Strontiofluorite SrF₂

Crystal Data: Isometric. *Point Group:* $4/m \ \bar{3} \ 2/m$. As cubo-octahedral crystals to 0.3 mm, as spherical grains to 1 mm, or as fine-grained compact massive aggregates; as pseudomorphs after prismatic lamprophyllite.

Physical Properties: Cleavage: Perfect {111}. Fracture: Stepped. Tenacity: Brittle. Hardness = 4 D(meas.) = 4.05 D(calc.) = 4.11

Optical Properties: Translucent. *Color:* Pale gray; colorless in transmitted light. *Streak:* White. *Luster:* Greasy.

Optical Class: Isotropic. n = 1.438(2)

Cell Data: Space Group: $Fm\overline{3}m$. a = 5.713(8) Z = 4

X-ray Powder Pattern: Khibiny massif, Kola Peninsula, Russia. 3.324 (100), 2.029 (90), 1.731 (60), 1.172 (50), 1.317 (30), 2.886 (20), 1.434 (20)

33.15

99.94

Chemistry: (1) 1.79 Na Ca 9.57 Sr 42.81 Ba 7.06 La 2.14 Ce 2.78 Nd 0.64

F

Total

(1) Mt. Koashva, Khibiy massif, Kola Peninsula, Russia; average of several electron microprobe analyses; corresponding to $(Sr_{0.56}Ca_{0.27}Na_{0.09}Ba_{0.06}Ce_{0.02}La_{0.02}Nd_{0.01})_{\Sigma=1.03}F_2$.

Mineral Group: Fluorite group.

Occurrence: In lenses of sodalite-microcline-aegirine rock within an apatite-rich urtite; produced by intense alteration of primary Sr-bearing minerals by F-rich hydrothermal fluids in a peralkaline parageneses.

Association: Astrophyllite, burbankite, chlorobartonite, fluorite, fluorapatite, polezhaevite-(Ce).

Distribution: Mt. Koashva and Mt. Kitchepakhk, Khibiny alkaline massif, Kola Peninsula, Russia.

Name: As a Sr-dominant analogue of fluorite.

Type Material: Mineralogical Museum, St. Petersburg State University, Russia; Geological and Mineralogical Museum of the Geological Institute, Kola Science Center, Russian Academy of Sciences, Apatity, Russia (6455).

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