

$\text{K}_{0.7}\text{Na}_{2.75}\text{Ca}_{0.15}(\text{Al}_{0.47}\text{Si}_{0.53})_8\text{O}_{16}$ $hP60$ $(176) P6_3/m - i^3h^3fa$ $\text{K}_{1.4}\text{Na}_{5.5}\text{Ca}_{0.3}\text{Al}_{7.5}\text{Si}_{8.5}\text{O}_{32}$ [1], nepheline

Structural features: (Si,Al) O_4 tetrahedra share vertices to form a distorted tridymite-type framework; K and Na in channels delimited by regular or distorted 6-rings parallel to [001].

Dollase W.A. (1970) [1]

 $\text{Al}_{3.75}\text{K}_{0.61}\text{Na}_3\text{O}_{16}\text{Si}_{4.25}$ $a = 1.0007$, $c = 0.8385$ nm, $c/a = 0.838$, $V = 0.7272$ nm³, $Z = 2$

site	Wyck.	sym.	x	y	z	occ.	atomic environment
O1	12i	1	0.2775	0.2259	0.0612		non-colinear Si ₂
M2	12i	1	0.3334	0.0939	0.0638		tetrahedron O ₄
O3	12i	1	0.5169	0.1677	0.0047		non-colinear Si ₂
O4	6h	$m..$	0.3174	0.0272	$\frac{1}{4}$		non-colinear Si ₂
O5	6h	$m..$	0.3401	0.6315	$\frac{1}{4}$	0.333	
Na6	6h	$m..$	0.5573	0.0031	$\frac{1}{4}$		8-vertex polyhedron O ₈
M7	4f	3..	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0.0554		
K8	2a	-6..	0	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0.61	tricapped trigonal prism O ₉

 $M2 = 0.531\text{Si} + 0.469\text{Al}$; $M7 = 0.531\text{Si} + 0.469\text{Al}$ Transformation from published data: $y, x, -z$ Experimental: single crystal, diffractometer, X-rays, $R = 0.080$

Remarks: Natural specimen from Larvik, Norway. Composition $\text{K}_{1.40}\text{Na}_{5.47}\text{Ca}_{0.30}\text{Al}_{7.47}\text{Si}_{8.53}\text{O}_{32}$ from chemical analysis. Ca not located. We assigned an approximate value to the Al/Si ratio of sites M based on the nominal composition. Short interatomic distances for partly occupied site(s). Average structure; a constrained superstructure was refined in space group (173) $P6_3$. In table 1 of [1] the z -coordinate of former O(2) is misprinted as $\frac{1}{4}$ instead of $\frac{3}{4}$ (better interatomic distances).

References: [1] Dollase W.A. (1970), Z. Kristallogr. 132, 27-44.