## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Micro- and nanostructured layered-kagome zinc orthovanadate $BaZn_3(VO_4)_2(OH)_2$

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S.G ( $P^{3m}$ ): a (Å) = 6.0698(2), c (Å) = 7.1986(5), Cryst. Size = 109(2) nm					
Atom	Х	у	Z	SOF	U <sub>iso</sub> Equiv (Ų)
Zn <sub>1</sub>	1/2	0	0	1	0.031(2)
$V_1$	0	0	0.2506(8)	1	0.019(2)
$O_1$	2/3	1/3	0.878(3)	1	0.023(4)
O <sub>2</sub>	0.1533(13)	0.307(3)	0.826 (2)	1	0.023
O <sub>3</sub>	0	0	1/2	1	0.023
$O_4$	0.733(6)	0.367(3)	0.498(11)	0.333	0.023
$H_1$	2/3	1/3	0.75*	1	0.07599*
GOF = 1.4, Rwp = 15.73, and Rp = 11.73					

**Table S1.** Structural parameters, crystallite size, and final agreement factors for $Zn_3V_2O_7(OH)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$  derived from our Rietveld refinement.

\*not refined

ADP harmonic parameters

Aniso. ADP (Å <sup>2</sup> )	U <sub>11</sub>	U <sub>22</sub>	U <sub>33</sub>	U <sub>12</sub>	U <sub>13</sub>	U <sub>23</sub>
Zn <sub>1</sub>	0.031(3)	0.025(4)	0.035(3)	0.012(2)	0.008(4)	0.016(8)
$V_1$	0.020(3)	0.020	0.017(4)	0.010(2)	0	0



Figure S2. SEM image of  $Zn_3V_2O_7(OH)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ .



Figure S3. Rietveld refinement plot for BaZn<sub>3</sub> NPs-25min showing observed, calculated and difference patterns.

S.G $(R^{3m})$ : a (Å) = 5.9608(5), c (Å) = 21.062(2),					
	Cryst. Si	ize = 26.0(8) n	m // [001], 37(	(2) nm $\perp$ [00	1]
	Х	У	Z	SOF	U <sub>iso</sub>
Ba <sub>1</sub>	2/3	1/3	5/6	1	0.042(3)
Zn <sub>1</sub>	5/6	2/3	2/3	1	0.040(4)
V <sub>1</sub>	1/3	2/3	0.7561(4)	1	0.011(4)
O <sub>1</sub>	1/3	2/3	0.8347(12)	1	0.007(4)
O <sub>2</sub>	0.493(2)	0.507(2)	0.7322(6)	1	0.007
O <sub>3</sub>	1	1	0.704(2)	1	0.007
H <sub>1</sub>	1	1	0.7494*	1	0.008*
GOF = 2.28, Rwp = 4.05, and Rp = 2.73					

Table S2. Structural parameters, crystallite sizes, and final agreement factors for BaZn<sub>3</sub> NPs-7h.

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ADP harmonic parameters

	U <sub>11</sub>	U <sub>22</sub>	U <sub>33</sub>	U <sub>12</sub>	U <sub>13</sub>	U <sub>23</sub>
Ba <sub>1</sub>	0.051(4)	0.051	0.023(5)	0.026(2)	0	0
Zn <sub>1</sub>	0.044(4)	0.053(5)	0.026(6)	0.027(2)	0.004(2)	0.008(4)
$V_1$	0.005(4)	0.005	0.023(7)	0.003(2)	0	0

	S.G ( <i>R</i> <sup>3</sup> <i>n</i>	n): $a(Å) =$	5.9675(10), c	(Å) = 21.100	0(4),
	Cryst. Si	ze = 13.1(4) n	m // [001], 19.	$3(1) \operatorname{nm} \perp [0]$	01]
	Х	У	Z	SOF	$U_{iso}$
Ba <sub>1</sub>	2/3	1/3	5/6	1	0.069(4)
Zn <sub>1</sub>	5/6	2/3	2/3	1	0.070(4)
$V_1$	1/3	2/3	0.7574(5)	1	0.016(4)
O <sub>1</sub>	1/3	2/3	0.8411(13)	1	0.019(4)
O <sub>2</sub>	0.490(2)	0.510(2)	0.7324(7)	1	0.019
O <sub>3</sub>	1	1	0.709(2)	1	0.019
H <sub>1</sub>	1	1	0.7494*	1	0.008*
GOF = 1.38, Rwp = 4.86, and Rp = 3.58					

Table S3. Structural parameters, crystallite sizes, and final agreement factors forBaZn3 NPs-25 min.

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ADP harmonic parameters

	U <sub>11</sub>	U <sub>22</sub>	U <sub>33</sub>	U <sub>12</sub>	U <sub>13</sub>	U <sub>23</sub>
Ba <sub>1</sub>	0.094(6)	0.094	0.021(6)	0.047(3)	0	0
Zn <sub>1</sub>	0.075(5)	0.099(6)	0.044(8)	0.049(3)	0.014(3)	0.028(5)
$V_1$	0.004(5)	0.004	0.039(9)	0.002(2)	0	0

Table S4. Main M-O (M = Ba, Zn, and V) bond distances (Å) and O-V-O angles forBaZn3 MPs, BaZn3 NPs-7h and BaZn3 NPs-25min.

BaZn <sub>3</sub> MPs	BaZn <sub>3</sub> NPs-25min	BaZn <sub>3</sub> NPs-7h
Ba1—O2 (x 6): 2.811(10) Ba1—O1 (x 4): 3.4488(3) Ba1—O1 (x 2): 3.4488(2) Mean: 3.13±0.02	Ba1—O2 (x 6): 2.81(2) Ba1—O1 (x 4): 3.449(2) Ba1—O1 (x 2): 3.4492(14) Mean: 3.13±0.03	Ba1—O2 (x 6): 2.786(12) Ba1—O1 (x 4): 3.4416(9) Ba1—O1 (x 2): 3.4416(4) Mean: 3.11±0.02
$ \begin{array}{c} Zn1 & -O2 \ (x \ 2): \ 2.233(8) \\ Zn1 & -O2 \ (x \ 2): \ 2.233(12) \\ Zn1 & -O3 \ (x \ 2): \ 1.948(11) \\ Mean: \ 2.14 \pm 0.03 \end{array} $	Zn1—O2 (x 2): 2.26(2) Zn1—O2 (x 2): 2.255(12) Zn1—O3 (x 2): 1.94(2) Mean: $2.15 \pm 0.05$	Zn1—O2 (x 2): 2.235(10) Zn1—O2 (x 2): 2.235(13) Zn1—O3 (x 2): 1.893(13) Mean: $2.12 \pm 0.04$
$\begin{array}{c} V1 &O1: 1.67(2) \\ V1 &O2 \ (x \ 3): 1.706(11) \\ Mean: 1.70 \pm 0.04 \\ Angles: \\ O1 &V1 &O2 \ (x \ 3): 107.5(4)^{\circ} \\ O2 &V1 &O2 \ (x \ 3): 111.4(6)^{\circ} \end{array}$	$V1-O1: 1.77(3)$ $V1-O2 (x 3): 1.701(14)$ Mean: 1.72 ± 0.05 Angles: $O1-V1-O2 (x 3): 108.0(6)^{\circ}$ $O2-V1-O2 (x 3): 110.9(7)^{\circ}$	$V1-O1: 1.65(3) V1-O2 (x 3): 1.722(11) Mean: 1.70 \pm 0.05 Angles: 01-V1-O2 (x 3): 107.0(5)^{\circ} O2-V1-O2 (x 3): 111.8(5)^{\circ}$



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