

Dualite $\text{Na}_{30}(\text{Ca}, \text{Na}, \text{Ce}, \text{Sr})_{12}(\text{Na}, \text{Mn}, \text{Fe}, \text{Ti})_6\text{Zr}_3\text{Ti}_3\text{MnSi}_{51}\text{O}_{144}(\text{OH}, \text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{Cl})_9$

Crystal Data: Hexagonal. *Point Group:* 3m. As irregularly shaped grains to 0.5 mm.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* None. *Fracture:* Conchoidal. *Tenacity:* Brittle. *Hardness* = 5
D(meas.) = 2.84(3) D(calc.) = 2.814

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color:* Yellow. *Streak:* White. *Luster:* Vitreous.
Optical Class: Uniaxial (+). $\omega = 1.610(1)$ $\varepsilon = 1.613(1)$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* R3m. $a = 14.153(9)$ $c = 60.72(5)$ $Z = 3$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Mount Alluaiv, Lovozero Pluton, Kola Peninsula, Russia.
2.964 (100), 2.839 (90), 2.159 (60), 1.770 (60), 4.31 (50), 1.362 (50), 7.11 (40)

Chemistry:	(1)		(1)
Na ₂ O	17.74	Al ₂ O ₃	0.20
K ₂ O	0.08	SiO ₂	51.26
CaO	8.03	TiO ₂	4.40
SrO	1.37	ZrO ₂	5.39
BaO	0.29	Nb ₂ O ₅	1.94
MnO	2.58	Cl	0.58
FeO	1.04	H ₂ O	[1.39]
La ₂ O ₃	0.79	<u>-O = Cl₂</u>	<u>0.13</u>
Ce ₂ O ₃	1.84	Total	99.67
Nd ₂ O ₃	0.88		

(1) Mount Alluaiv, Lovozero Pluton, Kola Peninsula, Russia; average electron microprobe analysis, H₂O calculated; corresponds to (Na_{29.79}Ba_{0.1}K_{0.10}) $\Sigma=30$ (Ca_{8.55}Na_{1.39}REE_{1.27}Sr_{0.79}) $\Sigma=12$ (Na_{3.01}Mn_{1.35}Fe²⁺_{0.87}Ti_{0.77}) $\Sigma=6$ (Zr_{2.61}Nb_{0.39}) $\Sigma=3$ (Ti_{2.52}Nb_{0.48}) $\Sigma=3$ (Mn_{0.82}Si_{0.18}) $\Sigma=1$ (Si_{50.77}Al_{0.23}) $\Sigma=51$ O₁₄₄[(OH)_{6.54}(H₂O)_{1.34}Cl_{0.98}] $\Sigma=8.86$.

Mineral Group: Eudialyte group.

Occurrence: Formed during the final stages of peralkaline pegmatite formation.

Association: K-Na feldspar, nepheline, sodalite, cancrinite, aegirine, alkaline amphibole, eudialyte, lovozerite, lomonosovite, vuonnemite, lamprophyllite, sphalerite, villiamite.

Distribution: At Mount Alluaiv, Lovozero Pluton, Kola Peninsula, Russia.

Name: From Latin *dualis* (dual) alluding to the dual taxonomic membership of this mineral, at the same time zirconosilicate and titanosilicate.

Type Material: A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow.

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