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- ❖ *Ekonomik değeri olan (metaller ve enerji ile ilgili mineraller hariç) doğal olarak oluşan minerallerdir (Kırıkođlu 1990).*
- ❖ *Çeşitli şekillerde günlük hayatımızın birer parçasını oluşturan modern endüstri ürünlerinin temel girdileri endüstriyel mineral olarak tanımlanabilir (Kırıkođlu 1990).*
- ❖ *Doğada yaygın olarak bulunan, kazanılmaları ve işlenmiş ürün haline getirilmeleri nispeten kolay olan yeraltı zenginlikleridir (Kırıkođlu 1990).*

*Bir mineralin endüstriyel bir mineral olabilmesi için
pazarı olmalıdır*

ENDÜSTRİYEL AMAÇLI KULLANILAN MİNERALLERİN SINIFLANDIRILMASI

Bu ders kapsamında minerallerin kullanım alanlarına göre olan aşağıdaki sınıflaması kullanılacaktır.

- ❖ Süstaşı olarak kullanılan mineraller
- ❖ Çimento, cam ve seramik sanayinde kullanılan mineraller
- ❖ Kimya sanayinde kullanılan mineraller
- ❖ Sanayide (makine, savunma vb.) kullanılan mineraller
- ❖ Sağlıkta kullanılan mineraller
- ❖ Gıda sanayinde kullanılan mineraller
- ❖ Tarım sektöründe kullanılan mineraller
- ❖ Yapı sektöründe kullanılan mineraller
- ❖ Metalurjide kullanılan mineraller
- ❖ Dokuma, Tekstil ve deri sanayisinde kullanılan mineraller

Jeolojik olarak endüstriyel amaçlı kullanılacak bir mineralin

- ❖ **Yaygın olması gerekir**
- ❖ **Çok geniş/büyük bir rezerve sahip olması gerekir**
- ❖ **Kolay ulaşılabilir olması gerekir**

Ekonomik olarak endüstriyel amaçlı kullanılacak bir mineralin

- ❖ **Geliştirilmesi daha az yatırım gerektirmelidir**
- ❖ **Pazara yakın olmalıdır**
- ❖ **Bazı mineraller metallere göre daha yüksek piyasa fiyatı gerektirir**

Teknolojik olarak endüstriyel amaçlı kullanılacak bir mineralin

- ❖ **Daha az işlem görebilir olmalıdır**
- ❖ **Daha az enerjiye ihtiyaç duymalıdır**
- ❖ **Çevreye daha az zarar/etkisi vermelidir**
- ❖ **Olağüstü çekici özelliklere sahip olmalıdır**

ENDÜSTRİYEL AMAÇLI KULLANILAN MİNERALLERE ÖRNEKLER



Yapı

- Kil
- Jips



Malzeme

- Kuvars
- Dolomit
- Magnezit
- Granat
- Demir oksit
- Grafit
- Asbest
- Barit
- Boksit



Kimyasal

- Barit
- Dolomit
- Boksit
- Zeolit
- Fosfatlar
- Boratlar
- Magnezit



Tarım

- Kil
- Dolomit
- Talk
- Fosfatlar
- Boratlar



Cam ve Seramik

- Kuvars
- Kil
- Feldispat
- Feldispatoyid
- Talk
- Boksit
- Boratlar



Dolgu Maddesi

- Barit
- Kil
- Jips
- Titanlı mineraller



Enerji

- Kil
- Magnezit
- Lityumlu mineraller
- Grafit



Çevre

- Magnezit
- Asbest
- Zeolit
- Dolomit
- Jips
- Boksit

SÜSTAŞI OLARAK KULLANILAN MİNERALLER



SÜSTAŞLARININ KESİM ŞEKİLLERİ



BAGUETTE



TABLE



SQUARE



SCISSOR



OVAL



PENDELOQUE



MARQUISE



OCTAGONAL



CUSHION



ROUND



MIXED

ELMAS

Kimyasal Formülü	C
Kristal Sistemi	Kübik
Özgül Ağırlığı	3.51
Renk	Renksiz, siyah, mavi, beyaz, gri, mor, pembe, sarı, kahverengi, kırmızı, yeşil
Sertlik	10
Çizgi Rengi	Renksiz
Parlaklık	Elmas, yağlı
Saydırlık	Saydam, yarısaydam

Diamond in a matrix

An octahedral diamond crystal rests in the kimberlite matrix in which it was found.



ELMAS

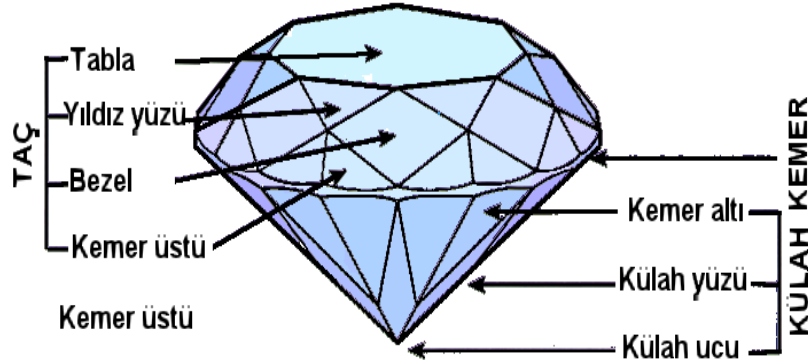
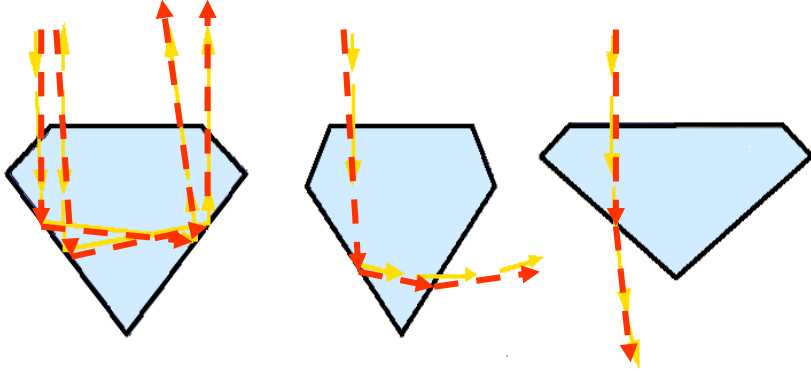
Pırlanta Kalitesi (4 C)

Kesim

Renk

Saydımlık

Karat (1 karat = 0.200 gr)



KORUNDUM

Kimyasal Formülü	Al ₂ O ₃
Kristal Sistemi	Trigonal
Özgül Ağırlığı	3.98-4.1
Renk	Renksiz, mavi, kırmızı, pembe, sarı, gri, sarımsı kahverengi
Sertlik	9
Çizgi Rengi	Beyaz
Parlaklık	Elmas, camı, inci
Saydamlık	Saydam, yarısaydam

KORUNDUM

Aluminyum Oksit (Al_2O_3)

Cr^{3+}



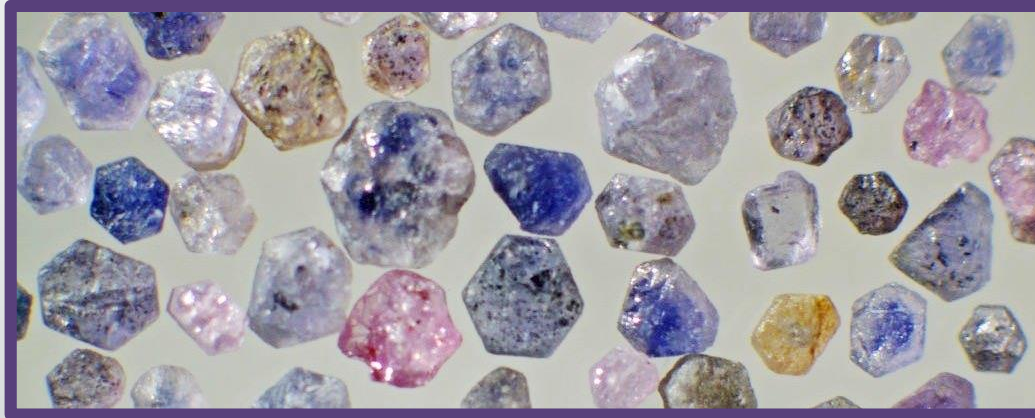
Yakut



(Fe, Ti, Mg), Fe - Ti



$\text{Fe}^{2+} - \text{Ti}^{4+}$



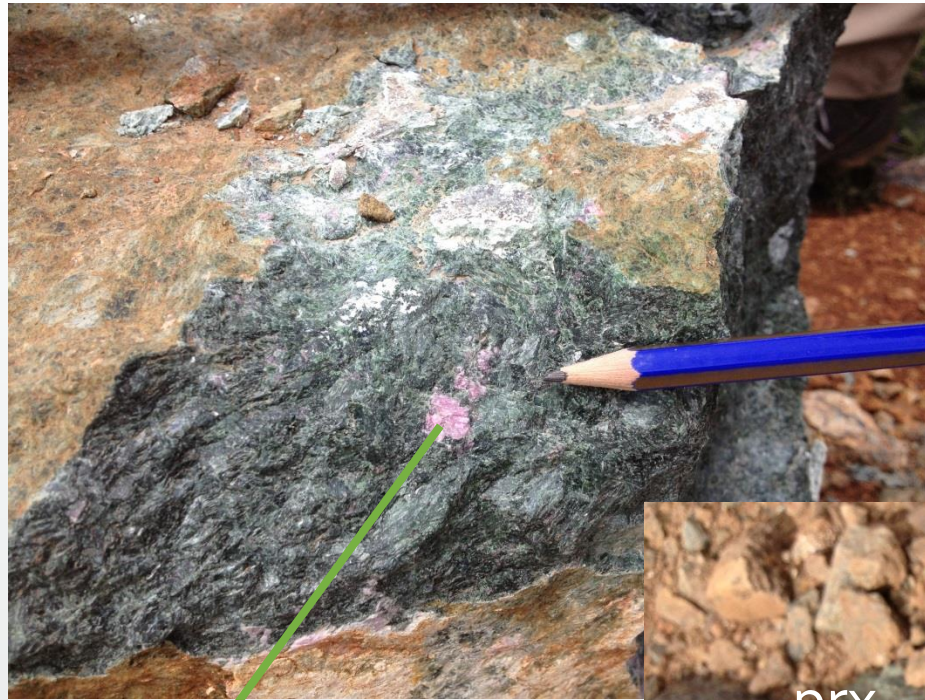
Renkli Safirler



Safir



Metapiroksenit

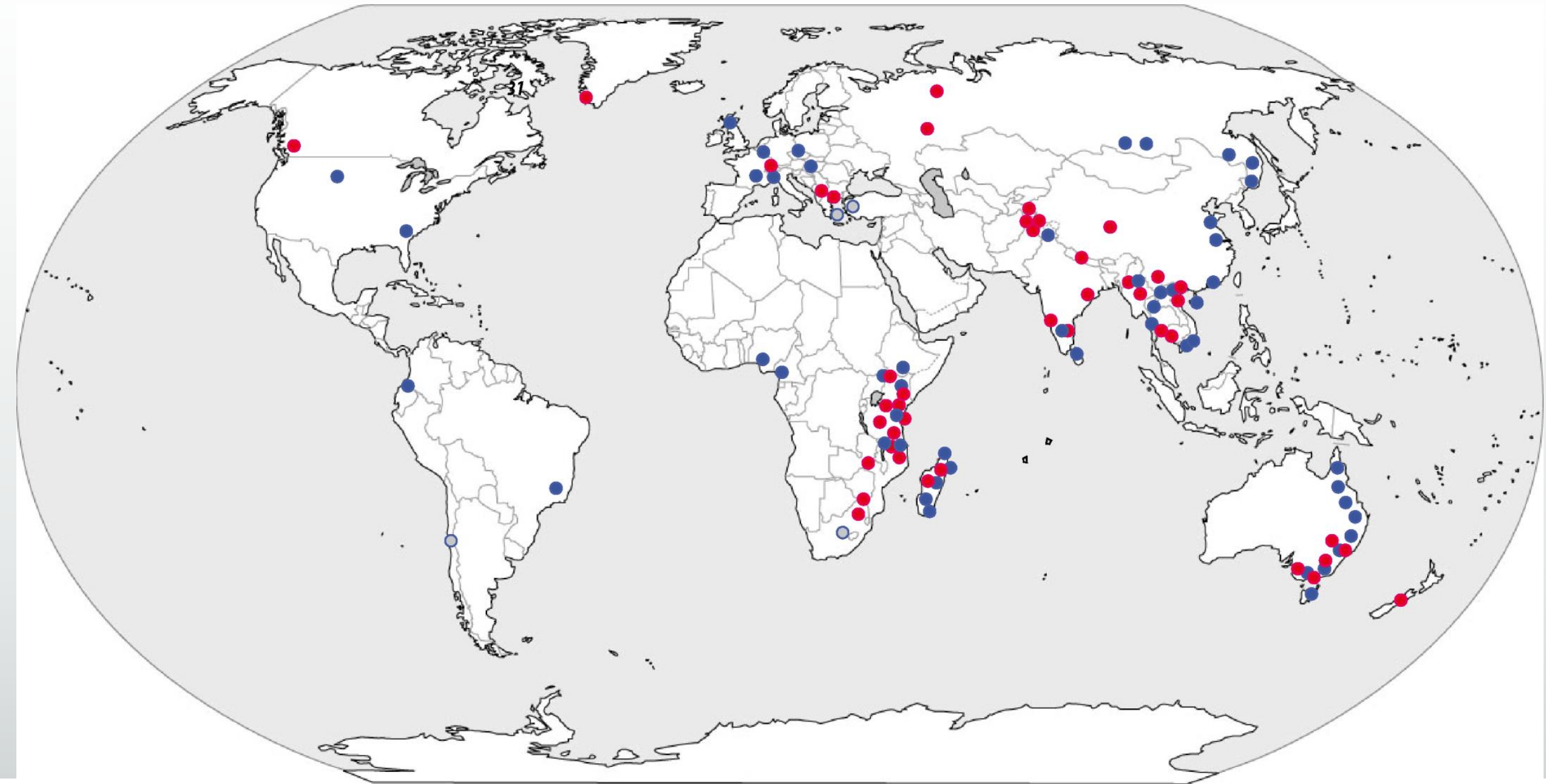


Yakut



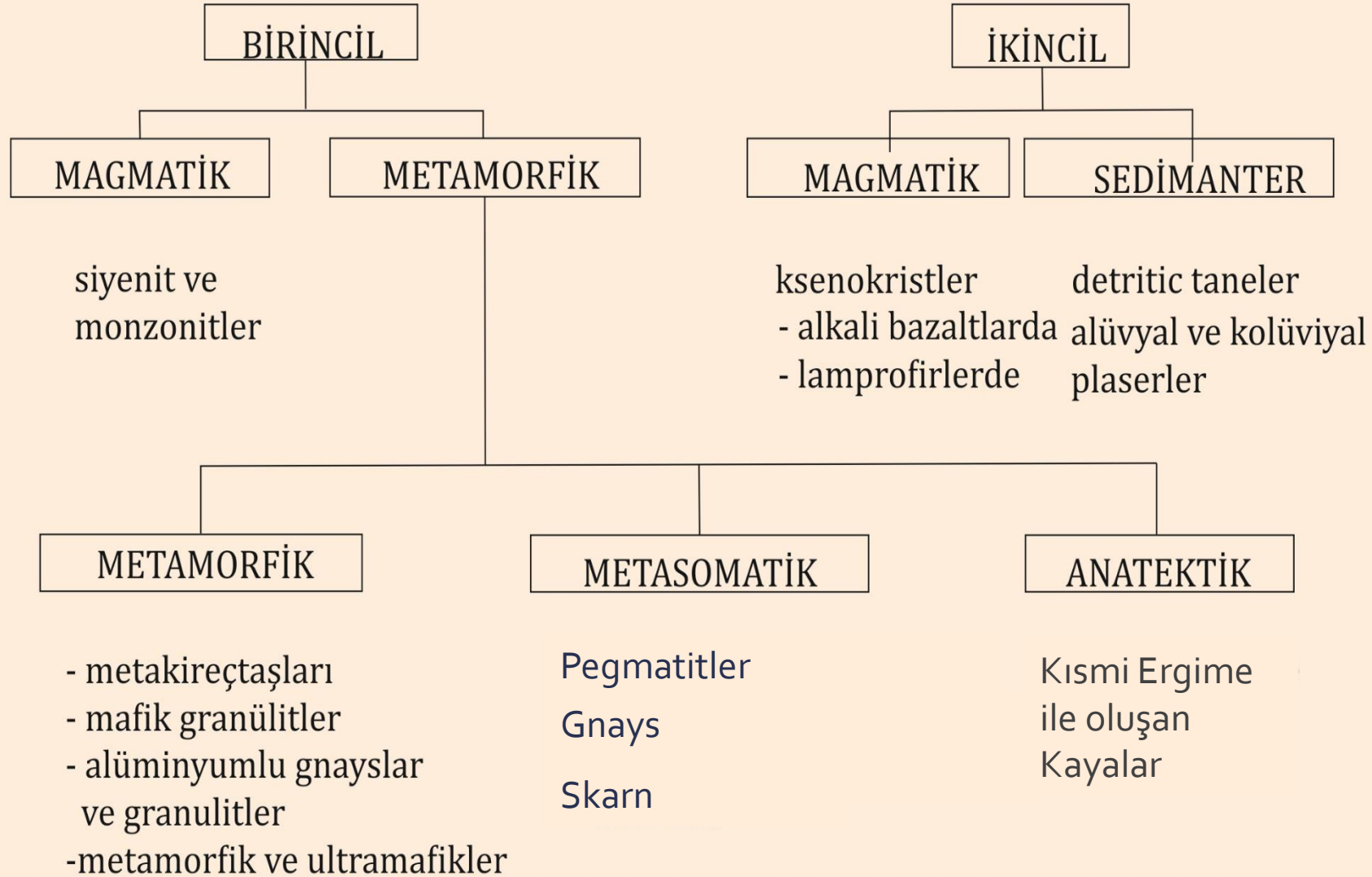
prx: piroksen
y: yakut

Bulunduđu Yerler



Süstaşı Olarak Kullanılan Mineraller

DEĞERLİ KORUNDUM OLUŞUMLARININ SINIFLANDIRILMASI



C. Simonet vd.
(2007)'den
değiştirilmiştir.

Metabaziklerde Yakut oluşumu

olivin + plg \longrightarrow ortoprx+ klinoprx + spinel reaksiyonu ile spinel oluşabilmektedir

spinel + anortit \longrightarrow 2 korundum + diyopsit reaksiyonunu ile korundum oluşabilmektedir

Uvarovit + anortit \longrightarrow Yakut + Pyx

Fluorit mineralinin bazı fiziksel özellikleri (Yeniyo 2009, Laws 2012, Deniz ve Kadiođlu 2015)

Grubu	Halit Grubu
Kimyasal Formülü	CaF ₂
Kristal Sistemi	Kübik
Kristal Yapısı	Genellikle kristaller ve dilimlenebilir kütleler halinde, yumrulu, batriyoidal, nadiren iri veya ince taneli, masif, sütunsal, lifsi
Renk	Mor, yeşil, sarı, mavi (turkuaz, lacivert), pembe, beyaz, kahve, siyah, kırmızımsı turuncu
Çizgi Rengi	Beyaz
Sertlik	4
Özgül Ağırlığı	3.175-3.184 (NTE'ce zengin olanlarda 3.56)
Parlaklık	Camsı
Dilininim	Mükemmel oktahedral
Kırılma	Yarı konkoidal
Şeffaflık	Saydam ve yarısaydam
Ergime Sıcaklığı	1378°C
Kırılma İndisi	1.433-1.448
Eriyebilirlik	3
Optik Özelliđi	İzotrop
Raman Shift değeri	280.9 cm ⁻¹ ve 322.8 cm ⁻¹
FTIR Deđeri	2920-2880 cm ⁻¹ 'de absorpsiyon ve 3430-3410 cm ⁻¹ arasında OH piki
XRD d değeri	3.15 °A, 1.93 °A ve 1.64 °A

Alıcılık Açısından Rengin Önemi Nedir & Renk Farklılığının Nedenleri Nelerdir ?





◆ Hidrofluorik asit (HF) üretimi (Bileşiminde % 97'den fazla CaF_2 içeren fluoritler)

◆ Seramik Sanayi

◆ Cam Sanayi

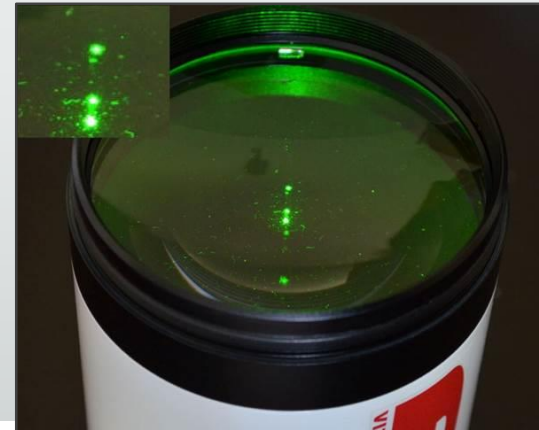
◆ Emaye Yapımı

◆ Elektrod Sanayi

İçeriğinde % 85-96 CaF_2 olanlar

◆ Demir-çelik Sanayi (% 60-85 CaF_2 içerikliler)

◆ Optik sistemlerde mercek ve prizma yapımı



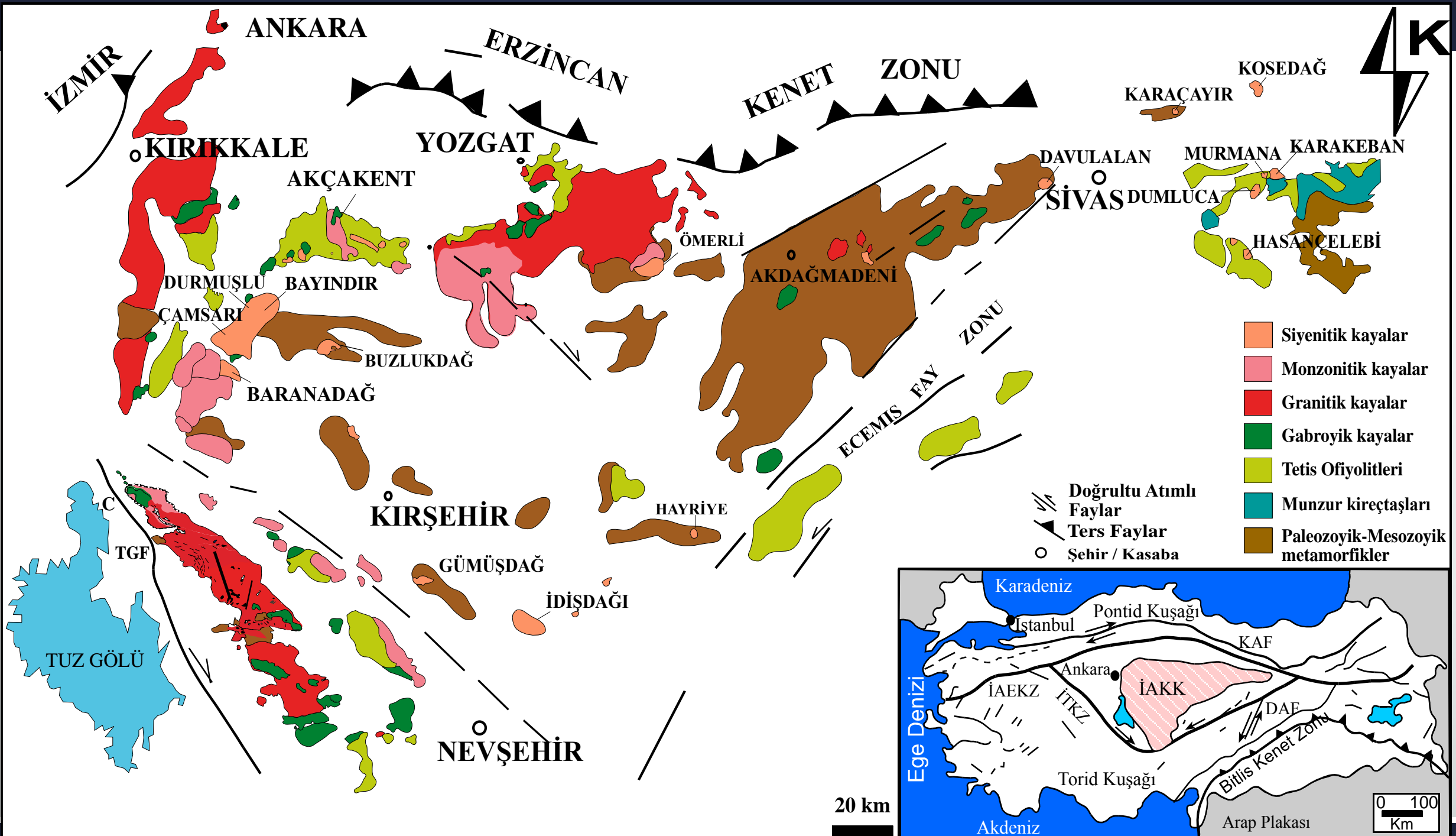
Süstaşı Olarak Fluorit





Türkiye'deki Yayılımları





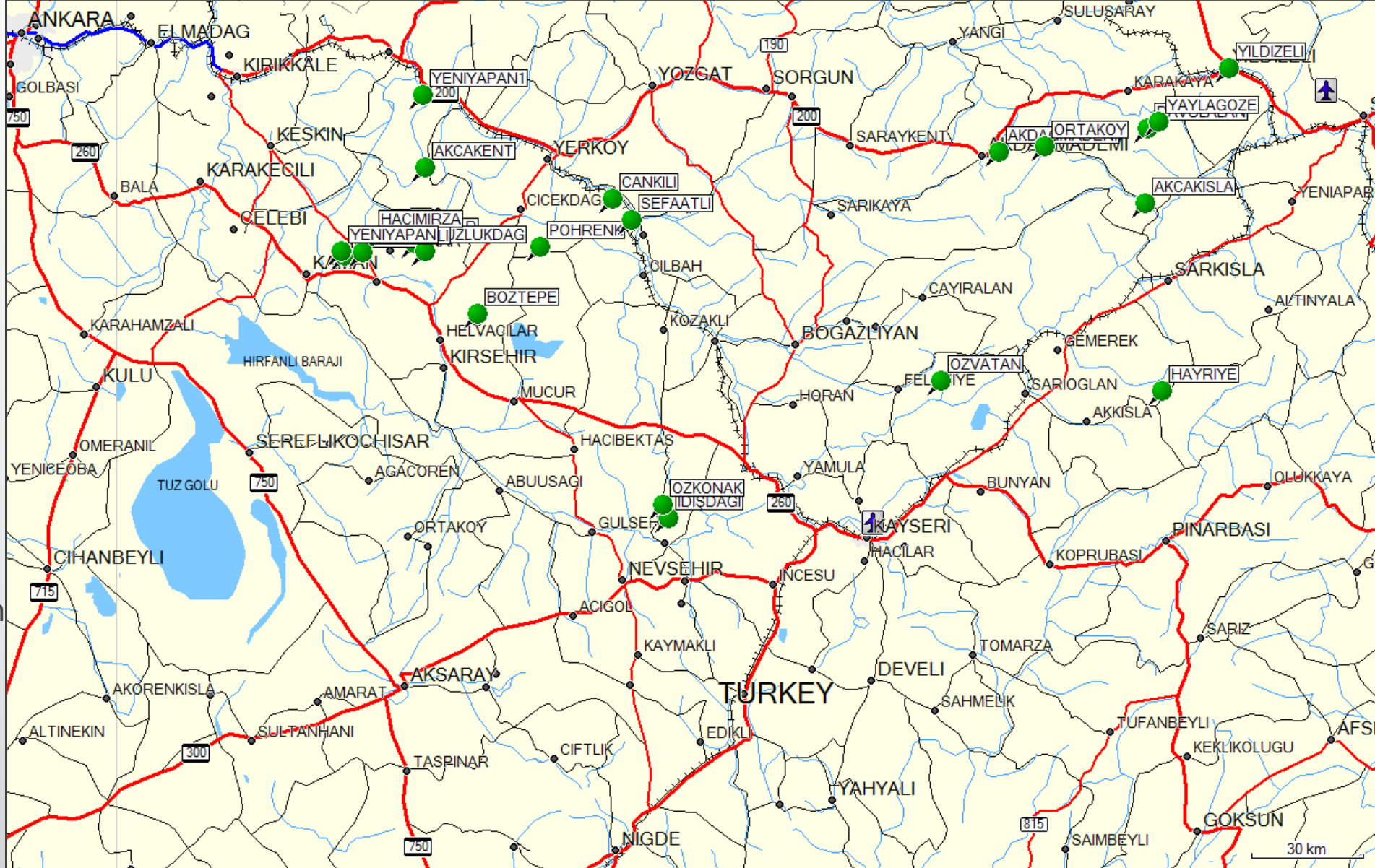
ORTA ANADOLU FLUORİTLERİ (OAF)

Kırşehir

- Bayındır
- Yenyapan
- İshocalı
- Alişar-Tatarilyas (Buzlukdağ)
- Çökelik
- Akçakent
- Pöhrenk

Yozgat

- Akdağmadeni
- Cankılı
- Tad Dere
- Ortaköy
- Akçakışla



Sivas

Yaylagözü

Kayseri

Özvatan

Nevşehir

Genezin-İdişdağ

ORTA ANADOLU FLUORİTLERİ (OAF)

City	Deposit	Deposit Type	Host Rock	Minor Minerals	Homogeneous Temperature (oC)	Salinity (NaCl %)	Colour	Direction	Genesis	Average NTE (ppm)	References
Kırşehir	Pöhrenk	Space filling	Carbonate rocks	Kaolinite, barite, calcite, quartz, illite, smectite	78.1-363°C	1.05-24.08 %	Yellow	NE	Hydrothermal	0.08-5.8	Uras, 2007
Kırşehir	Bayındır	Vein	Gabbro, syenite, alkalin syenite	Kaolinite, quartz, calcite, hematite, sulphur minerals	I. 190°C II. 80°C 126°C 125-354°C	0-8.8 %	Violet, green, colourless, yellow	NE-SW	Hydrothermal Epithermal	43.67-140.31, 0.3-33.1	Yaman, 1984, 1985; Ulu, 1995; Karakurt, 2008; Özmen and Koç, 2006
Kırşehir	Akçakent (Çiçekdağ)	Vein	Gabbro, syenite, syenite porphyry	Quartz, manyetite, hematite, rutile	I. Kumlutepe: 140-150°C II. Değirmensurtı: 140-150°C III. Yoncahöz: 130°C 112-350°C and 110-370°C	0-6.5, 0.4-5.3 %	Violet, green	NW-SE, NE-SW	Hydrothermal	75.68-235.67	Yaman, 1985; Karakurt, 2008
Kırşehir	Yeniyapan	Joint, fracture, vein	Alkaline Syenite	Quartz	130.3°C 117-392°C	0-4.5 %	Violet, green		Epithermal, Hydrothermal	22.40-27.76, 0.2-34.6	Ulu, 1995; Karakurt, 2008; Özmen and Koç, 2006
Kırşehir	İsahocalı	Joint, fracture, vein	Alkaline Syenite, syenite, gabbro, quartzite	Quartz, clay	147.3°C 140-386°C	0-7.3 %	Violet, green, colourless	NE-SW, NW-SE	Epithermal Hydrothermal	110.27-182.61, 0.4-50.3, 0.2-174.1	Ulu, 1995; Uras et al., 2004; Karakurt, 2008; Özmen and Koç, 2006
Kırşehir	Alışar	Joint, fracture, vein	Alkaline Syenite	Quartz			Violet, green		Epithermal	0.2-1320.1	Ulu, 1995; Özmen and Koç, 2006
Kırşehir	Çökelik			Quartz	112-350°C and 110-370°C	0-6.5, 0.4-5.3 %	Violet, green		Hydrothermal	70.46-122.66	Karakurt, 2008
Kırşehir	Buzlukdağ	Joint, fracture, vein, lens shaped	Syenite	Quartz, molibdenite, titanite, pyrite, chalcopyrite	147.5-390°C	1.2-9.1 %	Violet, green, yellow	NW-SE	Hydrothermal	60.25-192.88	Karakurt, 2008; Deniz, 2010
Sivas	Yaylaözü (Yıldızeli)	Skarn, vein	Syenite	Quartz, calcite	161-243°C	3-8 %	Light violet, nearly black	N-S E-W	Pegmatitic, High Hydrothermal	68-5288	Şaşmaz and Yavuz, 2007
Yozgat	Tad Dere	Vein	Metamorphic, granite	Galena, sphalerite, pyrite, chalcopyrite, fahlore group minerals	156-185°C	12-23 %	Violet, green	E-W	Hydrothermal	20.6-48.5	Şaşmaz et al., 2005
Yozgat	Büyükçal Tepe	Vein	Skarn	Scheelite	390-430°C	8-12 %	Violet, green	N-S, NSW	Hydrothermal, Pegmatitic	61.3-149.3	Şaşmaz et al., 2005
Yozgat	Akçakışla (Akdağmadeni)	Fracture, lumps	Alkaline granitoid	Sphalerite, chalcopyrite, galena, pyrite	390-430°C	8-12 %	Violet, green	NW-SE	Pegmatitic	279.2-4222.4	Şaşmaz et al., 2005; Sağiroğlu, 1982, 1984

Sonuçlar

- Değişik renklere ve floresan özelliğine sahip olması nedeniyle süstaşı olarak da dikkat çekmekte ve kullanılabilir.
- Süstaşı olarak kullanılan fluoritlerin mükemmel saydamlığa buna karşın endüstriyel ve ticari amaçlı kullanılacakların ise yarı saydam veya opak olması gerekmektedir.
- Süstaşı olarak kullanılan fluoritler genellikle oval, yuvarlak, çok renkli ve bantlı olanlar ise kabason kesilmektedir.
- Sertliğinin düşük olması nedeniyle kesilirken kırılma eğilimi vardır. Oldukça düşük sertliğe ve mükemmel dilinimlere sahip olması nedeniyle hakim süstaşı olarak kuyumculukta kullanılmamaktadır. Yumuşak bir süstaşı olmasına rağmen broş, küpe, kolye gibi kısmen korunabilen takı yapımında ve vazo kaplaması olarak kullanılabilir. Çok renkli ve bantlı olan fluoritler ise bazen bilezik yapımında kullanılmaktadır.
- Fluoritlerin oluşum koşullarını göz önüne alarak kırılmaması için özenle işlenmesi gerekmektedir.
- OAF mercek, çatlak, kırık, boşluk ve damar dolgusu şeklinde bulunması ve saydam olmaması nedeniyle süstaşı olarak kullanıma çok uygun olmadığı düşünülmektedir.

SPINEL

Kimyasal Formülü



PROFILE



Cubic

7½-8

3.6-4.1

None

Conchoidal
to uneven

White

Vitreous

Spinel octahedrons

In this specimen, octahedral crystals of pleonaste, or black spinel, are set in a quartz matrix.

octahedral spinel
crystal



quartz matrix



Spinel gemstone

This superb faceted spinel shows excellent red-lavender color and good clarity.

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)

DIYASPOR

Kimyasal Formülü


AlO(OH)

PROFILE



Orthorhombic

 $6\frac{1}{2}$ -7

 3.4

 Perfect, Imperfect

 Conchoidal, brittle

 White

 Vitreous

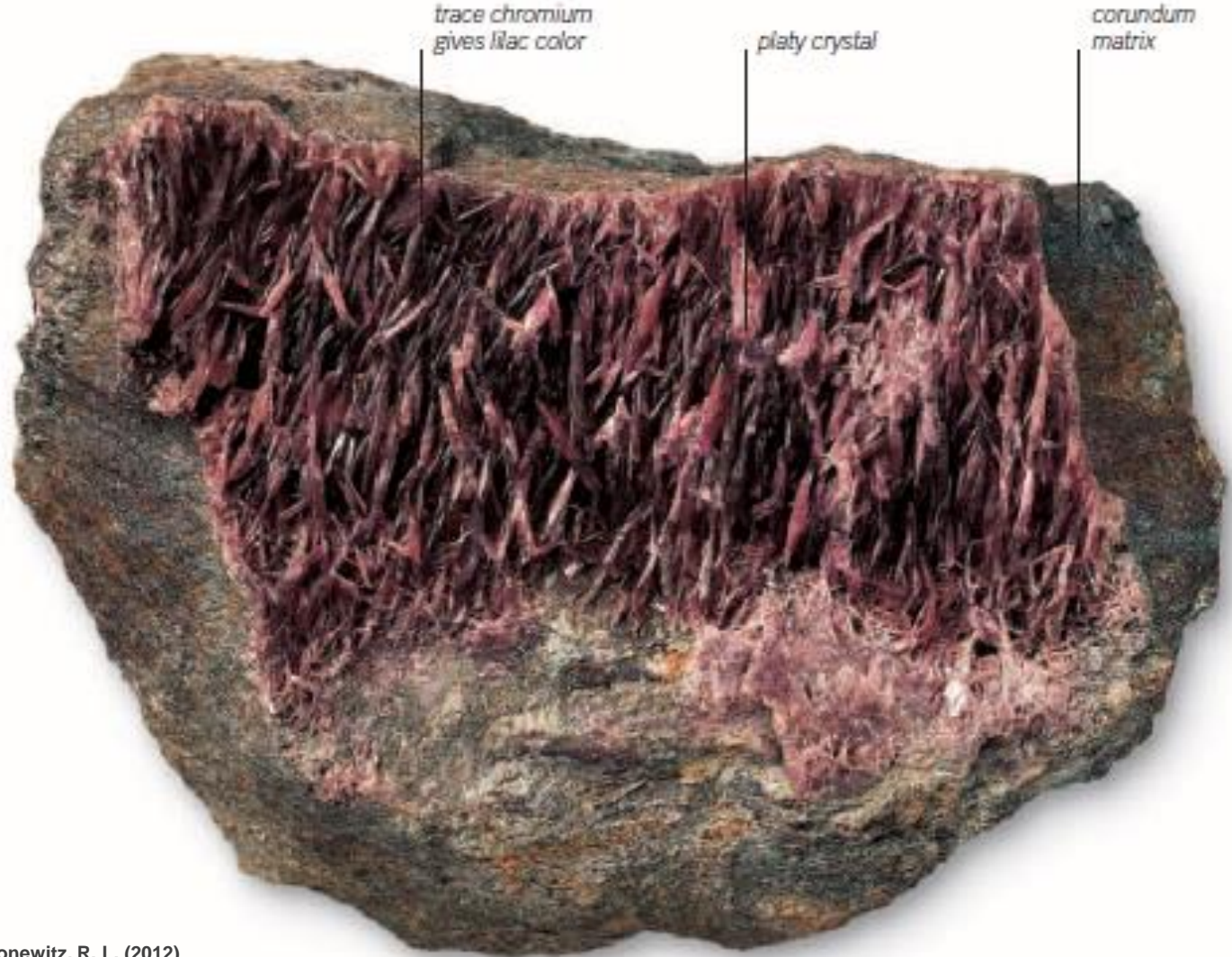


Faceted gem

Zultanite, which is a rare, transparent type of diaspore crystal from Turkey, is a collector's gem.

Dark red diaspore

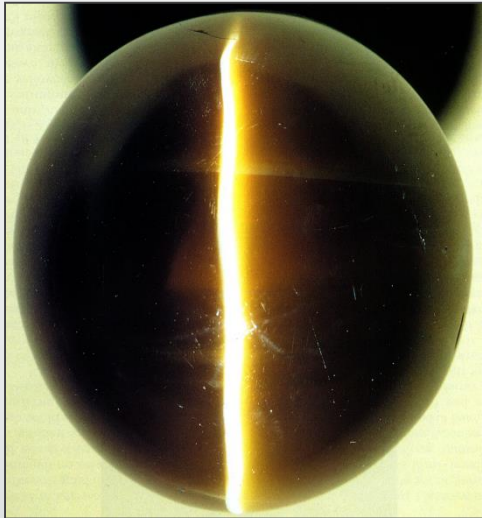
In this specimen, a mass of dark red, thin, platy diaspore crystals rests in a matrix of corundum.



Bonowitz, R. L. (2012)

KRİZOBERİL

Kimyasal Formülü



Yellow gemstone Cat's eye chrysoberyl in the most desirable honey-yellow color



Color change Alexandrite exhibits color change—from brilliant green in daylight to cherry-red under tungsten light.

PROFILE



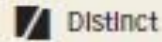
Orthorhombic



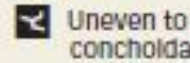
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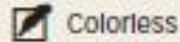
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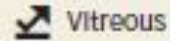
Distinct



Uneven to conchoidal



Colorless



Vitreous

striation on crystal face

Cyclic twin

The cyclic twinning of chrysoberyl exhibited by this specimen is common in the mineral.

greenish yellow twinned crystal

transparent with vitreous luster

pseudo-hexagonal twinned crystal

Bonowitz, R. L. (2012)

SFALERİT

Kimyasal Formülü ZnS

PROFILE



Cubic



3 ½-4



3.9-4.1



Perfect in six directions



Conchoidal



Brownish to light yellow



Resinous to adamantine, metallic

Sphalerite crystals

These superbly formed sphalerite crystals occur with well-crystallized pyrite and quartz. They are from Casapalca, Lima, Peru.



Oval cut

This oval cut shows off the golden brown color of sphalerite. Such stones are cut for collectors.



Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)

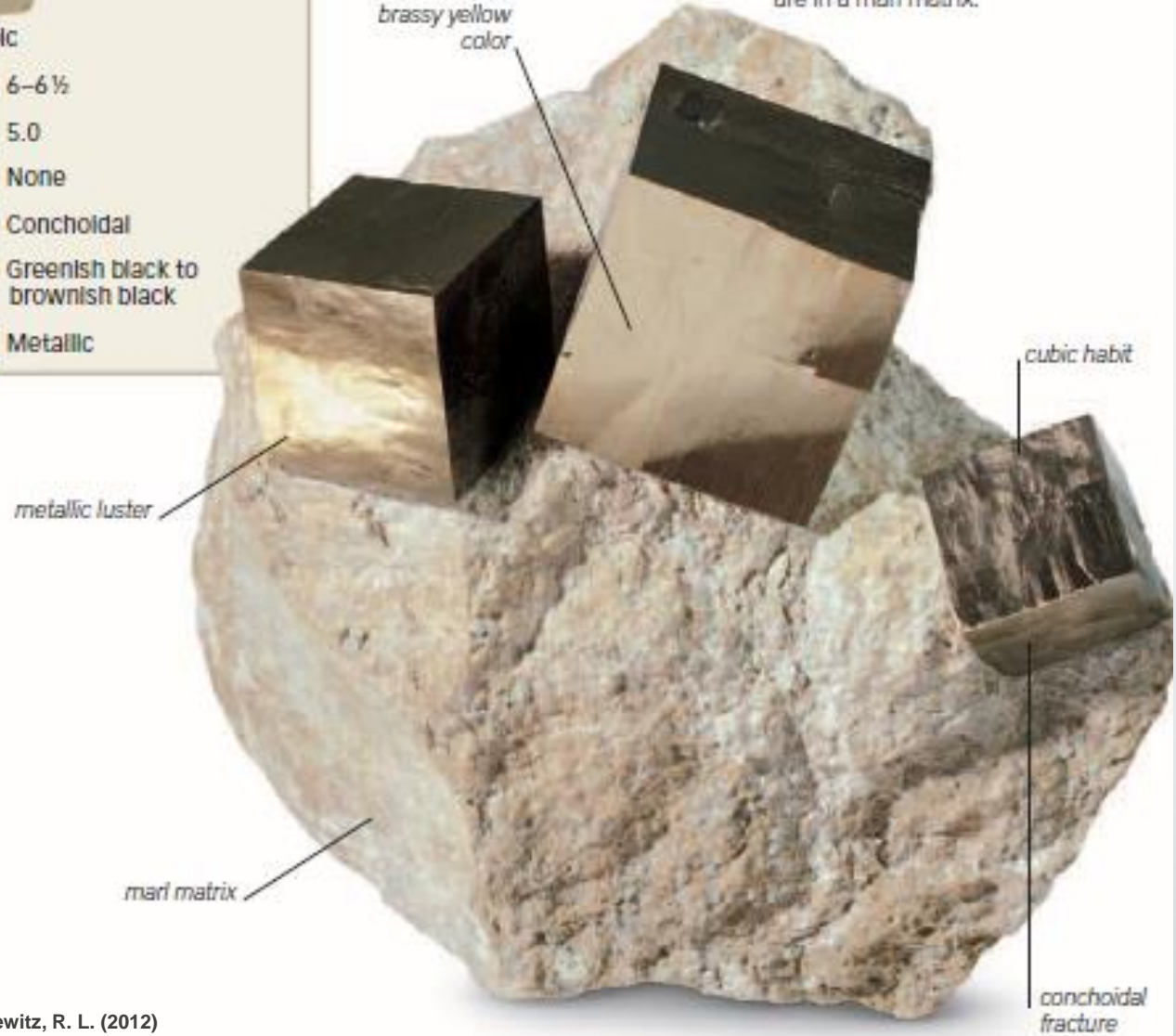
PIRİT

Kimyasal Formülü FeS_2

PROFILE	
	Cubic
	6-6½
	5.0
	None
	Conchoidal
	Greenish black to brownish black
	Metallic

Cubic pyrite

These three perfectly formed pyrite crystals—up to 1 ½ in (3.5 cm) wide—from Navajún, La Rioja, Spain, are in a marl matrix.



Pyrite beads
With care, brittle pyrite can be ground into beads, such as those strung together in this necklace.

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)

MARKASİT

Kimyasal Formülü FeS_2

PROFILE



Orthorhombic

6-6½

4.9

Distinct

Uneven or Irregular

Gray to black

Metallic



Art Deco jewelry

Marcasite was a popular choice for Victorian and Art Deco jewelry, although most of the material used was actually pyrite.

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)



Marcasite crystals

This striking group of marcasite crystals is on a matrix of chalk. It formed in Cap Blanc-Nez, Pas-de Calais, France.

KASİTERİT

Kimyasal Formülü



PROFILE



Tetragonal

6-7

7.0

Indistinct

Subconchoidal to uneven

White, grayish, brownish

Adamantine to metallic



Brilliant gemstone

This faceted, golden orange cassiterite gem is transparent with a resinous luster.

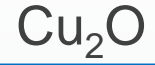
Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)

Prismatic crystals

These twinned cassiterite crystals are short, dark-colored, and prismatic, occurring on a rocky matrix.

KUPRİT

Kimyasal Formülü



PROFILE



Cubic



3½–4



6.1



Distinct



Conchoidal, brittle



Brownish red, shining



Adamantine, submetallic



Step cut

Rare transparent cuprite is sometimes cut for collectors, as in this rectangular step cut.

Red cuprite

Cuprite crystals are octahedral, cubic, or rarely dodecahedral. They come from Bisbee and other regions in Arizona, USA.

translucent red

Bonowitz, R. L. (2012)

KUPRİT

Rhombohedral hematite

These superb hematite crystals from Elba, Italy, demonstrate hexagonal or rhombohedral form and metallic luster.



Kimyasal Formülü



PROFILE



Hexagonal



5-6



5.3



None



Subconchoidal to uneven



Cherry-red or red-brown



Metallic to dull



Oval cabochon

This oval cabochon of black hematite is faceted on top. Hematite cabochons have been sold as "marcasites."

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)

SERUZİT

Kimyasal Formülü

$PbCO_3$

Tabular crystals
In this specimen, a mass of tabular cerussite crystals covers a rock matrix.

adamantine luster

tabular crystal


twinned crystal





PROFILE





Orthorhombic


 3-3½

 6.5

 Distinct

 Conchoidal,
brittle

 Colorless

 Adamantine
to vitreous



Collector's gem

Faceted cerussite stones, such as this rare gem, are brilliant but too soft to be worn.

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)

AZURİT

PROFILE



Monoclinic

3½–4

3.8

Perfect

Conchoidal, brittle

Blue

Vitreous to dull earthy

Large crystals

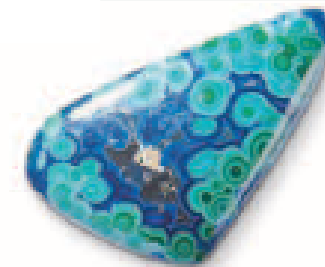
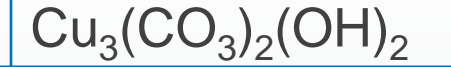
In this specimen of azurite, large, well-formed crystals rest on a goethite matrix.

vitreous luster

goethite matrix

blocky, azure-blue crystal

Kimyasal Formülü



Cabochon gemstone

This cabochon exhibits the vivid blue color of azurite and the green color of malachite.

RODOKROZİT

PROFILE



Hexagonal



3½–4



3.6



Perfect rhombohedral



Uneven



White



Vitreous to pearly

rhombohedral
crystal

cherry-red color

quartz

vitreous luster

Spectacular crystal

This group of rhodochrosite rhombohedrons from Peru is perched on radiating quartz crystals.

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)

Kimyasal Formülü

$MnCO_3$



Rhodochrosite carvings

These two decorative ducks were carved from banded rhodochrosite and white calcite.

SİMİTSONİT

PROFILE



Hexagonal



4-4½



4.4



Perfect rhombohedral



Uneven to conchoidal



White



Vitreous to pearly

rounded mass shows
botryoidal habit

pearly luster

coating of blue
smithsonite

green smithsonite

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$ZnCO_3$

Blue and green smithsonite

This translucent mass
of botryoidal smithsonite
rests on a rock matrix.

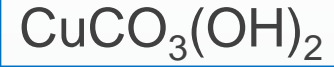


Cabochon

Soft smithsonite is
occasionally cut into
cabochon gemstones
for collectors.

MALAKİT

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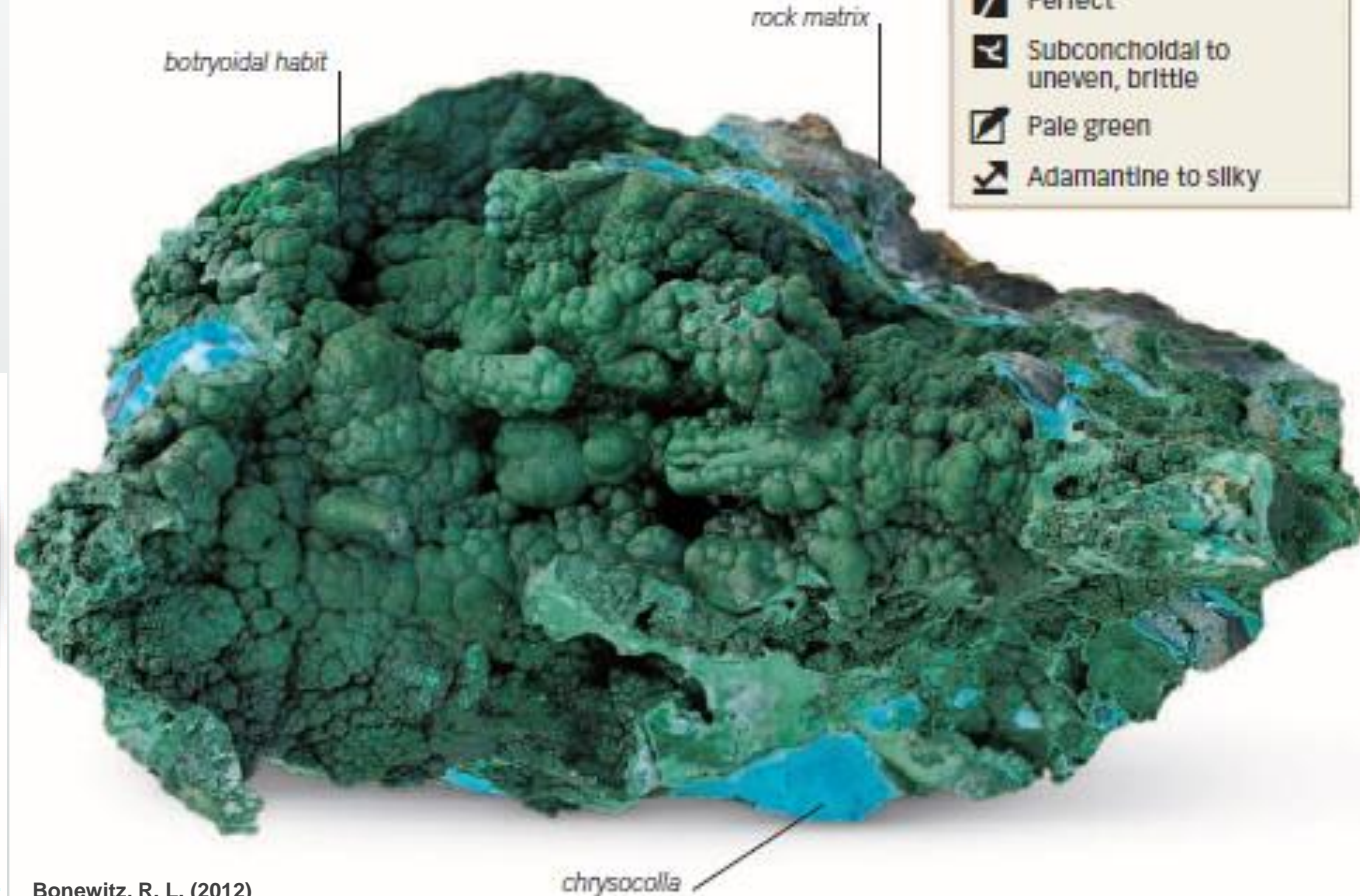
Botryoidal malachite

This specimen of malachite on chrysocolla is from Etoile du Congo Mine in Katanga province, Congo.



Polished malachite

This specimen of the mineral malachite has been polished to show dark and light color bands.



PROFILE



Monoclinic

3½–4

3.9–4.0

Perfect

Subconchoidal to uneven, brittle

Pale green

Adamantine to silky

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HOVLİT

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PROFILE



Monoclinic

3%

2.6

None

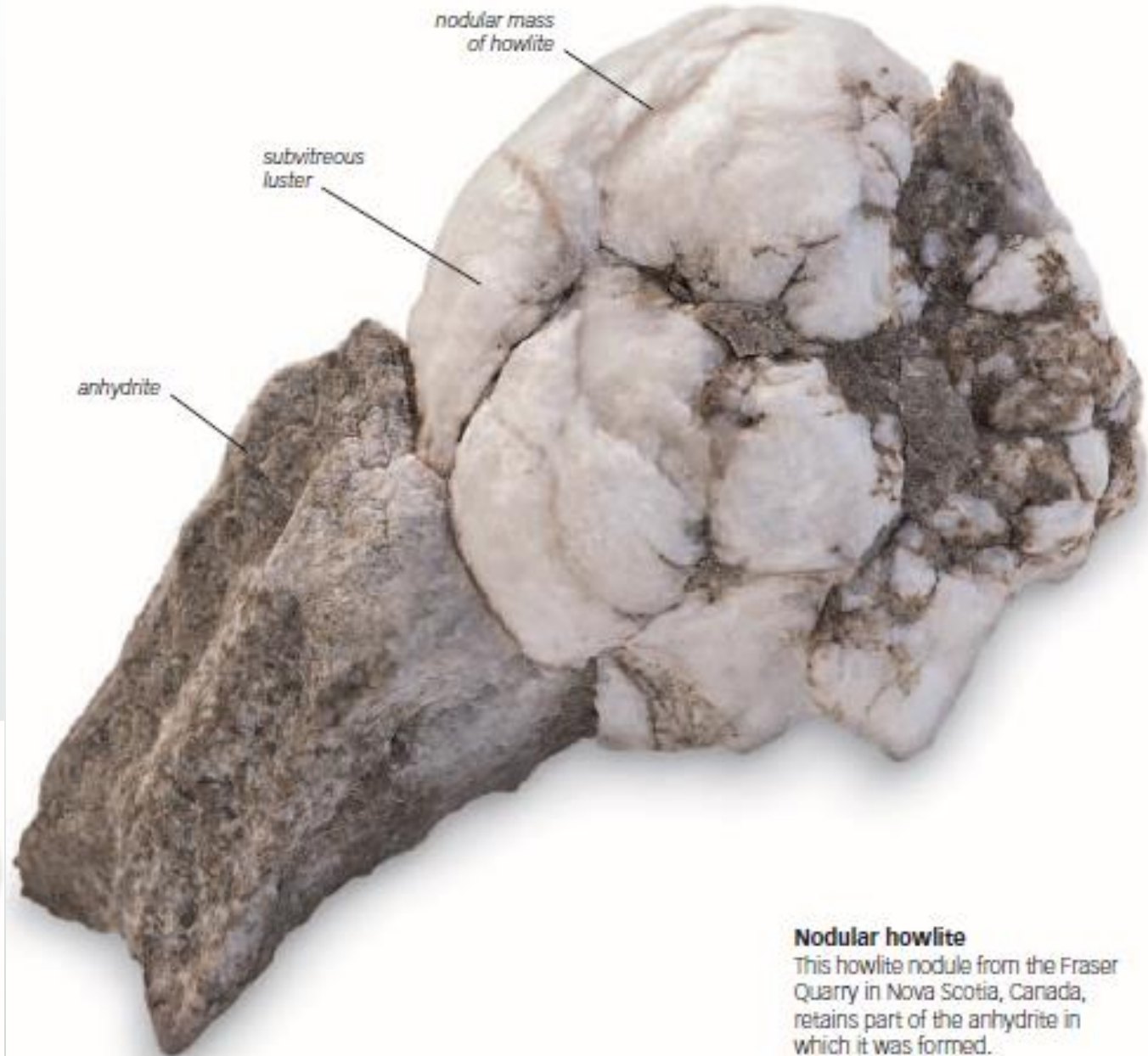
Conchoidal to uneven

White

Subvitreous



Stained howlite
This tumble-polished and dyed or stained piece of howlite looks similar to turquoise.



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Nodular howlite
This howlite nodule from the Fraser Quarry in Nova Scotia, Canada, retains part of the anhydrite in which it was formed.


ANGLEZİT


PROFILE





Orthorhombic


 2½–3

 6.4

 Good, distinct

 Conchoidal, brittle

 Colorless

 Adamantine to resinous, vitreous

Anglesite crystals

These striated prismatic crystals of anglesite are on a rock matrix with galena.

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PbSO_4

prismatic crystal

rock matrix



galena



Oval-cut anglesite

Anglesite is soft and easily cleaved. It is one of the stones used to test the skills of master gem cutters.

BARİT

PROFILE



Orthorhombic

3-3½

4.5

Perfect

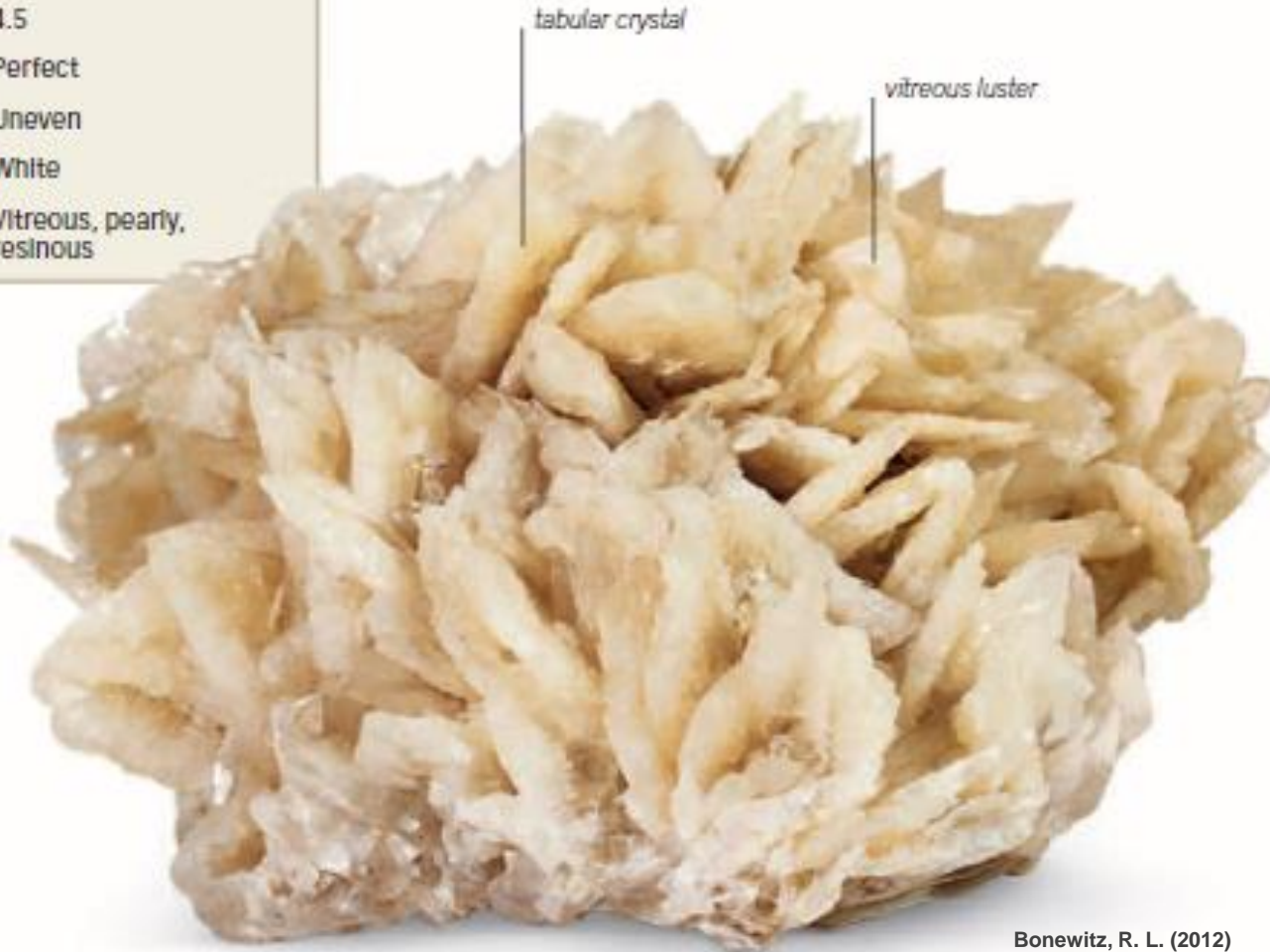
Uneven

White

Vitreous, pearly,
resinous

Barite crystals

This large group of tabular barite crystals is from the Wet Grooves Mine in Yorkshire, England.



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Kimyasal Formülü

BaSO₄



Barite gemstone

Although transparent barite is soft and difficult to cut, it is sometimes faceted for collectors.

SELESTİN

PROFILE



Orthorhombic

3-3½

4.0

Perfect

Uneven

White

Vitreous, pearly
on cleavage

Celestine crystals

This superbly crystallized specimen of blue celestine crystals is from Madagascar. The largest crystal is more than 1½ in (3.5 cm) long.



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SrSO_4



Collector's gem

Celestine is too soft to wear. Faceted celestine demonstrates the skills of master cutters.

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)

PROFILE



Monoclinic



2



2.3



Perfect



Splintery



White



Subvitreous to pearly

attachment point

vertical striations

pearly luster

termination face

Kimyasal Formülü

$\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Selentine gypsum crystal

This single transparent, prismatic crystal of selenite comes from the Cave of Swords in Mexico.



Cat's eye sheen

Satin spar, a fibrous variety of gypsum, can be cut into a cabochon gem with a cat's eye sheen.

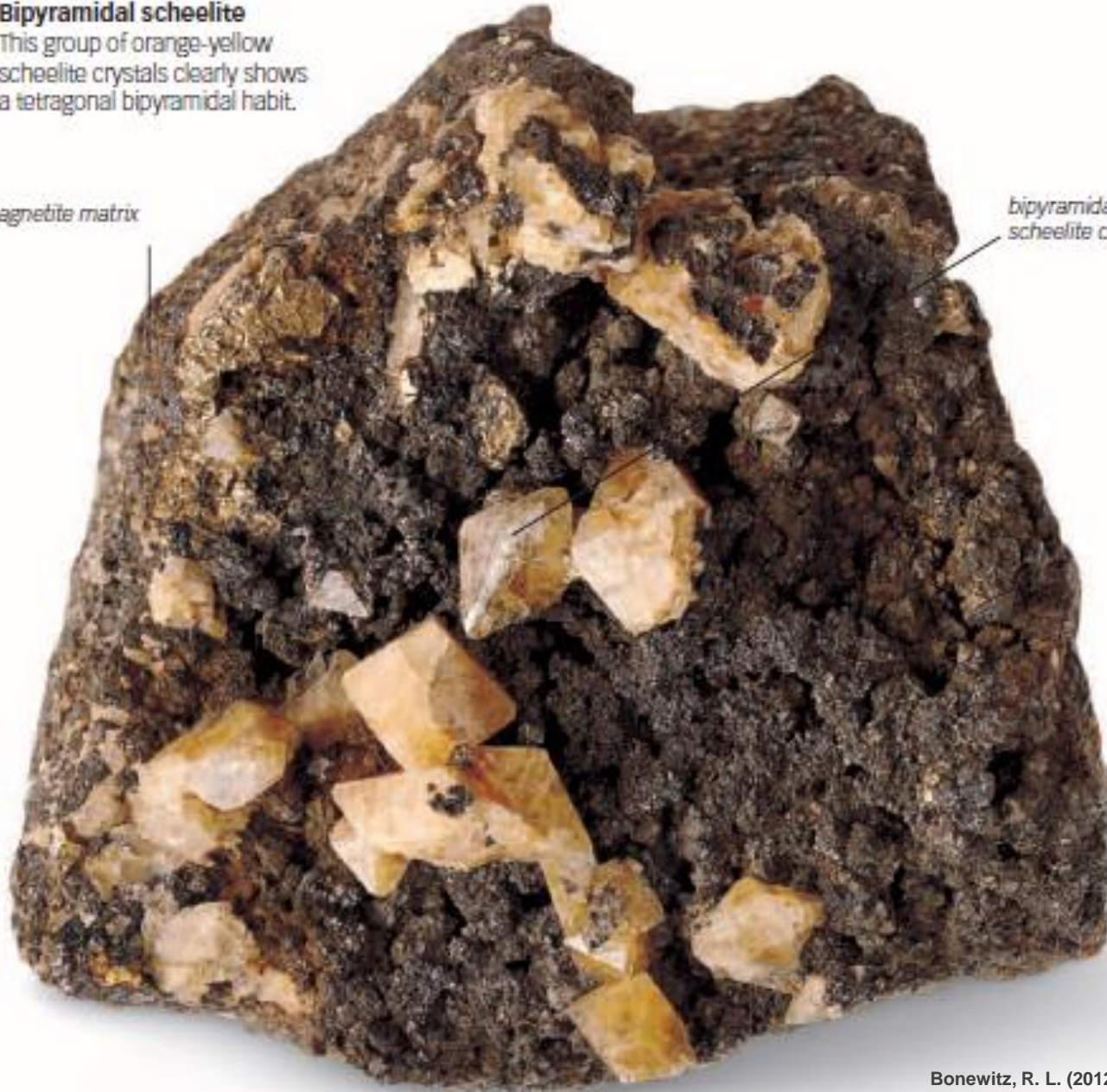
ŞEELİT

Bipyramidal scheelite

This group of orange-yellow scheelite crystals clearly shows a tetragonal bipyramidal habit.

magnetite matrix

bipyramidal
scheelite crystal



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CaWO_4

PROFILE



Tetragonal

4½–5

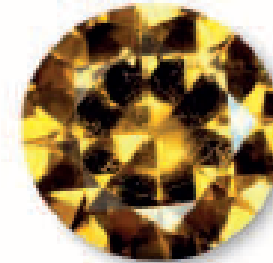
6.1

Distinct

Uneven to subconchoidal

White

Vitreous to greasy



Brilliant cut scheelite

Transparent scheelite is relatively rare. Stones faceted from it are only for gem collectors.

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APATİT

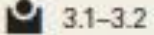
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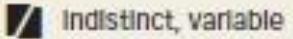
Monoclinic



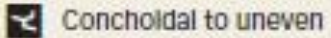
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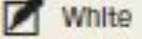
3.1-3.2



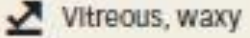
Indistinct, variable



Conchoidal to uneven



White



Vitreous, waxy

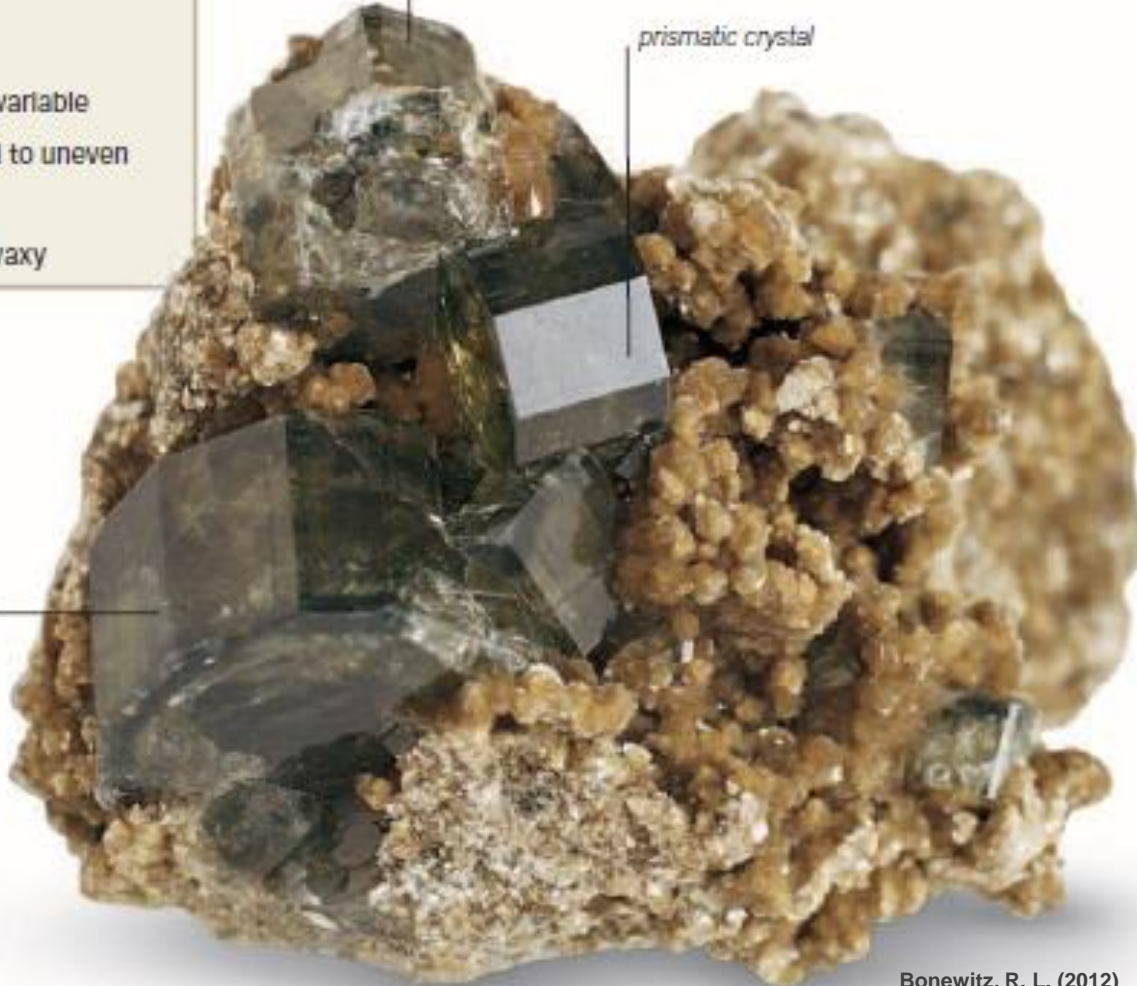
Apatite crystals

These spectacular apatite crystals from Panasqueira Mine, Beira Baixa, Portugal, occur with muscovite and a small amount of arsenopyrite.

color-zoned crystal

prismatic crystal

hexagonal, transparent crystal



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$\text{Ca}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{F}, \text{OH}, \text{Cl})$



Step-cut gemstone

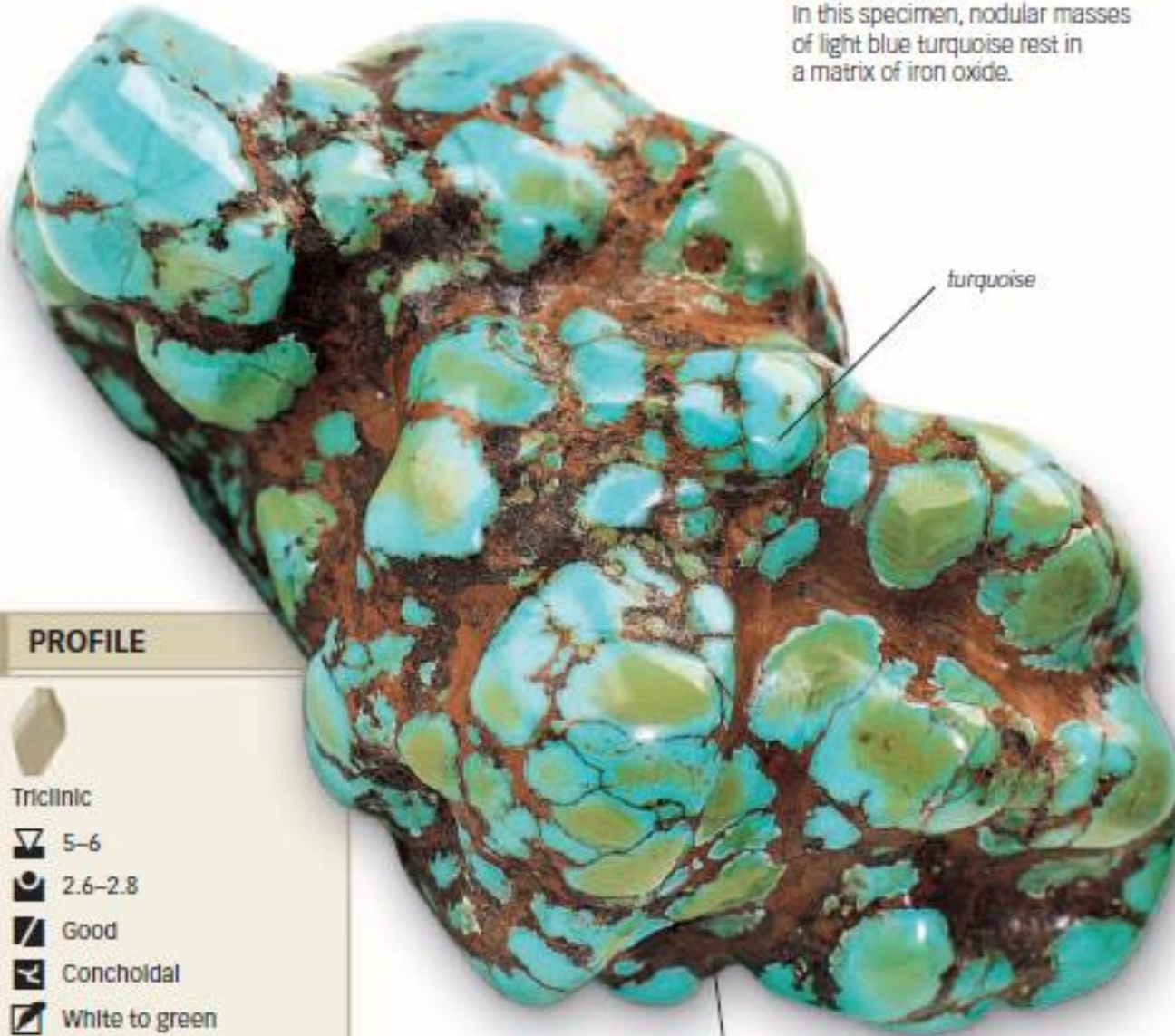
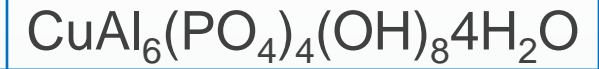
Owing to the brittleness of apatite, an edge of one facet of this blue gemstone has become chipped.

TURKUAZ

Blue turquoise

In this specimen, nodular masses of light blue turquoise rest in a matrix of iron oxide.

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turquoise

iron-oxide matrix

PROFILE



Triclinic



5–6



2.6–2.8



Good



Conchoidal



White to green



Waxy to dull



Carved elephant

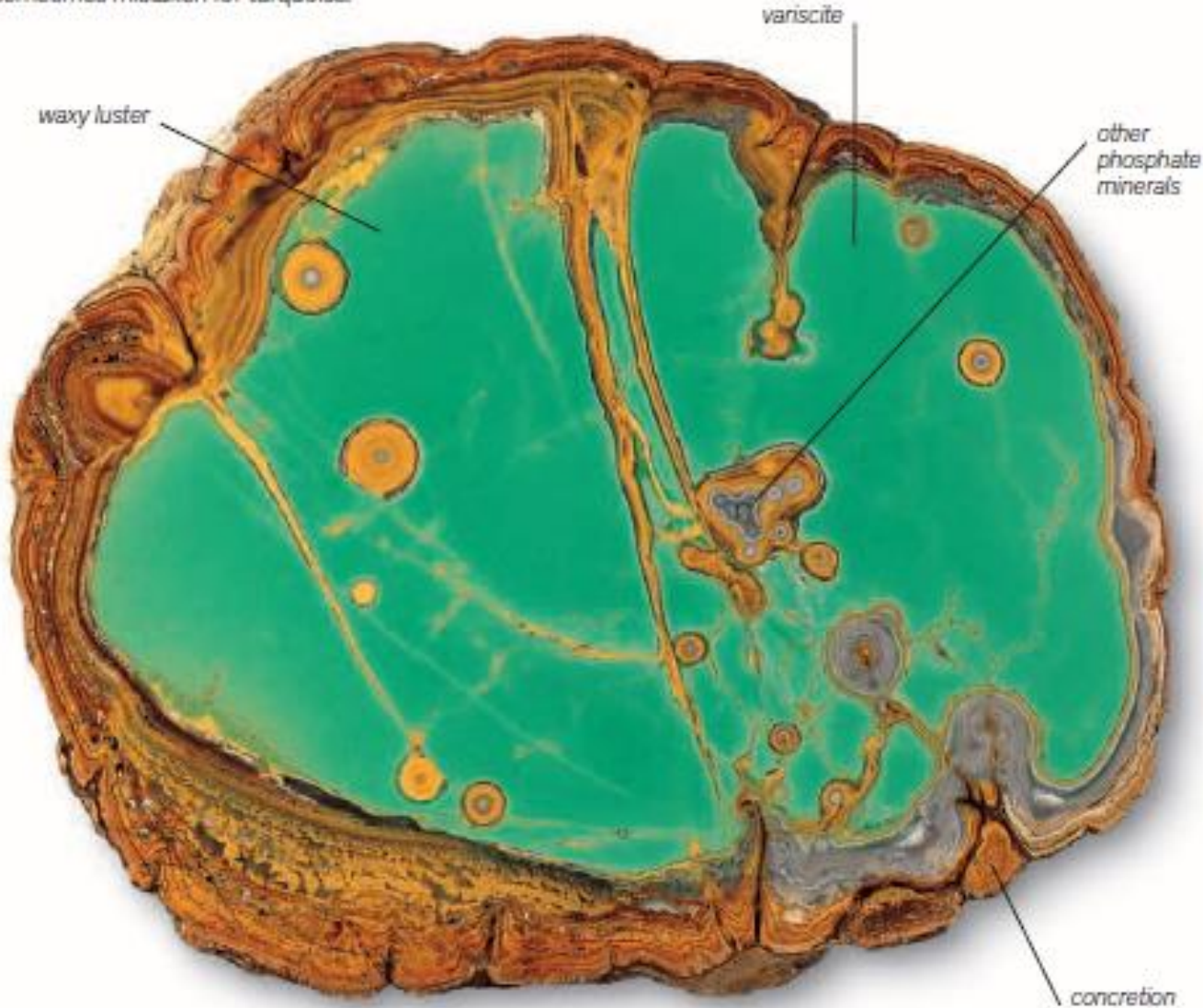
Turquoise is a favorite of Chinese stone carvers, who produced this turquoise elephant.

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VARİSİT

Concretionary variscite

Variscite is often found in nodules and concretions like the sliced specimen shown here. It can be sometimes mistaken for turquoise.



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$\text{AlPO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$


PROFILE




Orthorhombic


 4½

 2.6

 Good but rarely visible

 Splintery in massive

 White

 Vitreous to waxy



Cabochon

Variscite can be polished into inexpensive gems, but their softness makes them vulnerable to wear.

KUVARS

PROFILE



Hexagonal



7



2.7



None



Conchoidal



White



Vitreous



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SiO₂

VARIANTS



Pyramidal amethyst

An amethyst specimen with pyramidal terminations



Smoky quartz Double-terminated smoky quartz in milky quartz



Milky quartz A white, terminated quartz prism



Oval citrine

This large, oval-cut citrine is set in a silver brooch. It is encircled by silver leaves and faceted amethysts.

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Prismatic quartz
This group of long, prismatic quartz crystals is from the Dauphiné province of France.

KALSEDON

PROFILE



Hexagonal



7



2.7



None



Uneven



White



Waxy to dull

Kimyasal Formülü

SiO_2

VARIANTS



Chrysoprase Chalcedony colored green by nickel

Carnelian A piece of red-orange chalcedony

waxy luster

botryoidal habit

Pink chalcedony

This form of botryoidal pink chalcedony is sometimes referred to as a "chalcedony rose."

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)

AGAT

PROFILE



Hexagonal



7



2.7



None



Conchoidal



White



Vitreous to waxy

concentric
bands of agate

shapes of bands
follow outline
of cavity

color variation
determined by
impurities present

Brazilian agate

This cross section of a Brazilian agate nodule shows the concentric layering typical of agate.

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SiO_2

JASPER

PROFILE



Hexagonal



7



2.7



None



Conchoidal



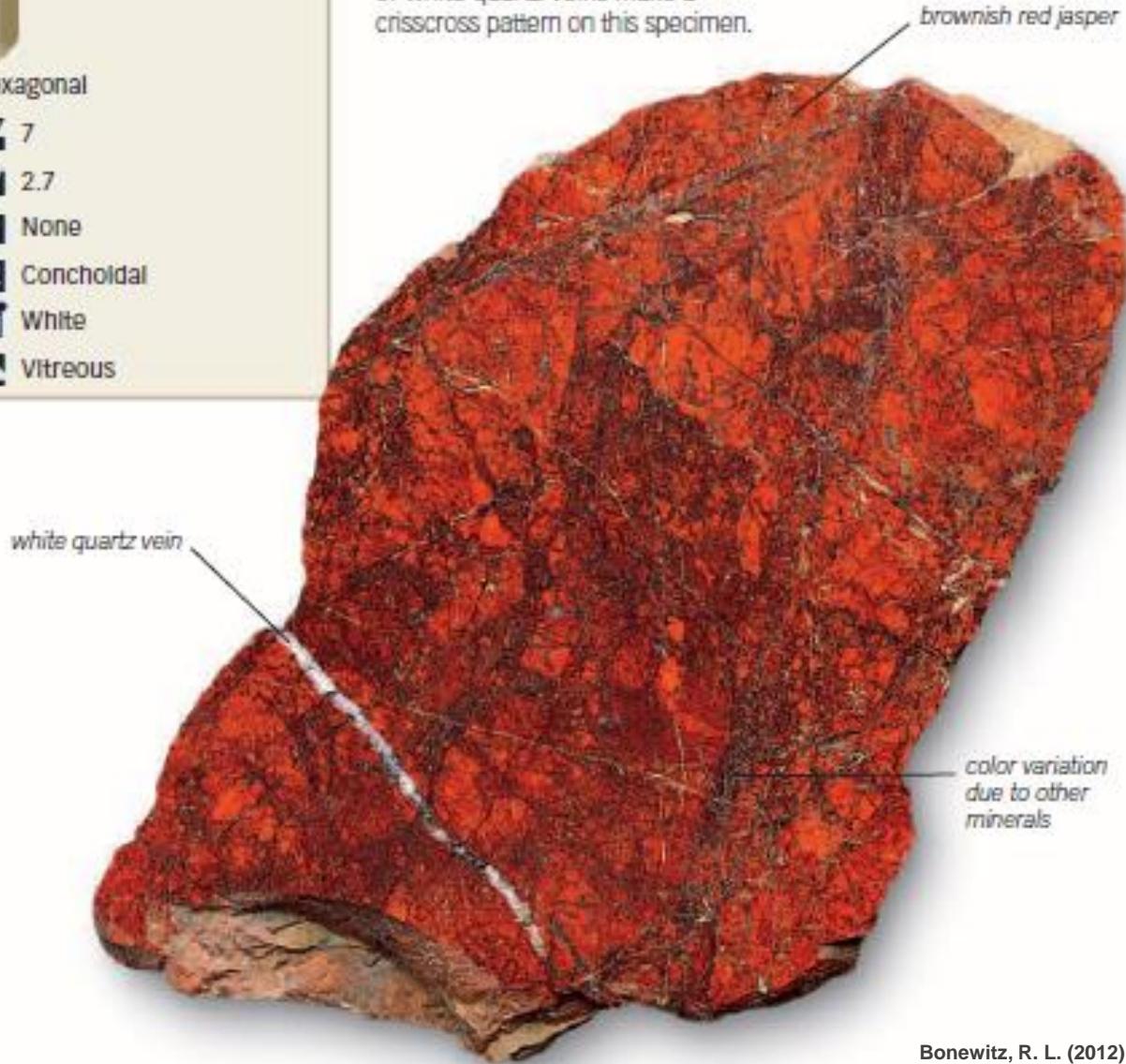
White



Vitreous

Color variation

Hematite colors this example of jasper brownish red. Threads of white quartz veins make a crisscross pattern on this specimen.



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SiO_2

OPAL

PROFILE

Crystal system Amorphous

5-6

1.9-2.3

None

Conchoidal

White

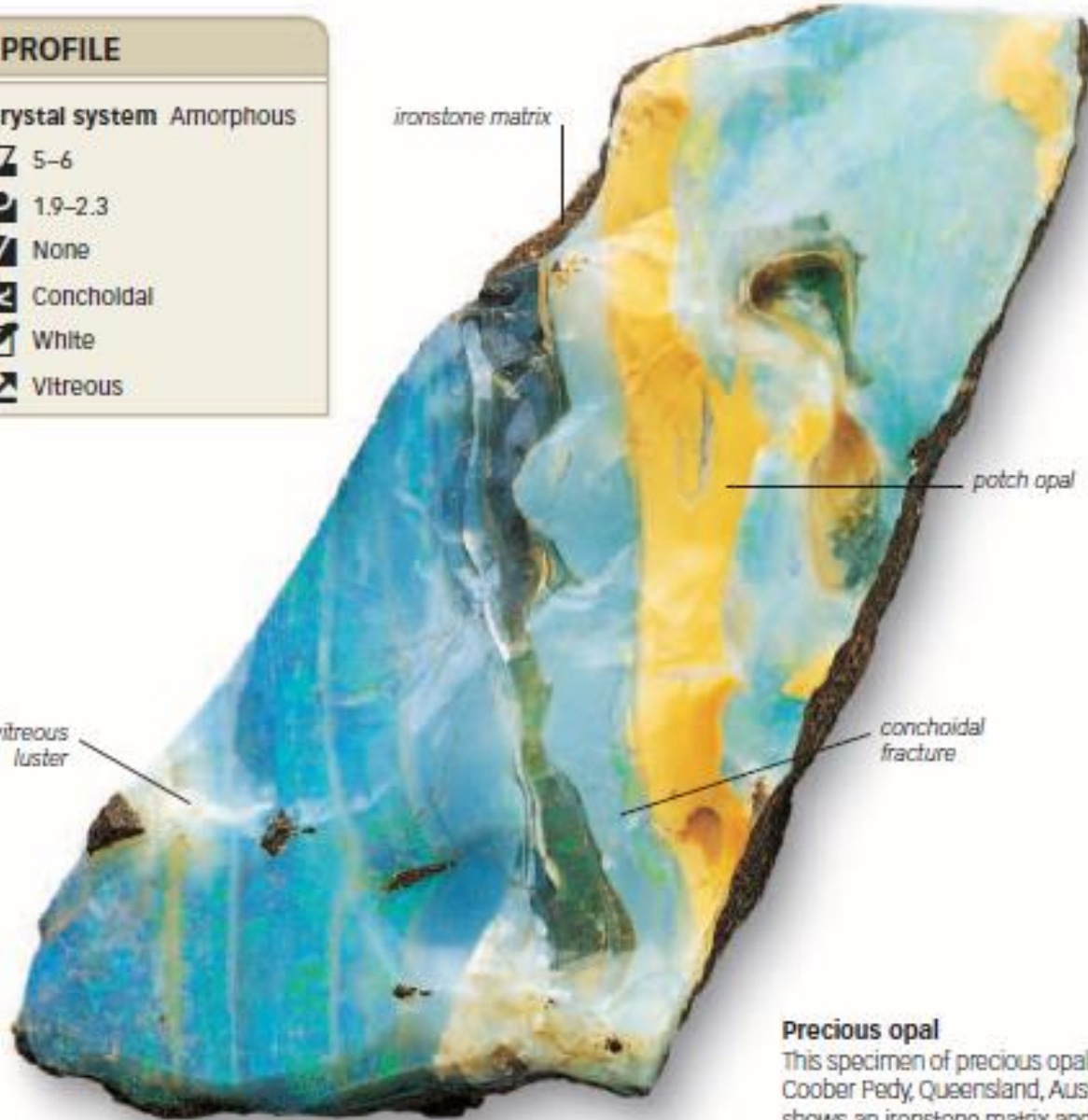
Vitreous

ironstone matrix

patch opal

conchoidal fracture

vitreous luster



Precious opal

This specimen of precious opal from Coober Pedy, Queensland, Australia, shows an ironstone matrix and streaks of yellowish patch opal.

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$\text{SiO}_2 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$



Victorian ring

Some cut opal dries and cracks with age and needs to be kept moist. The opal in this ring is well preserved.

ORTOKLAZ

PROFILE



Monoclinic



6-6½



2.5-2.6



Perfect



Subconchoidal to uneven, brittle



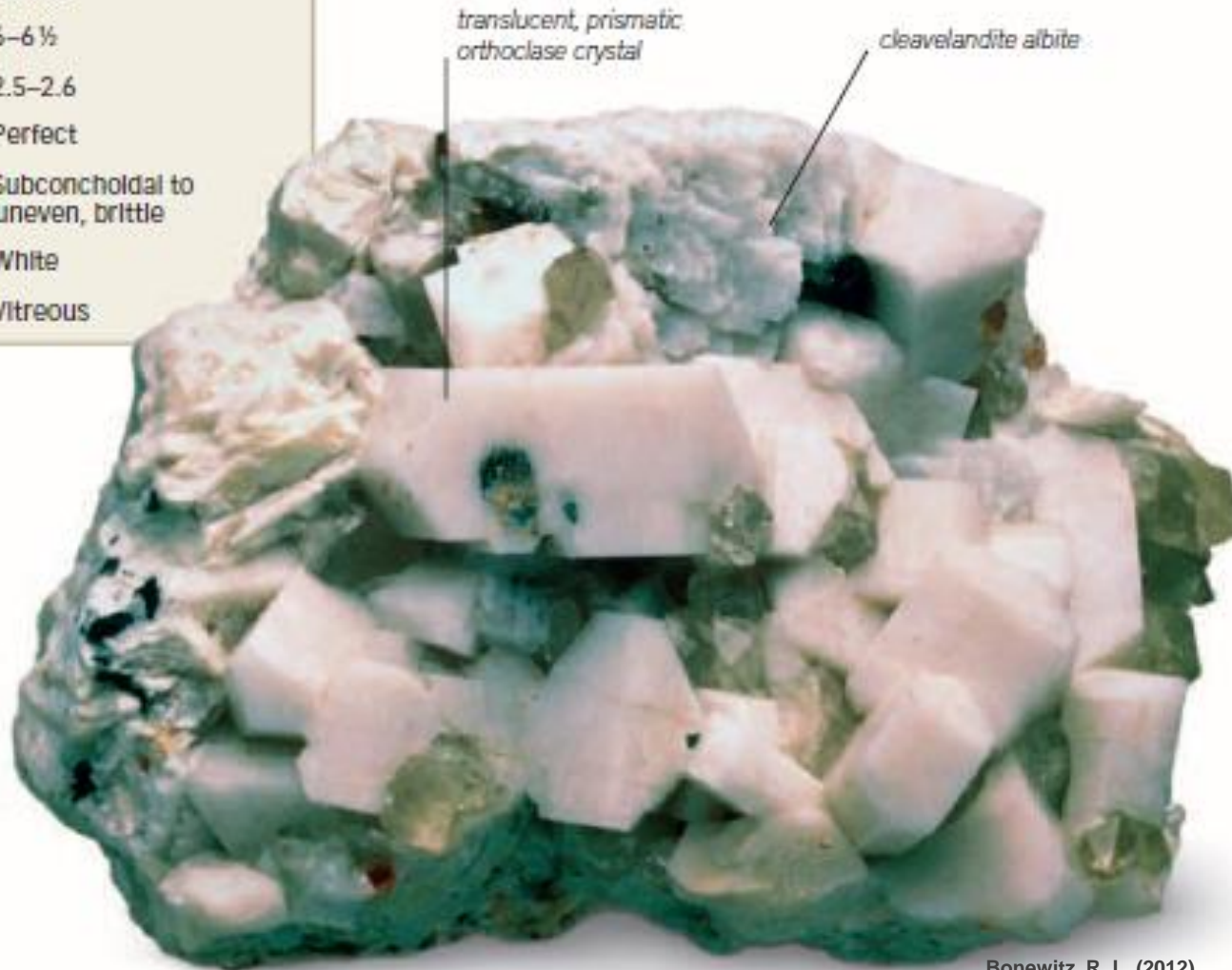
White



Vitreous

Orthoclase prisms

In this specimen, white, blocky prisms of orthoclase are associated with cleavelandite albite and set in pegmatite.



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KAlSi_3O_8

VARIANTS



Yellow orthoclase A crystal of yellow orthoclase



Moonstone rough An opalescent variety of orthoclase



Orthoclase crystals Twinned orthoclase with smaller prism



Moonstone-set brooch

Orthoclase exhibits the schiller effect which creates the shimmer seen on the moonstones in this brooch.

MİKROKLİN

PROFILE



Triclinic

6-6 1/2

2.6

Perfect, good

Conchoidal to uneven, brittle

White

Vitreous, dull

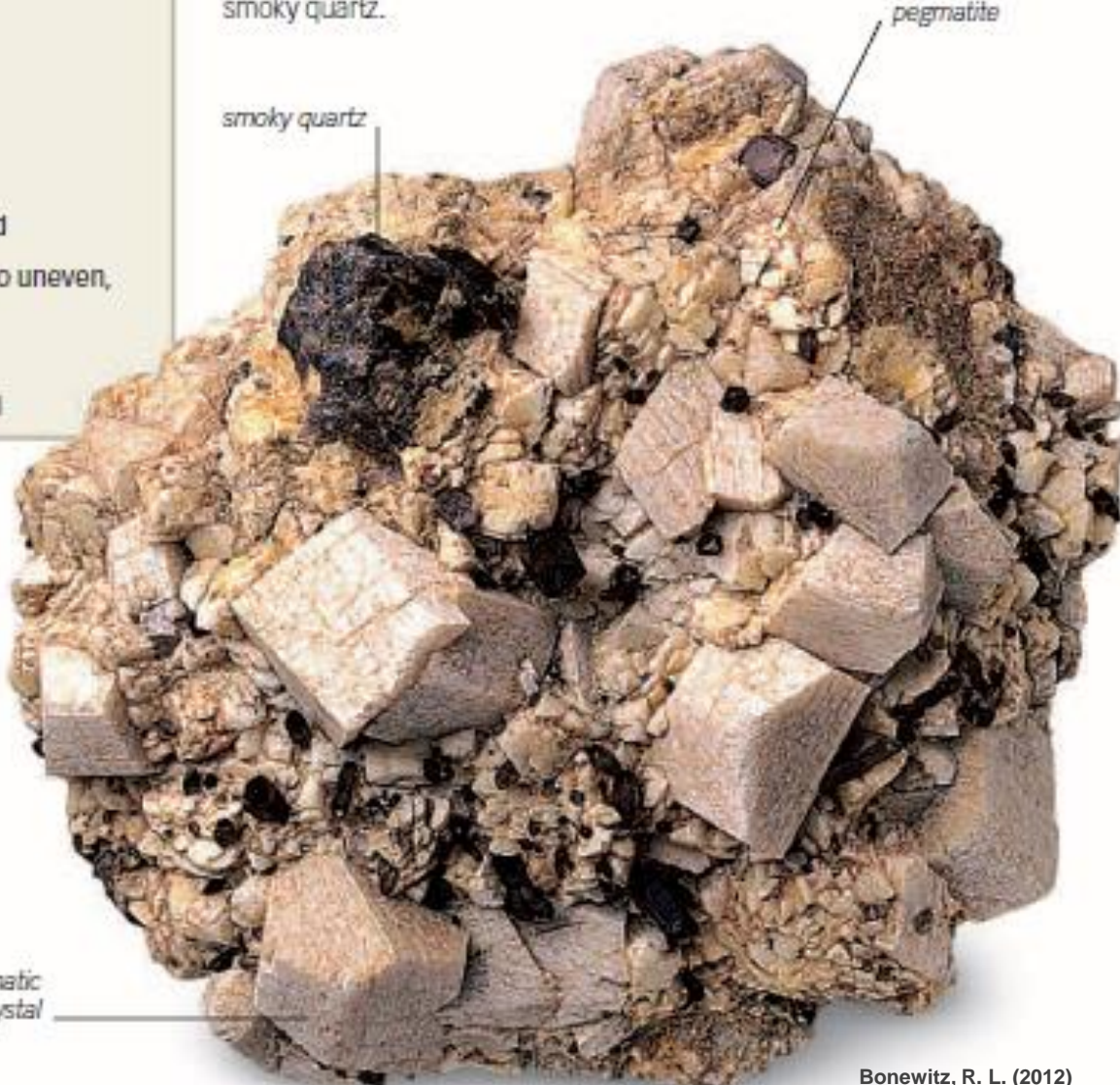
Prismatic microcline

Numerous prismatic crystals of light-colored microcline sit atop a pegmatite matrix, along with smoky quartz.

smoky quartz

pegmatite

blocky, prismatic crystal

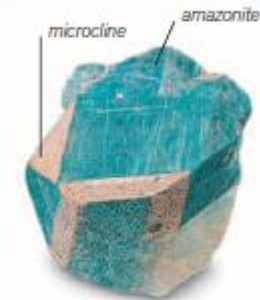


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$KAlSi_3O_8$

VARIANT



Amazonite A single crystal of blue-green amazonite, a variety of microcline



Amazonite cabochon

This Arts and Craft ring exhibits an asymmetrical set cabochon of amazonite in a rose-and-foilage design.

ALBİT

PROFILE



Triclinic



6-6½



2.6



Perfect, good



Conchoidal to uneven, brittle



White



Vitreous to pearly

twinned, tabular crystal

vitreous to pearly luster

Kimyasal Formülü

$\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$

Tabular albite

This specimen consists of a large group of tabular, white albite crystals, many of which are twinned.



Facet-grade albite

Faceted albite, although fragile, is sometimes used in jewelry, along with albite's moonstone variety.

OLİGOKLAZ

PROFILE



Triclinic



6



2.6



Perfect



Conchoidal to
uneven, brittle



White



Vitreous

Massive oligoclase

This typical massive specimen of oligoclase is from Penland, Mitchell County, North Carolina.

vitreous luster

perfect cleavage

Kimyasal Formülü

$(\text{Na, Ca})\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8$



Semiprecious oligoclase

Sunstone oligoclase, such as the oval example seen here, has hematite or goethite inclusions.

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LABRADOR

PROFILE



Triclinic

6–6½

2.7

Perfect

Uneven to conchoidal

White

Vitreous

Blue labradorite

This specimen shows polysynthetic twinning typical of plagioclase feldspars. This is evident as a series of parallel lines on the broken faces.

Schiller effect (play of iridescent color)

perfect cleavage

polysynthetic twinning

vitreous luster

Kimyasal Formülü

$(\text{Na, Ca})\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8$

VARIANTS



Schiller effect Orange, purple, and blue flashes visible in a specimen of labradorite



Orange sunstone Labradorite "sunstone" from Oregon



Semiprecious gemstone

The polished oval of labradorite in this choker beautifully displays the stone's rainbow iridescence.

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SODALİT

PROFILE



Cubic

5½–6

2.1–2.3

Poor to distinct

Uneven to conchoidal

White to light blue

Vitreous to greasy

Massive sodalite

This sodalite specimen shows intense blue color, which can sometimes lead to the mineral being mistaken for lapis lazuli.

vitreous luster

uneven fracture

massive habit



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$(\text{Na}_4\text{Al}_3\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl})$

VARIANTS



Polished sodalite A specimen that has been polished to bring out its color



Indian sodalite A specimen of light blue sodalite found in India



Sodalite beads

This unusual modern Egyptian necklace has beads made of blue sodalite and red carnelian.

SERPANTİN

PROFILE



Monoclinic or triclinic

3½–5½

2.5–2.6

Perfect but not visible

Conchoidal to splintery

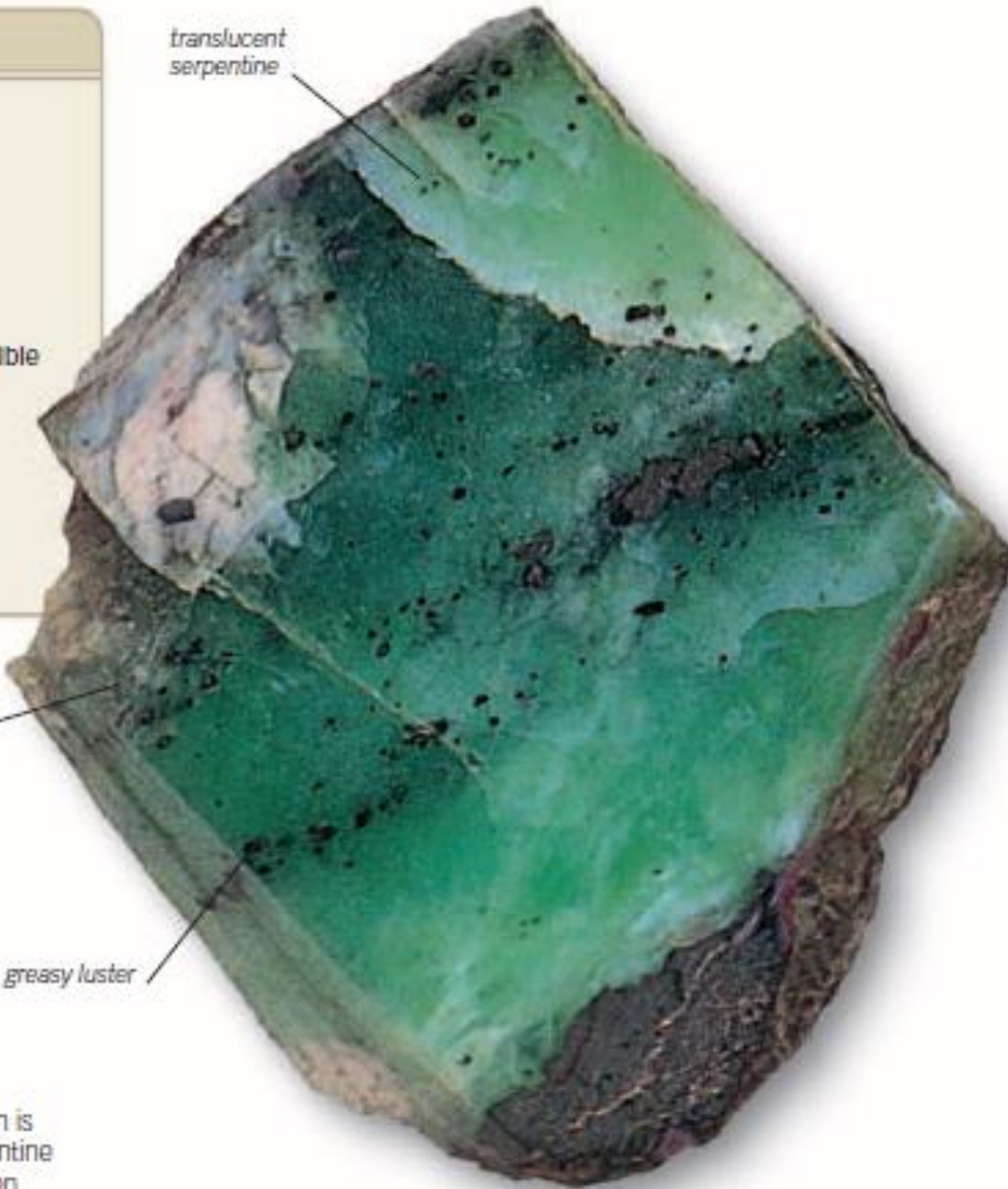
White

Subvitreous to greasy, resinous, earthy, dull

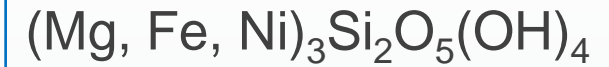
translucent serpentine

no visible cleavage

greasy luster



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VARIANTS



Lizardite A specimen of this fine-grained serpentine mineral from Cornwall, UK



Antigorite A specimen of this serpentine mineral with characteristic, corrugated plates



Williamsite cabochon
A variety of serpentine, williamsite is an ornamental stone that is sometimes cut as an inexpensive gem.

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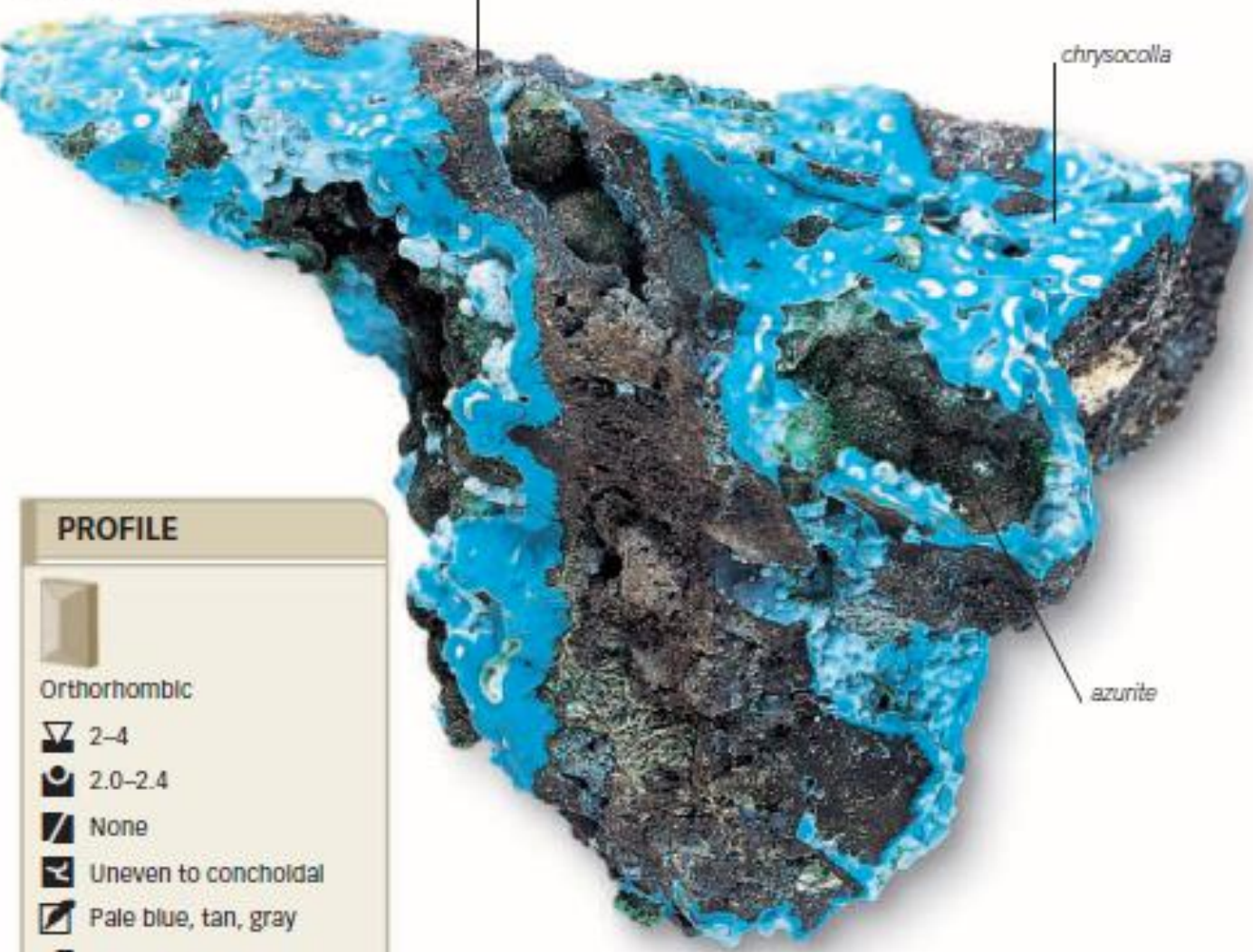
Precious serpentine

This high-quality specimen is composed of many serpentine minerals. It is the kind often carved and sold as jade.

KRİZOKOL

Chrysocolla with azurite

In this specimen, chrysocolla can be seen with the carbonate mineral azurite in a rock matrix.



PROFILE



Orthorhombic



2-4



2.0-2.4



None



Uneven to conchoidal

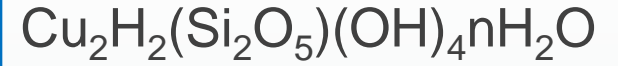


Pale blue, tan, gray



Vitreous to earthy

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Chrysocolla bracelet

Rich blue-green chrysocolla, such as the cabochon in this antique bracelet, is highly prized as a gemstone.



Cabochon Green chrysocolla within reddish iron oxide

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PREHNİT

PROFILE



Orthorhombic



6-6½



2.9



Distinct basal



Uneven, brittle



White



Vitreous

Botryoidal prehnite

A group of radiating crystal masses of prehnite resting on a rock matrix gives a botryoidal form to this specimen.



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White cabochon

Prehnite gems, such as this creamy white cabochon with dark inclusions, are almost too soft to wear.

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ENSTATİT

PROFILE



Orthorhombic

5-6

3.1-3.9

Good to perfect

Uneven

Gray to white

Vitreous

Prismatic crystals

This mass of small, prismatic enstatite crystals rests on a rock matrix.



small, prismatic crystals

rock matrix

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Mixed-cut enstatite

Recovered from Myanmar and Sri Lanka, facet-grade enstatite, such as this gem, is mainly cut for collectors.

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DIYOPSİT

PROFILE



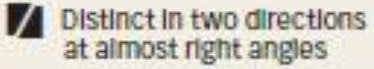
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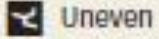
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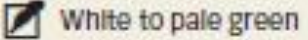
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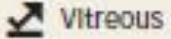
Distinct in two directions
at almost right angles



Uneven



White to pale green



Vitreous

Prismatic diopside

This specimen of diopside in a rock matrix comes from St. Marcel, Valle d'Aosta, Italy.

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$\text{CaMgSi}_2\text{O}_6$

quartz

prismatic
diopside crystal

rock
matrix



Chrome diopside

Emerald-green diopside, such as the gem shown here, is chromium-rich and is also known as chrome diopside.

NEFRİT

Polished nephrite

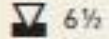
This small boulder of nephrite has been sliced and polished to reveal its quality.



PROFILE



Monoclinic



6 1/2



2.9-3.4



Perfect



Splintery, brittle

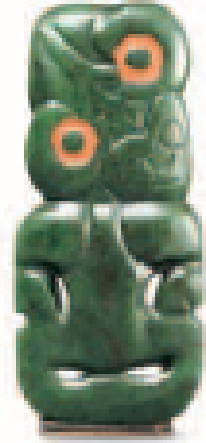
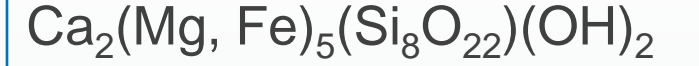


White



Dull to waxy

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Nephrite tiki

Hei tikis, such as this one made of nephrite, are worn by the Maori of New Zealand.



Light green nephrite A mass of light green nephrite.

RİBEKİT

PROFILE



Monoclinic



6



3.3-3.4



Perfect



Uneven



Blue-gray



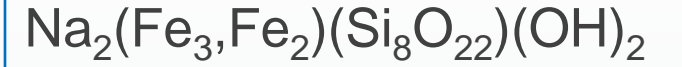
Vitreous, silky

group of prismatic
crystals

Riebeckite crystals

The long, striated crystals
characteristic of riebeckite are
clearly visible in this specimen.

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deep grayish
blue color

vertical, parallel
striations



Tiger's eye ring

Crocidolite, a variant
of riebeckite, forms the
gemstone tiger's eye
when it is silica-saturated.

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KORDİYERİT

PROFILE



Orthorhombic

7-7½

2.6

Moderate to poor

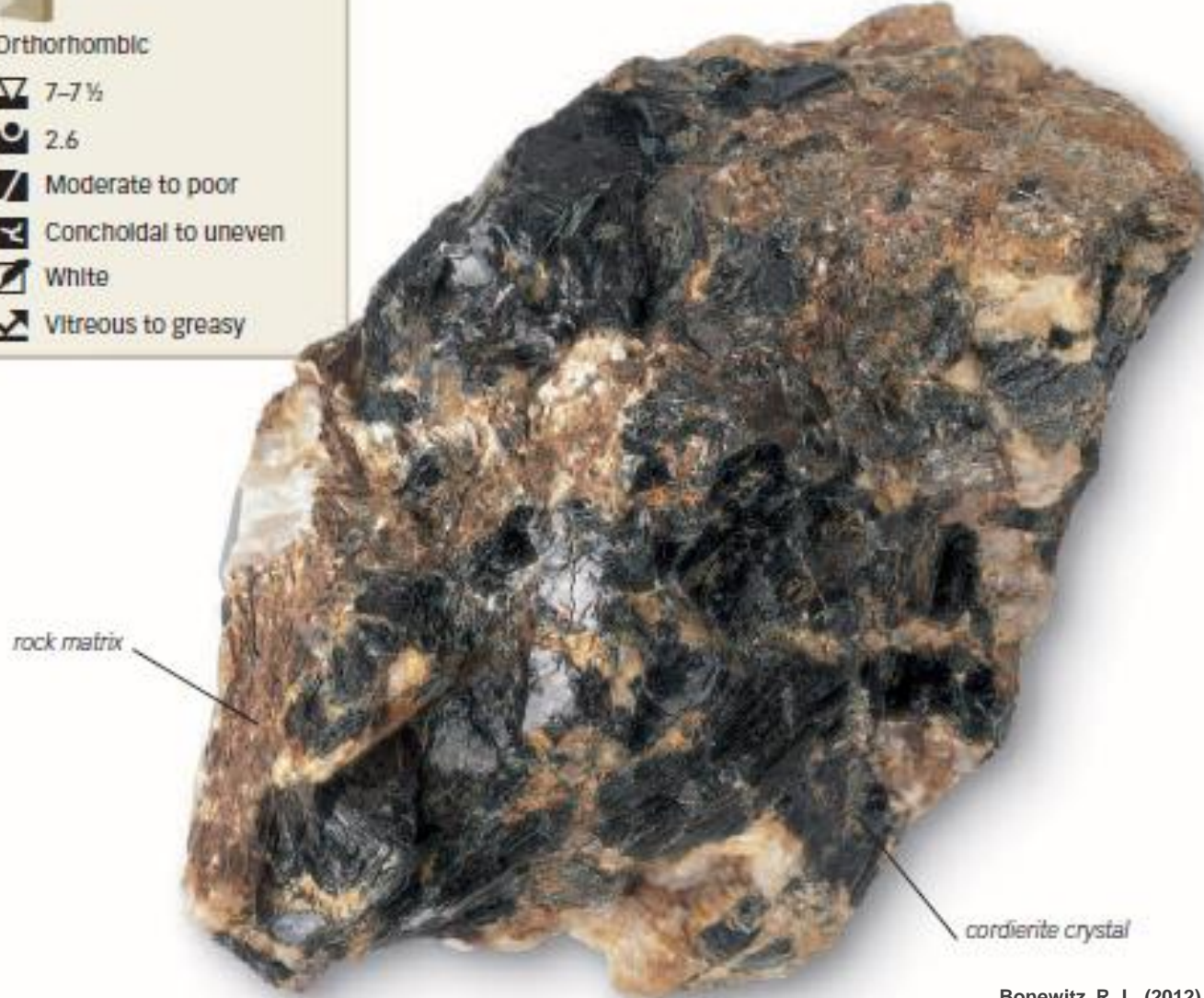
Conchoidal to uneven

White

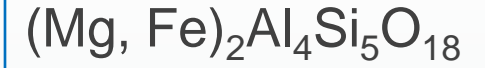
Vitreous to greasy

Cordierite crystals

This group of short prismatic, dark gray cordierite crystals occurs in a rock matrix.



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Cordierite jewelry

A variety of cordierite, iolite is used in ornaments because of its color and brilliance.

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TURMALİN

PROFILE



Hexagonal or trigonal



7-7½



3.0-3.2



Indistinct



Uneven to conchoidal



Colorless



Vitreous

green or red
crystal rim

Watermelon tourmaline

Color can vary either along or across a tourmaline crystal. This zoning takes its most dramatic form in "watermelon" tourmaline.

crystal sliced
across its width

red or
pink center



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FeWO_4



Schorl Probably the most common tourmaline mineral



Elbaite A gemstone-quality variant of tourmaline



Indicolite A blue-colored variant of tourmaline



Cut rubellite

This specimen shows the rich red coloration and transparency found in some specimens of rubellite.

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)

BERİL

PROFILE



Hexagonal or trigonal



7 1/2–8



2.6–2.8



Indistinct



Uneven to conchoidal



White



Vitreous

Aquamarine

This mass of prismatic aquamarine crystals is from the Karakoram Range in Pakistan. The name aquamarine means "seawater."

vitreous luster

transparent sky blue

iron-stained coating



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$MnWO_4$

VARIANTS



Helliodor Crystalline helliodor with hexagonal prisms



Emerald
An unusually long prismatic crystal of emerald



Morganite A variant with crystals in shades of pink

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)

AKSİNİT

PROFILE



Triclinic

6½–7

3.2–3.3

Good, poor

Uneven to conchoidal, brittle

Colorless to light brown

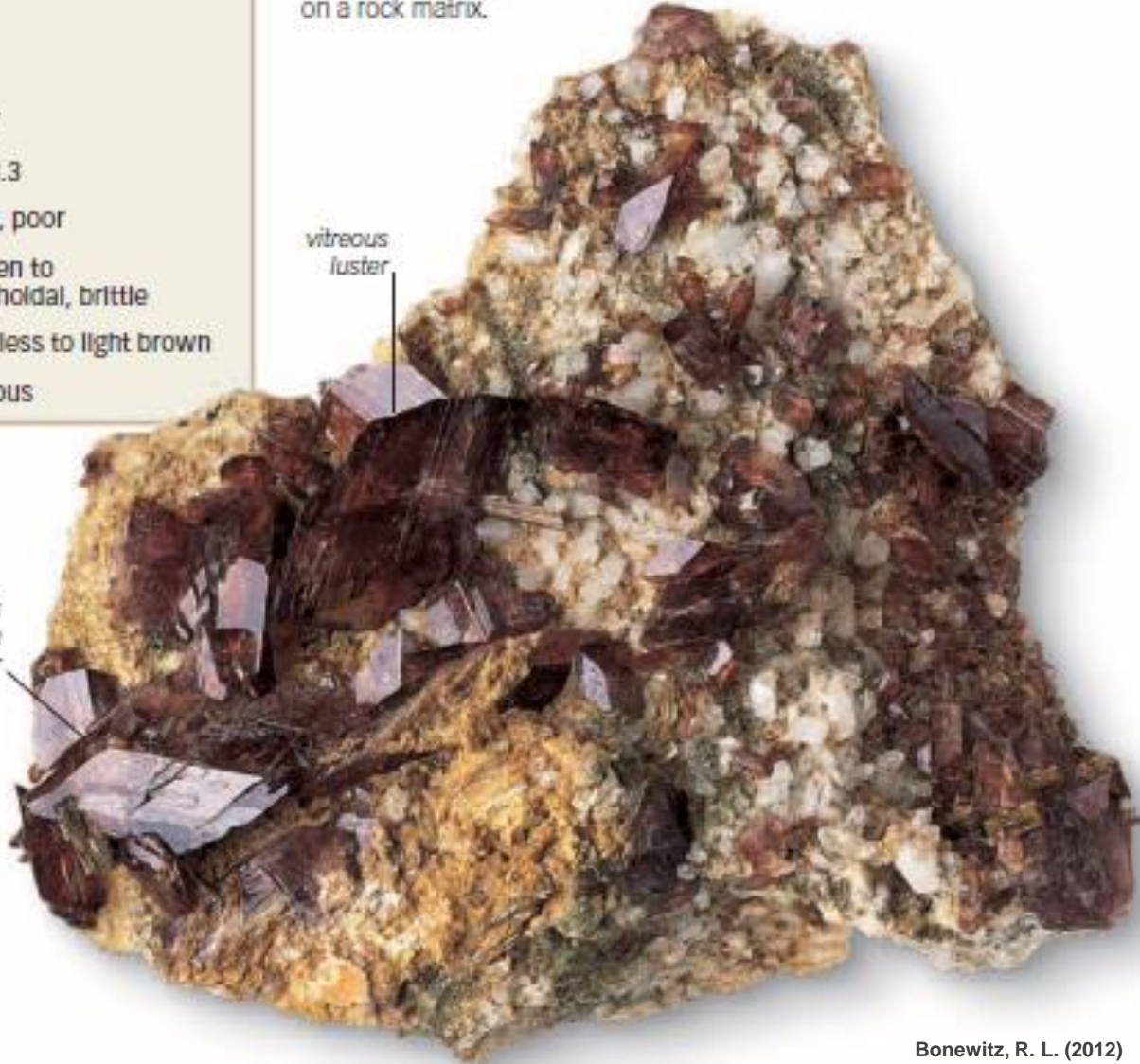
Vitreous

Axinite crystals

This mass of well-formed, transparent, wedge-shaped, tabular axinite crystals rests on a rock matrix.

vitreous luster

characteristic clove-brown color



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$\text{Ca}_2\text{FeAl}_2(\text{BSi}_4\text{O}_{15})(\text{OH})$



Axinite gemstone

Brilliant-cut axinite crystals, such as this specimen in an unusual shade of violet, are popular with collectors.

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)

VEZÜVİYANİT

PROFILE



Tetragonal



Monoclinic

6½

3.4

Poor

Subconchoidal to uneven, brittle

White to pale greenish brown

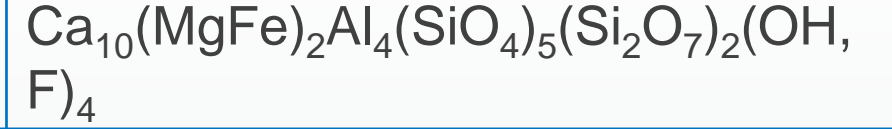
Vitreous to resinous

tetragonal crystal

vertical striation



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Vesuvianite gem

Occasionally, vesuvianite is found in translucent to transparent crystals suitable for cutting into gems.

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Striated vesuvianite
This superb specimen consists of prismatic, vertically striated vesuvianite crystals.

EPIDOT

PROFILE



Monoclinic

6-7

3.4

Good

Uneven to splintery

Colorless or grayish

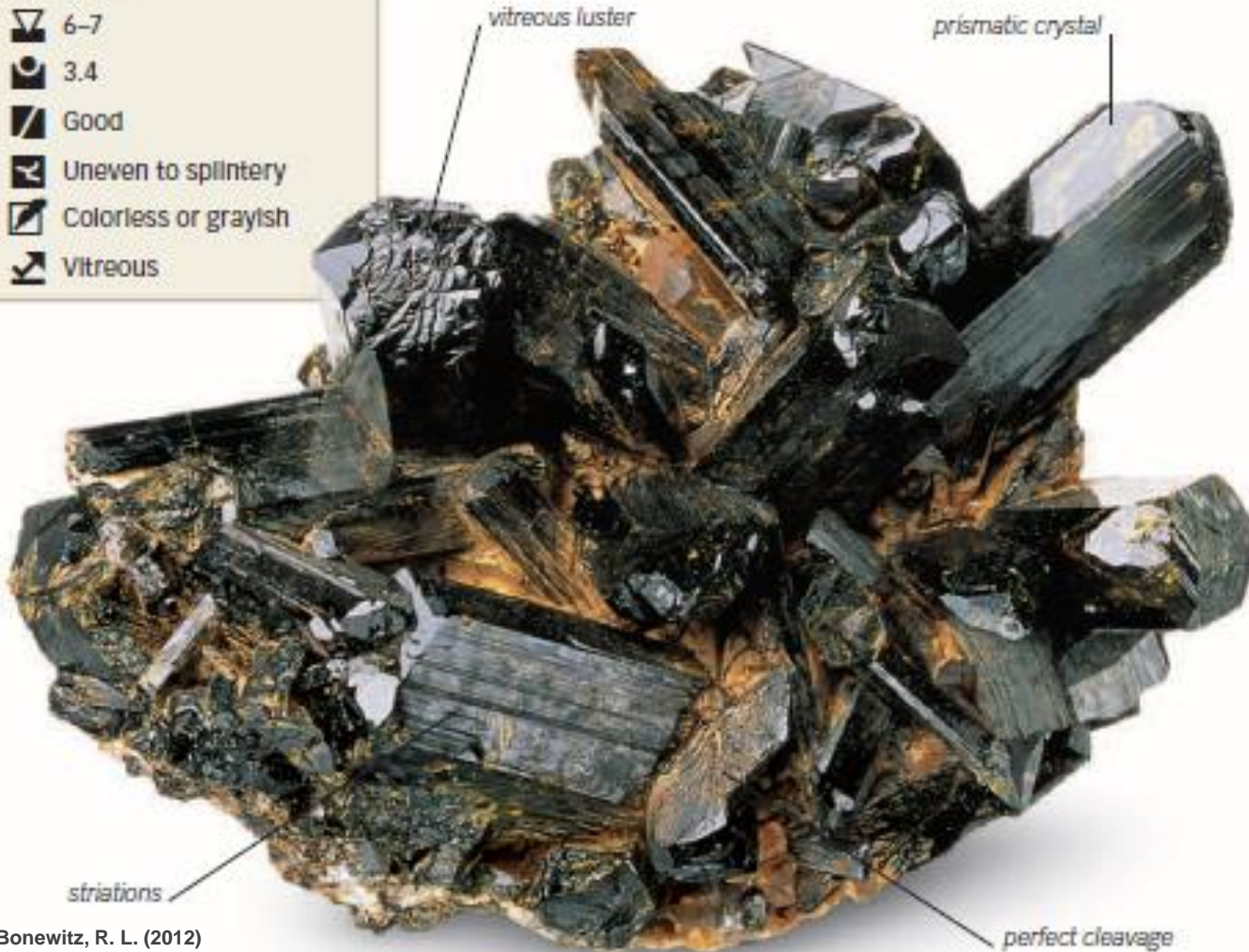
Vitreous

Epidote crystals

This superb group of striated epidote crystals, some reaching 1 in (2.5 cm) in length, shows typical prismatic development.

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$\text{Ca}_2\text{Al}_2(\text{FeAl})(\text{SiO}_4)(\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7)\text{O}(\text{OH})$



Epidote gemstone

Clear, yellowish green to dark brown epidote gems are rare. Transparent crystals are cut for collectors.

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)

OLIVİN

PROFILE



Orthorhombic



6½-7



3.3-4.3



Imperfect



Conchoidal



White



Vitreous

rounded,
transparent
olivine crystal

secondary
clay minerals



Peridot crystal

This gem-quality specimen of olivine, or peridot, is from Pakistan. Other important sources include China and Myanmar.

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$(\text{Mg, Fe})_2\text{SiO}_4$



Peridot gemstone

Green peridot, such as the one in this brooch, was used by Egyptians since the second millennium BCE.

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)

ZİRKON

PROFILE



Tetragonal



7½



4.6–4.7



Imperfect



Uneven to
conchoidal



White



Adamantine
to oily

twinned zircon
crystal

feldspar-and-biotite
matrix

biotite

Afghan zircon

This specimen of zircon crystals in a feldspar-and-biotite matrix is from Afghanistan. The crystals are up to 1½ in (3 cm) long.

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$ZrSiO_4$

VARIANTS



Purple zircon Crystals of zircon in a rock matrix



Crystalline cluster Zircon crystals that are embedded in pegmatite



Zircon bracelet

Gem zircons, such as the colorless, faceted zircons in this bracelet, have been mined for over 2,000 years.

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TOPAZ

PROFILE



Orthorhombic



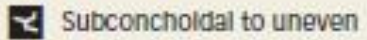
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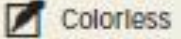
3.4-3.6



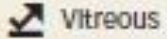
Perfect basal



Subconchoidal to uneven



Colorless



Vitreous

prismatic crystal

albite

termination face

Topaz crystal

This prismatic, pinkish brown topaz from Afghanistan is over 3 1/4 in (8 cm) tall and weighs more than 1 lb (0.5 kg).

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$\text{Al}_2\text{SiO}_4(\text{F}, \text{OH})_2$

VARIANTS

vitreous luster



Brown topaz

A fine, natural crystal of brown topaz

line of cleavage



Light blue topaz

A specimen of blue topaz

Imperial topaz

A golden Imperial topaz from a deposit in Brazil



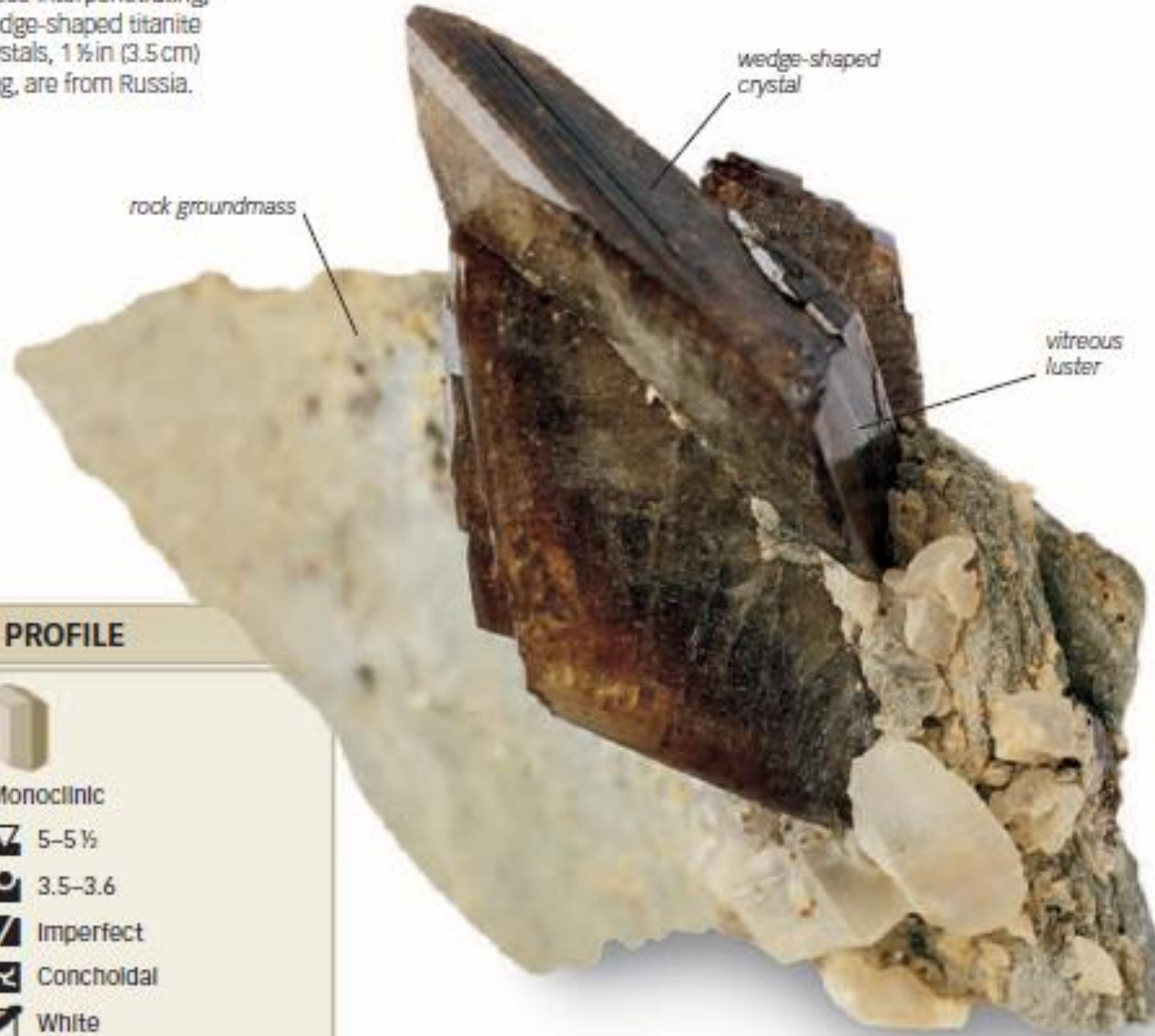
Pink topaz

A clear, octagonal step cut, pink topaz is set here in a gold ring. Natural pink topaz is rare.

TİTANİT

Titanite crystals

These interpenetrating, wedge-shaped titanite crystals, 1 ½ in (3.5 cm) long, are from Russia.



PROFILE



Monoclinic



5-5 ½



3.5-3.6



Imperfect



Conchoidal



White



Vitreous to greasy

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CaTiSiO_5



Titanite ring

Faceted titanites, such as the brilliant cut set in this gold ring, have superb fire and intense colors.

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ANDALUZİT

PROFILE



Orthorhombic

6½–7½

3.2

Good to perfect, poor

Conchoidal

White

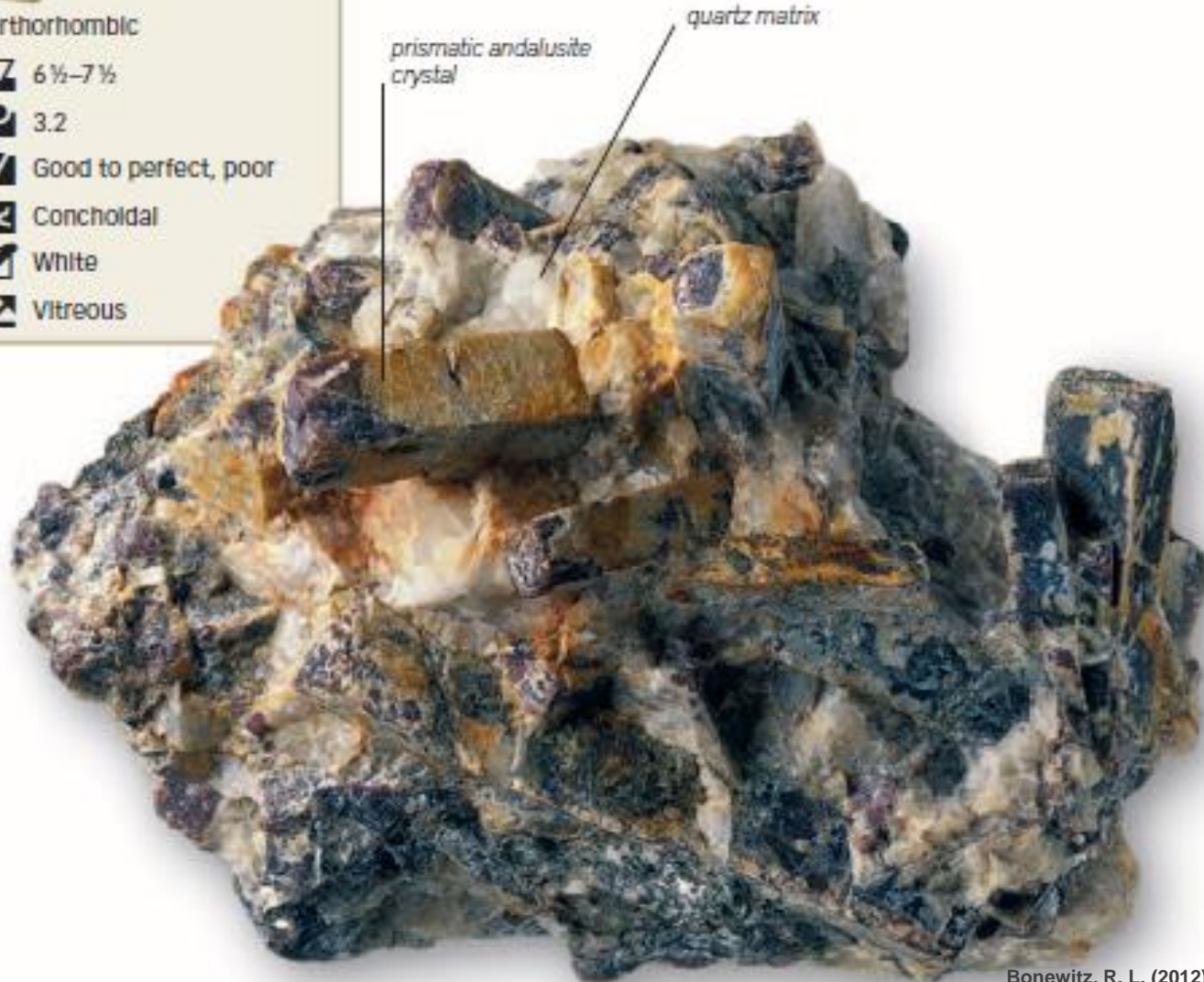
Vitreous

Andalusite crystals

This group of prismatic andalusite crystals from the Austrian Tyrol is in a matrix of quartz.

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Al_2OSiO_5



Rectangular step cut

Relatively uncommon, transparent andalusite is too brittle to be worn. It is faceted for gem collectors.

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)

SİLİMANİT

PROFILE



Orthorhombic



7



3.2–3.3



Perfect



Uneven



White



Silky

vitreous luster

elongated, prismatic
sillimanite crystal

rock matrix

Prismatic sillimanite

In this specimen, elongated, prismatic crystals of sillimanite can be seen in a rock matrix.

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Al_2OSiO_5



Collectors' gem

Facet-grade sillimanite, such as this specimen, occurs in the gem gravels of Sri Lanka and Myanmar, and in Brazil.

STAVROLİT

PROFILE



Monoclinic

7-7½

3.7

Distinct

Conchoidal

Colorless to gray

Vitreous to resinous

prismatic
staurolite crystal

twinned
staurolite
crystals

vitreous luster

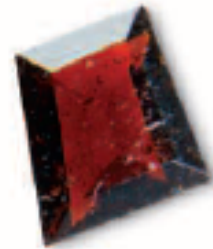
Staurolite crystals

This is a specimen of staurolite in a mica schist matrix. Single and twinned crystals can be seen here.

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mica schist
matrix

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Trapeze-cut staurolite

Transparent staurolite, as in this stone, is a rare faceting material because of its dark color and lack of brilliance.

ÖKLAZ

PROFILE



Monoclinic

7%

3.0

Perfect

Conchoidal, brittle

White

Vitreous

prismatic euclase crystal

rock matrix

striated crystal

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$\text{BeAlSiO}_4(\text{OH})$

Blue euclase

This mass of well-developed, prismatic crystals of blue euclase is on a rocky matrix.

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Euclase gemstone

This square-cut euclase gemstone shows small, dark inclusions of another mineral.

GRANAT

PROFILE



Cubic

7-7½

3.6

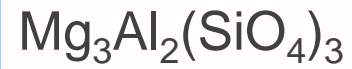
None

Conchoidal, brittle

White

Vitreous

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Formülü



Pyrope gemstones

Beautiful garnet jewelry comes from Bohemia, Czech Republic, where pyropes as big as hens' eggs are found.

rock matrix

pyrope crystal

conchoidal fracture

Pyrope in matrix

This specimen from Mexico includes several pyrope garnets in a matrix. Most pyrope is found as pebbles in placer deposits with other gems.

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)

PROFILE



Cubic

7-7½

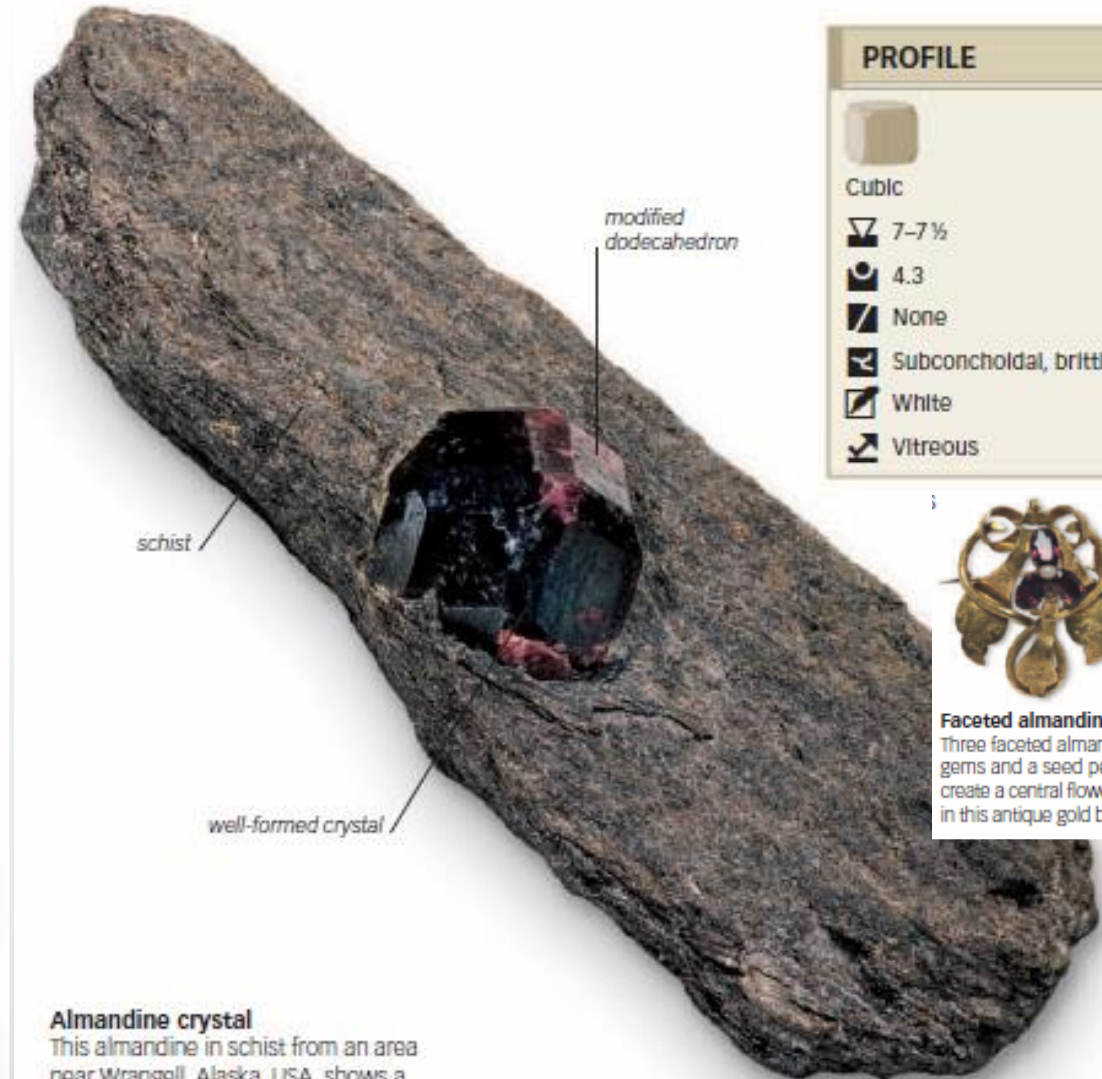
4.3

None

Subconchoidal, brittle

White

Vitreous



schist

modified
dodecahedron

well-formed crystal

Almandine crystal

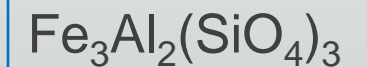
This almandine in schist from an area near Wrangell, Alaska, USA, shows a modified dodecahedral form.



Faceted almandine

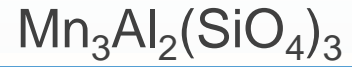
Three faceted almandine gems and a seed pearl create a central flower motif in this antique gold brooch.

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GRANAT

Kimyasal Formülü

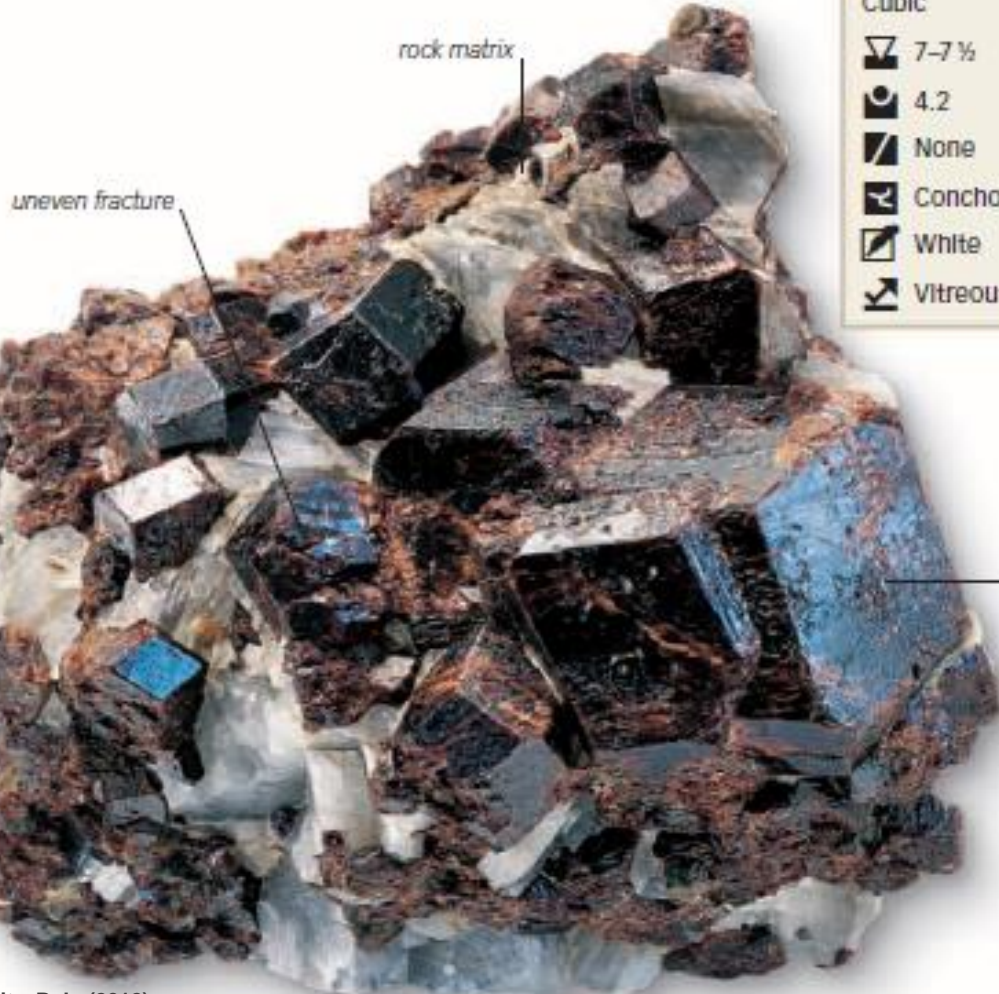


Spessartine crystals

In this specimen from Norway, well-formed dodecahedral crystals encrust a rock matrix.

PROFILE

Cubic
 7-7 1/2
 4.2
 None
 Conchoidal, brittle
 White
 Vitreous

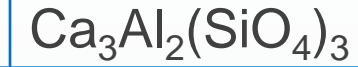


dodecahedral spessartine crystal



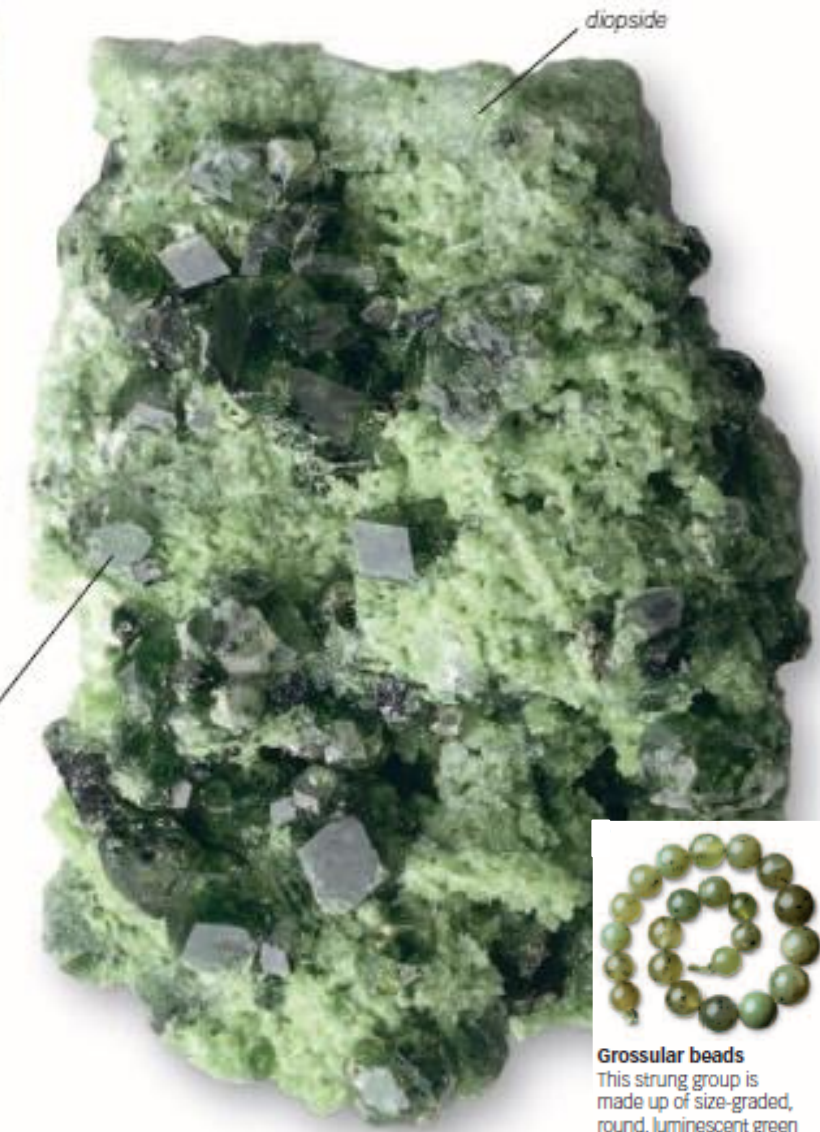
Octagonal step cut
Because of spessartine's rich color, the liquid inclusions under the edge facets in this gem are not very noticeable.

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PROFILE

Cubic
 6 1/2-7
 3.6
 None
 Conchoidal
 White
 Vitreous



Grossular on diopside
These grossular crystals from Piedmont, Italy, are set on a matrix of diopside.



Grossular beads
This strung group is made up of size-graded, round, luminescent green grossular beads.

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MERCAN

PROFILE



Trigonal



Orthorhombic

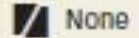
Amorphous



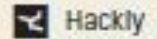
3 1/2



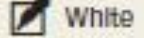
2.6-2.7



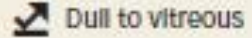
None



Hackly



White



Dull to vitreous



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CaCO_3

VARIANTS

Blue coral

A type of coral used in artifacts and jewelry



Black coral

A variant that is polished to make jewelry

Brain coral

An elaborate collection of organic aragonite



Coral necklace

This triple-stranded necklace from Morocco is made of coral, silver, and turquoise.

Red coral

The use of red coral dates back to the Iron Age. This specimen from the Mediterranean has a wood-grain pattern on its branches.

İNCİ

PROFILE



Orthorhombic



3



2.7



None



Uneven, brittle



White

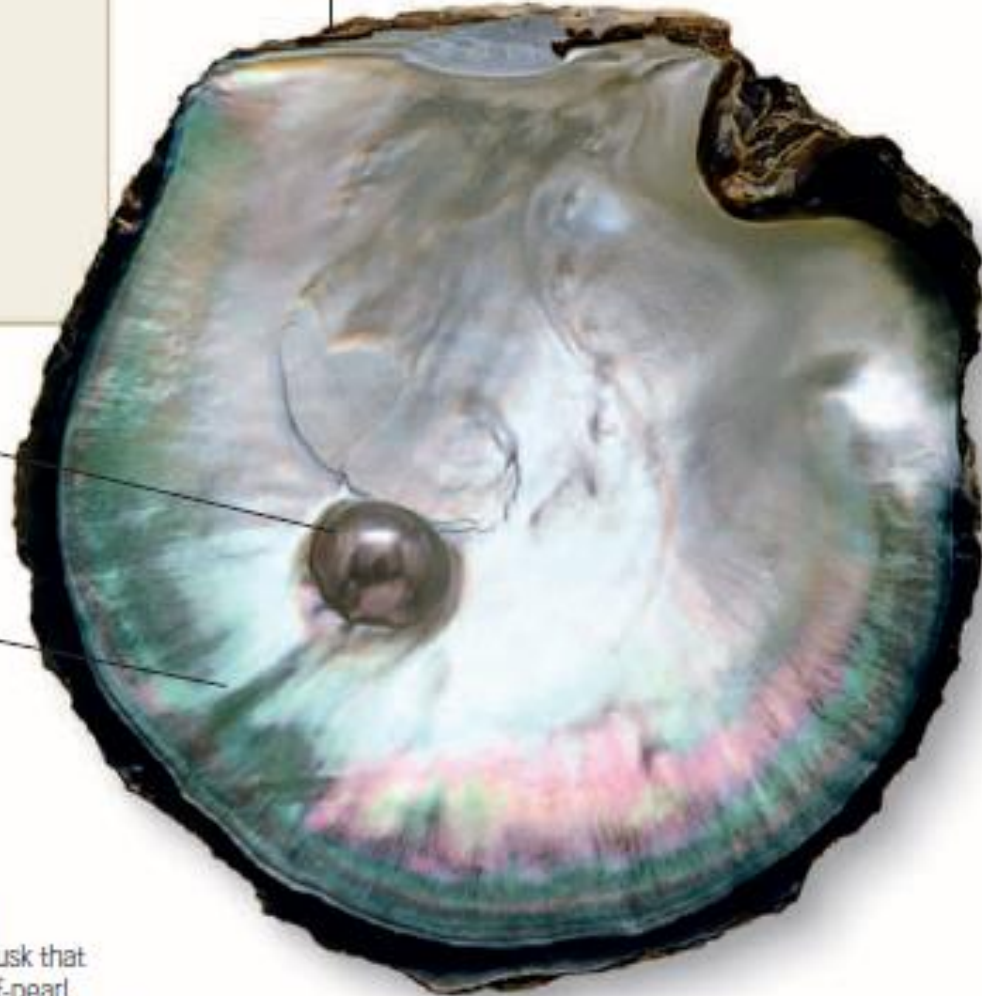


Pearly

conchiolin covering

black pearl

iridescent
mother-of-pearl



Black mother-of-pearl

The black-lip shell, a mollusk that produces black mother-of-pearl, also produces black cultured pearls.

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Kimyasal Formülü

CaCO_3



Pearl bracelet

This Cartier Art Deco bracelet has five strands of cultured pearls with a gold and oxidized-silver clasp.

KAVKI

PROFILE



Hexagonal



Orthorhombic

Amorphous



2 1/2



About 1.3



None



Conchoidal



White



Dull to vitreous

iridescent
mother-of-pearl



inner surface
of shell

Abalone shell

Found in warm seas, abalone shells, such as this one from New Zealand, are noted for their multicolored, iridescent, mother-of-pearl lining.

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CaCO_3



Shell perfume bottle

This 19th-century perfume bottle is made of two shells glued together. It has a chain, ring, and pinchbeck stopper.

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REÇİNE

PROFILE

Crystal system None

2-2½

About 1.1

None

Conchoidal

White

Resinous



Copal nugget

This specimen of copal closely resembles amber. Some copal is used as an amber substitute in jewelry.

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)



Copal beads

In this necklace, beads of a tough and compact form of copal alternate with beads carved from seeds.

KEHRİBAR

PROFILE

Crystal system None

2-2½

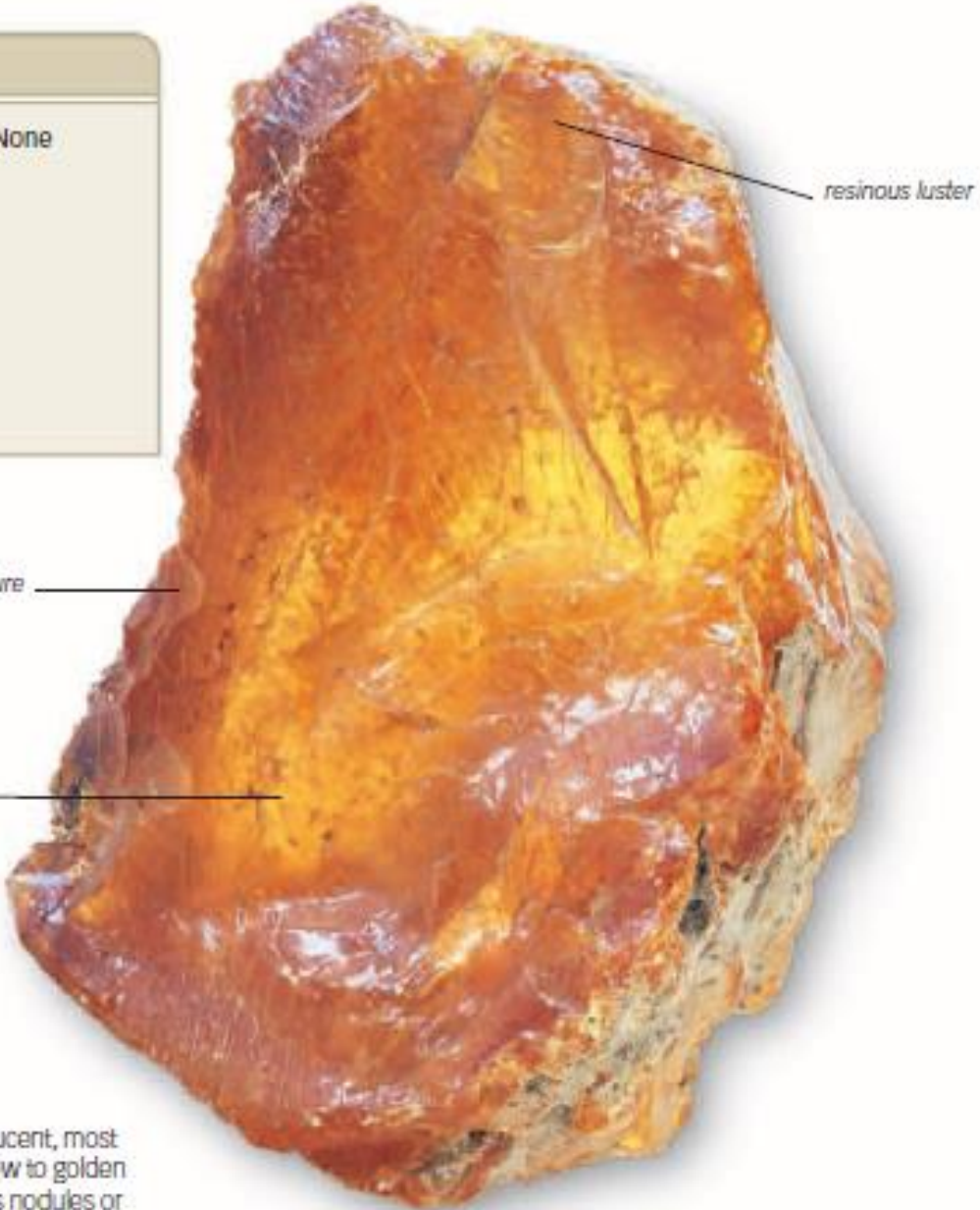
1.1

None

Conchoidal

White

Resinous



Kimyasal Formülü C, H, O

Amber nodule
Transparent to translucent, most amber is golden yellow to golden orange and occurs as nodules or small, irregularly shaped masses.

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Preserved in amber
As resin dried 40-50 million years ago, insects were sometimes fossilized within the sticky substance.

OLTUTAŞI

PROFILE

Crystal system None

▽ 2 ½

○ About 1.3

▣ None

⊞ Conchoidal

▣ Black to dark brown

⊞ Velvety, vitreous,
or waxy



bedded structure

vitreous luster

Woody structure

This specimen of jet shows the layered, woody structure that is sometimes characteristic of the mineral.

Bonewitz, R. L. (2012)



Jet necklace

This Native American necklace is made of high-quality, fine-grained jet, which shows velvety luster.

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