

The crystal structure of viitaniemiite

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Abstract

The crystal structure of viitaniemiite $\text{Na}(\text{Ca},\text{Mn})\text{AlPO}_4\text{F}_2\text{OH}$ $a = 5.457(2)$, $b = 7.151(2)$, $c = 6.836(2)\text{\AA}$, $\beta = 109.36(3)^\circ$, $V = 251.68\text{\AA}^3$, $Z = 2$, space group $P2_1/m$, has been solved by Patterson and Fourier methods and refined by the least-squares method to an R index of 0.037 for 728 observed ($>2\sigma$) reflections. The structure consists of two sets of infinite chains parallel to the b -axis, one composed of $\text{AlO}_2(\text{OH})_2\text{F}_2$ octahedra sharing opposite OH corners and the other of $(\text{Ca},\text{Mn})\text{O}_4\text{F}_2$ octahedra sharing opposite O-O edges. These chains alternate laterally sharing F corners to form a set of parallel sheets held together by PO_4 tetrahedra and NaO_4F_4 gable disphenoids.

The sheet structure of viitaniemiite containing octahedrally coordinated atoms in two separate positions resembles that of montebasite and eosphorite. These three related phosphate minerals are associated with each other in the type locality of viitaniemiite, Viitaniemi pegmatite, Orivesi, southern Finland, where they crystallized during hydrothermal replacement processes caused by residual fluids of the pegmatite melt.

Introduction

Viitaniemiite occurs as a rare hydrothermal mineral in the phosphate-rich Viitaniemi pegmatite, Orivesi, southern Finland. One of the authors (SIL) has described it as a new mineral in a study on the mineralogy and petrology of the granitic pegmatites of the Eräjärvi area (Lahti, 1981). The mineral was encountered as an inclusion in eosphorite aggregate and is associated with morinite, another aluminum-bearing phosphate mineral. Structure analysis confirmed the ideal formula $\text{Na}(\text{Ca},\text{Mn})\text{AlPO}_4\text{F}_2\text{OH}$ with $Z = 2$, although wet chemical analysis indicates that some of the fluorine may be replaced by OH groups. The crystal data measured during the structure analysis are given in Table 1. The X-ray powder data, the optical properties, the chemical data, and the mineralogical description of the mineral have been given by Lahti (1981) and are not reproduced here. A preliminary description of the structure has been given by Lahti and Pajunen (1982). To date viitaniemiite has been identified positively in only three localities: at Viitaniemi, in museum specimens collected from druses of granite in Greifenstein, Sachsen (East Germany), and from Francon quarry, northeastern Montreal, where its occurrence has been confirmed by Ramik et al. (1983). In this quarry viitaniemiite was

encountered as very small crystals in vesicles of silicocarbonatite together with cryolite, calcite, quartz, and welo-ganite. Because the powder diffraction data of viitaniemiite resemble those of an unnamed mineral from Greifenstein, Sachsen, given on JCPDS card 13-0587, the present authors studied several museum specimens taken from this locality and identified viitaniemiite from the samples labeled as lacroixite (cf. Mrose, 1971). According to the descriptions by Slavik (1914, 1915), lacroixite (and therefore also viitaniemiite) occurs there in druses of lithiogramite together with ježekite (sodian morinite), apatite, childrenite (Fe end member of the isomorphous series childrenite-eosphorite), roscherite, and tourmaline. Preliminary microanalyzer determinations showed that Greifenstein viitaniemiite is rich in calcium and contains only a few percent of manganese; the fluorine content, however, is equal to that of the Finnish viitaniemiite. Due to its different chemical composition, the Greifenstein viitaniemiite has a larger unit cell ($a = 5.48\text{\AA}$, $b = 7.18\text{\AA}$, $c = 6.85\text{\AA}$, $\beta = 109.00^\circ$, $V = 254.84\text{\AA}^3$; based on the precession films from sample no. 86746 in Harvard Mineralogical Museum). Detailed studies on the Greifenstein viitaniemiite and lacroixite are in progress, because some of the data cited for lacroixite obviously derive from viitaniemiite.

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