

## Hydroxyledgrewite

## $\text{Ca}_9(\text{SiO}_4)_4(\text{OH})_2$

**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m. Crystals display {010}, {100}, {001}, {110}, {011}, and {101} to 1 mm. *Twinning:* Simple and polysynthetic on {010}.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* Good on {010}. *Fracture:* n.d. *Tenacity:* n.d. Hardness = 5.5 VHN = 352 (50 g load). D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 2.916

**Optical Properties:** Transparent. *Color:* Colorless; white aggregates. *Streak:* White.

*Luster:* Vitreous.

*Optical Class:* Biaxial (+).  $\alpha = 1.625(2)$   $\beta = 1.629(2)$   $\gamma = 1.635(2)$   $2V(\text{meas.}) = 80(5)^\circ$   $2V(\text{calc.}) = 78.7^\circ$  *Dispersion:*  $r > v$ , medium. *Orientation:*  $Z = a$ ,  $X \wedge c = 12(2)^\circ$

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:* P2<sub>1</sub>/b.  $a = 5.06720(10)$   $b = 11.35450(10)$   $c = 15.3941(2)$   $\alpha = 100.5870(10)^\circ$   $Z = 2$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Calculated pattern.

3.03 (100), 2.82 (78), 2.76 (65), 2.62 (55), 1.91 (52), 3.81 (41), 1.89 (35)

Chemistry:	(1)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	31.10
CaO	65.33
F	1.52
- O = F	0.65
<u>H<sub>2</sub>O</u>	1.61
Total	98.91

(1) Upper Chegem caldera, Kabardino-Balkaria, Northern Caucasus, Russia; electron microprobe analysis, supplemented by IR and Raman spectroscopy H<sub>2</sub>O calculated for charge balance; corresponds to  $\text{Ca}_{9.001}(\text{SiO}_4)_{3.999}[(\text{OH})_{1.38}\text{F}_{0.62}]_{\Sigma=2.00}$ .

**Polymorphism & Series:** Forms a series with edgrewite.

**Mineral Group:** Calcium Humite group.

**Occurrence:** In xenoliths of carbonate-silicate rock altered to sanidinite facies metamorphic rock within ignimbrites.

**Association:** Bultfonteinite, hillebrandite, jennite, chegemite, larnite, rondorfite, hydroxylellestadite.

**Distribution:** From the Upper Chegem caldera, Kabardino-Balkaria, Northern Caucasus, Russia.

**Name:** For its relation to *edgrewite* and dominance of *hydroxyl* over fluorine.

**Type Material:** Museum of Natural History, Bern, Switzerland (41086) and in the A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia (4164/1).

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