

Magbasite

Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* 2/m 2/m 2/m. As bundles of prismatic and acicular crystals elongated along [001] forming subparallel and fan-shaped aggregates, to 5 mm.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* n.d. *Fracture:* n.d. *Tenacity:* n.d. *Hardness* = ~5
D(meas.) = 3.41 D(calc.) = 3.374

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color:* Colorless to pinkish violet.

Luster: Vitreous.

Optical Class: Biaxial (-). $\alpha = 1.597(1)$ $\beta = 1.612(1)$ $\gamma = 1.618(1)$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 65(5)^\circ$

$2V(\text{calc.}) = 64.1^\circ$ *Dispersion:* Moderate, $r > v$. *Orientation:* $X = a$, $Y = b$, $Z = c$.

Pleochroism: $Z = \text{lavender}$, $X = \text{pale lavender}$, $Y = \text{colorless}$. *Absorption:* $Z > X > Y$.

Cell Data: Space Group: *Cmme* (*Cmma*). $a = 18.9506(3)$ $b = 22.5045(3)$ $c = 5.2780(1)$ $Z = 4$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Eldor carbonatite complex, Quebec, Canada.

2.572 (100), 2.991 (68), 3.546 (47), 2.416 (41), 2.848 (39), 2.306 (38), 1.6336 (38)

Chemistry:	(1)
K ₂ O	3.62
BaO	13.96
MgO	23.33
MnO	0.54
FeO	[3.42]
Fe ₂ O ₃	[6.42]
Al ₂ O ₃	0.88
SiO ₂	42.32
F	9.81
H ₂ O	[1.74]
<u>-O = F₂</u>	<u>4.13</u>
Total	101.91

(1) Eldor carbonatite complex, Quebec, Canada; by electron microprobe, average of 12 analyses supplemented by Raman spectroscopy; H₂O calculated from structure, FeO/Fe₂O₃ apportioned from total Fe as Fe₂O₃ = 10.22; corresponds to $\text{K}_{0.86}\text{Ba}_{1.02}\text{Mg}_{6.50}\text{Fe}^{2+}_{0.53}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{0.90}\text{Al}_{0.19}\text{Si}_{7.90}\text{O}_{22.04}(\text{OH})_{2.17}\text{F}_{5.79}$.

Occurrence: In thin veins cutting ferrodolomite- and siderite-carbonatites (Canada).

Association: Phlogopite, quartz, siderite, Fe-rich dolomite, Nb-rich rutile, bafertisitite, monazite-(Ce), rare-earth fluoro-carbonates (bastnäsitite-parisitite), fluorite (Canada).

Distribution: From Bayan Obo, Inner Mongolia, China. In the Eldor carbonatite complex, northeastern Quebec, Canada.

Name: For MAGnesium and BArium in its chemical composition.

Type Material: n.d.

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