

Kanonaite

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Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* $2/m\ 2/m\ 2/m$. As anhedral nodular porphyroblasts, to 1.2 cm.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Poor on {110}. Hardness = 6.5 VHN = 906–1017 (100 g load). D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 3.395

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color:* Greenish black. *Streak:* Gray-green. *Luster:* Vitreous.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). *Pleochroism:* Strong; *X* = yellow-green; *Y* = bluish green; *Z* = deep golden yellow. *Orientation:* *X* = *a*; *Y* = *b*; *Z* = *c*. $\alpha = 1.702$ $\beta = 1.730$ $\gamma = 1.823$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 53(3)^\circ$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $Pn\bar{m}$. *a* = 7.959(2) *b* = 8.047(2) *c* = 5.616(1) *Z* = 4

X-ray Powder Pattern: Kanona, Zambia.

5.669 (100), 2.827 (94), 3.577 (90), 2.517 (90), 2.212 (83), 4.590 (75), 2.299 (69)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
SiO ₂	32.2	32.48
TiO ₂	0.01	
Al ₂ O ₃	33.9	31.60
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.66	2.57
Mn ₂ O ₃	32.2	33.48
CuO	0.01	
ZnO	0.13	
PbO	0.01	
MgO	0.04	
CaO	0.01	
BaO	0.04	
Total	99.21	100.13

(1) Kanona, Zambia; by electron microprobe; corresponds to $(\text{Mn}_{0.76}^{3+}\text{Al}_{0.23}\text{Fe}_{0.02}^{3+})_{\Sigma=1.01}\text{Al}_{1.00}\text{Si}_{0.99}\text{O}_5$. (2) Salmchâteau, Belgium; by electron microprobe, corresponds to $(\text{Mn}_{0.79}^{3+}\text{Al}_{0.15}\text{Fe}_{0.06}^{3+})_{\Sigma=1.00}\text{Al}_{1.00}\text{Si}_{1.00}\text{O}_5$.

Polymorphism & Series: Forms a series with andalusite.

Occurrence: Formed under low-grade metamorphic conditions, in a gahnite schist (Kanona, Zambia); in a schist (Salmchâteau, Belgium).

Association: Gahnite, magnesian chlorite, coronadite, braunite (Kanona, Zambia); quartz, muscovite, paragonite, chlorite, hematite, braunite, rutile, apatite (Salmchâteau, Belgium).

Distribution: From 13 km north of Kanona, Serenje, Zambia. On the Salm River, one km north of Salmchâteau, near Ottré, Ardennes Mountains, Belgium.

Name: For Kanona, near the locality in Zambia.

Type Material: Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, 17352; National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA, 144523.

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