

# Tegengrenite

# (Mn<sup>3+</sup><sub>0.5</sub>Sb<sup>5+</sup><sub>0.5</sub>)Mg<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

**Crystal Data:** Hexagonal. *Point Group:* 3. As pseudo-octahedra to 150 µm. *Twinning:* Eight domains per crystal.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* None. *Tenacity:* Brittle. *Fracture:* Conchoidal. Hardness = n.d. D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 4.58

**Optical Properties:** Translucent. *Color:* Deep red, gray in reflected light sometimes with orange-red internal reflections. *Streak:* n.d. *Luster:* Sub-adamantine.

*Optical Class:* Nearly isotropic. *Anisotropism:* Observed.  $n(\text{calc.}) = 1.92(2)$   
R: (470) 10.4, (546) 10.0, (589) 9.9, (650) 9.8

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:* R3.  $a = 16.0285(9)$   $c = 14.8144(8)$   $Z = 42$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Jakobsberg, Filipstad district, Värmland, Sweden.  
2.608 (100), 3.052 (33), 1.665 (30), 1.527 (29), 2.162 (28), 1.531 (26), 4.98 (20)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)
MgO	23.23	21.83
MnO	27.30	25.76
ZnO	1.58	2.66
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.35	0.76
Mn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.23	8.12
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.17	0.78
SiO <sub>2</sub>	2.98	1.70
TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.04	1.40
Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	37.03	36.13
Total	100.91	99.14

(1) Filipstad district, Värmland, Sweden; electron microprobe analysis, Mn<sup>2+</sup> and Mn<sup>3+</sup> distributed for neutrality; corresponds to (Sb<sup>5+</sup><sub>0.50</sub>Mn<sup>3+</sup><sub>0.19</sub>Si<sub>0.12</sub>Ti<sub>0.03</sub>Al<sub>0.01</sub>)<sub>Σ=0.85</sub>(Mg<sub>1.26</sub>Mn<sup>2+</sup><sub>0.85</sub>Zn<sub>0.04</sub>)<sub>Σ=2.15</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.

(2) Do., electron microprobe analysis; corresponds to (Sb<sup>5+</sup><sub>0.50</sub>Mn<sup>3+</sup><sub>0.23</sub>Si<sub>0.06</sub>Ti<sub>0.04</sub>Al<sub>0.03</sub>Fe<sub>0.02</sub>)<sub>Σ=0.88</sub>(Mg<sub>1.22</sub>Mn<sup>2+</sup><sub>0.82</sub>Zn<sub>0.07</sub>)<sub>Σ=2.11</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.

**Mineral Group:** Spinel supergroup, oxyspinel group.

**Occurrence:** In a Långban-type Fe-Mn deposit.

**Association:** Hausmannite, calcite, brucite, dolomite, clinohumite, kinoshitalite, native copper, barytocalcite, bindheimite, cerussite.

**Distribution:** From Jakobsberg, Filipstad district, Värmland, Sweden.

**Name:** Honors Felix Tegengren (1884-1980), Finnish-Swedish economic geologist.

**Type Material:** Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm (980408).

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