

Høgtuvaite

(Ca, Na)₂(Fe²⁺, Fe³⁺, Ti)₆(Si, Be, Al)₆O₂₀

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Crystal Data: Triclinic, pseudomonoclinic. *Point Group:* $\overline{1}$. As prismatic crystals, to 4 cm, with well-developed striations \parallel elongation; rarely in radiating groups. *Twinning:* Polysynthetic, ubiquitous, twin axis \perp pseudomonoclinic (010).

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Two good, intersecting at $\sim 55^\circ$; a parting \perp elongation. *Fracture:* Uneven. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = 5.5 D(meas.) = 3.85–3.88 D(calc.) = 3.92–3.98

Optical Properties: Opaque; transparent to translucent only in ultrathin sections.

Color: Black. *Streak:* Dark green. *Luster:* Subadamantine to nonmetallic.

Optical Class: Biaxial (–) (?). *Pleochroism:* Very strong; X = bronze; Z = green. $\alpha = 1.78$ (α') $\beta = \text{n.d.}$ $\gamma = 1.82$ (γ') 2V(meas.) = Large.

Cell Data: Space Group: $P\overline{1}$. $a = 10.317(1)$ $b = 10.724(1)$ $c = 8.855(1)$ $\alpha = 105.77(1)^\circ$ $\beta = 96.21(1)^\circ$ $\gamma = 124.77(1)^\circ$ $Z = 2$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Near Mo i Rana, Norway.

2.529 (100), 8.48 (90), 2.098 (63), 2.925 (59), 2.676 (48), 2.075 (47), 3.125 (46)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
SiO ₂	31.60	30.09	MgO	0.42
TiO ₂	2.77	6.02	CaO	10.44
SnO ₂	0.53		Na ₂ O	1.52
Al ₂ O ₃	2.64	3.55	K ₂ O	0.00
Fe ₂ O ₃	[19.03]	11.12	H ₂ O ⁺	0.35
FeO	[28.06]	26.91	H ₂ O [–]	0.07
MnO	0.27	1.26	F	0.00
BeO	2.65	2.32	LOI	0.22
Total		[99.93]		[99.68]

(1) Near Mo i Rana, Norway; by electron microprobe and ICP, average of four samples, Fe²⁺:Fe³⁺ by wet chemical analysis and Mössbauer spectroscopy; corresponding to $(\text{Ca}_{1.63}\text{Na}_{0.43})_{\Sigma=2.06}(\text{Fe}_{3.42}^{2+}\text{Fe}_{2.08}^{3+}\text{Ti}_{0.30}\text{Mg}_{0.09}\text{Mn}_{0.03}\text{Sn}_{0.03})_{\Sigma=5.95}(\text{Si}_{4.60}\text{Be}_{0.92}\text{Al}_{0.45})_{\Sigma=5.97}\text{O}_{20}$. (2) Ilmen Mountains, Russia; original total given as 100.28%; corresponding to $(\text{Ca}_{2.09}\text{Na}_{0.38}\text{K}_{0.03})_{\Sigma=2.50}(\text{Fe}_{3.29}^{2+}\text{Fe}_{1.22}^{3+}\text{Ti}_{0.66}\text{Mg}_{0.30}\text{Mn}_{0.08})_{\Sigma=5.55}(\text{Si}_{4.39}\text{Be}_{0.81}\text{Al}_{0.61})_{\Sigma=5.81}\text{O}_{20}$.

Mineral Group: Aenigmatite group.

Occurrence: As a late-stage metamorphic mineral in peraluminous granitic gneisses and mafic pegmatites associated with a beryllium deposit (near Mo i Rana, Norway).

Association: Quartz, albite, microcline, biotite, phenakite, zircon, fluorite, calcite, many minor beryllium and sulfide minerals (near Mo i Rana, Norway).

Distribution: Found about 16 km northwest of Mo i Rana, Norway. In the Ilmen Mountains, Southern Ural Mountains, Russia.

Name: For Høgtuva Mountain, near the type locality in Norway.

Type Material: University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway; National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA.

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