

Vanadio-oxy-chromium-dravite **$\text{NaV}_3(\text{Cr}_4\text{Mg}_2)\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3\text{O}$**

Crystal Data: Hexagonal. *Point Group:* 3m. As terminated prismatic crystals, to 0.3 mm.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* [Poor/indistinct on {0001}.] *Fracture:* Conchoidal. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = 7.5 D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 3.3

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* Emerald-green. *Streak:* Pale green. *Luster:* Vitreous. *Optical Class:* Uniaxial (−). $\omega = 1.767(5)$ $\varepsilon = 1.710(5)$ *Pleochroism:* O = dark green; E = pale green.

Cell Data: *Space Group:* R3m. $a = 16.1260(2)$ $c = 7.3759(1)$ Z = 3

X-ray Powder Pattern: Pereval marble quarry, Sludyanka, Lake Baikal, Russia. 6.509 (100), 3.564 (53), 3.022 (47), 2.611 (42), 2.171 (42), 4.022 (40), 4.293 (31)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)		(1)	(2)
SiO_2	32.75	32.27	ZnO	bdl	0.10
TiO_2	bdl	0.07	CaO	bdl	0.05
B_2O_3	[9.56]	[9.40]	Na_2O	2.52	2.71
Al_2O_3	7.64	4.54	K_2O	0.24	0.08
Cr_2O_3	12.87	24.32	F	0.25	0.49
V_2O_3	24.36	14.88	H_2O	[2.40]	[2.33]
Fe_2O_3	[0.42]	[0.86]	$\text{---O}=\text{F}_2$	0.11	0.21
MgO	7.19	7.75	Total	100.10	99.63

(1) Pereval marble quarry, Sludyanka, Lake Baikal, Russia; average of 10 electron microprobe analyses supplemented by FTIR spectrometry, B_2O_3 , H_2O and $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3:\text{FeO}$ calculated; corresponds to $_{\text{X}}^{\text{X}}(\text{Na}_{0.89}\text{K}_{0.06}\square_{0.05})^{\text{Y}}(\text{V}_{2.77}^{3+}\text{Mg}_{0.17}\text{Fe}_{0.06}^{3+})^{\text{Z}}(\text{Cr}_{1.85}^{3+}\text{Al}_{1.59}\text{V}_{0.78}^{3+}\text{Mg}_{1.78})^{\text{T}}[(\text{Si}_{5.95}\text{Al}_{0.05})\text{O}_{18}]^{\text{B}}(\text{BO}_3)_3^{\text{V}}[(\text{OH})_{2.91}\text{O}_{0.09}]^{\text{W}}(\text{O}_{0.86}\text{F}_{0.14})$.

Polymorphism & Series: Complete solid-solution exists between the species oxy-chromium-dravite, vanadio-oxy-chromium-dravite, and oxy-vanadium-dravite.

Mineral Group: Tourmaline supergroup, alkali group, oxy-subgroup 3.

Occurrence: A primary mineral in metaquartzite (granulite facies) in marble.

Association: Quartz, Cr-V-bearing tremolite, muscovite-celadonite-chromphyllite-roscoelite, diopside-kosmochlor-natalytite, Cr-bearing goldmanite, escolaite-karelianite, dravite–oxy-vanadium-dravite, V-bearing titanite and rutile, ilmenite, oxyvanite-berdesinskiite, shreyerite, plagioclase, scapolite, zircon, pyrite.

Distribution: From the Pereval marble quarry, Sludyanka, Lake Baikal, Russia.

Name: As an oxy-chromium-dravite with dominant vanadium in the Y site and V^{3+} contents between 5 and 1.5 atoms per formula unit.

Type Material: Museum of Mineralogy, Earth Sciences Department, Sapienza University, Rome, Italy (33067).

References: (1) Bosi, F., L. Reznitskii, H. Skogby, and U. Hålenius (2014) Vanadio-oxy-chromium-dravite, $\text{NaV}_3(\text{Cr}_4\text{Mg}_2)(\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3\text{O}$, a new mineral species of the tourmaline supergroup. Amer. Mineral., 99, 1155-1162.