

Penkviksite**Na₄Ti₂Si₈O₂₂•5H₂O**

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Crystal Data: Monoclinic or orthorhombic. *Point Group:* n.d. Crystal plates, to 7 μm and very thin, and microscopic radial fibrous masses, in lumps and clotted masses, to 3 cm; compact, porcelainous.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* One perfect, probably basal. Hardness = 5, in aggregate. D(meas.) = 2.58(2) D(calc.) = n.d.

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color:* White to pale gray, brownish, or greenish. *Luster:* Pearly or silky on fresh fracture; dull on the surface.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). α = 1.637(2) β = 1.640(2) γ = 1.662(2) 2V(meas.) = n.d. 2V(calc.) = 42°

Cell Data: *Space Group:* n.d. a = 7.48(5) b = 8.77(5) c = n.d. α = n.d. β = n.d. γ = 90° Z = n.d.

X-ray Powder Pattern: Lovozero massif, Russia.

8.2 (10), 3.37 (9), 2.84 (8), 3.32 (7), 3.10 (7), 3.07 (7), 1.713 (7)

Chemistry:

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SiO ₂	54.69	CaO	1.60
TiO ₂	15.91	SrO	0.01
ZrO ₂	2.17	Na ₂ O	13.13
Al ₂ O ₃	0.76	K ₂ O	0.09
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.19	F	0.05
Nb ₂ O ₅	1.08	H ₂ O ⁺	7.43
Ta ₂ O ₅	0.06	H ₂ O ⁻	2.84
MnO	0.01	P ₂ O ₅	0.02
MgO	trace	-O = F ₂	0.02
		Total	100.02

(1) Lovozero massif, Russia; corresponds to (Na_{3.7}Ca_{0.3})_{Σ=4.0}[Ti_{1.7}Zr_{0.2}(Nb, Fe, Al)_{0.1}]_{Σ=2.0}(Si_{7.9}Al_{0.1})_{Σ=8.0}O₂₂•5H₂O.

Occurrence: In the central natrolite zone of a pegmatite in a differentiated alkalic massif (Lovozero massif, Russia); in a pegmatite vein and in a marble xenolith in an intrusive alkalic gabbro-syenite complex (Mont Saint-Hilaire, Canada).

Association: Aegirine, natrolite, mountainite, raite (Lovozero massif, Russia); microcline, aegirine, catapleiite, ancylite, nenadkevichite, pectolite, apophyllite, monteregianite, vesuvianite, tadzhikite (Mont Saint-Hilaire, Canada).

Distribution: From the Jubilee pegmatite, on Mt. Karnasurt, Lovozero massif, Kola Peninsula, Russia. At Mont Saint-Hilaire, Quebec, Canada.

Name: From the Lapp *penk*, for *curly*, and *vilkis*, for *white*, for its typical appearance.

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