

**Crystal Data:** Hexagonal. *Point Group:*  $\bar{6} m2$ . As hexagonal crystals, tabular on {001} to prismatic on {100}, to 1.5 mm. *Twining:* Reentrant angles observed of an unidentified twin law.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* Poor on {001}. *Fracture:* Conchoidal. *Tenacity:* Brittle. D(meas.) = > 3.3 D(calc.) = 4.072 *Hardness* = 3.5 Effervesces in dilute HCl. Visually indistinguishable from arisite-(Ce).

**Optical Properties:** Transparent. *Color:* Beige, beige-yellow, light lemon-yellow to pinkish. *Streak:* White. *Luster:* Vitreous. *Optical Class:* Uniaxial (-).  $\omega = 1.696\text{--}1.714(4)$   $\varepsilon = 1.594\text{--}1.611(3)$  [crystals zoned chemically.]

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $P\bar{6} m2$ .  $a = 5.1131(7)$   $c = 8.6759(17)$   $Z = 1$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Ariskop and Railroad (Aris phonolite) quarry, central Namibia. 4.439 (100), 3.103 (87), 4.352 (52), 2.212 (43), 1.9748 (42), 2.561 (38), 1.9501 (16)

| Chemistry:                     | (1)   | (2)   |                                | (1)     | (2)     |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 6.07  | 6.49  | Sm <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 0.34    |         |
| CaO                            | 1.62  |       | Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> |         |         |
| SrO                            | 0.10  |       | CO <sub>2</sub>                | [22.80] | [18.42] |
| La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 28.83 | 68.19 | F                              | 6.51    | 11.93   |
| Ce <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 26.86 |       | -O=F                           | 2.74    | 5.02    |
| Pr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 1.10  |       | Total                          | 94.17   | 100.00  |
| Nd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 2.68  |       |                                |         |         |

(1) Namibia; average of 4 electron microprobe analyses supplemented by TGA-DTA for CO<sub>2</sub>; corresponds to (Na<sub>0.99</sub>Ca<sub>0.01</sub>) $\Sigma=1.00$ (La<sub>0.90</sub>Ce<sub>0.83</sub>Nd<sub>0.08</sub>Pr<sub>0.03</sub>Sm<sub>0.01</sub>Ca<sub>0.14</sub>) $\Sigma=1.99$ (CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[F<sub>0.73</sub>(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>0.63</sub>]F.  
(2) NaLa<sub>2</sub>(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[F<sub>2x</sub>(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>1-x</sub>]F, for x=1.

**Occurrence:** A late-stage, post-magmatic to hydrothermal mineral in miarolitic cavities as La-rich cores in arisite-(Ce) from phonolite associated with an alkaline volcanic province.

**Association:** Villiaumite, aegirine, analcime, apatite, fluorite, manganoneptunite, microcline, natrolite, sphalerite, taperssuatsiaite, the Fe-analogue of zakharovite, arisite-(Ce).

**Distribution:** From the Ariskop and Railroad (Aris phonolite) quarry, central Namibia.

**Name:** The La-dominant analog of *arisite*-(Ce), which is named for the *Aris* phonolite, Namibia.

**Type Material:** Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (CMNMC 86076).

**References:** (1) Piilonen, P.C., A.M. McDonald, J.D. Grice, M.A. Cooper, U. Kolitsch, R. Rowe, R.A. Gault, and G. Poirier (2010) Arisite-(La), a new REE-fluorocarbonate mineral from the Aris phonolite (Namibia), with descriptions of the crystal structures of arisite-(La) and arisite-(Ce). Mineral. Mag., 74(2), 257-268. (2) (2011) Amer. Mineral., 96, 937-938 (abs. ref. 1).