

**Crystal Data:** Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* 222. As equant, well-formed, isolated or small clusters of pseudocubes to 1 mm, also as overgrowths on ramikite-(Y). Crystals display dominant {100}, {010}, and {001}, and minor {110}, {101}, and {011}; crystal faces striated parallel to the face diagonal.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* Very good on {100}, {010}, {001}. *Fracture:* n.d. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = ~3 D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 3.62(1)

**Optical Properties:** Translucent. *Color:* Colorless, pale pink to purple. *Streak:* White. *Luster:* Vitreous.

*Optical Class:* Biaxial (n.d.).  $\alpha$  = n.d.  $\beta$  = 1.601(1)  $\gamma$  = n.d. 2V(meas.) = n.d. 2V(calc.) = n.d. *Pleochroism:* None. *Dispersion:* None.

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:* P222.  $a = 11.167(2)$   $b = 11.164(2)$   $c = 11.162(2)$   $Z = 1$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Poudrette pegmatite, Mont Saint-Hilaire, Canada.  
2.63 (100), 2.99 (83), 4.56 (57), 3.95 (57), 3.54 (46), 2.149 (42), 2.71 (38)

| Chemistry:                     | (1)   | (2)   | (1)                           | (2)          |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 12.95 | 12.81 | ZrO <sub>2</sub>              | 0.67         |
| CaO                            | 1.15  |       | ThO <sub>2</sub>              | 0.37         |
| Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>  | 37.32 | 46.68 | P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> | 27.29        |
| Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 0.61  |       | F                             | 4.35         |
| Dy <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 3.08  |       | -O=F <sub>2</sub>             | 5.24         |
| Ho <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 0.67  |       | CO <sub>2</sub>               | 1.83         |
| Er <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 2.88  |       | H <sub>2</sub> O              | 2.21         |
| Tm <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 0.28  |       | <u>Li<sub>2</sub>O</u>        | [5.79]       |
| Yb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 1.78  |       | Total                         | 6.07         |
|                                |       |       |                               | 2.06         |
|                                |       |       |                               | 99.75 100.00 |

(1) Poudrette pegmatite, Mont Saint-Hilaire, Canada; average of 4 electron microprobe analyses, H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub> and Li<sub>2</sub>O calculated from stoichiometry and their presence confirmed by LA-ICP-MS and Raman analyses; corresponding to  $\text{Li}_4\text{Na}_{12}(\text{Y}_{10.06}\text{Na}_{0.72}\text{Ca}_{0.62}\text{Dy}_{0.50}\text{Er}_{0.46}\text{Yb}_{0.28}\text{Zr}_{0.17}\text{Ho}_{0.11}\text{Gd}_{0.10}\text{Tm}_{0.04}\text{Th}_{0.04}\text{Tb}_{0.02})_{\Sigma=13.12}(\text{PO}_4)_{11.70}(\text{CO}_3)_4[\text{F}_{6.97}\text{(OH)}_{1.03}]_{\Sigma=8}$ . (2)  $\text{Li}_4\text{Na}_{12}\text{Y}_{12}(\text{PO}_4)_{12}(\text{CO}_3)_4\text{F}_8$ .

**Occurrence:** A late-stage product possibly related to the in situ alteration of the pre-existing mineral assemblage present in the core of a zoned peralkaline pegmatite dike encased in a hornfels xenolith.

**Association:** Ramikite-(Y), albite, rhodochrosite, siderite, chabazite-Na, synchysite-(Ce), sabinite.

**Distribution:** From the Poudrette pegmatite, Mont Saint-Hilaire, La Vallée-du-Richelieu, Montérégie (formerly Rouville County), Québec, Canada.

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**Type Material:** The Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (M53894).

**References:** (1) McDonald, A.M., M.E. Back, R.A. Gault, and L. Horváth (2013) Peatite-(Y) and ramikite-(Y), two new Na-Li-Y±Zr phosphate-carbonate minerals from the Poudrette pegmatite, Mont Saint-Hilaire, Quebec. Can. Mineral., 51, 569-596. (2) (2014) Amer. Mineral., 99, 2441 (abs. ref. 1).