

Götzenite

Na₂Ca₅Ti(Si₂O₇)₂F₄

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Crystal Data: Triclinic. *Point Group:* $\bar{1}$. Crystals prismatic, acicular, to 1 cm, may be skeletal. *Twinning:* Lamellar twinning on {001}, twin axis [010], ubiquitous.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Perfect on {100}, good on {001}. *Hardness* = n.d. D(meas.) = 3.03–3.14 D(calc.) = [2.84]

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* Colorless, white to honey-yellow. *Luster:* Greasy. *Optical Class:* Biaxial (+). *Orientation:* $Z' \wedge c \simeq 58^\circ$. *Dispersion:* $r > v$, strong. $\alpha = 1.651\text{--}1.660$ $\beta = 1.653\text{--}1.662$ $\gamma = 1.659\text{--}1.670$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 52^\circ\text{--}84^\circ$ $2V(\text{calc.}) = 53.5^\circ$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $P\bar{1}$. $a = 9.667$ $b = 5.731$ $c = 7.334$ $\alpha = 90^\circ$ $\beta = 101.05^\circ$ $\gamma = 101.31^\circ$ $Z = 1$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Mt. Shaheru, Congo.

3.100 (100), 2.986 (100), 1.911 (50), 2.648 (40), 2.511 (25), 1.696 (25), 3.994 (15)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(3)		(1)	(2)	(3)
SiO ₂	32.50	32.34	34.01	BaO	0.09	0.00	
TiO ₂	9.72	8.74	11.31	Na ₂ O	4.85	6.32	8.77
ZrO ₂		0.19		K ₂ O	0.14	0.09	
Al ₂ O ₃	4.26	0.45		F	8.33	9.15	10.76
RE ₂ O ₃		1.84		Cl	0.15	0.00	
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.35	0.02		H ₂ O ⁺	0.26	0.57	
Nb ₂ O ₅		3.36		H ₂ O ⁻	0.14	0.04	
FeO	0.45	0.14		CO ₂	0.00		
MnO	0.07	0.62		P ₂ O ₅	0.01	0.00	
MgO	0.29	0.04		SO ₃	0.19	0.00	
CaO	41.80	38.95	39.68	–O = (F, Cl) ₂	3.54	3.85	4.53
SrO	0.00	0.87		Total	100.06	99.88	100.00

(1) Mt. Shaheru, Congo. (2) Lovozero massif, Russia. (3) Na₂Ca₅Ti(Si₂O₇)₂F₄.

Occurrence: In a nephelinite from the wall of the crater of an extinct volcano (Mt. Shaheru, Congo); in hornfels and marble xenoliths in an intrusive alkalic gabbro-syenite complex (Mont Saint-Hilaire, Canada).

Association: Combeite (Mt. Shaheru, Congo); aegirine, apatite, fersmanite, pectolite (Kola Peninsula, Russia); cancrinite, fluorite, titanite (Azov region, Ukraine).

Distribution: On Mt. Shaheru, the extinct southern cone of Mt. Nyiragongo, Kivu Province, Congo (Zaire). In Russia, from Mt. Yukspor, Khibiny massif, and the Lovozero massif, Kola Peninsula. At Barkevik, Langesundsfjord, Norway. From the Azov region, Ukraine. Near Kirchberg, Saxony; in the Kaiserstuhl, Baden-Württemberg; and around the Laacher See, Eifel district, Germany. At Mont Saint-Hilaire, Quebec, Canada.

Name: For Count Gustav Adolph von Götzen (1886–?), noted German traveller who climbed Mt. Shaheru, Congo (Zaire), in 1894.

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