

Tveitite-(Y)



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Crystal Data: Hexagonal. *Point Group:* $\bar{3}$. Crystalline, massive. *Twinning:* Complex, polysynthetic, forming a three-dimensional grating of spindles, each of which is twinned internally in two directions.

Physical Properties: Hardness = n.d. $D(\text{meas.}) = 3.94$ $D(\text{calc.}) = 3.99$ Faint yellow-orange fluorescence under SW UV; dark blue cathodoluminescence.

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* White to pale yellow. *Luster:* Greasy. *Optical Class:* Biaxial (-). $\alpha = 1.476$ $\beta = 1.479$ $\gamma = 1.481$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 34^\circ$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $R\bar{3}$. $a = 16.6920(9)$ $c = 9.6664(8)$ $Z = 3$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Høydalen, Norway.

3.184 (10), 1.265 (8), 1.949 (7), 1.664 (6), 2.764 (5), 1.963 (5), 3.222 (4)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
Y	22.2	24.39
RE	8.06	
U	0.05	
Fe	0.08	
Mn	0.02	
Ca	27.4	30.79
F	41.3	44.82
Total	99.11	100.00

(1) Høydalen, Norway; RE = La 1.28%, Ce 3.86%, Pr 0.56%, Nd 0.90%, Sm 0.12%, Eu 0.04%, Gd 0.12%, Tb 0.03%, Dy 0.26%, Ho 0.05%, Er 0.17%, Tm 0.13%, Yb 0.35%, Lu 0.19%; corresponds to $\text{Ca}_{13.89}(\text{Y}_{4.09}\text{RE}_{0.98})_{\Sigma=5.07}\text{F}_{43}$. (2) $\text{Ca}_{14}\text{Y}_5\text{F}_{43}$.

Occurrence: In a pegmatite dike in amphibolites, probably formed by inversion of yttrofluorite.

Association: Kainosite, fluocerite, cerianite, monazite, beryl, topaz, muscovite, microcline, quartz.

Distribution: From Høydalen, Tørdal, Telemark, Norway.

Name: Honors John Tveit, in whose quarry in Norway the mineral was first found.

Type Material: Mineralogical-Geological Museum, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway; National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA, 137096.

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