

Bøgvadite

Na₂SrBa₂Al₄F₂₀O

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Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* $2/m\ 2/m\ 2/m$ or $mm2$. As blocky crystals, to 0.15 mm, showing {110}, {010}, and {012}, slightly flattened on {010} and elongated || [100], with rounded and corroded faces.

Physical Properties: *Fracture:* Uneven. Hardness = > 3 VHN = 300(50) (25 g load).
D(meas.) = 3.85 D(calc.) = 3.898

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* Colorless. *Streak:* White. *Luster:* Vitreous.
Optical Class: Biaxial (-). *Orientation:* $X = c; Y = a; Z = b$. $\alpha = 1.4326(2)$ $\beta = 1.4360(2)$
 $\gamma = 1.4389(2)$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 87(0.5)^\circ$ $2V(\text{calc.}) = 85(6)^\circ$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $Pn\bar{m}n$ or $Pn2n$. $a = 7.110(3)$ $b = 19.907(10)$ $c = 5.347(3)$
 $Z = 2$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Ivigtut, Greenland.
3.240 (100), 3.194 (50), 2.924 (50), 2.116 (50), 9.968 (40), 6.689 (40), 2.668 (40)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)
Na	5.57	5.13
Ba	32.17	30.65
Sr	7.03	9.78
Al	12.45	12.04
F	[42.85]	42.40
Total	[100.07]	100.00

(1) Ivigtut, Greenland; by electron microprobe, average of 11 analyses, F 40%–45%, calculated from stoichiometry; corresponds to Na_{2.15}Sr_{0.71}Ba_{2.08}Al_{4.09}F₂₀. (2) Na₂SrBa₂Al₄F₂₀O.

Occurrence: In the cryolite deposit.

Association: Jarlite, ralstonite, barite, potassian mica, quartz, a kaolinlike mineral.

Distribution: From the Ivigtut cryolite deposit, southwestern Greenland.

Name: For Richard Bøgvad (1897–1952), formerly Chief Geologist for the company Øresund A/S, which mined the Ivigtut cryolite deposit.

Type Material: n.d.

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