

Hezuolinite**(Sr,REE)₄Zr(Ti,Fe³⁺,Fe²⁺)₂Ti₂O₈(Si₂O₇)₂**

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. **Point Group:** 2/m. As grains to several 100 μm .
Twinning: Polysynthetic twins were observed.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* None. *Fracture:* Conchoidal. *Tenacity:* Brittle.
Hardness = 5.5-6 VHN = 683-964 (100 g load). D(meas.) = 4.28 D(calc.) = 4.30

Optical Properties: Translucent. *Color:* Black. *Streak:* Dark brown. *Luster:* Resinous.
Optical Class: Biaxial (-). $n > 1.8$ $2V = 75^\circ$ *Dispersion:* Strong, $r > v$. *Pleochroism:* Strong,
 X = pale brown, Y = brown, Z = dark brown.

Cell Data: *Space Group:* C2/m. $a = 13.973(3)$ $b = 5.6984(11)$ $c = 11.988(2)$ $\beta = 114.10(1)^\circ$
 $Z = 2$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Saima alkaline complex, Fengcheng County, Liaoning Province, China.
2.98 (100), 3.02 (90), 1.96 (90), 2.18 (80), 2.84 (70), 2.72 (50), 2.51 (50)

Chemistry:

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SiO ₂	21.90	Na ₂ O	0.35
TiO ₂	24.42	ThO ₂	0.80
Al ₂ O ₃	0.16	UO ₂	0.01
FeO	1.84	La ₂ O ₃	7.12
Fe ₂ O ₃	2.61	Ce ₂ O ₃	8.16
MnO	0.07	Pr ₂ O ₃	0.45
MgO	0.01	Nd ₂ O ₃	1.34
Nb ₂ O ₅	0.28	Sm ₂ O ₃	0.10
ZrO ₂	9.18	Eu ₂ O ₃	0.16
HfO ₂	0.39	Gd ₂ O ₃	0.06
SrO	20.12	Total	101.99
CaO	2.46		

(1) Saima alkaline complex, Liaoning Province, China; average of 25 electron microprobe analyses, oxidation ratio for iron from Mössbauer spectroscopy; corresponding to
(Sr_{2.15}Ce_{0.55}La_{0.49}Ca_{0.49}Na_{0.12}Nd_{0.09}Pr_{0.03}Th_{0.03}Sm_{0.01}Eu_{0.01})_{Σ=3.98}(Zr_{0.82}Fe²⁺_{0.14}Hf_{0.02}Mn_{0.01})_{Σ=1.00}
(Ti_{1.38}Fe³⁺_{0.36}Fe²⁺_{0.14}Al_{0.04}Nb_{0.02})_{Σ=1.94}Ti₂O₈(Si_{2.01}O₇)₂.

Mineral Group: Chevkinite group.

Occurrence: In a series of alkaline volcanic and intrusive igneous rocks, associated with aegirine nepheline syenite.

Association: Microcline, nepheline, aegirine, biotite, eudialyte, rinkite, titanite.

Distribution: From the Saima alkaline complex, Fengcheng County, Liaoning Province, NE China.

Name: Honors He Zuolin (1900-1967), for his contributions to optical mineralogy and rare-earths mineralogy in China. Hezuolinite corresponds to the previously discredited “saimaita”.

Type Material: Museum of the Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China (KDX016).

References: (1) Yang, Z., G. Giester, K. Ding, and E. Tillmanns (2012) Hezuolinite, (Sr,REE)₄Zr(Ti,Fe³⁺,Fe²⁺)₂Ti₂O₈(Si₂O₇)₂, a new mineral species of the chevkinite group from Saima alkaline complex, Liaoning Province, NE China. European Journal of Mineralogy, 24(1), 189-196.
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