

Diversilite-(Ce)**Na₂(Ba, K)₆Ce₂Fe²⁺Ti₃(Si₆O₁₈)₂(OH)₁₀·nH₂O**

Crystal Data: Hexagonal. *Point Group:* 32. Crystals platy on (001) to 2 mm, as fan-shaped aggregates to 3 mm. *Twinning:* On {001} confirmed by structure analysis.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* None. *Fracture:* Conchoidal. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = 5 D(meas.) = 3.68(2) D(calc.) = 3.72

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color:* Yellowish orange. *Streak:* White. *Luster:* Vitreous.

Optical Class: Uniaxial to slightly biaxial (+). $\omega = 1.705(2)$ $\varepsilon = 1.708(2)$

Pleochroism: Strong; *O* = pale yellow, *E* = yellowish orange.

Cell Data: *Space Group:* R32. $a = 10.708(2)$ $c = 60.073(11)$ $Z = 3$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Mt. Yukspor, Kola Peninsula, Russia.

3.236 (100), 2.026 (61), 2.642 (44), 2.654 (38), 10.12 (27), 3.094 (21), 2.234 (19)

Chemistry:	(1)		(1)
Na ₂ O	2.76	Pr ₂ O ₃	0.74
K ₂ O	5.81	Nd ₂ O ₃	1.21
CaO	0.10	Sm ₂ O ₃	0.16
SrO	0.42	SiO ₂	32.46
BaO	24.85	TiO ₂	9.17
MnO	1.09	Nb ₂ O ₅	1.62
FeO	3.10	<u>H₂O</u>	<u>6.15</u>
La ₂ O ₃	4.84	Total	101.20
Ce ₂ O ₃	6.72		

(1) Mt. Yukspor, Kola Peninsula, Russia; average of 3 electron microprobe analyses, H₂O by Penfield method; corresponding to Na_{1.98}(Ba_{3.60}K_{2.74}) $\Sigma=6.34$ (Ce_{0.91}La_{0.66}Nd_{0.16}Pr_{0.10}Sm_{0.02}Mn_{0.12}Sr_{0.09}Ca_{0.04}) $\Sigma=2.10$ (Fe²⁺_{0.96}Mn_{0.04}) $\Sigma=1.00$ (Ti_{2.55}Nb_{0.27}Mn_{0.18}) $\Sigma=3.00$ (Si₆O₁₈)₂[(OH)_{7.88}(H₂O)_{3.74}] $\Sigma=11.62$.

Occurrence: In a complex granitic pegmatite.

Association: Nepheline, sodalite, K-feldspar, natrolite, pectolite, aegirine, shcherbakovite, lamprophyllite, magnesium astrophyllite, delindeite, wadeite, umbite, kostylevite.

Distribution: From Mt. Yukspor, Khibiny alkaline massif, Kola Peninsula, Russia.

Name: From the Latin *diversus* for “heterogeneous” and SILicate, alluding to the compositional diversity, structural complexity and dominant anionic and rare earth compositions of the mineral.

Type Material: A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia.

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