

Sitinakite**KNa₂Ti₄Si₂O₁₃(OH)•4H₂O**

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Crystal Data: Tetragonal. *Point Group:* 4/m 2/m 2/m. Crystals equant to stubby prismatic, to 4 mm; in aggregates.

Physical Properties: Cleavage: {100} and {001}, perfect. Hardness = 4.5
D(meas.) = 2.86(6) D(calc.) = 2.89

Optical Properties: Semitransparent. Color: Colorless, light brown, pale rose.
Streak: White. Luster: Vitreous.
Optical Class: Uniaxial (+). $\omega = 1.780(3)$ $\epsilon = 1.988(3)$

Cell Data: Space Group: P4₂/mcm. $a = 7.819(2)$ $c = 12.099(4)$ Z = 2

X-ray Powder Pattern: Khibiny massif, Russia.
7.84 (100), 6.02 (100), 3.25 (80), 2.003 (70), 2.608 (60), 3.36 (50), 2.805 (50)

Chemistry:

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SiO ₂	17.80	CaO	0.05
TiO ₂	46.68	SrO	0.96
ZrO ₂	0.08	BaO	0.58
Ce ₂ O ₃	0.12	Na ₂ O	10.79
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.16	K ₂ O	4.93
Nb ₂ O ₅	5.05	H ₂ O	11.7
Ta ₂ O ₅	0.05	Total	98.95

(1) Khibiny massif, Russia; by electron microprobe, average of three analyses, H₂O by TGA; corresponds to K_{0.68}Na_{2.28}Sr_{0.06}Ba_{0.02}Ca_{0.01}(Ti_{3.82}Nb_{0.25}Fe_{0.01})_{Σ=4.08}Si_{1.94}O₁₃[(OH)_{0.54}O_{0.46}]_{Σ=1.00}•3.98H₂O.

Occurrence: In hydrothermally altered portions of alkalic pegmatites in a differentiated alkalic massif.

Association: Nepheline, natrolite, aegirine, microcline, apatite, vinogradovite.

Distribution: On Mts. Kukisvumchorr and Yukspor, Khibiny massif, Kola Peninsula, Russia.

Name: For SiLicon; TItanium; sodium, NAtrium; and potassium, Kalium, in its composition.

Type Material: Geology Museum, Kola Branch, Academy of Sciences, Apatity, ining Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia, 2021/1; The Natural History Museum, London, England, 1994,31.

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