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GIA Collection Number: 34680

Species - Variety:

Scapolite

Locality (as stated in Dr. Gübelin's records):

Namibia, Oshikoto Region, Tsumeb (Tsumeb Mine)

Description

Shape: Round

Weight: 40.80 ct

Dimensions: 22.03 x 21.84 x 15.95 mm

Diaphaneity: Transparent

Color: Medium dark, brownish, orangy Yellow

Gemological Properties

Optical Character: Uniaxial negative

Refractive Index: 1.550 / 1.568

Birefringence: 0.018

Specific Gravity: 2.68

Pleochroism: Gray / Yellow

Luster: Vitreous

Phenomenon: None

Fluorescence:

LWUV: Weak yellowish orange with even distribution

SWUV: Weak reddish orange with even distribution

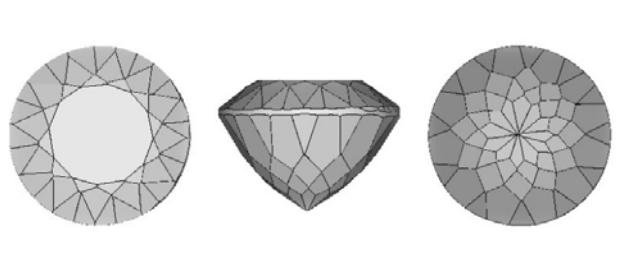
Phosphorescence:

LWUV: None

SWUV: None

Absorption Spectrum:

No features seen in the absorption spectrum



Facet Diagram: top | side | bottom

Photomicrograph

This scapolite displays several large etched planar surfaces in various orientations.



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This etched planar surface is stained by epigenetic material. The field of view is 6.52 mm across.

Magnification: 15x

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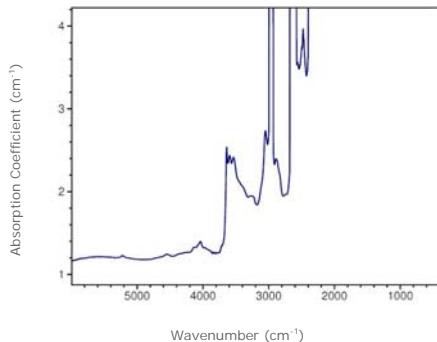
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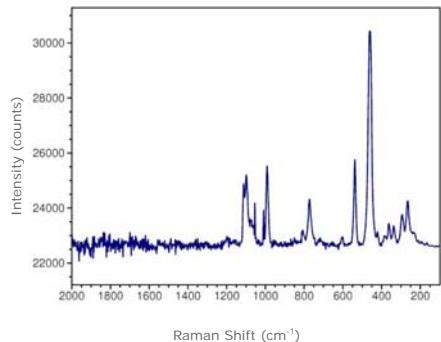
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Spectrum

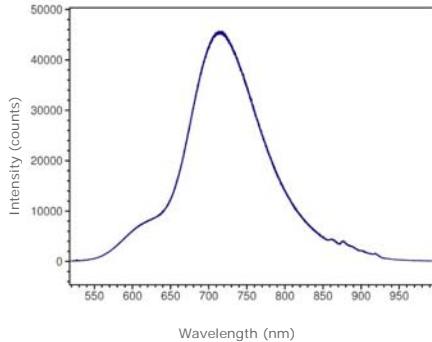
Infrared Absorption



Raman



Photoluminescence

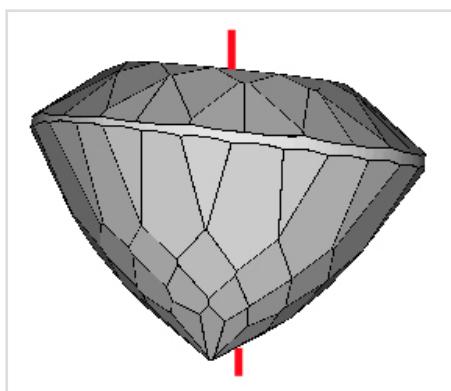
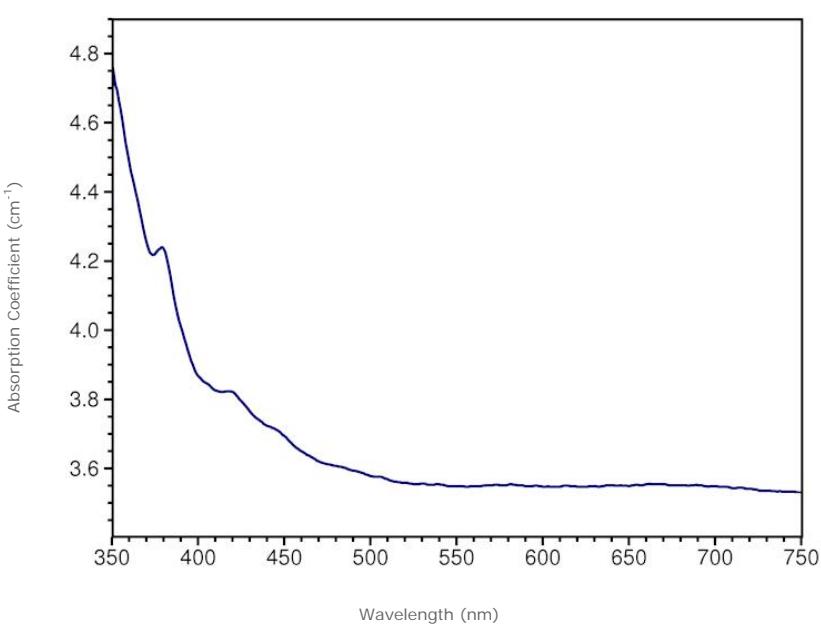


Transmission infrared absorption spectra were collected in the mid-IR range ($400\text{--}6000\text{ cm}^{-1}$) using a Thermo-Nicolet 6700 FTIR spectrometer (KBr beamsplitter, MCT-B detector, 1 to 4 cm^{-1} resolution, and 128 scans). A 6x beam condenser was used to focus light through the girdle region of the gemstone to obtain a maximum signal.

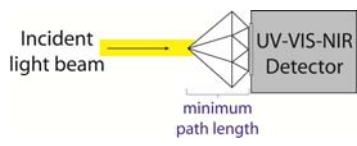
Raman spectra were collected over the range $100\text{--}2000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ Raman shift using a Renishaw InVia Raman microscope (3 additive scans, and excitation produced by 514.5 nm Ar-ion or 633 nm He-Ne lasers). Analysis was done using a focused beam on the table facet of the gemstone unless otherwise noted.

Photoluminescence spectra were collected in the $517\text{--}1000\text{ nm}$ range using a Renishaw InVia Raman microscope (single scan, and excitation produced by 514.5 nm Ar-ion laser). Analysis was done using a focused beam on the table facet of the gemstone unless otherwise noted, and the laser intensity was adjusted to avoid detector saturation caused by sample fluorescence.

Visible Absorption



Red line denotes the approximate position of the optic axis

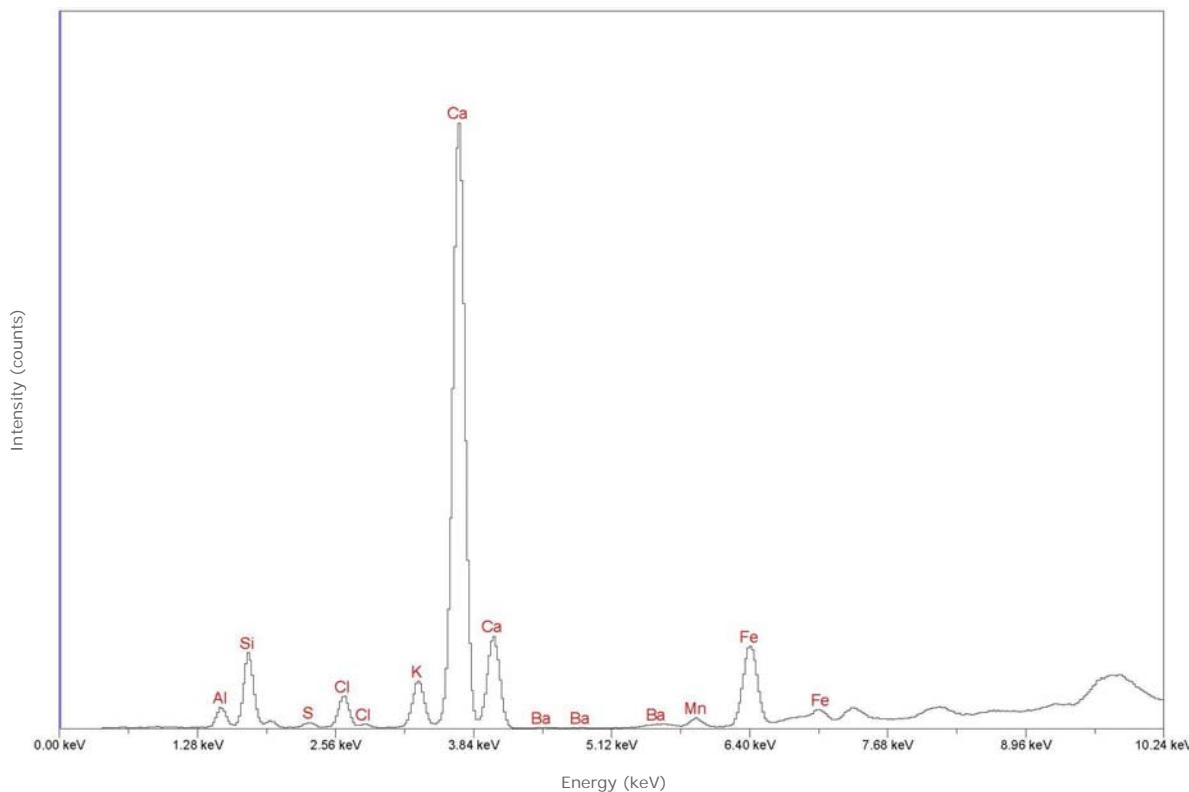


Transmission absorption spectra in the UV to near-IR range ($250\text{--}1000\text{ nm}$) were collected using a Hitachi U4001 spectrometer (2.0 nm slit, 1.0 nm data interval, and 120 nm/min scan speed). Unless otherwise noted, an unpolarized light beam was focused on the culet area of the optically unoriented sample.

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Chemistry / EDXRF



Qualitative energy-dispersive X-ray fluorescence (EDXRF) data were collected using a Thermo ARL QuantX EDXRF analyzer (15 kV, 0.02–1.98 mA (auto adjusted based on deadtime), 100 seconds livetime, vacuum atmosphere, aluminum filter). These conditions were selected to optimize the detection of the transition metals (such as iron or chromium) that are responsible for the coloration of most gemstones. Only the peaks for chemical elements that were clearly identifiable are labeled by element symbols in the spectrum. Most other peaks are diffraction artifacts. Our EDXRF method can detect most elements with higher atomic numbers than sodium (Z=11) in the Periodic Table; depending on the element, the lower limit of detection is between 1 and 100 parts per million (0.0001 to 0.01%).