Millsite CuTeO₃·2H₂O

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. Point Group: 2/m. As grains to ~ 1 mm.

Physical Properties: Cleavage: Perfect on {100}. Fracture: Conchoidal. Tenacity: Brittle. Hardness = n.d. D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 3.963

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color*: Cyan to pale royal blue. *Streak*: Pale green. *Luster*: Vitreous.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). $\alpha = 1.756(5)$ $\beta = 1.794(5)$ $\gamma(\text{calc.}) = 1.925$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 60(1)^{\circ}$ 2V(calc.) = n.d. Pleochroism: Weak, greenish blue. Absorption: $X \approx Z > Y$. Dispersion: r < v. Orientation: Y = b, $X \land a = 41^{\circ}$ in obtuse β , one optical axis $\alpha \perp 1$ to (001).

Cell Data: Space Group: $P2_1/c$. a = 7.4049(2) b = 7.7873(2) c = 8.5217(2) $\beta = 110.203(3)^{\circ}$ Z = 4

X-ray Powder Pattern: Gråurdfjellet, Oppdal, Norway. 6.954 (100), 3.558 (64), 2.838 (47), 2.675 (43), 3.175 (39), 3.338(31), 3.236 (30)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)	(3)
CuO	30.14	30.27	28.91
SeO_2	0.78	0.52	
TeO_2	60.25	58.28	58.00
H_2O	13.79	13.09	13.09
Total	104.96	102.16	100.00

(1-2) Gråurdfjellet, Oppdal, Norway; average electron microprobe analysis supplemented by Raman spectroscopy, H₂O calculated from structure; corresponds to Cu_{0.99}(Te_{0.98}Se_{0.02})O₃•2H₂O.
(3) CuTeO₃•2H₂O.

Polymorphism & Series: Polymorph of teineite.

Occurrence: A secondary mineral found within vugs, interstices and along cracks in granular quartz from a single boulder of quartz-rich granite, probably a glacial erratic. Oxidation of primary sulfides and tellurides under near-surface, wet, oxidizing conditions created the secondary assemblage.

Association: Teineite, malachite, U-rich mcalpineite, schmitterite, a copper sulfate (probably brochantite), goethite, an amorphous Cu-Te-Si gel-like material.

Distribution: From Gråurdfjellet, Oppdal, Norway.

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Type Material: Natural History Museum, London, England (BM 2011,243).

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