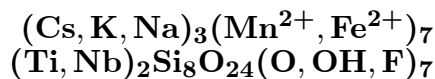


Cesium kupletskite



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Crystal Data: Triclinic. *Point Group:* n.d. As rosettelike intergrowths of curved platy crystals, forming aggregates, to 3 cm.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* {001}, perfect. *Hardness* = ~4 *VHN* = 186
D(meas.) = 3.68 *D*(calc.) = [3.62]

Optical Properties: Semitransparent. *Color:* Golden brown. *Luster:* Dull.
Optical Class: Biaxial (+). *Pleochroism:* *X* = yellow-green; *Y* = yellow to brown; *Z* = brown.
Orientation: *Z* = *a*; *Y* \wedge *b* \simeq 10°. α = n.d. β = 1.726 γ = 1.758 *2V*(meas.) = 75°

Cell Data: *Space Group:* n.d. *a* = 5.41(1) *b* = 11.74(2) *c* = 21.16(4) α = 89° β = 90°
 γ = 102°23' *Z* = 2

X-ray Powder Pattern: Alai Range, Tajikistan.
10.4 (100), 3.54 (80), 2.79 (80), 2.66 (80), 2.58 (60), 1.772 (40), 4.09 (30)

Chemistry:	(1)	(1)	
SiO ₂	33.00	CaO	0.35
TiO ₂	8.28	Li ₂ O	0.46
ZrO ₂	1.01	Na ₂ O	2.46
Al ₂ O ₃	0.52	K ₂ O	1.15
Fe ₂ O ₃	3.05	Rb ₂ O	0.18
Nb ₂ O ₅	4.95	Cs ₂ O	11.60
Ta ₂ O ₅	0.06	F	1.26
FeO	10.00	H ₂ O ⁺	1.47
MnO	19.66	—O = F ₂	0.54
MgO	trace	Total	98.92

(1) Alai Range, Tajikistan; corresponds to $(\text{Cs}_{1.22}\text{Na}_{1.14}\text{K}_{0.35}\text{Ca}_{0.09})_{\Sigma=2.80}(\text{Mn}_{3.99}\text{Fe}_{2.00}\text{Fe}_{0.55}^{3+}\text{Li}_{0.44})_{\Sigma=6.98}(\text{Ti}_{1.49}\text{Nb}_{0.54}\text{Zr}_{0.12})_{\Sigma=2.15}(\text{Si}_{7.92}\text{Al}_{0.15})_{\Sigma=8.07}\text{O}_{24}[\text{O}_{3.69}(\text{OH})_{2.35}\text{F}_{0.96}]_{\Sigma=7.00}$.

Polymorphism & Series: Forms a series with kupletskite.

Mineral Group: Astrophyllite group.

Occurrence: At the border of aegirine-microcline-quartz pegmatites, and in polyolithionite-quartz replacement complexes in pegmatites.

Association: Pyrochlore, stillwellite, tienshanite, sogdianite, thorite.

Distribution: In the Dara-i-Pioz massif, Alai Range, Tien Shan, Tajikistan.

Name: For the *cesium* in the composition and similarity to *kupletskite*.

Type Material: Mineralogical Museum, St. Petersburg University, St. Petersburg, 16537; A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia, 74170.

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