y\text{Al}^Y\text{Li}^Y\text{Li}$ triplet. Consequently, the $^W\text{O}-\text{H}$ bond should be the weakest in case of the first-
389 type triplet, and the strongest for the last. Summarizing, considering bond-valence constraints
390 around the W site (Hawthorne 1996, 2002, 2016; Bosi 2013), the combination of $^W\text{OH}\dots\text{X}$ and
391 $^W\text{OH}\dots[\text{YYY}]$ effects should result in a spectrum as maximum nine component bands (Table 3)
392 with low intensities, totally $\leq 25\%$ of the whole spectrum, occurring in the spectral range of
393 ~ 3600 to $\sim 3800\text{ cm}^{-1}$. In consequence, our input model for a deconvolution of the spectrum of
394 Zn-bearing and Ca-poor fluor-elbaite comprises eight component bands, related to $^V\text{O}-\text{H}$
395 stretching modes and nine component bands related to $^W\text{O}-\text{H}$ stretching modes, both modified by
396 the Y-site occupants and influenced by $^X\text{□}$, ^XNa or ^XCa .

397 **Fitting of the input model**

398 Figure 3 and Table 4 present fitting results of the O–H stretching vibration range in the Zn-
399 bearing fluor-elbaite. The three asymmetrical peaks related to $^V\text{O}-\text{H}$ modes, centered at 3497,
400 3561 and 3597 cm^{-1} , were resolved into 3 + 2 + 3 component bands, respectively. We interpret
401 them as $^Y\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}$, $\text{Y}^{2+Z}\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}$ and $^Y\text{Li}^Z\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}$ arrangements modified by the presence of □ (the
402 component band with the lowest Raman shift in each peak), Na^+ or Ca^{2+} at the X site (the
403 component band with the highest Raman shift in the first and third peak). Total intensities of the
404 component bands corresponding to the presence of ^YAl , Y^{2+} or ^YLi at the triplets $^V\text{OH}-[\text{YZZ}]$, i.e.

405 ${}^{\text{V}}\text{OH}_{\text{YAl}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}}$, ${}^{\text{V}}\text{OH}_{\text{Y}^{2+}\text{ZAl}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}}$ and ${}^{\text{V}}\text{OH}_{\text{YLi}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}}$, in relation to their sum, ${}^{\text{V}}\text{OH}_{\text{YZAl}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}}$, give
406 shares of the Y constituents (Al, Y^{2+} and Li) in the Y-site occupancy: ~37.4, 37.4 and 25.2 %,
407 respectively, which corresponds to the [YYY] triplet ($\text{Al}_{1.12}\text{Y}^{2+}_{1.12}\text{Li}_{0.76}$) $_{\Sigma 3}$. Furthermore, the ratio
408 of total intensity of the ${}^{\text{V}}\text{OH}$ bands, ${}^{\text{V}}\text{OH}_{\text{YZAl}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}}$, in relation to the total intensity of the ${}^{\text{V}}\text{OH}$ and
409 ${}^{\text{W}}\text{OH}$ bands, ${}^{\text{V}}\text{OH}_{\text{YZAl}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}} + {}^{\text{W}}\text{OH}_{\text{YYYY}}$, allows estimating an approximate ${}^{\text{W}}\text{OH}_{\text{Raman}}$ content from
410 the equation: ${}^{\text{W}}\text{OH} = [3 \times ({}^{\text{V}}\text{OH}_{\text{YZAl}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}} + {}^{\text{W}}\text{OH}_{\text{YYYY}}) / {}^{\text{V}}\text{OH}_{\text{YZAl}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}} - 3]$ (apfu). For the studied
411 fluor-elbaite the ${}^{\text{W}}\text{OH}$ content evaluated in such a way is ~0.16 apfu. The contents of 1.12 ${}^{\text{Y}}\text{Al}$,
412 1.12 Y^{2+} , 0.76 ${}^{\text{Y}}\text{Li}$ apfu and 0.16 ${}^{\text{W}}\text{OH}$ groups pfu, estimated directly from the Raman spectrum
413 of the fluor-elbaite after the deconvolution of the O–H stretching vibration range, correspond
414 well to the EPMA + SREF results: 1.06 Al, 1.10 Y^{2+} , 0.84 Li and 0.26 OH apfu. As a result, the
415 output model of component bands in the OH stretching vibration range of the fluor-elbaite
416 ascribes its empirical spectrum with a R^2 value of 0.9998, better than in the case of the previously
417 discussed model of Watenphul et al. (2016a).

418 A deconvolution of the spectrum gives also an opportunity to use one of a few parameters,
419 which are possible to evaluate on basis of its quantitative results in the calculation of the crystal
420 chemical formula, similarly as it was done e.g. for Li. Lithium can not be analyzed by
421 conventional microprobe, but evaluated on the basis of the EPMA results and the Y-site
422 scattering from SREF. The introduction of such a parameter into the procedure of the formula
423 calculation gives the opportunity to evaluate ${}^{\text{Y}}\text{Li}$ and ${}^{\text{W}}\text{OH}$ by matching of such Li_2O and H_2O
424 amounts (in wt %) to obtain the value of the parameter matched to the value evaluated from the
425 spectrum deconvolution. As the most suitable parameter we determined the content of the ${}^{\text{V}}\text{OH}$ -
426 ${}^{\text{Y}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}$ component bands in the total spectrum, i.e. the ratio ${}^{\text{V}}\text{OH}_{\text{YAl}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}^{\text{Z}}\text{Al}} / ({}^{\text{V}}\text{OH}_{\text{YZZ}} +$

427 ${}^W\text{OH}_{\text{I}_{\text{YYY}}}$). This is due to the only small superposition of the ${}^V\text{OH}-{}^Y\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}$ component bands,
428 influenced by ${}^X(\square, \text{Na}, \text{Ca})$ with the remaining part of the spectrum, which gives the opportunity
429 to evaluate the parameter with a relatively high accuracy. The crystal chemical formula
430 calculated in such a way (only on basis of the EPMA and RS results) for the studied fluor-elbaite
431 (Table 1) is as follows:

432 ${}^X(\text{Na}_{0.85}\square_{0.14}\text{Ca}_{0.01})_{\Sigma 1.00}{}^Y(\text{Al}_{1.11}\text{Y}^{2+}_{1.11}\text{Li}_{0.78})_{\Sigma 3.00}{}^Z\text{Al}_6(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})(\text{OH})_3(\text{F}_{0.65}\text{OH}_{0.13}\text{O}_{0.22})$. It
433 differs from the EPMA + SREF formula by +0.05 Al, +0.01 Y^{2+} and -0.06 Li apfu.

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IMPLICATIONS

436 The empirical EPMA and SREF formula of the studied Zn-rich fluor-elbaite is

437 ${}^X(\text{Na}_{0.85}\square_{0.14}\text{Ca}_{0.01})_{\Sigma 1.00}{}^Y(\text{Al}_{1.06}\text{Li}_{0.84}\text{Zn}_{0.69}\text{Fe}^{2+}_{0.32}\text{Mn}_{0.09})_{\Sigma 3.00}{}^Z\text{Al}_6(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})(\text{OH})_3(\text{F}_{0.65}\text{OH}_{0.26}$
438 $\text{O}_{0.09})$. Our interpretation of the RS of the tourmaline in the range of O–H stretching modes,

439 $3400\text{--}3800\text{ cm}^{-1}$, indicates the presence of 1.12 Al, 1.12 Y^{2+} and 0.76 Li apfu in the [YYY] triplet

440 bonded to three ${}^V\text{OH}$ groups, and with OH, F and O, which occupy the W site. The ${}^W\text{OH}$ content

441 deduced on the basis of the deconvolution of the spectrum is ~ 0.16 apfu, which leads to the W-

442 site occupation $(\text{F}_{0.65}\text{O}_{0.19}\text{OH}_{0.16})_{\Sigma 1}$. An application of the ratio ${}^V\text{OH}_{\text{I}_{\text{YAl}^Z\text{Al}^Z\text{Al}}} / ({}^V\text{OH}_{\text{I}_{\text{YZZ}}} +$

443 ${}^W\text{OH}_{\text{I}_{\text{YYY}}})$, which reflects the contribution of ${}^V\text{OH}$ groups bonded to ${}^Y\text{Al}$ in relation to the total

444 content of ${}^{V+W}\text{OH}$ groups, as an additional criterion in the formula calculation allows to re-

445 calculate it as

446 ${}^X(\text{Na}_{0.85}\square_{0.14}\text{Ca}_{0.01})_{\Sigma 1.00}{}^Y(\text{Al}_{1.11}\text{Y}^{2+}_{1.11}\text{Li}_{0.78})_{\Sigma 3.00}{}^Z\text{Al}_6(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})(\text{OH})_3(\text{F}_{0.65}\text{OH}_{0.13}\text{O}_{0.22})$, where
447 $\text{Y}^{2+} = \text{Zn} + \text{Fe} + \text{Mn}$, based only on EPMA and RS results. The $\langle\text{Y}-\text{O}\rangle$ mean bond length

448 calculated on the basis of the formula, 2.036 \AA , as well as electron densities at the X, Y and W

449 sites, 9.6, 16.1 and 8.7 eps respectively, agree well with the refined values (within ~ 2 sd SREF

450 and EPMA results). Taken into account that in the applied methods (SREF, RS) the crystal
451 chemical and structural information was collected from volumes of the investigated crystal
452 having different dimensions, i.e. $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}^3$ in RS vs several μm^3 in EPMA compared to a
453 significantly larger volume of $\sim 3 \times 10^6 \mu\text{m}^3$ for the single-crystal X-ray diffraction, the accordance
454 of both formulae in the order of +0.05 Al, +0.01 Y^{2+} and -0.06 Li apfu, i.e. within 1 sd of the
455 microprobe Al and Y^{2+} determinations is an excellent agreement. Compared to the results of the
456 deconvolution and interpretation of the spectrum, as was suggested by Watenphul et al. (2016a),
457 +0.31 Al, -0.06 Y^{2+} , -0.25 Li apfu (deconvolution of the spectrum into 4 ZOH component bands),
458 or +0.21 Al, -0.30 Y^{2+} , +0.09 Li apfu, (deconvolution into 6 ZOH component bands), our new
459 proposed method gives results in better agreement with the EPMA and SREF results. Considering
460 the standard deviations of the refined parameters (including site scattering) of the structure
461 refinement, our (EPMA + RS)-evaluated formula actually seems to be very close to the calculated
462 Y-site occupants (based on the EPMA + SREF results). Assuming Y-site scattering errors in the
463 range of +1 to +3 sd, the differences between the (EPMA + RS)-evaluated Y-site contents (Al,
464 Y^{2+} , Li) and those calculated from EPMA + SREF differ only by ± 0.01 apfu per 1 sd at
465 maximum (Table 1).

466 The presented results are the first documented case with the application of RS for the
467 evaluation of the chemistry of a Li-bearing tourmaline. Up until now, only Watenphul et al.
468 (2016b) attempted to apply RS to the discrimination of tourmaline species, which they showed
469 was useful for discrimination of Mg- and Fe-dominant tourmaline species. Our presented method
470 needs subsequent investigations for Al-rich and Li-bearing tourmalines representing other
471 mineral species (elbaite, fluor-elbaite, fluor-liddicoatite, rossmanite, darrellhenryite), which
472 additionally could validate it and should allow to obtain the influence of the orientation to the

473 crystal faces and the precision of the Li and OH evaluation and ^WOH band assignments. More
474 researches about that are in progress. However, it seems that RS can be a very important tool in
475 the achievement of crystal chemical and structural information from ultra-small portions of a
476 crystal, even smaller than needed for a single-crystal X-ray diffraction. Generally, it should not
477 be surprising, because it is obvious that single-crystal X-ray diffraction and Raman spectroscopy
478 present two different patterns of the same crystal structure and code the same crystal chemical
479 and structural information, but in a different way. A crystal structure refinement uses the
480 intensities and positions of X-ray diffraction reflections, while Raman spectroscopy uses
481 intensities and positions of absorption bands.

482 The determination of Li (Li₂O) in Li-tourmalines is still problematic. Rinaldi and Llovet
483 (2015) stated that a new WDS soft X-ray emission spectrometer (SXES) introduced by one of the
484 two main EPMA equipment manufactures opens a whole new perspective for the analysis of light
485 elements (including Li) and low-energy lines of other elements in the nearest future. However,
486 because Li can still not be analyzed by conventional EPMA instruments, for large and
487 homogeneous crystals this difficulty can only be omitted by a direct analysis of Li, e.g. with AAS
488 or LA-ICP-MS. These methods cannot be used for very small crystals, which show a complex
489 zonation within a distance of a few μm. Tempesta and Agrosi (2016) studied the chemistry of red
490 beryls (including Li) with approximately 10 μm spot sizes by using Laser Induced Breakdown
491 Spectroscopy (LIBS), however, although this method is fast and only minimally destructive, it
492 works without standards but yields quantitative results very close to those obtained with
493 conventional techniques. Although the Li amount can be approximately evaluated on basis of
494 single-crystal X-ray diffraction, this method, currently mainly available at faculties of chemistry,
495 is not always accessible for mineralogists and cannot be applied routinely. To solve this problem,

496 Pesquera et al. (2016) derived a statistical equation allowing the calculation of Li₂O content in
497 wt% from the amounts of main oxide components of Li-bearing tourmalines such as SiO₂, Al₂O₃,
498 total Fe as FeO and MnO. However, as shown by Pieczka et al. (2018), this method does not
499 work well, if a tourmaline is enriched by an atypical component, e.g. ZnO and even CaO, which
500 are often present as important constituents in Al-rich, Li-bearing tourmalines. In this light, our
501 presented method, providing comparable Li contents, estimated by the solution of O–H stretching
502 vibration modes of a Raman spectrum of Li-tourmaline, can be applied relatively easily and
503 quickly compared to single-crystal X-ray diffraction refinements. All the previous remarks refer
504 also to the quantitative evaluation of OH_{total} (H₂O), another important component, which is
505 usually not analyzed and only calculated on basis of an assumed tourmaline stoichiometry.
506 Raman spectroscopy gives an opportunity to determine the relatively exact amount of OH,
507 although the V sites must be assumed to be fully occupied by OH. Hence, the amount of ^WOH
508 can be determined as an excess above 3 anions pfu. We consider that by the chemical analysis
509 with EPMA-WDS and by using Raman spectroscopy it is possible to receive the correct crystal
510 chemical and structural formula of a Al-rich and Li-bearing tourmaline in a relatively short time
511 without the necessity of comprehensive structural studies by single-crystal X-ray diffraction.

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653 Figure captions:

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655 **Figure. 1.** Back-scattered-electron image (colors added) of zinc-rich fluor-elbaite and schorl from
656 Piława Górna, Lower Silesia, southwestern Poland (enlargement of a part of Pieczka et al. 2018,
657 Fig. 4d). The area analyzed with the electron microprobe, single-crystal X-ray diffraction and
658 Raman spectroscopy is enclosed by a red ellipse.

659 **Figure 2.** Deconvolution of the O–H vibration modes in Zn-rich fluor-elbaite with the model of
660 Watenphul et al. (2016a): (a) four $^{\text{V}}\text{OH}$ component bands, (b) six $^{\text{V}}\text{OH}$ component bands
661 (explanation in the text). Colors in the spectrum: grey – the measured spectrum, black – the
662 smoothed spectrum, red – the fitted model, orange – a fluorescence band, blue – bands of $^{\text{V}}\text{O–H}$
663 vibrations, green – bands of $^{\text{W}}\text{O–H}$ vibrations.

664 **Figure. 3.** Deconvolution of the O–H vibration modes in Zn-rich fluor-elbaite with the short-
665 range arrangement model. Colors as in Fig. 2.

Table 1. Chemical composition of Zn-rich fluor-elbaite from Piława Górna.

Component	9/1	18/8	20/9	8/4	average (wt%)		average (apfu)	+1sd (apfu)	+2sd (apfu)	+3sd (apfu)	RS (apfu)
SiO ₂	36.96	36.10	36.06	37.08	36.55(47)	Si ⁴⁺	6.04(8)	6.04(8)	6.05(8)	6.05(8)	6.08(8)
Al ₂ O ₃	36.64	35.70	35.75	36.98	36.27(56)	Al ³⁺	7.06(11)	7.06(11)	7.07(11)	7.08(11)	7.11(11)
FeO	2.45	2.37	2.42	1.92	2.29(22)	Fe ²⁺	0.32(3)	0.32(3)	0.32(3)	0.32(3)	0.32(3)
MnO	0.67	0.58	0.61	0.76	0.66(07)	Mn ²⁺	0.09(1)	0.09(1)	0.09(1)	0.09(1)	0.09(1)
ZnO	5.64	5.90	5.57	5.68	5.70(12)	Zn ²⁺	0.69(1)	0.70(1)	0.70(1)	0.70(1)	0.70(2)
CaO	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.10	0.08(01)	Ca ²⁺	0.01(0)	0.01(0)	0.01(0)	0.01(0)	0.01(0)
Na ₂ O	2.70	2.62	2.61	2.62	2.64(04)	Na ⁺	0.84(1)	0.85(1)	0.85(1)	0.85(1)	0.85(1)
F	1.35	1.18	1.24	1.19	1.24(07)	F ⁻	0.65(4)	0.65(4)	0.65(4)	0.65(4)	0.65(4)
B ₂ O ₃ (calc.)					10.53	B ³⁺	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Li ₂ O(calc.)					1.26	Li ⁺	0.84	0.83	0.82	0.81	0.78
H ₂ O(calc.)					2.96	OH ⁻	3.26	3.24	3.23	3.21	3.13
-O=F ₂					-0.52	O ²⁻	27.09	27.11	27.12	27.14	27.22
Total					99.65						

Notes: average analysis – EPMA analysis completed with Li₂O and H₂O amounts matched to the SREF measured Y-site scattering; +1sd, +2sd and +3sd analyses – EPMA analysis completed with Li₂O and H₂O amounts matched to the SREF measured Y-site scattering +1sd, +2sd or +3sd, respectively; RS – EPMA analysis completed with Li₂O and H₂O amounts matched to the $\frac{{}^{\vee}\text{OH}_{\text{I}_Y\text{Al}_2\text{Al}_2\text{Al}}}{({}^{\vee}\text{OH}_{\text{I}_Y\text{ZZ}} + {}^{\text{w}}\text{OH}_{\text{I}_Y\text{YY}})}$ parameter equal to 0.3558, designed from the deconvoluted Raman spectrum. For the +1sd, +2sd, +3sd and RS analyses contents (in wt%) of the calculated components B₂O₃, Li₂O and H₂O are equal to: 10.52, 10.50, 10.49 and 10.44 (B₂O₃); 1.25, 1.24, 1.22 and 1.16 (Li₂O); 2.94, 2.92, 2.90 and 2.82 (H₂O); totals 99.61, 99.56, 99.52, 99.32, respectively.

Table 2. Deconvolution of O–H stretching bands in Zn-rich fluor-elbaite consistently with the model of Watenphul et al. (2016a)¹

Raman shift (cm ⁻¹)	FWHM (cm ⁻¹)	Integral intensity (%)	Interpretation
3481.6(9)	30.0(6)	15.66	^v OH–Y ^{2+Z} Al ^Z Al × ^v OH–(^Y Al ^Z Al ^Z Al) ₂
3498.9(4)	25.7(3)	20.17	^v OH– ^Y Li ^Z Al ^Z Al × ^v OH–(^Y Al ^Z Al ^Z Al) ₂
3560.3(0)	28.4(1)	43.11	(^v OH–Y ^{2+Z} Al ^Z Al) ₂ × ^v OH– ^Y Al ^Z Al ^Z Al
3596.8(0)	21.0(1)	18.65	(^v OH– ^Y Li ^Z Al ^Z Al) ₂ × ^v OH– ^Y Al ^Z Al ^Z Al
3629.3(3)	8	0.28	^w OH–Y ^{2+Y} Al ^Y Al ... □
3642.0(8)	8	0.07	^w OH–Y ^{2+Y} Al ^Y Al ... □
3672.0(3)	10.0(8)	0.40	^w OH–YYY... (□,Na)
3682.2(4)	10(1)	0.54	^w OH–YYY...Na
3713(1)	39(4)	1.12	^w OH–YYY... (Na,Ca)
3477.9(2)	26	11.65	^v OH–Y ^{2+Z} Al ^Z Al × (^v OH– ^Y Al ^Z Al ^Z Al) ₂
3497.1(1)	28.0(2)	26.94	^v OH– ^Y Li ^Z Al ^Z Al × (^v OH– ^Y Al ^Z Al ^Z Al) ₂
3545(1)	24(2)	3.46	(^v OH–Y ^{2+Z} Al ^Z Al) ₃
3555.7	22	12.55	(^v OH–Y ^{2+Z} Al ^Z Al) ₂ × ^v OH– ^Y Al ^Z Al ^Z Al
3564.2(1)	22	21.65	^v OH– ^Y Li ^Z Al ^Z Al × ^v OH–Y ^{2+Z} Al ^Z Al × ^v OH– ^Y Al ^Z Al ^Z Al
3596.3(0)	22.2(1)	21.05	(^v OH– ^Y Li ^Z Al ^Z Al) ₂ × ^v OH– ^Y Al ^Z Al ^Z Al
3629.4(5)	8	0.27	^w OH–Y ^{2+Y} Al ^Y Al ... □
3641.8(4)	8	0.16	^w OH–Y ^{2+Y} Al ^Y Al ... □
3670.8(4)	9(1)	0.33	^w OH–YYY... (□,Na)
3680(1)	16(2)	0.75	^w OH–YYY...Na
3713.1(7)	37	1.18	^w OH–YYY... (Na,Ca)

¹ – upper part presents the deconvolution into four component bands for ^vOH, lower part presents the deconvolution of the spectrum with two additional components (see explanation in the text); FWHM - full widths at half maximum. Data in parentheses are standard deviations. The lack of such data at peak positions or FWHMs denotes that the parameters were fixed.

Table 3. Possible W-[YYY] short-range arrangements in tourmaline with ^ZAl and ^VOH.

[YYY] arrangement	W		
	X = □	X = Na	X = Ca
[AlAlY ²⁺]	O		
[AlAlLi]	OH/F	OH/F* or O	
[AlY ²⁺ Y ²⁺]	OH/F	OH/F	
[AlY ²⁺ Li]		OH/F	
[Y ²⁺ Y ²⁺ Y ²⁺]		OH/F	
[AlLiLi]		OH/F*	OH/F
[Y ²⁺ Y ²⁺ Li]			OH/F**

* in elbaite and fluor-elbaite, ** in Y²⁺-bearing fluor-liddicoatite.

Table 4. Deconvolution of O–H stretching vibration bands in Zn-rich fluor-elbaite according to the short-range arrangement model.

Raman shift (cm ⁻¹)	FWHM (cm ⁻¹)	Integral intensity (%)	Interpretation
3450	54		fluorescence
3478.1(3)	28.5	10.14	^v OH– ^Y Al ^Z Al ^Z Al... ^X □
3498.1(1)	28.8(2)	24.96	^v OH– ^Y Al ^Z Al ^Z Al... ^X Na
3523.0(3)	10.8(8)	0.48	^v OH– ^Y Al ^Z Al ^Z Al... ^X Ca
3538.1(3)	26	5.55	^v OH– ^{Y²⁺Z} Al ^Z Al... ^X □
3561.2(1)	26.2	29.96	^v OH– ^{Y²⁺Z} Al ^Z Al... ^X Na
3584.7(2)	11.7(5)	2.51	^v OH– ^Y Li ^Z Al ^Z Al... ^X □
3597.5(1)	20.1(3)	21.17	^v OH– ^Y Li ^Z Al ^Z Al... ^X Na
3615.4(7)	10	0.29	^v OH– ^Y Li ^Z Al ^Z Al... ^X Ca
3625(1)	18	0.98	^w OH– ^Y Al ^Y Al ^Y Li... ^X □
			^w OH– ^Y Al ^Y Y ²⁺ Y ²⁺ ... ^X □
3643(2)	25(3)	0.88	^w OH– ^Y Al ^Y Al ^Y Li... ^X Na
3671.9(4)	16	0.95	^w OH– ^Y Al ^Y Y ²⁺ Y ²⁺ ... ^X Na
3683.5(6)	14	0.52	^w OH– ^Y Al ^Y Y ²⁺ Y ²⁺ Li... ^X Na
3697.8(8)	16	0.39	^w OH– ^{Y²⁺} Y ²⁺ Y ²⁺ ... ^X Na
3715.5(6)	20	0.62	^w OH– ^Y Al ^Y Li ^Y Li... ^X Na
3737.6(8)	44.1	0.30	^w OH– ^Y Al ^Y Li ^Y Li... ^X Ca (?)
3764.5(8)	45.1	0.30	^w OH– ^{Y²⁺} Y ²⁺ Y ²⁺ Li... ^X Ca (?)

FWHM - full width at half maximum. Data in parentheses are standard deviations. The lack of such data at peak position or FWHM denotes that the parameters were fixed.

Fig. 1.

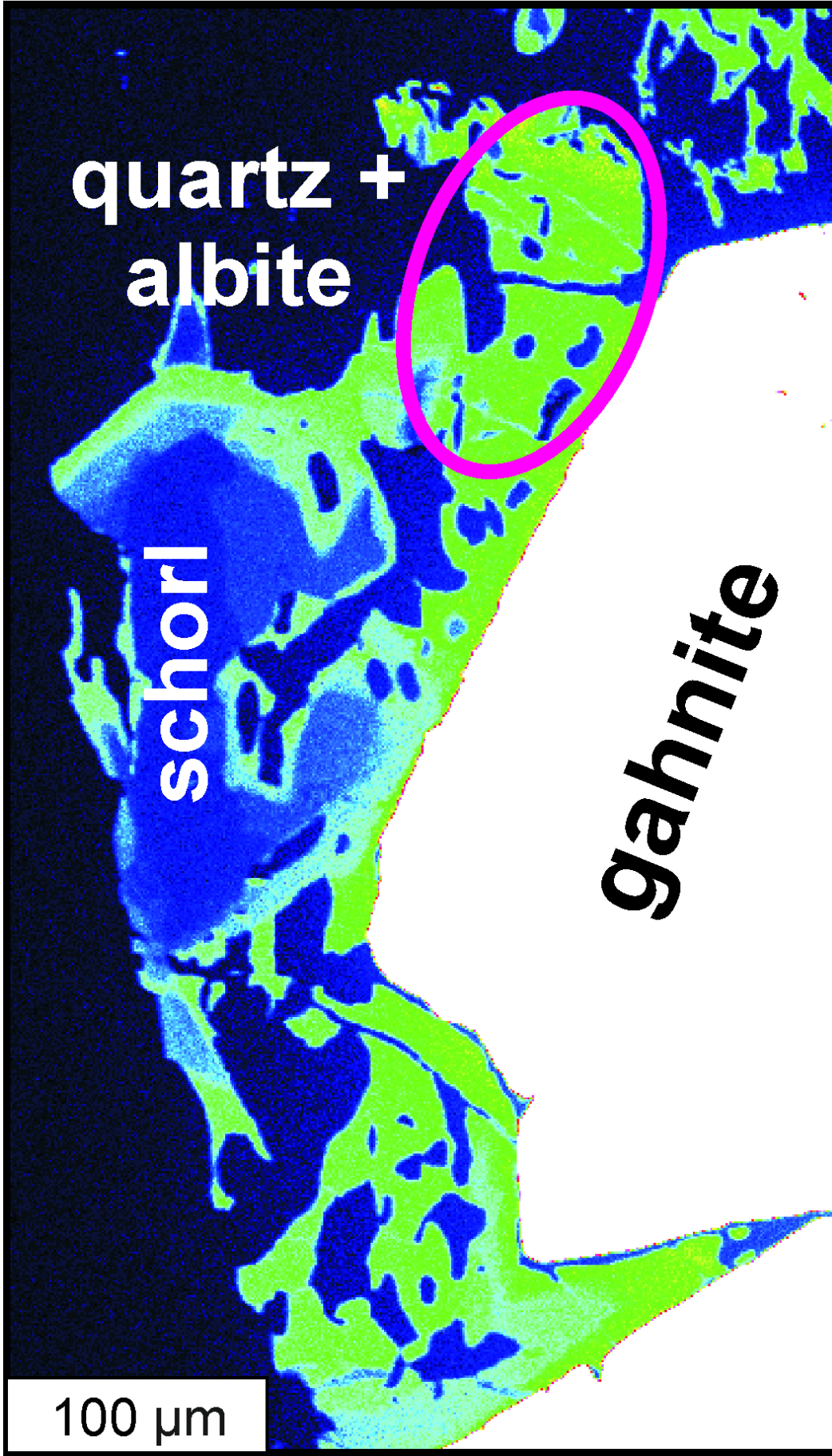


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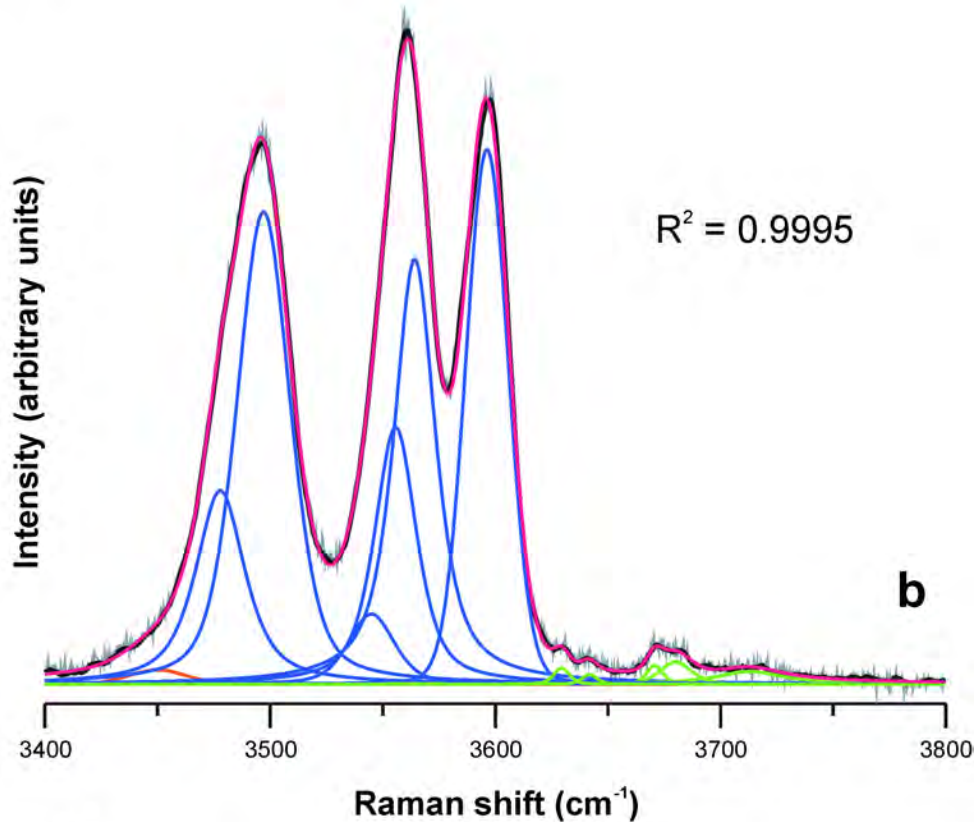
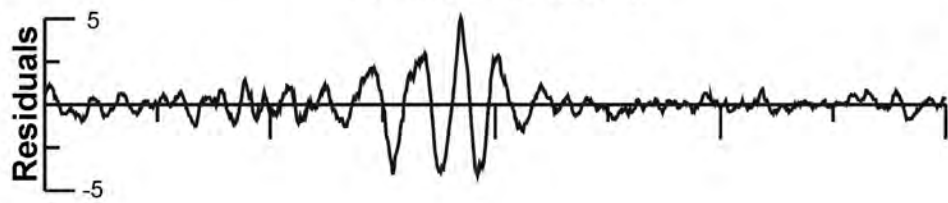
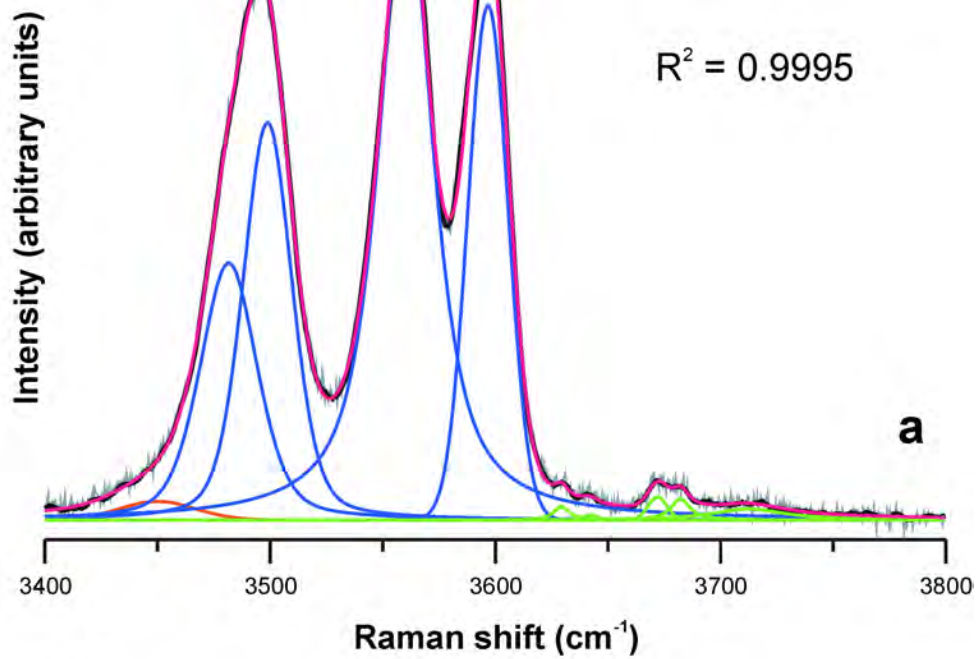


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