

**Crystal Data:** Triclinic. *Point Group:*  $\bar{1}$ . Crystals bladed and tabular on {100}, elongated || to [001], to 0.5 m; typically bent or twisted. *Twining:* Lamellar on {100}, twin axis  $\perp$  {100} or || [010] or [001], common.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* Perfect on {100}, good on {010}, (100)  $\wedge$  (010) = 79°; parting on {001}. *Fracture:* Splintery. Hardness = 5.5 || [001], 7 || [100]. D(meas.) = 3.53–3.65 D(calc.) = [3.67]

**Optical Properties:** Transparent to translucent. *Color:* Blue, white, rarely green, gray, yellow, pink, black, can be zoned; colorless to pale blue in thin section. *Luster:* Vitreous to pearly. *Optical Class:* Biaxial (-). *Pleochroism:* Weak; in thick sections, X = colorless; Y = violet-blue; Z = cobalt blue. *Orientation:* X  $\simeq$   $\perp$  {100} on {100}; X'  $\wedge$  a = 0°–25° on {001}; Z'  $\wedge$  c = 27°–32° on {100}; Z'  $\wedge$  c = 5°–8° on {010}. *Dispersion:* r > v, weak.  $\alpha$  = 1.710–1.718  $\beta$  = 1.719–1.724  $\gamma$  = 1.724–1.734 2V(meas.) = 78°–83°

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $P\bar{1}$ . a = 7.1262(12) b = 7.8520(10) c = 5.5724(10)  $\alpha$  = 89.99(2)°  $\beta$  = 101.11(2)°  $\gamma$  = 106.03(1)° Z = 4

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Zillertal, Austria. (ICDD 11-46). 3.18 (100), 1.377 (75), 3.35 (65), 1.962 (55), 1.935 (50), 1.930 (50), 2.520 (30)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	36.68	37.08	MnO	0.00
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.00		MgO	0.02
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	63.28	62.92	CaO	0.01
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.06		Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.00
FeO	0.37		K <sub>2</sub> O	0.01
			Total	100.43 100.00

(1) Elovyi, Karelia; by electron microprobe. (2) Al<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>5</sub>.

**Polymorphism & Series:** Trimorphous with andalusite and sillimanite.

**Occurrence:** In gneisses, schists, included pegmatites, and quartz veins, from moderately high-pressure regional metamorphism of principally pelitic rocks; detrital in sedimentary rocks.

**Association:** Staurolite, andalusite, sillimanite, talc, “hornblende,” gedrite, mullite, corundum.

**Distribution:** Widely distributed, even in good crystals. From Mt. Greiner, Zillertal, Tirol, Austria. At Alpe Sponda, Pizzo Forno, and at Alpe Campolungo, Tessin, Switzerland. In the Pfitschtal, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy. From Røros, Norway. Around Yekaterinburg (Sverdlovsk), Ural Mountains, Russia. At Elovyi, Klavoloke, Karelia. From Sultan Hamud, Machakos district, Kenya. Large crystals from a number of localities in Minas Gerais, Brazil, as at Barro Prêto, São José do Jacuri. In the USA, at Lyme, Grafton Co., New Hampshire; at Judd’s Bridge, Litchfield Co., Connecticut; at Darby, Delaware Co., Pennsylvania; from near Bakersville, Mitchell Co., and near Burnsville, Yancy Co., North Carolina; on Willis Mountain, Buckingham Co., Virginia.

**Name:** From the Greek for *blue*, in allusion to its common dark blue color.

**Type Material:** Mining Academy, Freiberg, Germany, 22491.

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