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3 Kumdykolite from the ultrahigh-pressure granulite of the Bohemian Massif

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11 **Abstract**

12 We report the first occurrence of kumdykolite, a high-temperature analog of albite, in the
13 European Variscan belt. It was discovered in an ultrahigh-pressure, diamond-bearing
14 quartzofeldspathic granulite from the northern Bohemian Massif. It is associated with
15 phlogopite and quartz in a multiphase solid inclusion within garnet, considered to represent a
16 trapped fluid or melt phase. Micro-Raman analysis and mapping along with BSE revealed the
17 presence of a sub-equant, elongated grain of kumdykolite reaching 20 μm in length. WDX
18 analysis has shown that kumdykolite contains 2 wt. % CaO, probably indicating significant
19 miscibility with the Ca-endmember sytyoslavite. Similar to the case of microdiamond
20 inclusions, the kumdykolite-bearing multiphase inclusion is located in the Ca- and Mg-rich
21 central part of the garnet and thus must have been trapped at $P > 4$ GPa. The inclusion
22 minerals, however, crystallized upon decompression and cooling during the exhumation.
23 Kumdykolite preservation thus provides independent evidence for high temperature of the
24 original trapped fluid, or melt, crystallization, and rapid cooling of the rocks. Our results
25 imply that kumdykolite and other feldspar modifications stable at elevated pressures and

26 temperatures may be common phases in quartzofeldspathic granulites and need to be searched
27 for.

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30 mapping, BSE, WDX, high-temperature, ultrahigh-pressure, granulite, microdiamond

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Introduction

33 Quartzofeldspathic diamond-bearing ultrahigh-pressure (UHP) granulites of the north
34 Bohemian crystalline basement, European Variscan Belt (Kotková et al. 2011a, b) are
35 favorable for the occurrence and preservation of rare K or Na feldspar modifications formed
36 at extreme P-T conditions; this is due to their bulk rock composition (high ASI up to 1.5, high
37 alkali content both reaching about 3 wt %) and rapid cooling during exhumation (Kotková et
38 al. 1996; Zulauf et al. 2002). We report the presence of kumdykolite in one of the multiphase
39 solid inclusions in garnet in felsic garnet-kyanite-feldspar-quartz granulite from the T7
40 borehole, located at the village of Staré in the České středohoří Mountains (see Kotková et al.
41 2011a, b). This orthorhombic form of $\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$ was first described in diamondiferous
42 eclogite from the UHP Kokchetav Massif, Kazakhstan as micrometer-sized inclusions in
43 omphacite (Hwang et al. 2009), and recently from the Sahara 97072, 3H3 enstatite chondrite
44 (Németh et al. 2013). Kumdykolite is metastable, and is presumed to be a high-temperature
45 modification by analogy with the corresponding calcium end-member svyatoslavite (Hwang
46 et al. 2009), although kumdykolite has not yet been synthesized. Svyatoslavite and
47 dmisteinbergite (pseudo-orthorhombic and hexagonal $\text{CaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8$, respectively) are
48 metastable phases at room temperature and pressure, crystallizing at temperatures as high as
49 1200–1400 °C. These two phases have been reported from burning coal dumps in

50 Chelyabinsk, Russia, and the latter recently discovered in the Allende meteorite (see Abe and
51 Sunagawa 1995; Krivovichev et al. 2012; Ma et al. 2013).

52 The aim of this paper is to describe the mode of occurrence of kumdykolite and to discuss the
53 possible use of its presence to the interpretation of P-T evolution of the rocks.

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55 **Experimental methods**

56 Raman spectra were collected using a Thermo Scientific model DXR microscope equipped
57 with a 532-nm line laser for excitation of mineral phases at the Institute of Chemical
58 Technology Prague. Locations of interest were positioned using a motorized XY stage and an
59 optical camera. The lateral resolution of the measurements was identical to the laser spot size,
60 which was focussed by the 100x objective lens to about 1 μm . Analytical conditions were as
61 follows: laser power about 10 mW, a spectrograph with holographic grating (400 gr. per
62 mm) and pinhole width 25 μm , acquisition time 10 s, ten accumulations summed together to
63 obtain a spectrum. A 1- μm step was selected for microspectroscopic line mapping using the
64 OMNIC Atlus imaging software program (ThermoFisher Scientific, Inc., MA, USA). The
65 standard deviation of the wavenumber axis is 1.8 cm^{-1} with full-range grating.

66 Chemical analysis (WDX - wavelength dispersive X-ray spectroscopy) was performed on a
67 CAMECA SX100 electron microprobe at the Department of Geological Sciences, Masaryk
68 University using an accelerating voltage of 15 kV, beam current of 8 nA, and 4- μm beam
69 diameter. The following standards were used: sanidine (K, Al, Si), wollastonite (Ca) and
70 almandine (Fe). Back-scattered electron images (BSE) were captured at the same conditions.
71 For standard deviation of the measurement see electronic supplement.¹ The mineral formula
72 of kumdykolite was normalized on the basis of 5 cations.

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74 **Results**

75 Kumdykolite has been identified in one of several multiphase solid inclusions (MSI) enclosed
76 in a large (2.3 mm in diameter) garnet in a felsic, diamond-bearing, garnet-kyanite-feldspar-
77 quartz granulite with late phlogopite (Kotková et al. 2011a, b; see electronic supplement¹ for a
78 more detailed sample description). The MSI are near-isometric to elongated, reaching 20–50
79 μm in diameter, are characterized by curved boundaries and in the form of offshoots. They
80 consist of phlogopite and quartz, some also contain phengitic mica, muscovite, amphibole,
81 and graphite; accessory rutile, apatite, and pyrite are commonly present (Fig. 1).
82 BSE imaging coupled with micro-Raman mapping has shown that a subhedral, 20- μm long
83 grain of kumdykolite is associated with phlogopite and quartz in one of the MSI (Figs. 1e and
84 2). Due to the large size of the kumdykolite grain, the Raman signal was strong and yielded
85 good-quality Raman spectra characterized by vibration bands at 222, 464 and 492 cm^{-1} , with
86 additional weak bands at 265 and 407 cm^{-1} (Fig. 3A). These bands correspond to the Raman
87 spectra from Hwang et al. (2009), and differ from plagioclase feldspars, which have their
88 characteristic, most intense bands between 500 and 510 cm^{-1} (Mernagh 1991; Freeman et al.
89 2008; Makreski et al. 2009; Fig. 3B). Absence of O-H-O bending Raman bands in the region
90 of 3400–3700 cm^{-1} confirms the anhydrous character of the phase. Bands of quartz and garnet
91 are also present (see Fig. 3A, 4). Overlap between the quartz and kumdykolite band at 464
92 cm^{-1} may cause the rather large change in the intensity of the band and its apparently high
93 FWHM (full width at half maximum; Fig. 4). Nevertheless, the band at 155 cm^{-1} cannot be
94 attributed to any of the associated phases, and it most probably represents another
95 characteristic Raman band of kumdykolite not reported by Hwang et al. (2009). Whereas
96 intense bands below about 300 cm^{-1} can be attributed to the lattice modes and stretching
97 vibrations of Na-O bonds, the most intense bands in the spectrum of kumdykolite at 492 cm^{-1}
98 and 462 cm^{-1} can be assigned to Si-O-Si or Si-O-Al bending (stretching) modes (Freeman et
99 al. 2008; Makreski et al. 2009).

100 WDX analyses of kumdykolite revealed an elevated content of Ca (2.02 wt. % CaO; Table 1).
101 As there is no Ca-rich mineral associated with kumdykolite in the MSI, and Mg content is not
102 elevated, which precludes contamination from the host garnet that contains 5.6 wt. % CaO
103 and 10.4 wt. % MgO, this presumably indicates significant solid solution with the Ca-
104 endmember, svyatoslavite.

105 Phlogopite from the kumdykolite-bearing inclusion has a higher X_{Mg} ($MgO/MgO+FeO =$
106 0.76) and Al_2O_3 content (20.6 wt %) than those of the matrix phlogopite grains (0.60–0.65,
107 16–17 wt %, resp.). Its Si content (2.8 a.p.f.u.) is rather high, but similar to that of the matrix
108 phlogopite. It contains less Ti than the phlogopite in the matrix (3.1–3.3 wt % TiO_2 , 0.15
109 a.p.f.u. Ti). Phengitic mica in an inclusion, consisting of subhedral phlogopite with a small
110 apatite inclusion and a large pyrite grain, contains 3.3 a.p.f.u. Si and 0.42 wt % TiO_2 , whereas
111 phengitic mica associated with Qtz (Fig. 1f) contains 3.14–3.16 a.p.f.u. Si, 0.15 wt % TiO_2
112 and 0.23–0.26 mol. % of paragonite component.

113 The kumdykolite-bearing inclusion is located close to the edge of the garnet core zone,
114 characterized by high Ca and Mg contents. From EMP measurements, we determined the
115 garnet composition next to the kumdykolite-bearing inclusion as $Prp_{40}Alm_{44}Grs_{12}Sps_1$.

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Discussion

118 Kumdykolite composition and formation conditions

119 The CaO content of the kumdykolite (2.02 wt %) is much higher than the contents reported so
120 far from the two other occurrences (≤ 0.49 wt. %: Hwang et al. 2009; Németh et al. 2013).
121 Despite differences in proposed space groups, we believe that kumdykolite (orthorhombic,
122 $a = 8.24$, $b = 8.68$, $c = 4.84$ Å) is more likely to form a solid solution with the Ca-endmember
123 svyatoslavite (monoclinic, pseudo-orthorhombic, $a = 8.23$, $b = 8.60$, $c = 4.85$ Å) than with
124 dmisteinbergite (hexagonal; Krivovichev et al. 2012). We therefore conclude that our

125 observations are the first indications of significant miscibility of kumdykolite with
126 svyatoslavite (10 mol. % of svyatoslavite). Within a single thin section, another garnet of
127 identical composition and zoning contains diamond within the same compositional zone. This
128 provides evidence for entrapment of the kumdykolite-bearing inclusion at ultra-high pressure
129 in the stability field of diamond. It was proposed that kumdykolite, similarly to svyatoslavite,
130 can crystallize at temperatures as high as 1300 °C (Krivovichev et al. 2012; Németh et al.
131 2013). The character and mineral assemblages of the MSI may indicate if they crystallized at
132 ultra-high temperature (Németh et al. 2013), close to the maximum burial of the rocks, or at
133 lower temperatures during exhumation (Hwang et al. 2009).

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135 **Crystallization of the inclusion mineral assemblage and possible formation conditions of**
136 **kumdykolite**

137 MSI in the garnet studied contain mineral assemblages dominated by euhedral–subhedral
138 phlogopite and quartz, with rarer phengitic mica or hornblende, and accessory rutile, apatite
139 and pyrite. The rather uniform mineral assemblage, independent of the position within the
140 garnet grain, precludes the possibility that these represent minerals or assemblages enclosed in
141 garnet on the prograde path. Indeed, the offshoots filled with the inclusion minerals, along
142 with the multiphase character of the inclusions and distinct mineral assemblages, suggest that
143 these MSI may represent decrepitated fluid or melt inclusions. Fluid cannot be distinguished
144 from melt at UHP conditions as the system is in the supercritical state. The offshoots result
145 from the healing of fractures in the garnet host after the inclusion has been trapped, and occur
146 because of their high internal overpressure (see Stöckhert et al. 2001; Bodnar 2003 for more
147 details). We emphasize that graphite commonly occurs in MSI associated with quartz,
148 whereas neither diamond nor coesite have been observed within these MSI.

149 The exhumation path of the studied granulites from the peak P-T conditions of > 4 GPa and
150 about 1000 °C was dominated by near-to-isothermal decompression (Kotková et al. 1996,
151 2011a).

152 Large inclusions decrepitate more easily than small ones do, and at a lower differential
153 pressure (i.e. internal pressure/confining pressure) when the rock follows an isothermal
154 decompression path (i.e. is located in the “overpressure” P-T field; Bodnar et al. 2003;
155 Stöckhert et al. 2009 and references therein). The presence of the lower-pressure polymorph
156 of carbon, graphite, in large MSI with abundant textural evidence for re-equilibration by
157 decrepitation in our sample therefore suggests that decrepitation occurred at high temperatures
158 and at a relatively early time during rock exhumation.

159 Nucleation and growth of crystals in the inclusions, though, is likely to occur after
160 decrepitation, one argument being that a drop in pressure is required for a drop in solubility
161 (see e.g. Stöckhert et al. 2009). Our micro-Raman study has not revealed the presence of
162 coesite (quartz is the only silica observed) that would indicate UHP conditions in the MSI.
163 However, coesite has been described in the associated rocks (Kotková et. al. 2011a, b). The
164 phengitic mica composition corresponds to $P < 2.5$ GPa, and temperatures as low as 650 °C,
165 on the basis of the experimental data of Hermann and Spandler (2008). Low Ti content and
166 high X_{Mg} of phlogopite in the inclusion also suggest rather low temperatures: the garnet-
167 biotite thermometer of Bhattacharya et al. (1992) yields $T < 600$ °C for $P < 2.5$ GPa, which
168 may, however, also be due to biotite re-equilibration due to Fe-Mg exchange with the
169 surrounding garnet upon cooling.

170 We conclude that kumdykolite crystallized after the UHP and during the rapid cooling of the
171 exhuming rocks. This agrees with the interpretation of Hwang et al. (2009) and the larger
172 molar volume of kumdykolite (Németh et al. 2013) than those of the higher-pressure
173 polymorphs of $NaAlSi_3O_8$, such as lingunite. The most important finding is that the

174 metastable phase kumdykolite is preserved, rather than forming albite at lower temperatures;
175 this requires rapid cooling. Experimental work shows that the Ca-endmember, svyatoslavite,
176 similar to other metastable phases, crystallizes earlier than the more-ordered anorthite in
177 supercooled silicate melts (Abe et al. 1991; Abe and Sunagawa 1995; Krivovichev et al.
178 2012). Our study therefore represents another supportive argument for the possible presence
179 of silicate melts in UHP rocks. More experimental studies of kumdykolite stability are needed
180 before it can become a quantitative measure for the interpretation of the P-T evolution of
181 rocks.

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183 **Implications**

184 Apart from extending the database and list of occurrences of kumdykolite, our results should
185 stimulate new studies of felsic, quartzofeldspathic granulites, which are very common in the
186 European Variscan belt and elsewhere. Kumdykolite, and other feldspar modifications stable
187 at elevated temperatures and pressures, can hardly be distinguished from plagioclase, or K-
188 feldspar, by optical microscopy or EMP. It is therefore probable that the occurrence of these
189 phases, which provide important constraints on the peak P-T conditions and evolution of
190 rocks, may be common in similar rock types and need to be searched for. Micro-Raman
191 spectroscopy represents a unique method for identification of such small-sized phases.

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253 **Figure captions**

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255 **Figure 1.** BSE images of multiphase solid inclusions within garnet (2.3 mm in diameter) in
256 felsic garnet-kyanite-feldspar-quartz granulite showing rather uniform assemblages of
257 phlogopite and quartz, with less abundant phengitic mica and hornblende and accessory rutile,
258 apatite and pyrite. e – kumdykolite-bearing inclusion.

259 **Figure 2.** Raman maps of the kumdykolite-bearing inclusion produced by color-coding the
260 characteristic bands of individual minerals, with the intensity increasing from blue to red: a –
261 kumdykolite (492 cm^{-1}), b - quartz (467 cm^{-1}), c – phlogopite (670 cm^{-1}).

262 **Figure 3.** A: Raman spectrum of kumdykolite. Additional bands correspond to the host garnet
263 (Grt) and the associated phases quartz (Qtz) and phlogopite (Phl). B: Raman spectrum of
264 albite (RRUFF database).

265 **Figure 4.** Raman spectra from the mapping segment with 1- μm step along the X axis,
266 showing change in intensity of the $460/465\text{ cm}^{-1}$ band depending on the content of Qtz in the
267 measured spot.

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Table 1. Kumdykolite analysis

SiO ₂	67.32
Al ₂ O ₃	21.26
FeO	0.70
CaO	2.02
Na ₂ O	9.85
K ₂ O	0.04
Total	101.19
Si	2.946
Al	1.096
Fe	0.026
Ca	0.095
Na	0.835
K	0.002
An	0.10
Ab	0.90
Or	0.00

Figure 1

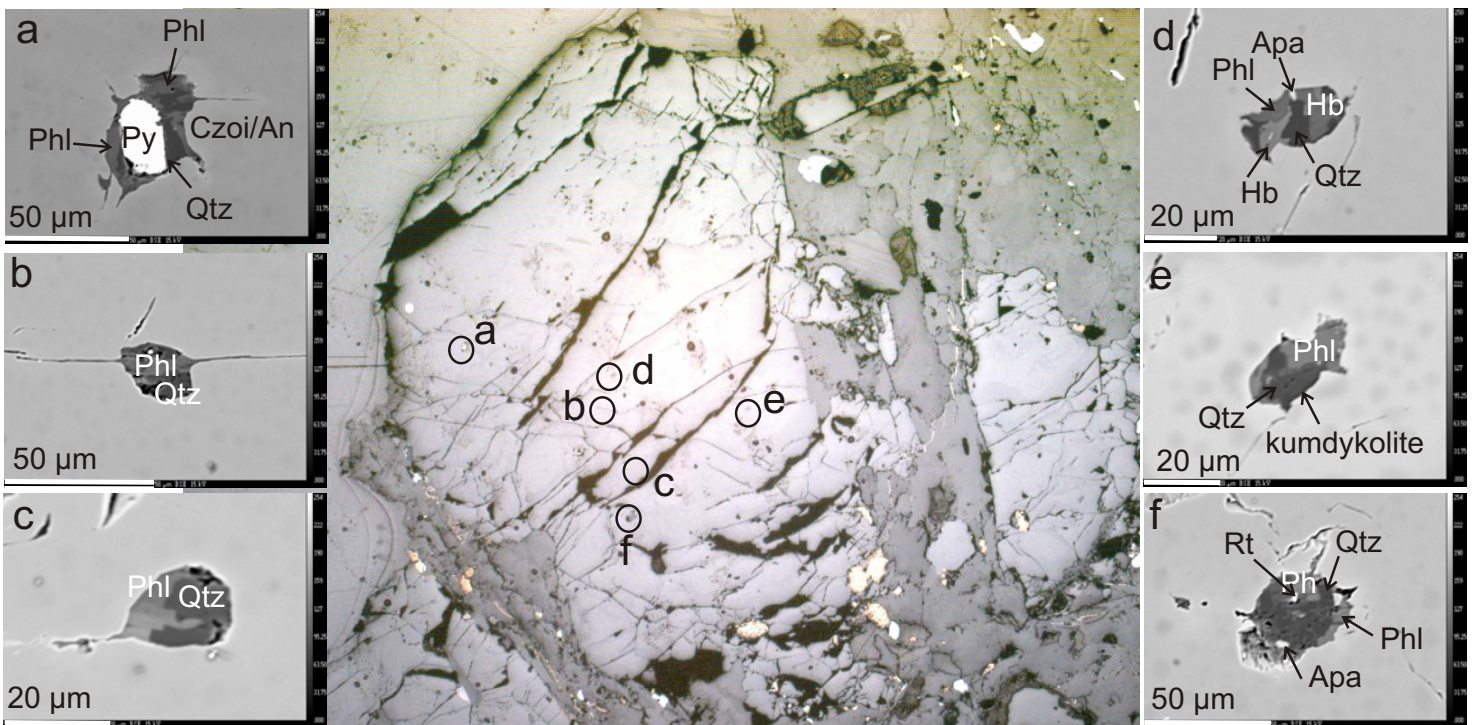


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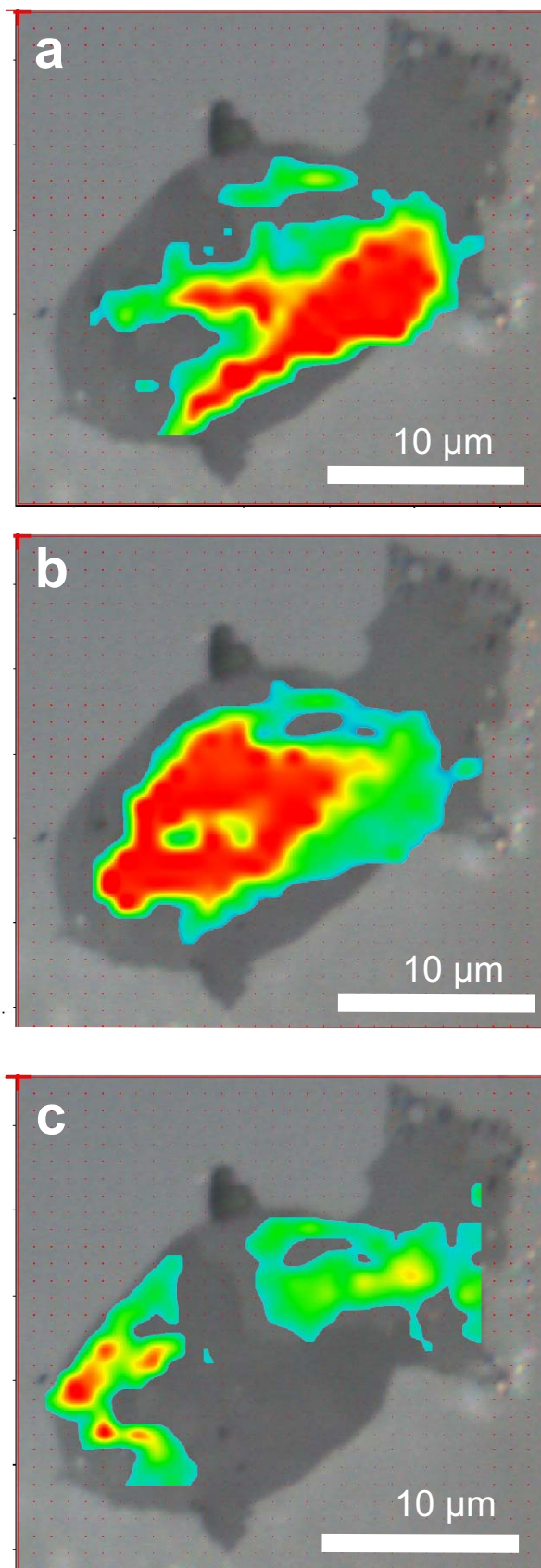


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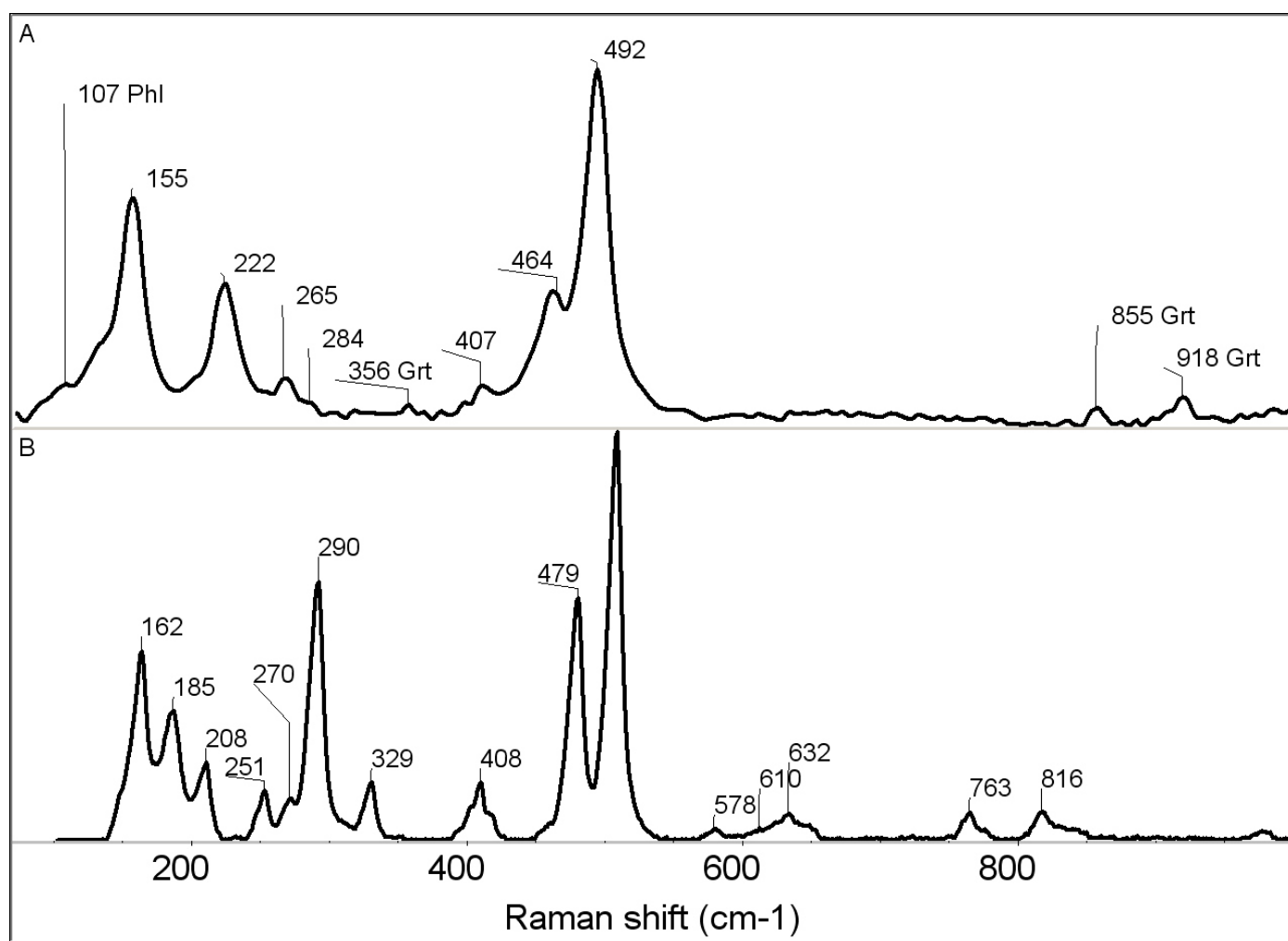


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