

## **Supplementary information**

### **Macroscopic electrostatic effects in ATR-FTIR spectra of modern and archeological bones**

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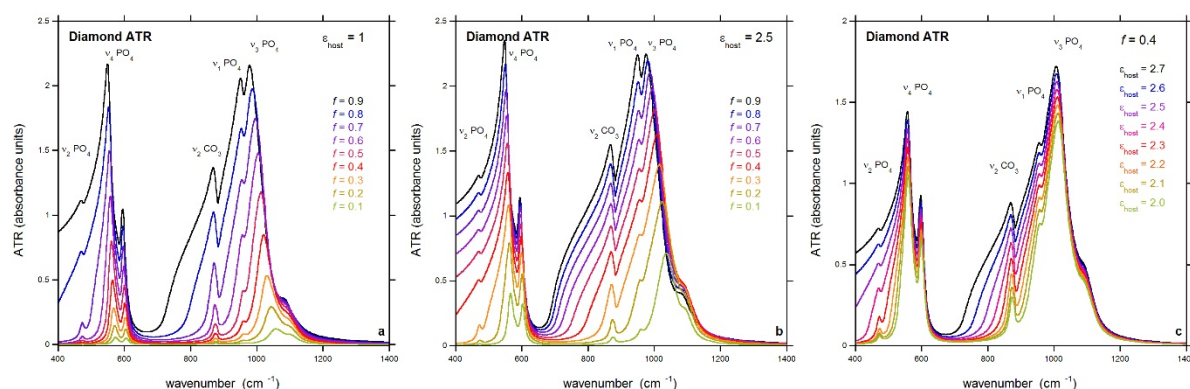
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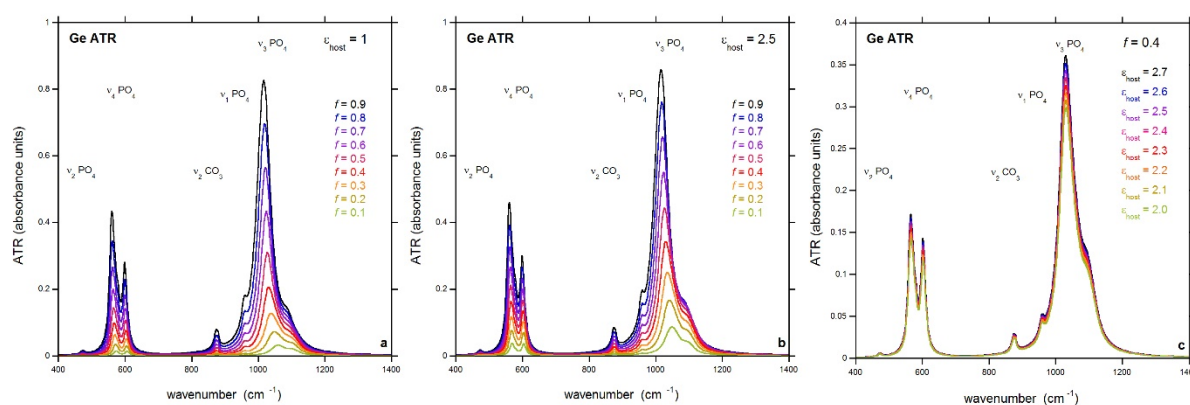
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**Figure 1** Modelled diamond ( $n=2.4$ ) ATR spectra of apatite for: a. varying volume fractions of apatite in a composite apatite/host matrix where the dielectric constant of the host matrix is  $\epsilon_h=1$ , b. varying volume fractions of apatite in a composite apatite/host matrix where the dielectric constant of the host matrix is  $\epsilon_h=2.5$ , c. varying dielectric constant of the host matrix at a constant volume fraction of apatite  $f=0.4$ .



**Figure 2** Modelled Ge ( $n=4$ ) ATR spectra of apatite for: a. varying volume fractions of apatite in a composite apatite/host matrix where the dielectric constant of the host matrix is  $\epsilon_h=1$ , b. varying volume fractions of apatite in a composite apatite/host matrix where the dielectric constant of the host matrix is  $\epsilon_h=2.5$ , c. varying dielectric constant of the host matrix at a constant volume fraction of apatite  $f=0.4$ .



**Figure 3** Diamond ATR-FTIR spectrum of pure bone extracted collagen

