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Chromium-rich vanadio-oxy-dravite from the Tzarevskoye uranium–vanadium deposit, Karelia, Russia: a second world-occurrence of Al–Cr–V–oxy-tourmaline

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Abstract

A green tourmaline sample from the Tzarevskoye uranium–vanadium deposit, close to the Srednyaya Padma deposit, Lake Onega, Karelia Republic, Russia, has been found to be the second world-occurrence of Cr-rich vanadio-oxy-dravite in addition to the Peveral marble quarry, Sludyanka crystalline complex, Lake Baikal, Russia, type-locality. From the crystal-structure refinement and chemical analysis, the following empirical formula is proposed: $X(\text{Na}_{0.96}\text{K}_{0.02}\square_{0.02})_{\Sigma 1.00} Y(\text{V}_{1.34}\text{Al}_{0.68}\text{Mg}_{0.93}\text{Cu}_{0.02}\text{Zn}_{0.01}\text{Ti}_{0.01})_{\Sigma 3.00} Z(\text{Al}_{3.19}\text{Cr}_{1.36}\text{V}_{0.03}\text{Mg}_{1.42})_{\Sigma 6.00} (\text{T}\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})(\text{B}\text{BO}_3)_3 \text{V}(\text{OH})_3 \text{W}[\text{O}_{0.60}(\text{OH})_{0.23}\text{F}_{0.17}]_{\Sigma 1.00}$. Together with the data from the literature, a compositional overview of Al–V–Cr–Fe³⁺-tourmalines is provided by using ⁶Al–V–Cr–Fe³⁺ diagrams for tourmaline classification. These diagrams further simplify the tourmaline nomenclature as they merge the chemical information over the octahedrally-coordinated sites (Y and Z) by removing the issues of uncertainty associated with cation order–disorder across Y and Z. Results show the direct identification of tourmalines by using the chemical data alone.

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Introduction

The tourmaline-supergroup minerals are chemically complex borosilicates. They are widespread in the Earth’s crust, occurring in sedimentary rocks, granites and granitic pegmatites and in low-grade to ultrahigh-pressure metamorphic rocks (e.g. Dutrow and Henry, 2011). In accordance with Henry *et al.* (2011), the general formula of tourmaline can be written as $\text{XY}_3\text{Z}_6\text{T}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3\text{V}_3\text{W}$, where $X = \text{Na}^+$, K^+ , Ca^{2+} and \square ($\square = \text{vacancy}$); $Y = \text{Al}^{3+}$, Fe^{3+} , Cr^{3+} , V^{3+} , Mg^{2+} , Fe^{2+} , Mn^{2+} and Li^+ ; $Z = \text{Al}^{3+}$, Fe^{3+} , Cr^{3+} , V^{3+} , Mg^{2+} and Fe^{2+} ; $T = \text{Si}^{4+}$, Al^{3+} and B^{3+} ; $B = \text{B}^{3+}$, $\text{V} = \text{OH}^{1-}$ and O^{2-} and $\text{W} = \text{OH}^{1-}$, F^{1-} and O^{2-} . The (non-italicised) letters X, Y, Z, T and B represent groups of cations accommodated at the ⁹X, ⁶Y, ⁶Z, ⁴T and ³B crystallographic sites (identified with italicised letters); the letters V and W represent groups of anions accommodated at the ³O(3) and ³O(1) crystallographic sites, respectively. The H atoms occupy the H(3) and H(1) sites, which are related to O(3) and O(1), respectively (e.g. Bosi, 2013; Gatta *et al.*, 2014).

Due to their highly variable chemical composition and refractory behaviour, tourmaline is considered a very useful indicator of geological processes in igneous, hydrothermal and metamorphosed systems (Dutrow and Henry, 2011; van Hinsberg *et al.*, 2011; Ahmadi *et al.*, 2019; Sipahi, 2019) and able to record and preserve the chemical composition of their host rocks.

Vanadium and Cr-bearing hydroxyl- and oxy-tourmaline species have been described widely in the literature (Cossa and Arzruni, 1883; Badalov, 1951; Bassett, 1953; Snetsinger, 1966; Peltola *et al.*, 1968; Jan *et al.*, 1972; Dunn, 1977; Nuber and Schmetzer, 1979; Foit and Rosenberg, 1979; Rumyantseva, 1983; Gorskaya *et al.*, 1984, 1987; Reznitskii *et al.*, 1988; Hammarstrom, 1989; Kazachenko *et al.*, 1993; Reznitskii and Sklyarov, 1996; Ertl *et al.*, 2008; Arif *et al.*, 2010; Lupulescu and Rowe, 2011; Rozhdestvenskaya *et al.*, 2011; Cempírek *et al.*, 2013; Vereshchagin *et al.*, 2014). Currently, they are known from several localities: Sludyanka (Slyudyanka) crystalline complex, Lake Baikal, Russia; Onega region, Central Karelia, Russia; Primorye, Far eastern Russia; Balmat, St. Lawrence County, New York, USA; Silver Knob deposit, Mariposa County, California, USA; Nausahi deposit, Orissa, India; Outokumpu deposit, Finnish North Karelia, Finland; Mingora and Gujar Kili mines, Swat, Pakistan; Alpurai, Pakistan; Shabrovskoe ore deposit, Middle Urals, Russia; Syssertox Dach, Ural Mountains, Russia; Uмба Valley, Tanga Province, Tanzania; Kwal District, Kenya;

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Amstall, Lower Austria, Austria; and Bítoványky, Czech Republic. Also, fluor-rich tourmalines characterised by V and Cr have been reported in the literature with a strong positive relation between F and Cr, but with F contents less than 0.5 atoms per formula unit (Bosi *et al.*, 2017b).

Oxy-tourmalines rich in both V and Cr are unusual minerals and occur almost exclusively in metamorphosed V- and Cr-enriched host rocks such as sulfide-rich black shales, graphite quartzites and calcareous metasediments (Snetsinger, 1966; Kazachenko *et al.*, 1993; Bačik *et al.*, 2011; Cempírek *et al.*, 2013). Most oxy-tourmalines with dominant V and/or Cr (V_2O_3 or $Cr_2O_3 > 9$ wt.%) were found in the Sludyanka crystalline complex, Lake Baikal, Russia (Bosi *et al.*, 2004, 2012, 2013a,b; Reznitskii *et al.*, 2014; Bosi *et al.*, 2014a,b, 2017a,b). Among these is a vanadio-oxy-dravite, ideally $NaV_3(Al_4Mg_2)(Si_6O_{18})(BO_3)_3(OH)_3O$, a rare tourmaline recently described by Bosi *et al.* (2014a).

The sample studied was found in the Tzarevskoye uranium–vanadium deposit, close to the Srednyaya Padma deposit, Zaonezhye Peninsula, Lake Onega, Karelia Republic, Northern Region, Russia. It is the first occurrence of V-dominant, Cr-rich oxy-tourmaline in Karelia and the second world-occurrence in addition to the Pereval marble quarry (Sludyanka) type-locality. In this work, we describe this tourmaline and provide a compositional overview of Al–V–Cr–Fe³⁺-tourmalines.

Geological setting

The Srednyaya Padma mine is the largest of the deposits from vanadium, uranium and precious metals of the Onega region and has abnormally high concentrations of gold, palladium, platinum, copper and molybdenum. It is concentrated in the Onega epicratonic trough, which is filled with volcano–sedimentary rocks of Lower Proterozoic age (organic carbon-rich schists, sandstones, dolomites and tuffites prevail) (Boitsov, 1997). The ore mineralisation is located in the albite–mica–carbonate metasomatites upon the Proterozoic aleorolites and schists (Boitsov, 1997). The distribution of these ore-bearing metasomatites is controlled by axial faults and shear zones. In fact the Srednyaya Padma deposit is located in zones of fold–fracture dislocations, which are represented by systems of N–W oriented anticlines with interior portions of the anticlines composed of dolomites and exterior portions composed of schists. The orebodies are situated in steeply-dipping fracture zones in siltstones and in some wedge-shaped zones at the contact with the schungite schists.

The Srednyaya Padma deposit is 3 km long and consists of two orebodies with different amounts of V and U (Boitsov, 1997): the first orebody has a length of 1060 m, thickness 40–50 m, with an average V_2O_5 and UO_2 content of ~3 wt.% and 0.13 wt.%, respectively, whereas the second has a length of 1840 m, vertical size of 100–450 m and an average content of V_2O_5 and UO_2 of ~2.4 wt.% and 0.11 wt.%, respectively.

In accordance with Borozdin *et al.* (2014), the main minerals of the ore metasomatites are V- and Cr-micas (roscoelite, chromceladonite and Cr-bearing micas of the phengite series), which make-up ~26% of all ores, carbonate marbles (dolomite and calcite), with ~21%, feldspars (albite, which usually prevails over other minerals with a mean content of ~37%), minor V–Cr alkaline pyroxenes (natalyite and Cr-bearing aegirine) and Cr-rich tourmalines.

The tourmaline studied was found in the Tzarevskoye uranium–vanadium deposit, ~14 km from the well-known Srednyaya Padma deposit. The Tzarevskoye deposit is situated in the anticline zone with cores of metamorphosed terrigenous-carbonate rocks in the cores and intensely brecciated, mylonitised and foliated metamorphosed siltstones at the margins of the folds. The tectonic activity was accompanied by hydrothermal–metasomatic and hypogene processes (Boitsov, 1997). The tourmaline sample occurs in micaceous metasomatites, associated with roscoelite, Cr-bearing phengite micas, quartz and dolomite. It forms dark-green to black pyramidal crystals up to 0.1 mm. A similar mineralogical association was observed for the chromium–dravite from the Velikaya Guba gold–copper–uranium occurrence (see below).

Experimental Methods

Electron-microprobe analysis

Electron-microprobe analyses of the present sample were obtained by a wavelength-dispersive spectrometer (WDS mode) using a CAMECA SX50 instrument at the Istituto di Geologia Ambientale e Geoingegneria (CNR of Rome, Italy), operating at an accelerating potential of 15 kV and a sample current of 15 nA, with a 10 μ m beam diameter. Minerals and synthetic compounds were used as standards as follows: wollastonite (Si and Ca), magnetite (Fe), rutile (Ti), corundum (Al), karelianite (V), fluorphlogopite (F), periclase (Mg), jadeite (Na), orthoclase (K), rhodonite (Mn), metallic Cr, Ni, Cu and Zn. Vanadium and Cr concentrations were corrected for interference from the TiK β and VK β peaks, respectively. The PAP matrix correction procedure (Pouchou and Pichoir 1991) was applied to reduce the raw data. The results, which are summarised in Table 1, represent mean values of 4 spot analyses. In accordance with Pesquera *et al.* (2016), the Li₂O content was assumed to be insignificant as MgO > 2 wt.% is contained in the sample studied. Calcium, Mn, Fe and Ni were below the detection limits (0.03 wt.%).

Single-crystal structural refinement (SREF)

A pale green crystal fragment (0.037 mm \times 0.042 mm \times 0.052 mm) of the sample was mounted on an Oxford Gemini R Ultra diffractometer equipped with a Ruby CCD area detector at CrisDi (Interdepartmental Centre for the Research and Development of Crystallography, Turin, Italy) with graphite-monochromatised MoK α radiation from a fine-focus sealed X-ray tube. The sample-to-detector distance was 5.3 cm. A total of 222 exposures (step = 1°, time/step = 48–478 s) with an average redundancy of ~6 was used. Data were integrated and corrected for Lorentz and polarisation background effects, using *CrysAlisPro* (Agilent Technologies, Version 1.171.36.20, release 27-06-2012 CrysAlis171.36.24). Refinement of the unit-cell parameters was based on 2304 measured reflections. The data were corrected for absorption using the multi-scan method (*Scale3 ABSPACK*). No violations of *R3m* symmetry were noted.

Structural refinement was done with the *SHELXL-2013* program (Sheldrick, 2013). Starting coordinates were taken from Bosi *et al.* (2014a). Variable parameters were: scale factor, atomic coordinates, site scattering values and atomic-displacement factors. Attempts to refine the extinction coefficient yielded values within its standard uncertainty, thus it has not been refined. Neutral scattering factors were used for the cations and a fully

Table 1. Chemical composition for Cr-rich vanadio-oxy-dravite from the Tzarevskoye deposit, Russia.

wt. %		apfu	
SiO ₂	34.58(39)	Si	6.00
TiO ₂	0.11(6)	Ti ⁴⁺	0.01
B ₂ O ₃ *	10.02	B	3.00
Al ₂ O ₃	18.89(56)	Al	3.86
Cr ₂ O ₃	9.93(68)	Cr ³⁺	1.36
V ₂ O ₃	9.87(33)	V ³⁺	1.37
MgO	9.10(64)	Mg	2.35
CuO	0.18(13)	Cu ²⁺	0.02
ZnO	0.09(4)	Zn	0.01
Na ₂ O	2.85(5)	Na	0.96
K ₂ O	0.10(3)	K	0.02
F	0.31(14)	F	0.17
H ₂ O*	2.79	OH	3.23
Total	98.66		

Notes: Errors for oxides are standard deviations (in parentheses) of 4 spot analyses; apfu = atoms per formula unit.

*Calculated by stoichiometry.

ionised scattering factor for the oxygen atoms. In detail, the occupancy of the X site was modelled by using the Na scattering factor, the Y site Mg and V scattering factors, and the Z site using Al and Cr scattering factors. The T and B sites were modelled, respectively, with Si and B scattering factors and with a fixed occupancy of 1, because refinement with unconstrained occupancies showed no significant deviations from this value. Three full-matrix refinement cycles with isotropic-displacement parameters for all atoms were followed by anisotropic cycles until convergence was attained. No significant correlations over a value of 0.7 between the parameters were observed at the end of refinement. Table 2 lists crystal data, data-collection information, and refinement details; Table 3 gives the fractional atomic coordinates, site occupancies and displacement parameters; Table 4 gives selected bond distances. The crystallographic information file has been deposited with the Principal Editor of *Mineralogical Magazine* and is available as Supplementary material (see below).

Results

Determination of atomic fractions

In agreement with the SREF results, the B content was assumed to be stoichiometric in the sample studied (B³⁺ = 3.00 atoms per formula unit, apfu). In fact, both the site-scattering results and the bond lengths of B and T are consistent with the B site fully occupied by B³⁺ and no amount of B³⁺ at the T site. The (OH) content can then be calculated by charge balance with the assumption (T + Y + Z) = 15.00 apfu and 31 anions. The atomic fractions were calculated on these assumptions (Table 1). The excellent match between the number of electrons per formula unit (epfu) derived from chemical and structural analysis supports this procedure: 268.90 and 267.95 epfu, respectively.

Determination of site populations and mineral formula

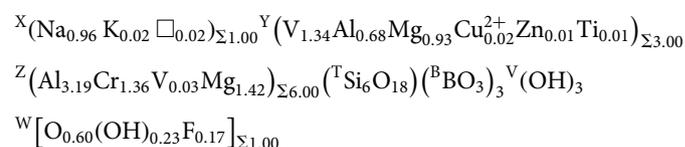
The anion site populations in the sample studied follow the general preference suggested for tourmaline (e.g. Henry *et al.*, 2011): the O(3) site (V position in the general formula) is occupied by (OH), while the O(1) site (W position in the general formula) can be occupied by O²⁻, (OH) and F⁻. The T site is fully occupied by Si. The cation distribution at the Y and Z sites can be

Table 2. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data: details for Cr-rich vanadio-oxy-dravite from the Tzarevskoye deposit, Russia.

Crystal data	
Crystal size (mm)	0.037 × 0.042 × 0.052
Space group	R3m
a (Å)	16.0067(8)
c (Å)	7.3197(5)
V (Å ³)	1624.2(2)
Density (g/cm ³)	3.146
Z	3
Range for data collection, θ (°)	4–31.6
Reciprocal space range hkl	−23 ≤ h ≤ 24 −22 ≤ k ≤ 22 −9 ≤ l ≤ 10
Data collection	
Radiation	MoKα = 0.71073 Å
Data collection temperature (K)	293
Total number of frames	1235
Set of measured reflections	3786
Unique reflections, R _{int} (%)	1197, 3.04
Absorption correction method	multi-scan SCALE3 ABSPACK
Refinement	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Structural refinement program	SHELXL-2013
Flack parameter	0.07(6)
wR ₂ (%)	4.86
R ₁ (%) all data	2.65
R ₁ (%) for I > 2σ(I)	2.44
GoF	1.088
Δρ _{max} , Δρ _{min} (±e ⁻ /Å ³)	0.45 and −0.35

Notes: R_{int} = merging residual value; R₁ = discrepancy index, calculated from F²-data; wR₂ = weighted discrepancy index, calculated from F²-data; GoF = goodness of fit; Δρ_{max}, Δρ_{min} = maximum and minimum residual electron density.

optimised according the procedure of Bosi *et al.* (2017b) and the ionic radii of Bosi (2018). In detail, the site distribution of Mg, Al, V³⁺ and Cr³⁺ was obtained by minimising the residuals between calculated and observed structural data (such as mean bond distance, site scattering expressed in terms of mean atomic number) by using a least-square approach. The minor amounts of Ti, Cu²⁺ and Zn were assumed fixed at the Y site. The resulting empirical crystal-chemical formula is



The observed mean atomic number and mean bond length values and those calculated from the optimised site-populations are in excellent agreement (Table 5). This cation distribution is consistent with the studies of Bosi *et al.* (2017b) and Bosi (2018), which showed that the preference of Al³⁺, V³⁺ and Cr³⁺ for the Y and Z sites is controlled mainly by the cation size according to the sequence: ^YV³⁺ > ^YCr³⁺ > ^YAl³⁺ and ^ZAl³⁺ > ^ZCr³⁺ > ^ZV³⁺. Because <Y-O> is always greater than <Z-O> in tourmaline, the Y site will in fact tend to incorporate relatively large cations, whereas the Z site will tend to incorporate relatively small cations. This trend is documented by the preference of V³⁺ over Cr³⁺ to dominate the Y site in the vanadio-oxy-chromium-dravite compositions. Compared to Al³⁺, V³⁺ prefers the Y site (and Al³⁺ the Z site) as observed in the vanadio-oxy-dravite samples.

The optimised empirical formula can be recast in its ordered form for classification purposes (Henry *et al.*, 2011) by ordering

Table 3. Displacement parameters (\AA^2), fractional atom coordinates and site occupancy for Cr-rich vanadio-oxy-dravite from the Tzarevskoye deposit, Russia.

Site	x	y	z	Site occupancy	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{23}	U^{13}	U^{12}	U_{eq}/U_{iso}^*
X	0	0	0.2365(6)	Na _{0.989(17)}	0.0291(16)	0.0291(16)	0.026(2)	0	0	0.0145(8)	0.0281(14)
Y	0.12496(7)	0.06248(3)	0.63704(19)	V _{0.477(11)} Mg _{0.523(11)}	0.0066(5)	0.0058(4)	0.0108(6)	-0.00061(18)	-0.0012(4)	0.0033(2)	0.0077(3)
Z	0.29831(5)	0.26176(5)	0.61183(17)	Al _{0.798(6)} Cr _{0.202(6)}	0.0055(3)	0.0062(4)	0.0073(4)	0.0007(3)	-0.0001(3)	0.0029(3)	0.0063(2)
B	0.10931(18)	0.2186(4)	0.4562(7)	B _{1.00}	0.0052(13)	0.0084(18)	0.0032(19)	0.0017(15)	0.0008(8)	0.0042(9)	0.0052(8)
T	0.19098(5)	0.18920(5)	0	Si _{1.00}	0.0040(4)	0.0039(3)	0.0067(4)	-0.0004(3)	-0.0002(3)	0.0021(3)	0.00482(18)
O(1) (\equiv W)	0	0	0.7674(8)	O _{1.00}	0.0084(14)	0.0084(14)	0.011(3)	0	0	0.0042(7)	0.0091(10)
O(2)	0.06099(10)	0.1220(2)	0.4903(5)	O _{1.00}	0.0085(10)	0.0042(13)	0.0103(16)	0.0005(11)	0.0003(6)	0.0021(6)	0.0081(6)
O(3) (\equiv V)	0.2599(2)	0.12993(12)	0.5116(5)	O _{1.00}	0.0191(16)	0.0146(12)	0.0037(15)	0.0005(6)	0.0011(13)	0.0095(8)	0.0120(7)
O(4)	0.09266(11)	0.1853(2)	0.0694(4)	O _{1.00}	0.0062(10)	0.0136(15)	0.0096(14)	-0.0022(12)	-0.0011(6)	0.0068(7)	0.0090(6)
O(5)	0.1834(2)	0.09170(12)	0.0894(4)	O _{1.00}	0.0166(16)	0.0065(9)	0.0092(15)	0.0010(6)	0.0021(12)	0.0083(8)	0.0096(6)
O(6)	0.19390(15)	0.18413(15)	0.7811(3)	O _{1.00}	0.0092(10)	0.0076(9)	0.0061(10)	-0.0002(8)	0.0002(8)	0.0042(8)	0.0077(4)
O(7)	0.28347(14)	0.28367(14)	0.0766(3)	O _{1.00}	0.0061(9)	0.0058(9)	0.0105(11)	-0.0005(8)	-0.0014(8)	0.0004(8)	0.0086(4)
O(8)	0.20718(15)	0.26813(16)	0.4406(3)	O _{1.00}	0.0053(9)	0.0099(10)	0.0178(12)	0.0033(9)	0.0022(9)	0.0041(8)	0.0109(5)
H(3)	0.260(4)	0.1299(18)	0.384(8)	H _{1.00}							0.014*

*Equivalent (U_{eq}) and isotropic (U_{iso}) displacement parameters; H-atom was constrained to have a U_{iso} 1.2 times the U_{eq} value of the O(3) oxygen.

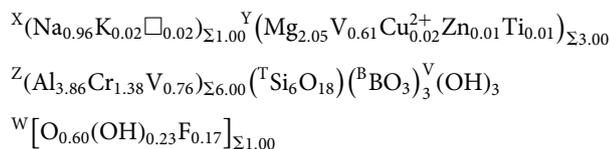
Table 4. Selected bond distances (\AA) for Cr-rich vanadio-oxy-dravite from the Tzarevskoye deposit, Russia.

B-O(8) ^a ×2	1.362(3)	Y-O(1)	1.978(3)
B-O(2) ^a	1.363(6)	Y-O(6) ^b ×2	1.993(2)
<B-O>	1.362	Y-O(2) ^c ×2	2.021(2)
		Y-O(3)	2.083(3)
T-O(7)	1.598(2)	<Y-O>	2.015
T*-O(6)	1.606(3)		
T-O(4)	1.6252(13)	Z-O(8) ^e	1.933(2)
T-O(5)	1.6399(15)	Z-O(7) ^e	1.944(2)
<T-O>	1.617	Z-O(6)	1.948(2)
		Z-O(8)	1.964(2)
X-O(2) ^{b,f} ×3	2.512(4)	Z-O(7) ^d	1.981(2)
X-O(5) ^{b,f} ×3	2.761(4)	Z-O(3)	2.0178(16)
X-O(4) ^{b,f} ×3	2.845(4)	<Z-O>	1.965
<X-O>	2.706	O(3)-H(3)	0.93(6)

Notes: Standard uncertainty in parentheses. Symmetry codes: a = (y - x, y, z); b = (y - x, -x, z); c = (x, x - y, z); d = (y - x + 1/2, -x + 3/2, z + 1/2); e = (-y + 3/2, x - y + 1/2, z + 1/2); and f = (-y, x - y, z). Transformations relate coordinates to those of Table 2.

*Positioned in adjacent unit cell.

all trivalent cations at the Z site up to 6.00 apfu, according to the site preference Al > Cr > V > Fe³⁺ (Bosi, 2018), and assigning any excess to Y along with the other cations:



Both the empirical and ordered formulae are consistent with an oxy-tourmaline species belonging to the alkali group, subgroup 3 (Henry *et al.*, 2011): Na-dominant at the X position of the tourmaline general formula and oxygen-dominant at the W position with $\text{O}^{2-} > (\text{OH}+\text{F})^-$. As V^{3+} is the dominant cation at Y and Al^{3+} is the dominant cation at Z along with relatively minor amounts of Mg required for formula electroneutrality (valency-imposed double-site occupancy; Bosi *et al.*, 2019a), its end-member composition is $\text{NaV}_3(\text{Al}_4\text{Mg}_2)\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3\text{O}$. As a result, the sample studied can be classified as Cr-rich vanadio-oxy-dravite.

Table 5. Optimised cation site populations (apfu), mean atomic numbers and mean bond lengths (\AA) for Cr-rich vanadio-oxy-dravite from the Tzarevskoye deposit, Russia.

Site	Site population	Mean atomic number		Mean bond length	
		observed	calculated	observed	calculated*
X	0.96 Na + 0.02 K + 0.02 \square	10.84(18)	10.93		
Y	1.34 V ³⁺ + 0.68 Al + 0.93 Mg + 0.02 Cu ²⁺ + 0.01 Ti ⁴⁺ + 0.01 Zn	17.25(19)	17.41	2.015	2.013
Z	3.19 Al + 1.36 Cr ³⁺ + 0.03 V ³⁺ + 1.42 Mg	15.22(9)	15.31	1.965	1.962
T	6 Si	14**	14		
B	3 B	5**	5		

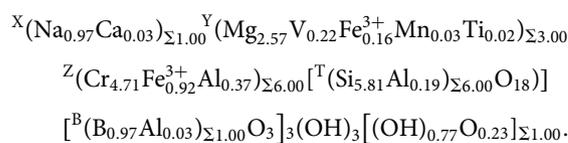
Note: apfu = atoms per formula unit.

*Calculated from empirical ionic radii (in \AA) of Bosi (2018): Al = 0.547, Fe³⁺ = 0.675, Fe²⁺ = 0.776, Mn²⁺ = 0.809, Zn = 0.740, Li = 0.751 and Ti = 0.605; the mean Y and Z anion radii are functions of constituent-anion radius (1.360 and 1.357, respectively).

**Fixed in the final stages of refinement

Discussion

Similar to other tourmalines from the Sludyanka crystalline complex (Lake Baikal), the vanadio-oxy-dravite sample studied is also strongly enriched in Cr. Karelia appears to be an important area of the world in hosting tourmalines highly enriched in both Cr and V. In particular, the first description of chromium-dravite, ideally $\text{NaMg}_3\text{Cr}_6(\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3\text{OH}$ is from Karelia (Rumyantseva, 1983). More precisely, the holotype chromium-dravite specimen occurs in micaceous metasomatic clay-carbonate rocks from the Velikaya Guba gold-copper-uranium occurrence, Zaonezhye peninsula, Lake Onega, Karelia Republic, Northern Region, Russia. The Velikaya Guba occurrence is close to (~18 km) the Tzarevskoye deposit where the sample studied was found. The empirical formula of chromium-dravite (Rumyantseva, 1983) recast in its ordered form is as follows:



From a classification viewpoint (Henry *et al.*, 2011), this formula corresponds to a Fe³⁺-rich, V-bearing chromium-dravite

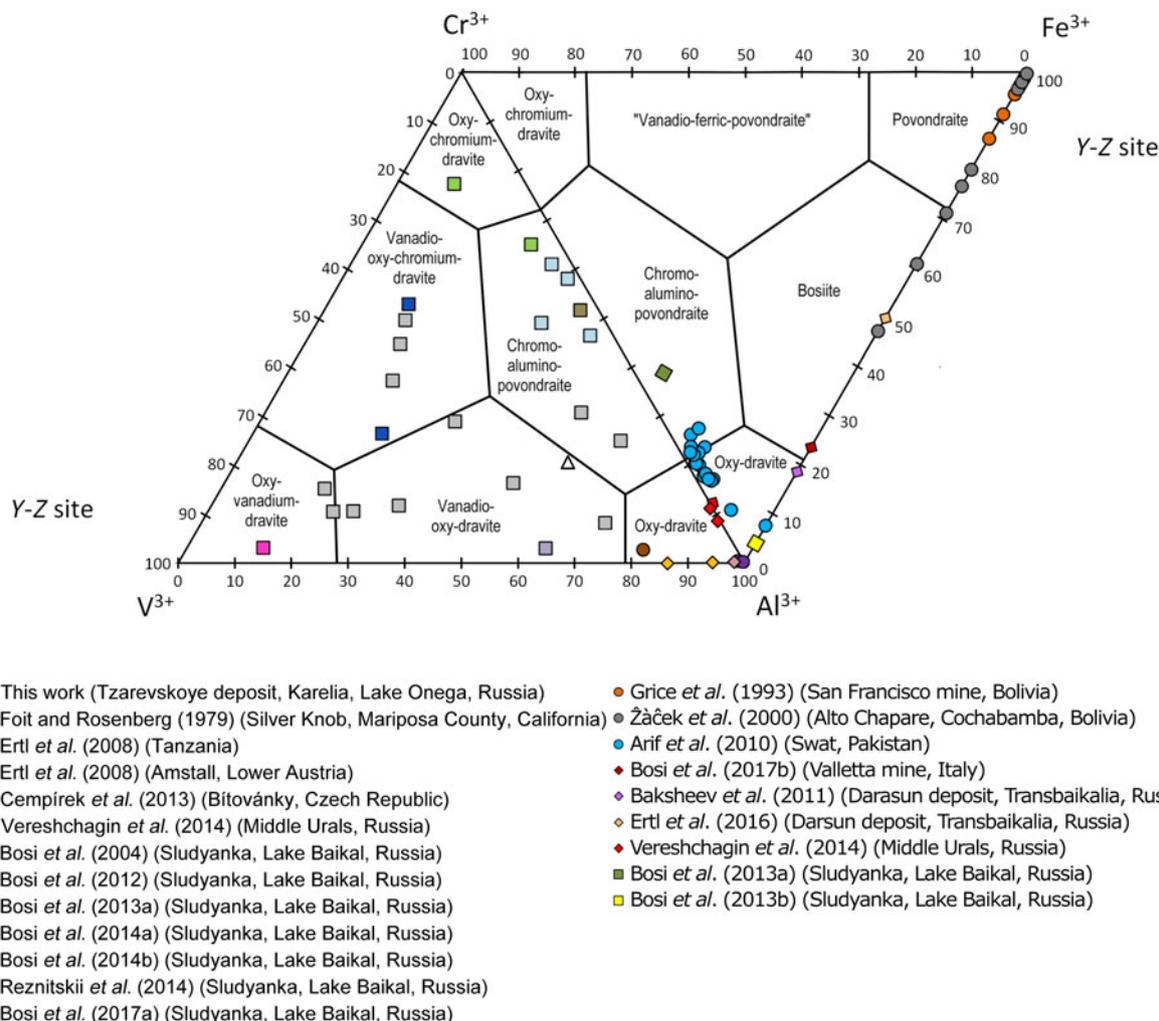


Fig. 1. Plot of oxy-tourmaline compositions on the $^{[6]}\text{Al-V-Cr-Fe}^{3+}$ diagram, obtained using 69 data sets.

(hydroxy-species) belonging to alkali subgroup 1. Compared to the sample studied, significant chemical differences at the octahedrally coordinated sites can be noted between the tourmalines from Karelia: the studied oxy-species ($^{\text{W}}\text{O} = 0.60$ apfu) has $\text{Mg} = 2.05$ apfu, $\text{Al} = 3.86$ apfu, $\text{V} = 1.37$ apfu and $\text{Cr} = 1.38$ apfu, whereas the chromium-dravite hydroxy-species ($^{\text{W}}\text{OH} = 0.77$ apfu) has $\text{Mg} = 2.57$ apfu, $\text{Al} = 0.37$ apfu, $\text{V} = 0.22$ apfu, $\text{Cr} = 4.71$ apfu and $\text{Fe}^{3+} = 1.18$ apfu. These differences lead to the following $(Y + Z)$ charge arrangements following Bosi *et al.* (2019b), $^{\text{Y+Z}}(\text{R}_2^2+\text{R}_7^3+)$ for the oxy-species and $^{\text{Y+Z}}(\text{R}_3^2+\text{R}_6^3+)$ for the hydroxy-species, which should be reflected in two different compositional diagrams for their classification. Recently, Henry and Dutrow (2018) proposed two ternary diagrams for the $^{[6]}\text{Al-V-Cr}$ subsystem and $^{[6]}\text{Al-Cr-Fe}^{3+}$ subsystem of the $^{[6]}\text{Al-V-Cr-Fe}^{3+}$ quaternary system to classify oxy-tourmalines ($^{\text{W}}\text{O}^{2-} > 0.5$ apfu). It is worth noting that this diagram includes trivalent cations at both the Y and Z sites to remove issues of uncertainty associated with order-disorder across these sites.

In order to better show the chemical variability of oxy-tourmalines in the $^{[6]}\text{Al-V-Cr-Fe}^{3+}$ quaternary system, we have merged the diagrams $^{[6]}\text{Al-Cr-V}$ and $^{[6]}\text{Al-Cr-Fe}^{3+}$ through the edge $^{[6]}\text{Al-Cr}$ (Fig. 1). We made these ternaries because no tourmaline rich in both V and Fe^{3+} has been found so far.

With regard to the classification of hydroxy/fluor-tourmalines ($\text{OH}+\text{F} > 0.5$ apfu at W), the ternary diagram for the $\text{Al-Fe}^{3+}\text{-Cr}$ subsystem (Fig. 2) of the Al-V-Cr-Fe^{3+} quaternary system is used (Henry *et al.*, 2011). This diagram is based on occupancy of the Z site obtained from the tourmaline ordered formula, which also removes issues of uncertainty associated with order-disorder across the Y and Z sites as may occur for example between $\text{Fe}^{2+}\text{-Al}$ in schorl (Andreozzi *et al.*, 2020). In other words, the use of the diagrams in Figs 1 and 2 is equivalent to classifying tourmalines using only the chemical information of the Y and Z sites.

The plotted data in these diagrams (for a total 109 data sets) are from: Peltola *et al.* (1968); Foit and Rosenberg (1979); Nuber and Schmetzer (1979); Rummyantseva (1983); Gorskaya *et al.* (1987, 1989); Cavarretta and Puxeddu (1990); Grice *et al.* (1993); Grice and Ercit (1993); Žáček *et al.* 2000; Bosi *et al.* (2004, 2012, 2013a,b, 2014a,b, 2017a,b); Ertl *et al.* (2008, 2016); Arif *et al.* (2010), in which Fe was considered +3 as suggested by the authors; Baksheev *et al.* (2011); Lupulescu and Rowe (2011); Rozhdestvenskaya *et al.* (2011); Cempírek *et al.* (2013); Reznitskii *et al.* (2014) and Vereshchagin *et al.* (2014).

The position of Cr-rich vanadio-oxy-dravite from the Tzarevskoye uranium-vanadium deposit close to the chromo-alumino-povondraite boundary is shown in Fig. 1.

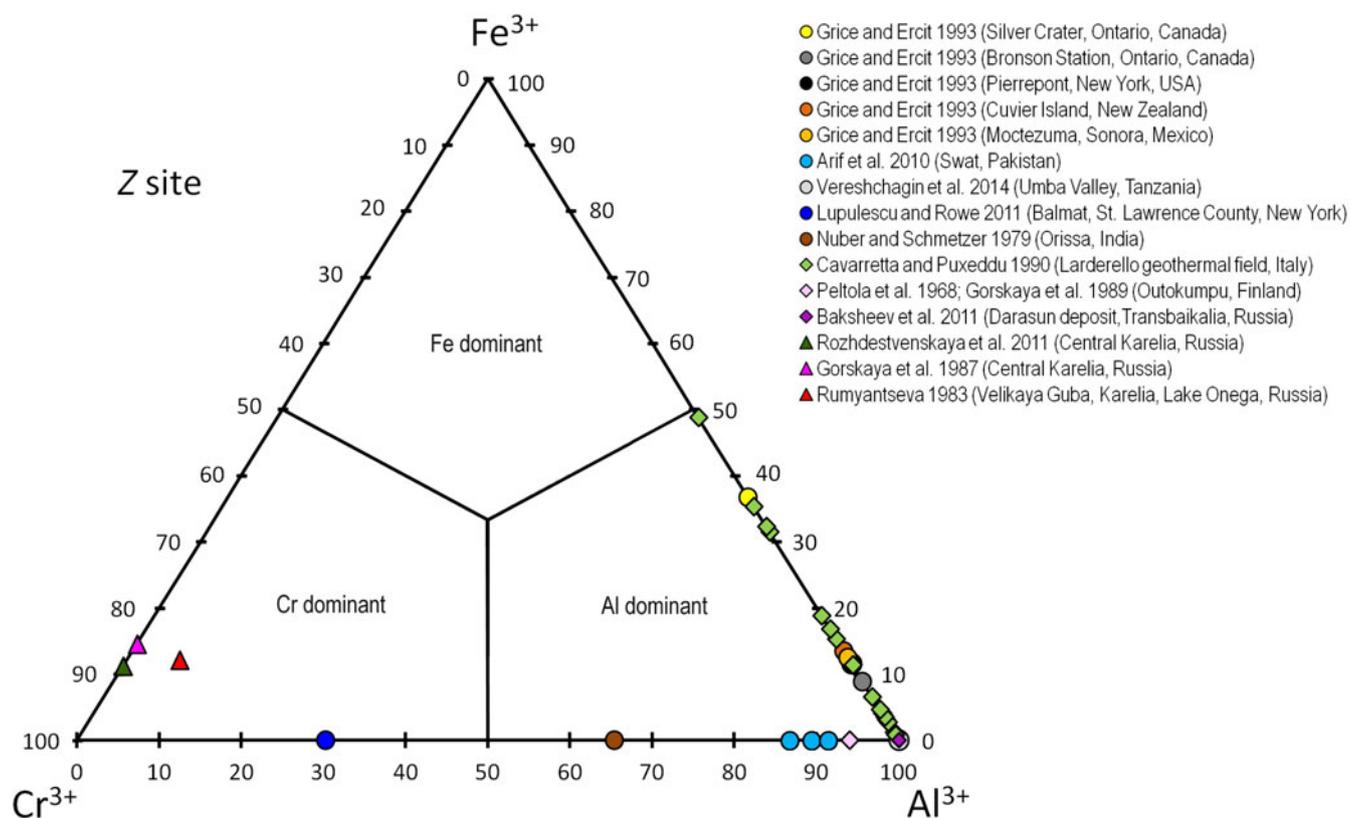


Fig. 2. Plot of hydroxy-tourmaline compositions on the $^{[6]}\text{Al-Cr-Fe}^{3+}$ diagram, obtained using 33 data sets.

Moreover, the complete chemical variability of the $^{[6]}\text{Al-Cr-V}$ oxy-tourmalines can be compared to the only chemical variability of Fe^{3+} occurring along the oxy-dravite–bosiite–povondraite series. From a nomenclature viewpoint, the range of the oxy-tourmaline compositions is valid for most of the oxy-tourmalines classified by considering the actual cation distributions over the Y and Z sites as overriding information for the definition of a tourmaline species (Henry *et al.*, 2013). The only exception regards one of the two samples described by Bosi *et al.* (2012) as oxy-chromium-dravite, which falls in the chromo–aluminopovondraite field. Also note that the V-bearing tourmaline from Silver Knob, California, USA (Foit and Rosenberg, 1979) is classified as V-rich oxy-dravite (Fig. 1).

The position of the chromium-dravite from the Velikaya Guba gold–copper–uranium occurrence (Rumyantseva, 1983) with respect to the other Cr- Fe^{3+} hydroxy-tourmalines from the literature is shown in Fig. 2. This figure shows the occurrence of a complete chemical variability along the dravite–chromium–dravite series and a partial variability from dravite to the hypothetical end-member $\text{NaMg}_3\text{Fe}_6^{3+}(\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18})(\text{BO}_3)_3(\text{OH})_3\text{OH}$ of the samples from Larderello geothermal field, Italy (Cavarretta and Puxeddu, 1990). However, it should be noted that in all the oxy- and hydroxy-tourmalines plotted in Figs 1 and 2 the oxidation state of Fe has always been assumed to be +3 by the various authors, except for the Fe-bearing chromo–aluminopovondraite from the Sludyanka crystalline complex, Russia (Bosi *et al.*, 2013b). The latter was characterised by Mössbauer spectroscopy resulting in $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 = 2.49 \text{ wt.}\%$ and $\text{FeO} = 1.05 \text{ wt.}\%$. To date, this is the only experimental information confirming the presence of Fe^{3+} in Cr-tourmalines (at least the 80% of the $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\Sigma\text{Fe}_{\text{tot}}$).

Conclusions

A classification scheme that disregards details of ion ordering, which typically require techniques that are uncommonly realised in the geosciences community (e.g. crystal structure refinements) is desirable. In this regard, the tourmaline ordered formula would best assist mineralogists and petrologists in identifying tourmaline species. The tourmaline nomenclature can be simplified further by merging the chemical information over the Y and Z sites that results in $^{[6]}\text{Al-V-Cr-Fe}^{3+}$ diagrams.

This study describes the second world-occurrence of the rare vanadio-oxy-dravite from the Tzarevskoye uranium–vanadium deposit, Lake Onega, Karelia Republic, Russia, along with the first world-occurrence of chromium-dravite from the relatively close Velikaya Guba gold–copper–uranium occurrence. These provided an excellent opportunity to use the new $^{[6]}\text{Al-V-Cr-Fe}^{3+}$ diagrams for the tourmaline classification. This approach has also been successfully applied to other oxy- and hydroxy-Al-tourmalines rich in V–Cr– Fe^{3+} from the literature. Results show the robust classification of tourmalines by using only the chemical data.

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