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# Synthesis and vibrational spectroscopic characterisation of synthetic hydrozincite and smithsonite

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## Abstract

Hydrozincite and smithsonite were synthesised by controlling the partial pressure of  $\text{CO}_2$ . Previous crystallographic studies concluded that the structure of hydrozincite was a simple one. However both Raman and infrared spectroscopy show that this conclusion is questionable. Multiple bands are observed in both the Raman and infrared spectra in the  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  antisymmetric stretching and bending regions of hydrozincite showing that the symmetry of the carbonate anion is reduced and in all probability the carbonate anions are not equivalent in the hydrozincite structure. Multiple OH stretching vibrations centred in both the Raman and infrared spectra show that the OH units in the hydrozincite structure are non-equivalent. The Raman spectrum of synthetic smithsonite is a simple spectrum characteristic of carbonate with Raman bands observed at 1408, 1092 and  $730\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

The symmetry of the carbonate anion in hydrozincite is  $C_{2v}$  or  $C_s$ . This symmetry reduction results in multiple bands in both the symmetric stretching and bending regions. The intense band of hydrozincite at  $1062\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to the  $\nu_1 (\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  symmetric stretching mode. Three Raman bands assigned to the  $\nu_3 (\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  antisymmetric stretching modes are observed for hydrozincite at 1545, 1532 and  $1380\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Multiple infrared or Raman bands are observed in 800 to  $850\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and 720 to  $750\text{ cm}^{-1}$  regions and are attributed to  $\nu_2$  and  $\nu_4$  bending modes confirming the reduction of the carbonate anion symmetry in the hydrozincite structure. A Raman band for hydrozincite at  $980\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is attributed to the  $\delta$  OH deformation mode.

*Key words:* hydrozincite, smithsonite; rosasite; hydroxy carbonates; synthesis, infrared and Raman spectroscopy

## 1. Introduction

Hydrozincite  $\text{Zn}_5(\text{CO}_3)_2(\text{OH})_6$  is a mineral formed in the oxidised zones of zinc deposits and is found as masses or crusts and is often not readily observed and may be confused with other minerals such as calcite [1]. The mineral is often associated with other minerals such as smithsonite, calcite, hemimorphite, aurichalcite [1]. Smithsonite is naturally occurring zinc carbonate [1]. It is hexagonal with point group  $3\bar{2}/m$ . The mineral is named for James Smithson, the founder of the Smithsonian Institution (USA). The mineral is renowned for its pearly lustre and comes in a range of colours which vary across all colours of the visible spectrum. Although it must be stated that no studies have been undertaken to explain the colours

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of the minerals even though chemical analyses of the coloured smithsonites have been undertaken. Carbonates with intermediate sized divalent cations normally crystallise in the calcite structure [2]. Those with larger cations have an aragonite type structure. Hydrozincite is not commonly found as a crystalline material. Some lathlike or bladed crystals may be uncommonly found. The mineral is flattened on 100 and elongated on 001 with pointed terminations up to 6 mm in length. The mineral is monoclinic with Space Group: C 2/m and point group 2/m [3-5]. Some considerations of the stacking in the crystals have been made [4]. A model of the structure of hydrozincite is given in Figure 1. This figure displays the structure of hydrozincite looking along the a, b and c axes, respectively.

It is important to study the malachite-hydrozincite-hydrocerrusite assemblage and the stability of the system. The reason is that these minerals are the stable minerals at one atmosphere. One essential method is to use vibrational spectroscopic techniques. Infrared and Raman spectroscopy have been used to investigate carbonates including azurite and malachite [6, 7]. A detailed single crystal Raman study of selected mineral carbonates has been undertaken [6, 8]. This would seem important in the context of the stability of the hydroxy carbonates of Zn, Cu and Pb. However the vibrational spectroscopy of hydrozincite has not been undertaken. This may be due to the amorphous nature of the hydrozincite crusts. Few infrared spectral studies of related minerals such as the rosasite group have been forthcoming [7, 9-11]. An infrared stretching vibration of the hydroxyl unit of azurite was observed at  $3425\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , whereas two bands were reported for malachite at  $3400$  and  $3320\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The observation of two bands for malachite suggests coupling of the hydroxyl stretching vibrations [8]. This coupling was not observed for azurite [8]. Azurite and malachite form the basis of pigments in samples of an archaeological or medieval nature [12-15]. It is not known if hydrozincite was used in medieval paintings. Malachite has a characteristic infrared active intense band at  $\sim 430\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and for azurite an intense band at  $\sim 400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The deformation modes of azurite were reported at  $1035$  and  $952\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and at  $1045$  and  $875\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for malachite. [7, 16] Hydrozincites from different origins showed differences in the infrared spectra in the OH stretching region [4]. These variations were accounted for by differences in stacking of the minerals [4]. Minerals in the rosasite mineral group, (a group of copper hydroxy carbonates) namely, rosasite, glaukosphaerite, kolwezite, mcguinnessite, nullaginite and pokrovskite have been studied by Raman spectroscopy at 298 and 77 K [17, 18].

Vibrational spectroscopic studies of carbonate minerals have been undertaken over an extended period of time [19-21]. Adler and Kerr showed that differences in the infrared absorption spectra of carbonates were a function of cation size [19]. Some NIR studies have been undertaken [22, 23]. Raman studies also have been forthcoming but not in recently [24-26]. Farmer reported the vibrational wavenumbers of calcite structured minerals (table 12. IX page 239) [2]. In this table the band positions for smithsonite were listed as  $1093\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\nu_1$  symmetric stretching mode),  $1412$  and  $1440\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\nu_3$  antisymmetric stretching mode),  $870\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\nu_2$  in-plane bending mode),  $733$  and  $743\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\nu_4$  out of plane bending mode) with lattice modes at  $307$ ,  $200$ ,  $165\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Some variation of band positions is found in the literature. Very little spectroscopic information on hydrozincite is available. However a comparison may be made with the mineral aurichalcite. The mineral aurichalcite  $(\text{Zn,Cu}^{2+})_5(\text{CO}_3)_2(\text{OH})_6$  is also monoclinic as are many of the other hydroxy

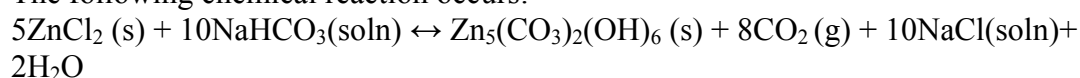
carbonates such as malachite [27-29]. Aurichalcite forms in the oxidation zones of zinc-copper deposits. Crystals are similar to that of hydrozincite and are acicular and fibrous and often found in aggregates. Anthony et al. (2003) reports aurichalcite to be acicular to lathlike crystals with prominent crystal growth along the [010] axis, commonly striated parallel to [001] axis. The mineral is of point group  $2/m$  and space group  $P2_1/m$  [1]. The accurate X-ray crystallography of aurichalcite is difficult to obtain because of its very small interwoven needles which makes obtaining single crystal studies difficult [1, 3, 29, 30]. Harding (1994) showed that the positions in the structure of aurichalcite are octahedrally coordinated. The atom positions occupied by zinc have tetrahedral coordination [3]. Spectroscopic studies of aurichalcites and related minerals such as hydrozincite have been sparse. Reports regarding the chemical analysis, ESR, electronic and some limited infrared spectroscopic studies have been published [31]. These workers reported optical spectra revealing the presence of copper in  $D_{4h}$  symmetry with crystal field ( $Dq$ ) and tetragonal field ( $D_s$  and  $D_t$ ). This research was further extended in a comparison of rosasite and aurichalcite [32]. Optical and EPR spectra of aurichalcite accounted for  $Cu^{2+}$  ion in the distorted octahedron site [32]. Stoilova et al. (2002) reported the infrared spectra of a series of synthetic hydroxy carbonates containing  $Cu^{2+}$  [33].

Raman spectroscopy has proven very useful for the study of minerals [34-36]. Indeed Raman spectroscopy has proven most useful for the study of diagenetically related minerals often occurring with carbonate minerals [37-41]. Some previous studies have been undertaken by the authors using Raman spectroscopy to study complex secondary minerals formed by crystallisation from concentrated sulphate solutions [42]. The aim of this paper is to present Raman and infrared spectra of synthetic hydrozincites and smithsonite and to discuss the spectra from the structural point of view. The paper is a part of systematic studies of vibrational spectra of minerals of secondary origin in the oxide supergene zone and their synthetic analogs.

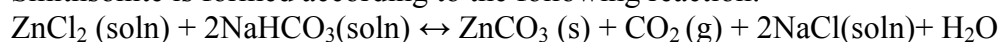
## Experimental

### *Synthesis of hydrozincite and smithsonite*

Three different synthesis techniques were trialled during the synthesis of hydrozincite. The first involved weighing out equimolar amounts of the Zinc (II) salt and the carbonate salt, dissolving in a minimum volume of deionised water and combining rapidly in a beaker of adequate size. The two Zinc salts used in the experiment were zinc chloride  $ZnCl_2$  and zinc nitrate  $Zn(NO_3)_2$ . Sodium hydrogen carbonate  $NaHCO_3$  was the source of the carbonate ion used for both experiments. The following chemical reaction occurs:

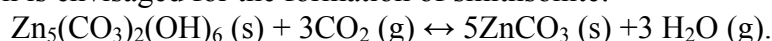


Smithsonite is formed according to the following reaction:



The second experiment involved a similar process of mixing the reactants but at a controlled rate using a peristaltic pump system operating at  $10\text{cm min}^{-1}$ . Both the zinc salt and carbonate salt were made up as standard solutions of equal concentration  $0.5\text{M}$  so that adding equivalent volumes  $50\text{cm}^3$  of reagents gave the desired amounts of reagents according to the stoichiometry of the reaction. The pH of the reaction was

monitored but remained essentially constant at pH=7.2. The following alternative reaction is envisaged for the formation of smithsonite:



The third synthesis method involved hydro-thermally treating some of the products from the previous two methods in a hydrothermal bomb at 100°C for 48 hrs with adequate washing of the products after removal from the bomb. Adequate washing was achieved when the silver chloride test was negative. Thus indicating that all free chloride ions were removed. All of the samples were then washed and dried with ethanol and were placed in an oven at 80°C over night to dry thoroughly.

From the XRD analysis, it was found that there was an impurity of another synthetic mineral found in the samples that had both used zinc chloride and had then been hydro-thermally treated. It can be seen that hydrothermal treatment actually promotes the formation of this synthetic mineral identified as simonkolleite, a zinc chloride hydroxide hydrate mineral with the formula of  $\text{Zn}_5(\text{OH})_8\text{Cl}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . It is apparent that if the sample was synthesised using the  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  and then hydro-thermally treated, the carbonate yield decreased significantly thereby increasing the yield of simonkolleite.

#### *X-ray diffraction*

XRD analyses were performed on a Philips PANalytical X'Pert PRO X-ray diffractometer (radius: 240.0 mm). Incident X-ray radiation was produced from a line focused PW3373/10 Cu X-ray tube, operating at 40 kV and 40 mA, providing a  $K\alpha_1$  wavelength of 1.54 Å. The incident beam was monochromated through a 0.020 mm Ni filter then passed through a 0.04 rad. Soller slit, a 15 mm fixed mask and a  $\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  fixed anti scatter slit. After interaction with the sample, the diffracted beam passed through a secondary 0.04 rad. Soller slit and a  $0.25^\circ$  progressive divergence slit before detection by an X'Celerator RTMS detector. The detector was set in scanning mode, with an active length of 2.022 mm. Samples were analysed utilising Bragg-Brentano geometry over a range of  $1.5 - 70^\circ 2\theta$  with a step size of  $0.02^\circ 2\theta$ , with each step measured for 12.1 seconds. For all XRD analyses, the samples were dispersed in hexane and dropped onto low background quartz plates, forming a thin film upon evaporation of the hexane.

#### *Raman microprobe spectroscopy*

The crystals of hydrozincite or smithsonite were placed and oriented on the stage of an Olympus BHSM microscope, equipped with 10x and 50x objectives and part of a Renishaw 1000 Raman microscope system, which also includes a monochromator, a filter system and a Charge Coupled Device (CCD). Raman spectra were excited by a HeNe laser (633 nm) at a resolution of  $2\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the range between 100 and  $4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Repeated acquisition using the highest magnification was accumulated to improve the signal to noise ratio. Band positions were calibrated using the  $520.5\text{ cm}^{-1}$  line of a silicon wafer. In order to ensure that the correct spectra are obtained, the incident excitation radiation was scrambled. Previous studies by the authors provide more details of the experimental technique [43-46].

### 2.3. Mid-IR spectroscopy

Infrared spectra were obtained using a Nicolet Nexus 870 FTIR spectrometer with a smart endurance single bounce diamond ATR cell. Spectra over the 4000–525  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  range were obtained by the co-addition of 64 scans with a resolution of 4  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and a mirror velocity of 0.6329  $\text{cm/s}$ . Spectra were co-added to improve the signal to noise ratio.

Spectral manipulation such as baseline adjustment, smoothing and normalisation were performed using the Spectracalc software package GRAMS (Galactic Industries Corporation, NH, USA). Band component analysis was undertaken using the Jandel 'Peakfit' software package, which enabled the type of fitting function to be selected and allows specific parameters to be fixed or varied accordingly. Band fitting was done with the lowest possible number of Lorentz-Gauss cross-product functions. The Lorentz-Gauss ratio was maintained at values greater than 0.7 and fitting was undertaken until reproducible results were obtained with squared correlations of  $r^2$  greater than 0.995.

## 3. Results and discussion

### Relative stability of hydrozincite and smithsonite

The relative stability of hydrozincite and smithsonite are of importance to understand their formation in nature. Of the secondary minerals containing zinc only smithsonite and hydrozincite are known. The formation of these minerals is controlled by the partial pressure of  $\text{CO}_2$  [47, 48], according to the equation for the formation of hydrozincite with  $\log K = 10.32$  [47]. Thus  $\text{ZnO}$  is unstable with respect to hydrozincite at partial pressures above  $10^{-5.16}$ . If the partial pressure of  $\text{CO}_2$  increases above  $10^{-1.41}$  smithsonite formation is favoured according to the reaction  $\text{Zn}_5(\text{CO}_3)_2(\text{OH})_6 (\text{s}) + 3\text{CO}_2 (\text{g}) \leftrightarrow 5\text{ZnCO}_3 (\text{s}) + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} (\text{g})$ . These results provide implications for the relative stability of hydrozincite and smithsonite. It is noted that hydrozincite may form from solutions resulting from oxidized zone of a Pb-Zn ore body [47]. Thus zincite ( $\text{ZnO}$ ) is a rare mineral and smithsonite is only stable at elevated  $\text{CO}_2$  partial pressures. The partial pressure range for the stability of hydrozincite according to Williams is limited and no doubt this accounts for the rarity of the mineral in nature [48]. The mineral can be readily synthesised in the laboratory and is often found in corrosion products of zinc [14, 29, 49]. In the presence of tenerite ( $\text{CuO}$ ) the formation of malachite and/or azurite is favoured at the expense of hydrozincite [48]. Often the assemblage malachite-hydrozincite-hydrocerussite is the stable system at 1 atmosphere  $\text{CO}_2$  pressure. Bouchard and Smith reported the formation of a significant number of phases on metal coins including hydrozincite [14].

An impurity of simonkolleite with hydrozincite may be synthesised depending upon the starting materials. The conditions for the formation of simonkolleite are the same as that for hydrozincite. It was found that if zinc chloride was used in the synthesis and the sample was hydrothermally treated, a significant yield of simonkolleite was produced. The sample proved to be a mixed phase of simonkolleite and hydrozincite. It is also interesting that when smithsonite is formed, simonkolleite was not. The XRD patterns together with standard XRD reference patterns of

synthetic smithsonite and hydrozincite are shown in Figure 2. Clearly the pure hydrozincite and smithsonite phases were synthesised as single phases.

## Spectroscopy

The Raman and infrared spectra of synthetic hydrozincite and smithsonite in the 550 to 1800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region are shown in Figure 3. The results of the band component analysis are reported in Table 1. Raman bands are assigned according to published data and by comparison with data for other minerals [18, 45, 50-58]. The Raman spectrum of synthetic hydrozincite shows an intense sharp band at 1062  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Other low intensity bands are observed at 1078 and 980  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The latter Raman band at 980  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to the  $\delta$  OH deformation mode. The Raman spectrum of synthetic smithsonite shows a sharp band at 1092  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . These bands are assigned to the  $\nu_1$  symmetric stretching mode of the carbonate unit. Infrared bands in this position are not observed for smithsonite. However a band at 1040  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is found in the infrared spectrum of synthetic hydrozincite. The  $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$   $\nu_1$  band of the hydrozincite compound should not be infrared active. However, because of symmetry reduction of the carbonate anion through distortion the infrared band becomes activated.

A number of low intensity Raman bands are observed in the 1300 to 1500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region (Figure 3). A single band for synthetic smithsonite is observed at 1408  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and for hydrozincite bands at 1545 and 1380  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are found. These bands may be ascribed to the  $\nu_3$   $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  antisymmetric stretching modes. In the infrared spectrum of synthetic smithsonite a broad spectral profile centred on 1392  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is observed and is assigned to the  $\nu_3$   $(\text{CO}_3)^{2-}$  antisymmetric stretching modes. In the infrared spectrum of synthetic hydrozincite bands are observed at 1505, 1383 and 1338  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The difference in the number of bands in this spectral region of smithsonite and hydrozincite is ascribed to the symmetry reduction of the hydrozincite.

The  $\nu_2$  bending mode for carbonates varies from around 890  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  to 850  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . For smithsonite Farmer reported an infrared band at 870  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  [2]. For hydrozincite the infrared band was observed at 837  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  [2]. In this work no Raman bands are observed for synthetic smithsonite or hydrozincite in this position. In the infrared spectrum of synthetic hydrozincite bands are observed at 888, 832  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  with a broad feature at 799  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . In the infrared spectrum of smithsonite two bands are observed at 864 and 834  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . These bands are assigned to the carbonate  $\nu_2$  bending mode. The observation of more than one  $\nu_2$  mode suggests symmetry reduction of the carbonate anion in the structure. A comparison may be made with the spectra of other hydroxycarbonates. A mineral similar to hydrozincite is aurichalcite  $(\text{Zn,Cu})_5(\text{CO}_3)_2(\text{OH})_6$ . For aurichalcite two Raman bands may be resolved at 860 and 845  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Only a single band at 817  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is observed in this region for malachite  $\text{Cu}_2(\text{CO}_3)(\text{OH})_2$ . The FTIR spectrum of malachite showed two bands at 879 and 821  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  [8]. This FTIR spectral region is more complex for azurite  $\text{Cu}_3(\text{CO}_3)_2(\text{OH})_2$  with bands observed at 872, 837, 815 and 796  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

Multiple bands are observed for the carbonate  $\nu_4$  in phase bending modes in the Raman spectrum of hydrozincite with bands at 733, 707 and 636  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The number of bands observed in this spectral region may be attributed to the structural distortion of the mineral. For smithsonite only a single band at 730  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is observed.

Farmer (based upon the work of Moenke [21]) reported two infrared bands for hydrozincite at 738 and 710  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  [2]. Farmer also reported only a single band for smithsonite at 733  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . In the infrared spectrum of synthetic hydrozincite a broad complex spectral profile with two bands resolved at 737 and 707  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is observed. In the infrared spectrum of synthetic smithsonite two bands at 743 and 715  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are observed. It is interesting that in the Raman spectrum of aurichalcite three bands are observed at 752, 733 and 708  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The equivalent Raman bands for malachite are observed at 752 and 717  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . In the infrared spectra bands are observed at 779, 754 and 701  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for azurite and at 780, 750 and 715  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for malachite [8].

In the Raman spectrum of smithsonite in the 100 to 600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region, two prominent bands are observed at 304 and 198  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (Figure 4). These bands are assigned to lattice modes. Farmer reported lattice modes in the infrared spectrum of smithsonite at 307, 200 and 165  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  [2]. For hydrozincite Raman bands are observed at 385, 346, 272 and 227  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Bands in this spectral region have not been previously defined. The Raman spectra of the OH stretching region of the three aurichalcite mineral samples are shown in Figure 5. The Raman spectrum of smithsonite shows two bands at 3472 and 3265  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and the infrared spectrum a single band at 3356  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . These bands are attributed to adsorbed water. For synthetic hydrozincite infrared bands are observed at 3291, 3063 and 2895  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and Raman bands are found at 3541, 3407, 3286  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Farmer based upon the work of Moenke reported bands for hydrozincite at 3300 and 3260  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . A single symmetric band is observed for aurichalcite at 3338  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . A comparison can be made with rosasite where two distinct bands are observed at 3387 and 3319  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The bands are assigned to the OH stretching vibration. Bouchard and Smith (2003) reported a noticeably broad band in the Raman spectrum of aurichalcite at 3331  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . This value is in good agreement with the results reported in this work. Infrared bands for aurichalcite are observed at 3491, 3350, 3244 and a broad band at 3173  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The infrared spectrum of a second aurichalcite mineral gave bands at 3359, 3249 and 3106  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The broad band at around 3163  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  may be ascribed to adsorbed water. The first two bands are assigned to OH stretching vibrations.

## Conclusions

Of the secondary minerals of zinc only two minerals are known, namely smithsonite and hydrozincite and their formation of is controlled by the partial pressure of  $\text{CO}_2$  according to the reactions  

$$5\text{ZnO}(\text{s}) + 2\text{CO}_2(\text{g}) \leftrightarrow \text{Zn}_5(\text{CO}_3)_2(\text{OH})_6(\text{s})$$
 and  

$$\text{Zn}_5(\text{CO}_3)_2(\text{OH})_6(\text{s}) + 3\text{CO}_2(\text{g}) \leftrightarrow 5\text{ZnCO}_3(\text{s}) + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{g})$$
. An impurity of simonkolleite with hydrozincite was synthesised depending upon the starting materials

The Raman spectra of synthetic hydrozincite and smithsonite show intense sharp bands at 1062 and 1092  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , assigned to the  $\nu_1$  symmetric stretching mode of carbonate. Raman bands for synthetic smithsonite is observed at 1408  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and for hydrozincite bands at 1545 and 1380  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and are ascribed to the  $\nu_3$  ( $\text{CO}_3$ )<sup>2-</sup> antisymmetric stretching modes. Multiple bands are observed for the carbonate  $\nu_4$  in phase bending modes in the Raman spectrum of hydrozincite with bands at 733, 707 and 636  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The number of bands observed in this spectral region may be attributed to the structural distortion of the mineral. For smithsonite only a single band at 730



$\text{cm}^{-1}$  is observed. No Raman bands are observed for synthetic smithsonite or hydrozincite around  $850 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . This is the expected position of the  $\nu_2$  mode. In the infrared spectrum of synthetic hydrozincite bands are observed at  $888, 832 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  with a broad feature at  $799 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

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IR - Synthetic Smithsonite			IR - Synthetic Hydrozincite			Raman - Synthetic Smithsonite			Raman - Synthetic Hydrozincite		
Center	FWHM	%	Center	FWHM	%	Center	FWHM	%	Center	FWHM	%
			3478	189	6.07				3541	137	3.01
						3472	234	12.92	3407	142	17.06
3356	310	7.26	3291	282	31.44				3286	251	29.67
			3063	222	4.74	3265	288	8.86			
			2895	231	3.83				2934	131	1.71
2498	32	0.28							2330	3	0.10
1813	29	0.24									
						1734	10	1.71	1692	58	0.61
									1545	17	0.97
									1532	74	2.37
			1505	81	16.05						
1474	96	16.87				1408	10	6.03			
1424	67	14.84									
1392	43	30.44	1383	65	8.12				1380	77	1.61
									1370	15	1.91
1367	43	11.78									
1344	220	5.74	1338	59	8.12						
1330	57	6.54									
						1092	9	33.57			
									1078	15	0.47
			1060	119	3.20				1062	15	9.40
			1042	23	0.96				980	19	0.35
			949	69	2.28						
864	14	4.60	888	51	1.76						
834	34	1.87	832	20	2.64						
			799	93	2.25				801	294	7.72
			737	16	0.25	730	6	1.98	733	20	2.37
743	7	1.37	707	10	0.32				707	9	0.76
715	88	2.07	693	103	7.73						
			626	45	0.24				636	41	0.74
									417	244	10.71
									385	18	3.02
									346	43	2.18
						350	453	11.90			
						304	15	19.83			
									272	38	0.95
									227	33	1.49
									198	38	0.52

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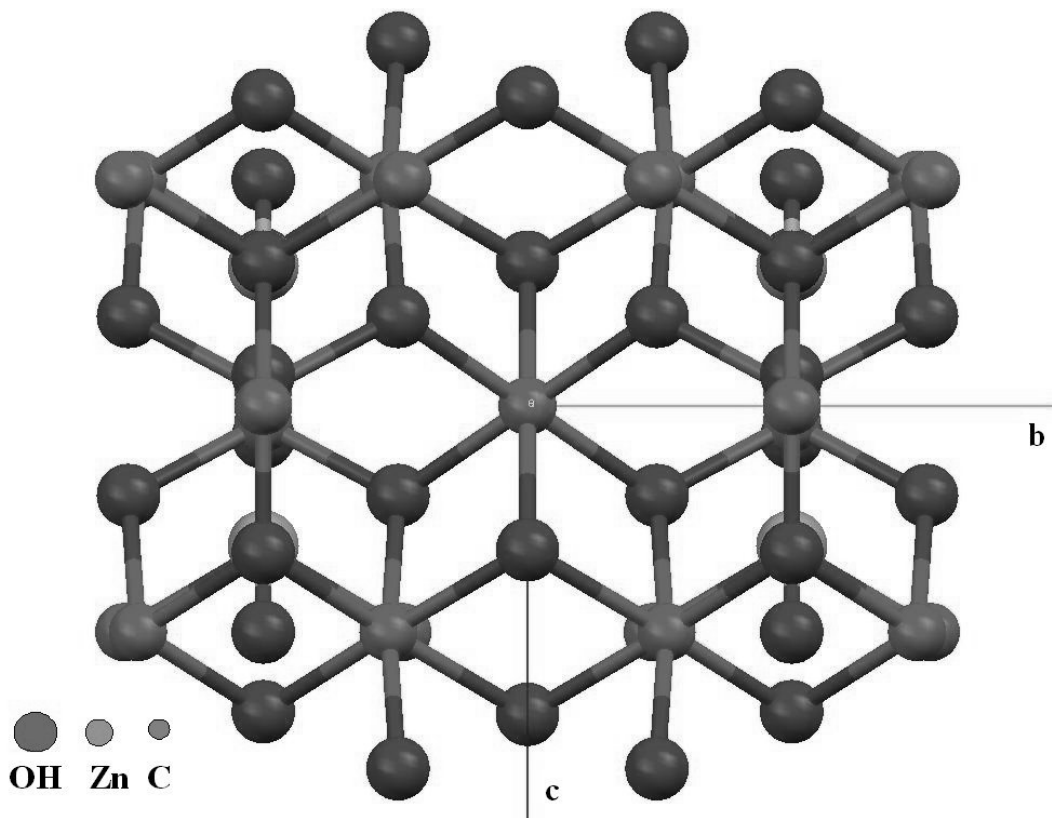


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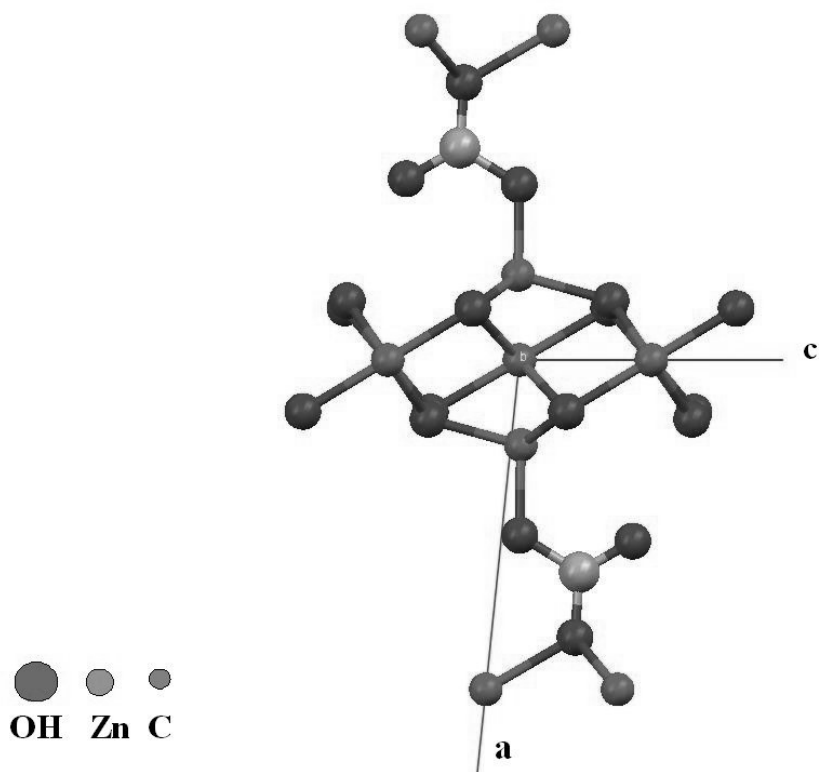


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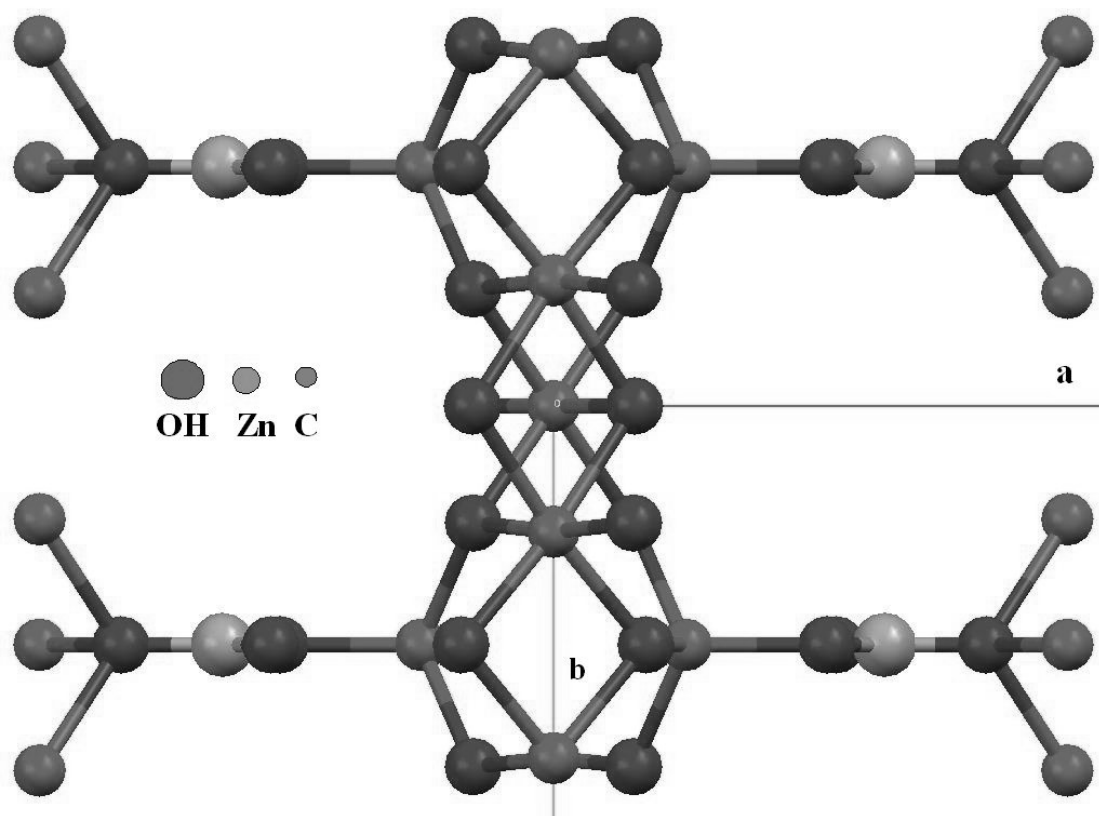
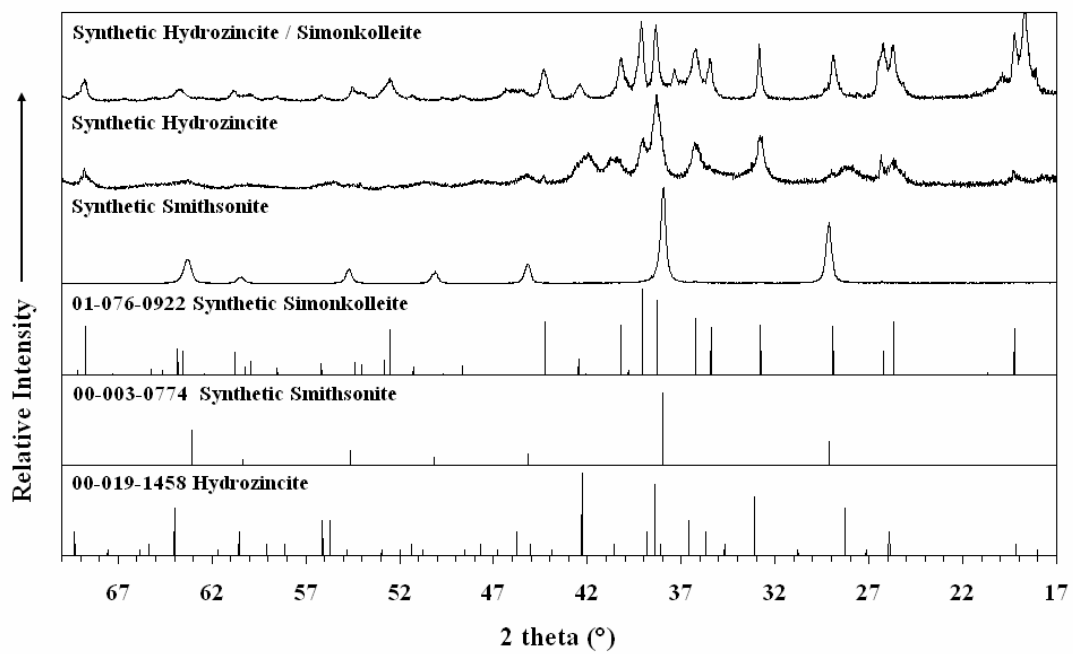


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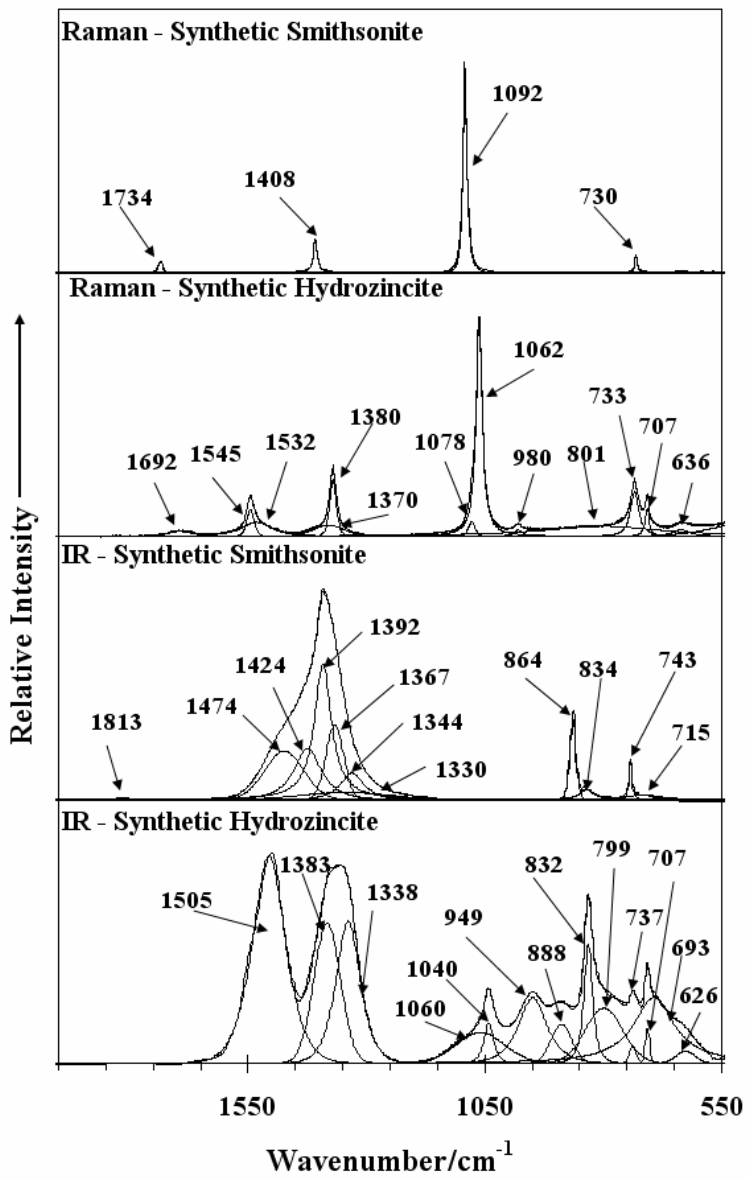
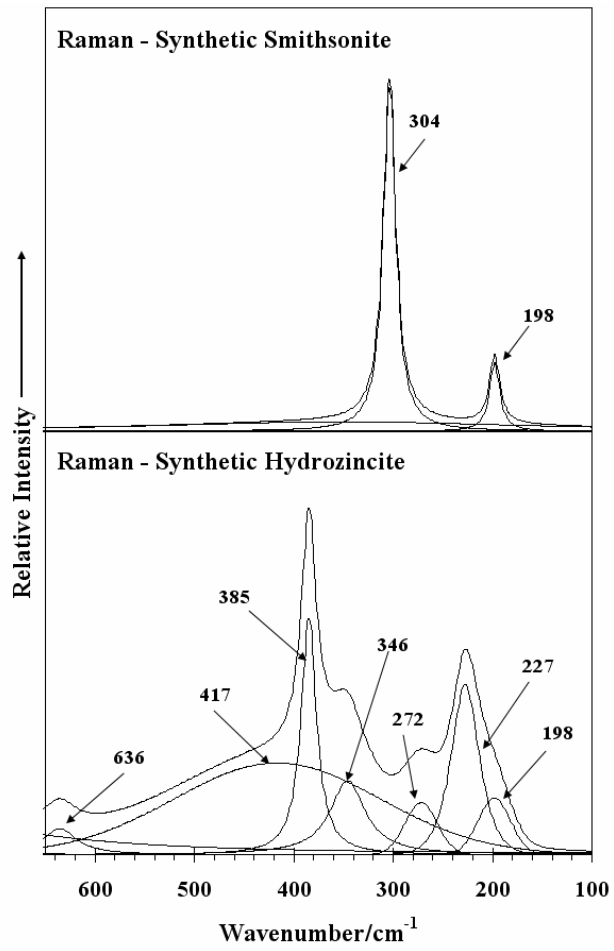


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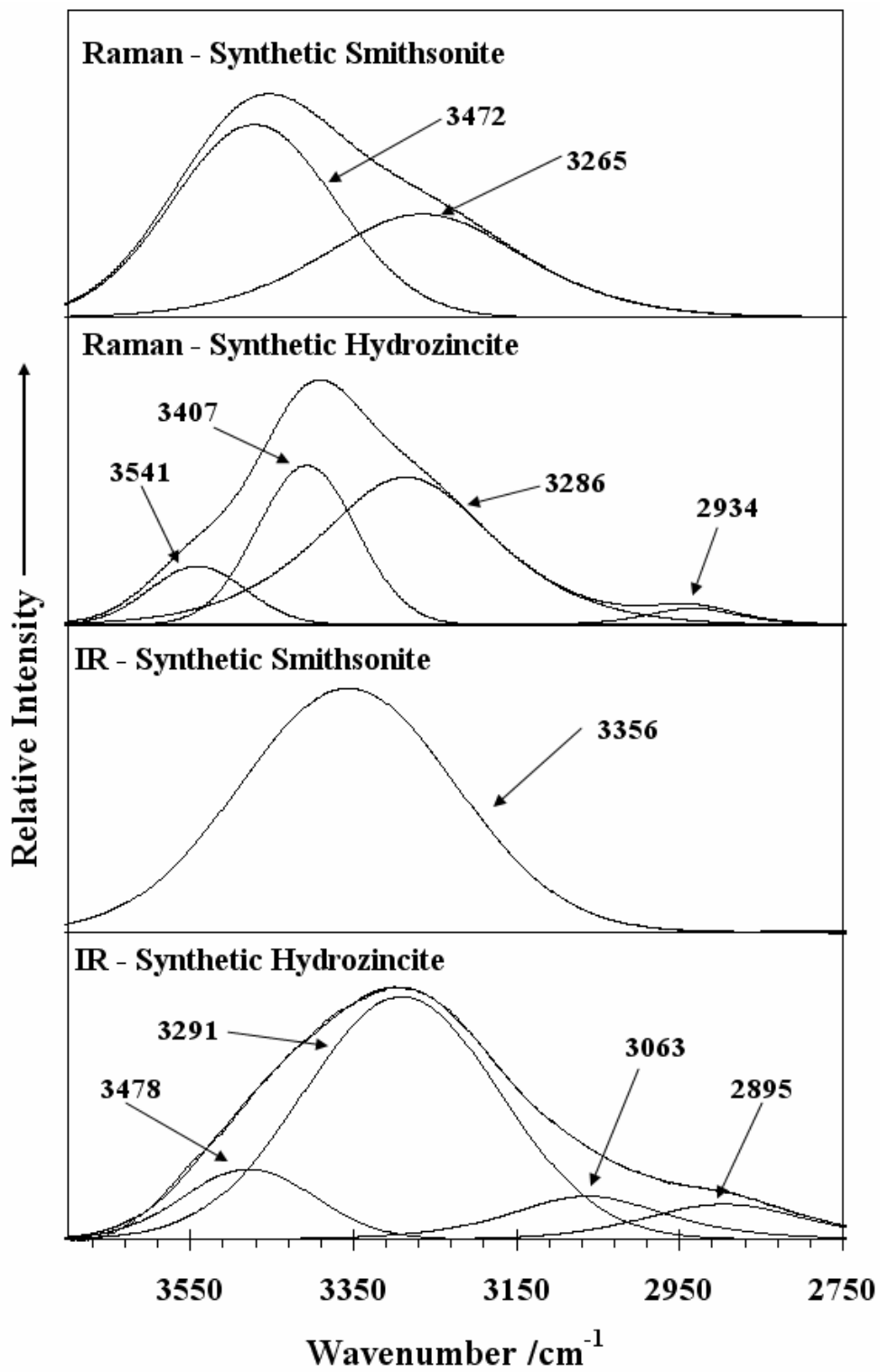


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