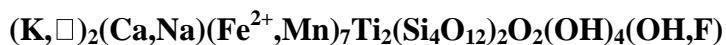


Tarbagataite

Crystal Data: Triclinic. *Point Group:* $\bar{1}$. As lamellar intergrowths with astrophyllite to 0.2 mm.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Perfect on {001}, moderate on {010}. *Fracture:* n.d.

Tenacity: Elastic. *Hardness* = 3 *D(meas.)* = n.d. *D(calc.)* = 3.263

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* Brown to pale golden brown. *Streak:* Colorless to pale yellow. *Luster:* Vitreous to pearly.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). $\alpha = 1.710(3)$ $\beta = 1.715(3)$ $\gamma = 1.745(3)$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 37(3)^\circ$

$2V(\text{calc.}) = 45^\circ$ *Pleochroism:* $X = \text{yellow-brown}$, $Y = \text{orange-red}$, $Z = \text{yellow-orange}$.

Absorption: $X < Z < Y$.

<i>Orientation:</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
<i>X</i>	89.5°	165.6°	58.5°
<i>Y</i>	94.8°	95.4°	147.0°
<i>Z</i>	4.8°	103.3°	98.9°

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $P\bar{1}$. $a = 5.3868(6)$ $b = 11.9141(6)$ $c = 11.7171(2)$

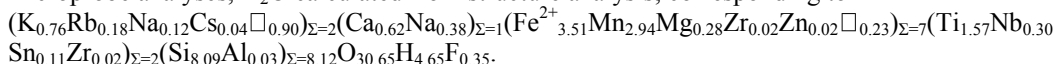
$\alpha = 112.978(2)^\circ$ $\beta = 94.641(2)^\circ$ $\gamma = 103.189(2)^\circ$ $Z = 1$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Verkhnee Espe deposit, Tarbagatai mountain range, Kazakhstan.

3.258 (100), 4.095 (80), 2.858 (80), 2.761 (70), 3.497 (50), 2.560 (50), 3.735 (30)

Chemistry:	(1)	(1)	(1)
Nb ₂ O ₅	2.98	ZnO	0.12
SnO ₂	1.20	FeO	18.71
ZrO ₂	0.32	MnO	15.48
TiO ₂	9.29	MgO	0.83
SiO ₂	36.11	CaO	2.58
Al ₂ O ₃	0.12	K ₂ O	2.67
			<u>H₂O</u>
			3.11
			<u>Total</u>
			96.60

(1) Verkhnee Espe deposit, Tarbagatai mountain range, Kazakhstan; average of multiple electron microprobe analyses, H₂O calculated from structure analysis; corresponding to



Mineral Group: Astrophyllite group.

Occurrence: In pegmatite veins and fenite associated with alkaline granitic massifs.

Association: Astrophyllite, microcline, albite, quartz, aegirine, kupletskite, zircon, thorite, xenotime, fergusonite, fersmite, euxenite-(Y), ilmenite, columbite-(Mn), zinc pyrophanite, keiviite, thalenite-(Y), cappelenite-(Y), eudialyte, jinshajiangite, milarite, helvite, bertrandite, bavenite.

Distribution: From the Verkhnee Espe deposit, northern part of the Tarbagatai mountain range, Akjailyautas Mountains, Kazakhstan.

Name: For the Tarbagatai mountain range where the Verkhnee Espe deposit that produced the first specimens is located.

Type Material: Geological Museum, Satpaev Institute of Geological Sciences, Almaty, Kazakhstan (# 3009/2010).

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