

**Yoderite****Mg<sub>2</sub>(Al,Fe<sup>3+</sup>)<sub>6</sub>Si<sub>4</sub>O<sub>18</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>**

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**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m. As anhedral grains, bladed or lathlike || [010], to 12 mm.

**Physical Properties:** Cleavage: Partings [001], good and {100}, poor. Hardness = 6 D(meas.) = 3.39 D(calc.) = [3.33]

**Optical Properties:** Transparent. Color: Deep purple, emerald-green; in transmitted light, deep blue to olive-green, green to yellow. Luster: Vitreous.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). Pleochroism: Strong; X = pale Prussian blue, green; Y = indigo, light yellow; Z = pale olive-green, yellow. Orientation: Y = b; X  $\wedge$  a  $\simeq$  9°; Z  $\wedge$  c  $\simeq$  7°. Absorption: Y > X > Z.  $\alpha$  = 1.689–1.691  $\beta$  = 1.691–1.693  $\gamma$  = 1.712–1.715 2V(meas.) = 25°–30°

**Cell Data:** Space Group: P2<sub>1</sub>/m. a = 8.022(2) b = 5.816(1) c = 7.250(2)  $\beta$  = 104.9(1)° Z = [1]

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Mautia Hill, Tanzania.  
3.50 (100), 3.03 (80), 2.61 (60), 2.00 (60), 1.82 (60), 3.23 (50), 3.19 (50)

**Chemistry:**

	(1)	(2)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	35.94	36.07
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.11	0.07
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	42.95	42.76
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	5.16	4.08
Mn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.62	0.85
FeO	0.24	0.19
MnO	0.23	0.13
MgO	12.05	11.83
H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	2.69	[2.69]
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.36	
Total	[99.99]	[99.03]

(1) Mautia Hill, Tanzania; Fe<sup>2+</sup>:Fe<sup>3+</sup> from Mössbauer spectroscopy. (2) Do.; by electron microprobe, Fe<sup>2+</sup>:Fe<sup>3+</sup> from Mössbauer spectroscopy, H<sub>2</sub>O from (1); corresponds to (Mg<sub>1.95</sub>Fe<sup>2+</sup><sub>0.02</sub>Mn<sup>2+</sup><sub>0.01</sub>)<sub>Σ=1.98</sub>(Al<sub>5.57</sub>Fe<sup>3+</sup><sub>0.34</sub>Mn<sup>3+</sup><sub>0.07</sub>Ti<sub>0.01</sub>)<sub>Σ=5.99</sub>(Si<sub>3.98</sub>P<sub>0.03</sub>)<sub>Σ=4.01</sub>O<sub>18.02</sub>(OH)<sub>1.98</sub>.

**Occurrence:** A major phase in quartz-kyanite-talc schist formed under conditions of  $\sim$ 10 kbar H<sub>2</sub>O pressure and 800 °C.

**Association:** Kyanite, talc, hematite, quartz.

**Distribution:** On Mautia Hill, Kongwa, Central Province, Tanzania.

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**Type Material:** Geological Survey of Tanzania, JH 2563/2, JH 2563/14; National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA, 137854.

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