

# 1 Quantification of Acidic Sites of Nanoscopic Hydroxylated Magnesium 2 Fluorides by FTIR and <sup>15</sup>N MAS NMR Spectroscopy

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13 **Transposing of equation 4 for Figure 1**

$$14 \quad 1 = \frac{\frac{dA_{LPy}}{dn}}{\varepsilon'_{LPy}} + \frac{\frac{dA_{BPY}}{dn}}{\varepsilon'_{BPY}} \quad | * \varepsilon'_{LPy} * \varepsilon'_{BPY}$$

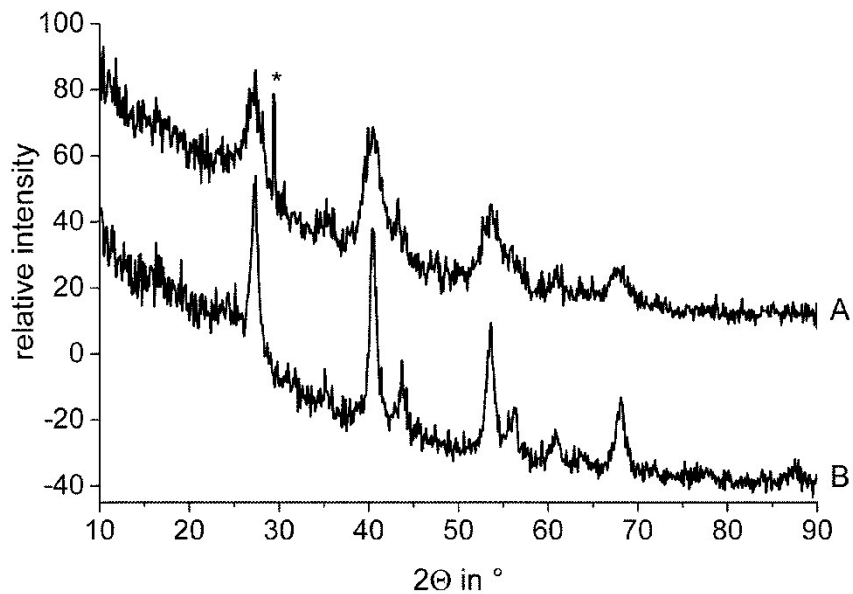
$$15 \quad \varepsilon'_{BPY} * \varepsilon'_{LPy} = \frac{dA_{LPy}}{dn} * \varepsilon'_{BPY} + \frac{dA_{BPY}}{dn} * \varepsilon'_{LPy} \quad | - \frac{dA_{LPy}}{dn} * \varepsilon'_{BPY}$$

$$16 \quad \frac{dA_{BPY}}{dn} * \varepsilon'_{LPy} = \varepsilon'_{BPY} * \varepsilon'_{LPy} - \frac{dA_{LPY}}{dn} * \varepsilon'_{BPY}$$

$$17 \quad \frac{dA_{BPY}}{dn} * \varepsilon'_{LPy} = \varepsilon'_{BPY} * \left( \varepsilon'_{LPy} - \frac{dA_{LPY}}{dn} \right) \quad || \left( \varepsilon'_{LPy} - \frac{dA_{LPY}}{dn} \right)$$

$$18 \quad \varepsilon'_{BPY} = \frac{\frac{dA_{BPY}}{dn} * \varepsilon'_{LPy}}{\varepsilon'_{LPy} - \frac{dA_{LPY}}{dn}}$$

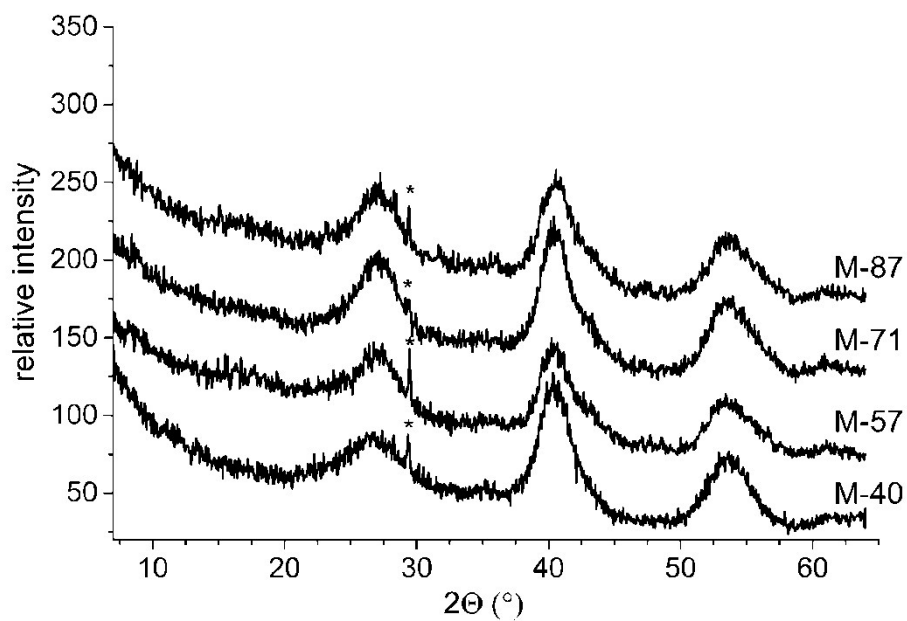
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2 SI Figure 1: X-Ray powder diffraction patterns of a hydroxylated magnesium fluoride sample before (A) and  
 3 after it was calcinated at 300°C for 2 h (B). \* indicate reflex of the sample holder.

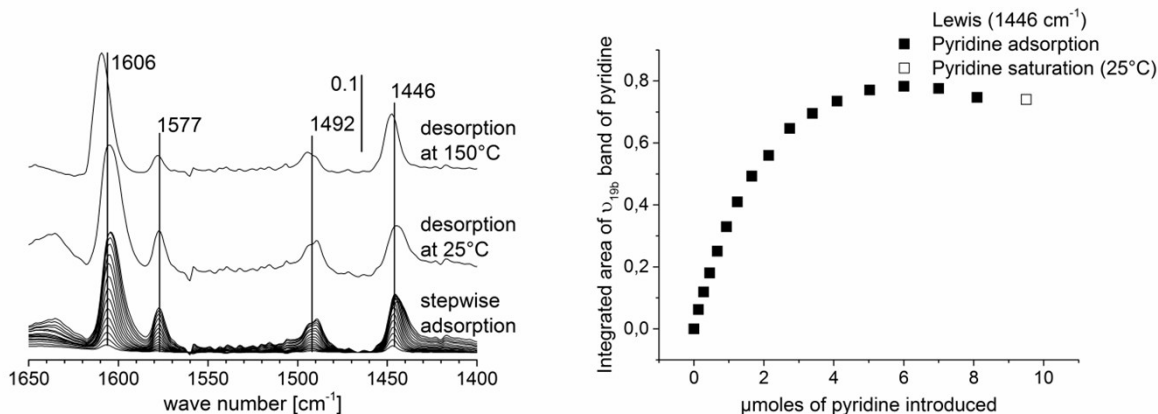
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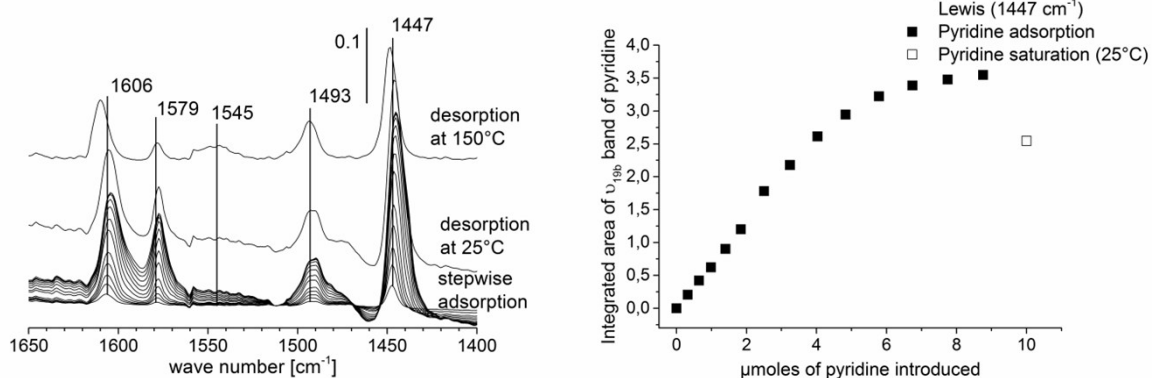
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 7 reflex of the sample holder.

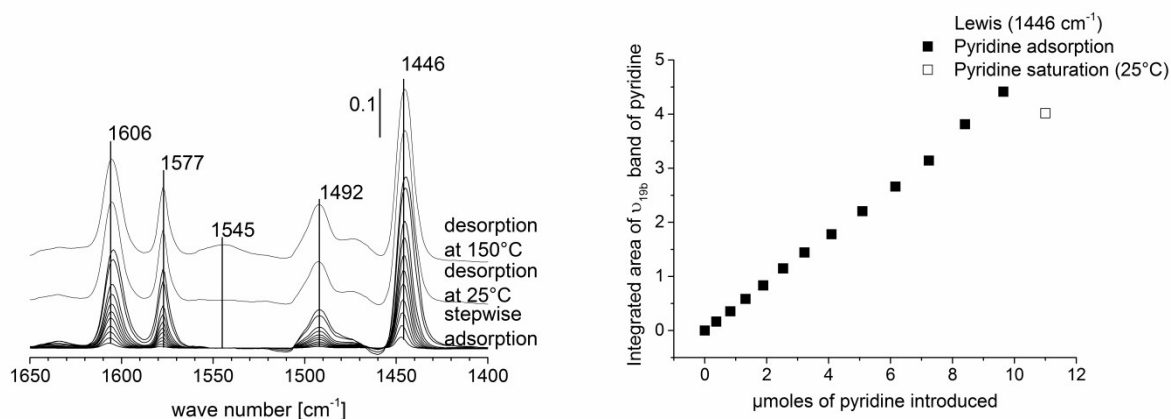
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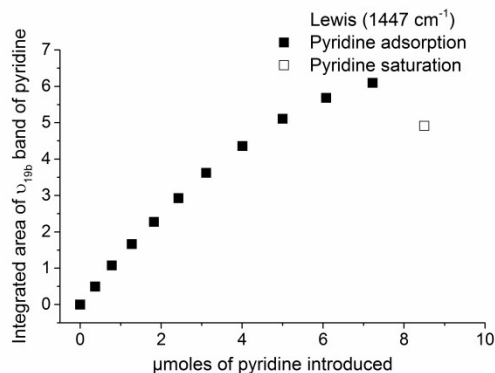
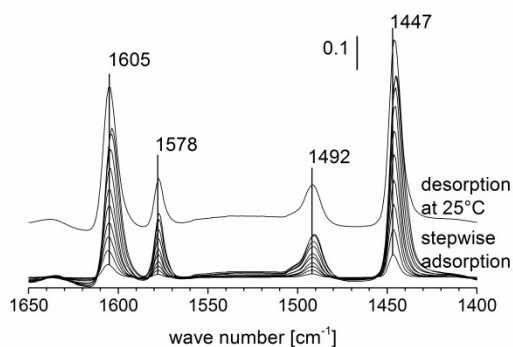
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 2 SI Figure 3. FTIR spectra after stepwise pyridine adsorption at ungrounded M-40 and the integrated intensity of  
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 4 saturation with pyridine (open symbol).



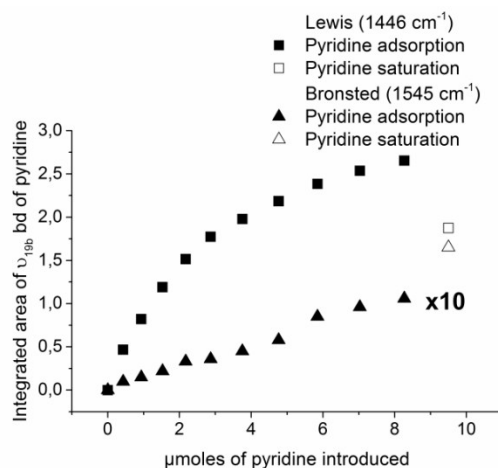
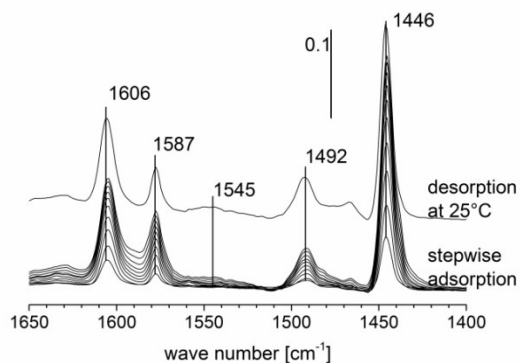
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 6 SI Figure 4. FTIR spectra after stepwise pyridine adsorption at ungrounded M-71 and the integrated intensity of  
 7  $\nu_{19b}$  band of coordinated pyridine at about 1447 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Also shown is the integrated intensity of  $\nu_{19b}$  band after  
 8 saturation with pyridine (open symbol).



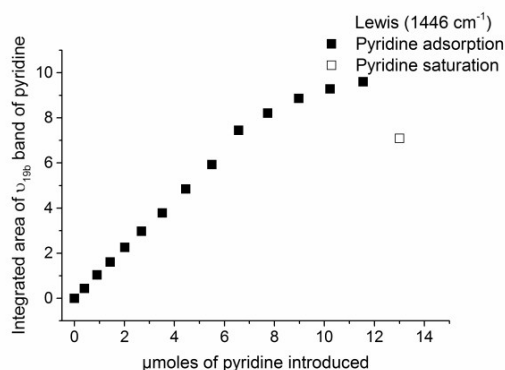
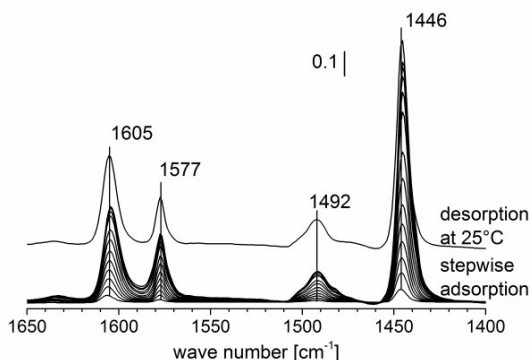
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 10 SI Figure 5. FTIR spectra after stepwise pyridine adsorption at ungrounded M-87 and the integrated intensity of  
 11  $\nu_{19b}$  band of coordinated pyridine at about 1446 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Also shown is the integrated intensity of  $\nu_{19b}$  band after  
 12 saturation with pyridine (open symbol).



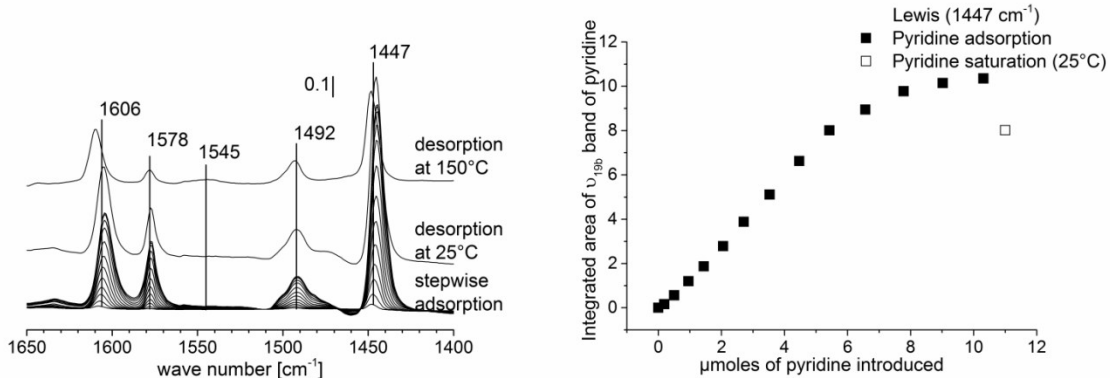
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 3  $\nu_{19b}$  band of coordinated pyridine at about  $1447\text{ cm}^{-1}$  versus pyridine introduced into the cell. Also shown is the  
 4 integrated intensity of  $\nu_{19b}$  band after saturation with pyridine (open symbol).



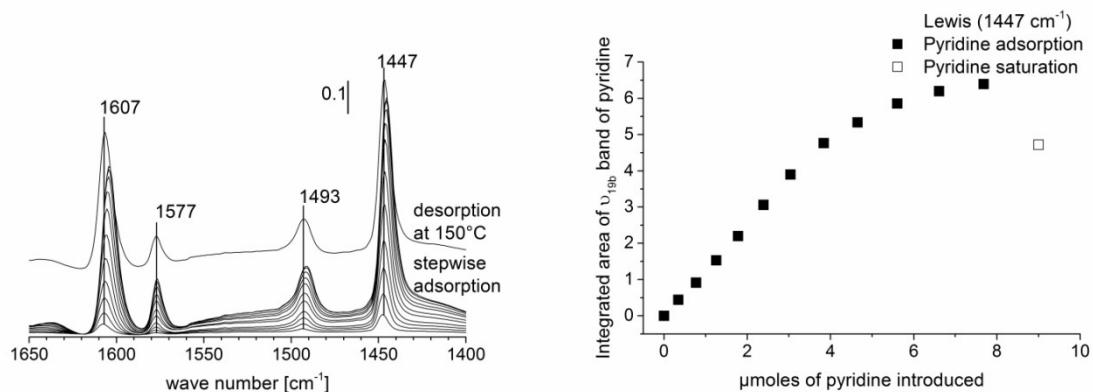
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 7  $\nu_{19b}$  band of coordinated pyridine at about  $1446\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and protonated pyridine at about  $1545\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . In the intensity  
 8 plot, the signal intensity of the protonated pyridine is multiplied by a factor of ten. Also shown are the integrated  
 9 intensities of  $\nu_{19b}$  band after saturation with pyridine (open symbol).



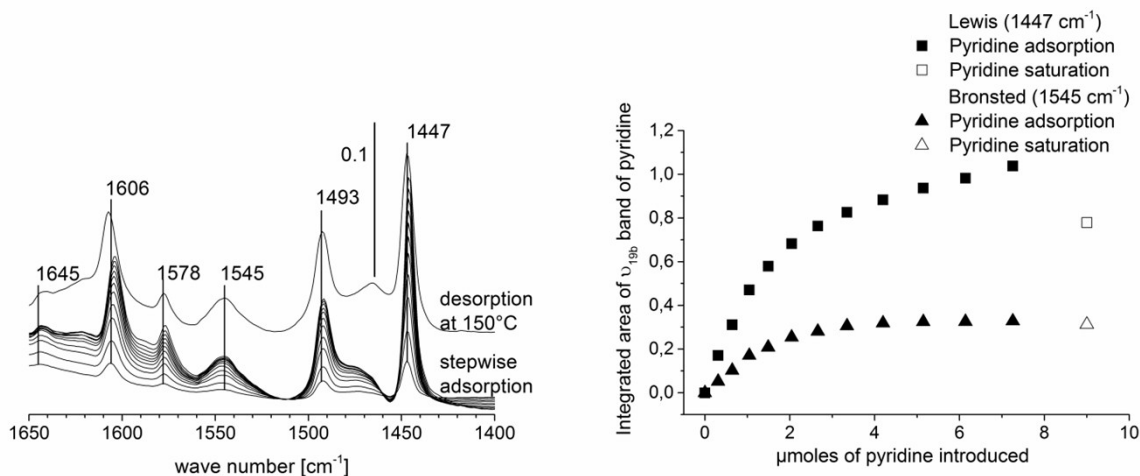
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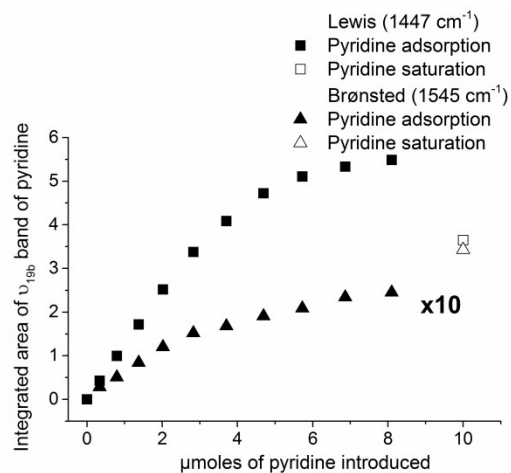
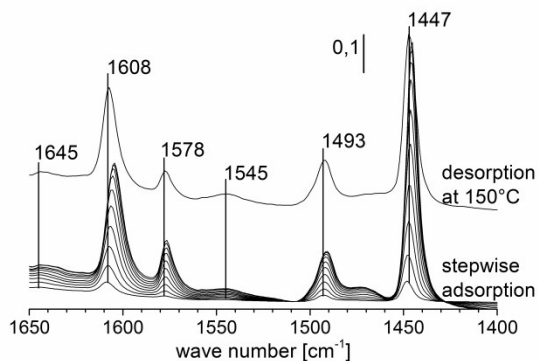
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 4 saturation with pyridine (open symbol).



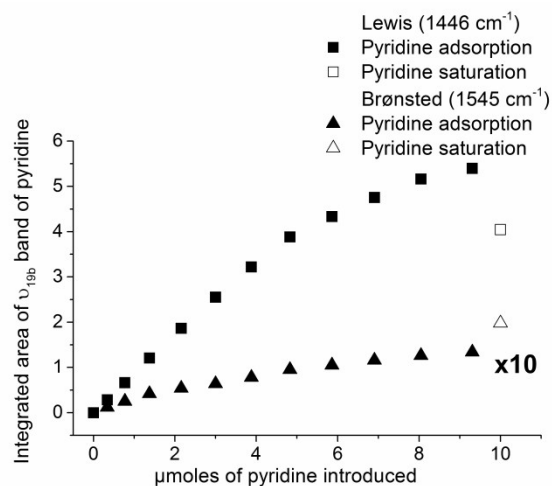
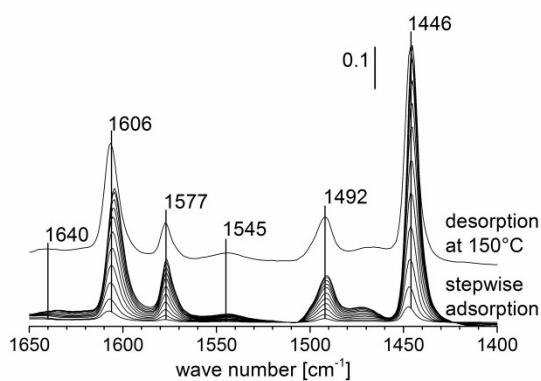
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 7 intensity of  $\nu_{19b}$  band of coordinated pyridine at about 1447 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Also shown is the integrated intensity of  $\nu_{19b}$   
 8 band after saturation with pyridine (open symbol).



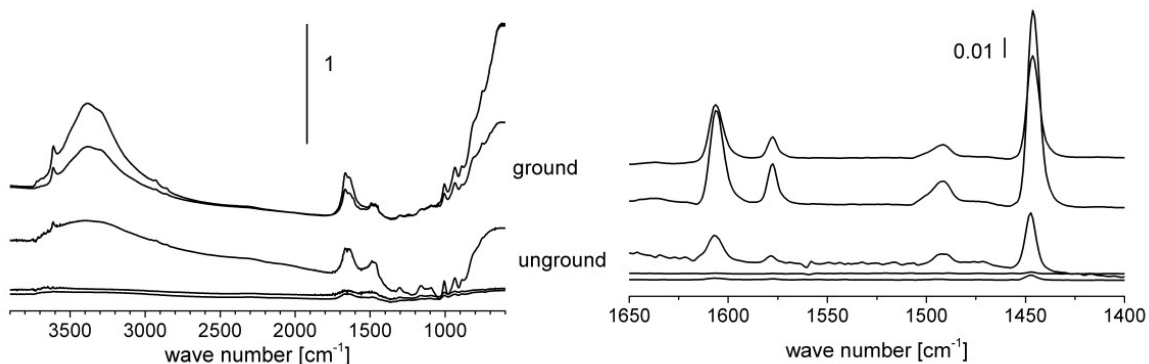
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 11 intensity of  $\nu_{19b}$  band of coordinated pyridine at about 1447 cm<sup>-1</sup> and protonated pyridine at about 1545 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  
 12 Also shown are the integrated intensities of  $\nu_{19b}$  band after saturation with pyridine (open symbol).



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 3 intensity of  $\nu_{196}$  band of coordinated pyridine at about 1447  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 1545  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . In the intensity plot, the signal  
 4 intensity of the protonated pyridine is multiplied by a factor of ten. Also shown are the integrated intensities of  
 5  $\nu_{196}$  band after saturation with pyridine (open symbol).



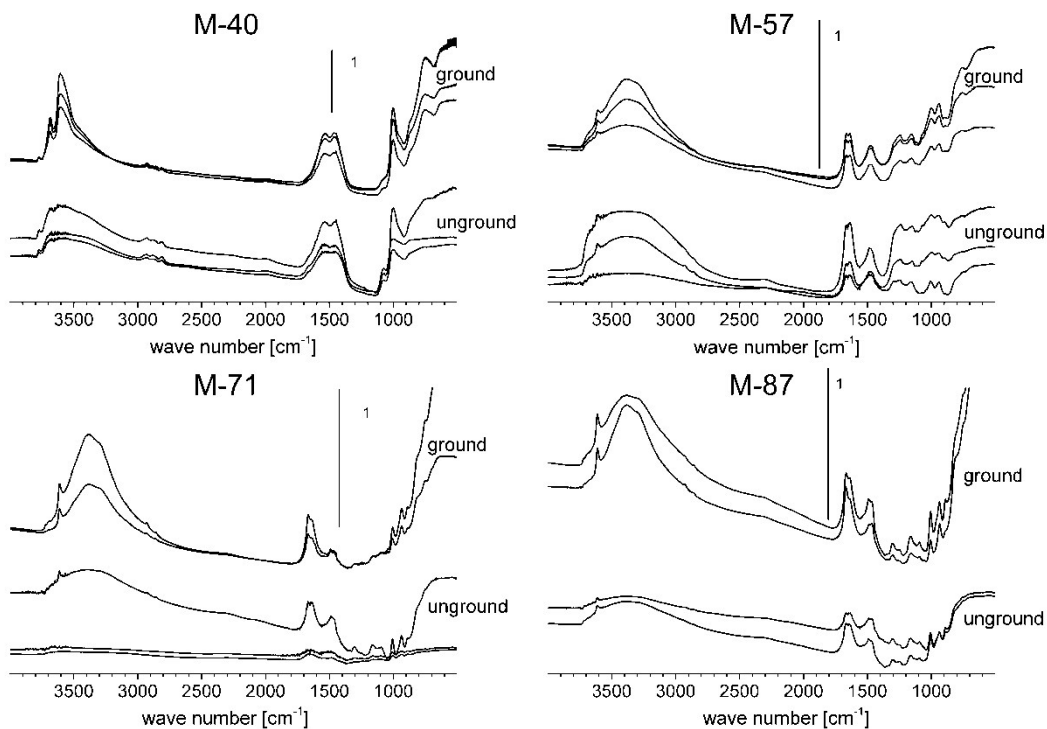
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 9 intensity of the protonated pyridine is multiplied by a factor of ten. Also shown are the integrated intensities of  
 10  $\nu_{196}$  band after saturation with pyridine (open symbol).



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1 SI Figure 14: FTIR spectra of grounded and ungrounded samples of M-71 (left) and segment of FTIR difference  
 2 spectra of the same samples, in which the characteristic bands of pyridine occur, after about 0.5  $\mu\text{mol}$  of pyridine  
 3 were adsorbed at 25°C (right).

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6 SI Figure 15: FTIR spectra of several grounded and ungrounded samples of the four hydroxylated magnesium  
 7 fluorides before pyridine adsorption.

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9 SI Table 1: BET surface areas for the ungrounded and grounded sample M-40.

M-40	BET surface area [ $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ ]
ungrounded	282
Grounded	300

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