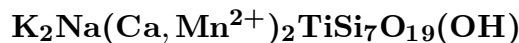


Tinaksite



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Crystal Data: Triclinic. *Point Group:* $\bar{1}$. As well-formed long prismatic crystals, to 15 cm; commonly as bundles and rosettes of radiating crystals, or compact fibrous aggregates, to 10 cm.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Perfect on {010}, imperfect on {110}; (010) \wedge (110) = 131.5°. *Hardness* = 6 VHN = 646–762 D(meas.) = 2.82–2.90 D(calc.) = 2.85

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color:* White, colorless, light yellow, light pink. *Luster:* Vitreous on cleavages.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). *Pleochroism:* X = Y = colorless; Z = pale orange-brown.

Orientation: X' \wedge {010} = 1°–4°; Y \wedge {010} = 16°–18°. *Dispersion:* Strong. α = 1.593–1.599 β = 1.621–1.627 γ = 1.666–1.673 2V(meas.) = 68°–78°

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $P\bar{1}$. $a = 10.377(3)$ $b = 12.166(3)$ $c = 7.059(1)$ $\alpha = 90.91(1)^\circ$ $\beta = 99.3(1)^\circ$ $\gamma = 92.76(3)^\circ$ $Z = 2$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Murun massif, Russia.

3.03 (100), 3.25 (80), 2.331 (55), 3.09 (50), 2.952 (50), 2.865 (50), 2.674 (45)

Chemistry:

	(1)
SiO ₂	55.82
TiO ₂	10.12
Al ₂ O ₃	trace
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.91
FeO	0.92
MnO	0.40
MgO	0.04
CaO	14.20
Na ₂ O	4.30
K ₂ O	12.55
H ₂ O ⁺	1.20
H ₂ O ⁻	0.08
Total	100.54

(1) Murun massif, Russia; corresponds to $\text{K}_{1.97}\text{Na}_{1.02}(\text{Ca}_{1.88}\text{Fe}_{0.10}^{2+}\text{Fe}_{0.08}^{3+}\text{Mn}_{0.04})_{\Sigma=2.10}\text{Ti}_{0.94}\text{Si}_{6.88}\text{O}_{19.76}(\text{OH})_{0.98}$.

Occurrence: An accessory mineral in potassic feldspar metasomatites at the contact with limestones (Murun massif, Russia).

Association: Potassic feldspar, aegirine, quartz, canasite, xonotlite (Murun massif, Russia); orthoclase, pyroxene, aegirine, astrophyllite, hisingerite (Khibiny massif, Russia).

Distribution: In Russia, in the Murun massif, southwest of Olekminsk, Yakutia, and on Mt. Rasvumchorr, Khibiny massif, Kola Peninsula.

Name: For the *Ti*, *Na*, *K*, *Si* in the composition.

Type Material: n.d.

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