Calciodelrioite $Ca(VO_3)_2(H_2O)_4$

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. *Point Group*: 2/m. As terminated, prismatic crystals with {001} and {011} dominant. Typically as needles elongated and striated parallel to [100], forming parallel to sub-parallel intergrowths or divergent sprays to 2 mm or as very tightly intergrown broad blade-like aggregates in flat-lying "star bursts" to 2 mm.

Physical Properties: Cleavage: Perfect on $\{001\}$, others possible parallel [100]. Tenacity: Brittle. Fracture: Irregular to splintery. Hardness = 2.5 D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 2.451-2.503 Soluble in water.

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color*: Colorless, tan to reddish brown, brown. *Streak*: White. *Luster*: Subadamantine (crystals), silky (aggregates). *Optical Class*: Biaxial (+). $\alpha = 1.733(3)$ $\beta = 1.775(3)$ $\gamma = 1.825(3)$ 2V(meas.) = 87.3(9)° 2V(calc.) = 87° *Orientation*: X = b, $Z \approx a$. *Pleochorism*: None.

Cell Data: *Space Group*: I2/a. a = 14.6389(10) b = 6.9591(4) c = 17.052(2) $\beta = 102.568(9)^{\circ}$ Z = 8

X-ray Powder Pattern: West Sunday mine, Colorado, USA. 6.450 (100), 3.027 (50), 2.560 (28), 3.489 (18), 1.786 (18), 3.215 (17), 4.350 (16)

Chemistry:		(1)	(2)	(3)
·	Na_2O	0.34	0.08	
	K_2O	0.22	0.02	
	CaO	15.83	13.39	18.09
	SrO	2.31	6.87	
	V_2O_5	58.13	56.96	58.67
	H_2O	[23.16]	[22.66]	23.24
	Total	99.99	99.98	100.00

(1) West Sunday mine, Colorado, USA; average of 11 electron microprobe analyses, H_2O calculated from structure refinement, results normalized to account for dehydration during analysis; corresponding to $(Ca_{0.88}Sr_{0.07}Na_{0.04}K_{0.01})_{\Sigma=1.00}(V_{1.00}O_3)_2(H_{2.01}O)_4$. (2) West Sunday mine, Colorado, USA; average of 10 electron microprobe analyses, H_2O calculated from structure refinement, results normalized to account for dehydration during analysis; corresponding to $(Ca_{0.76}Sr_{0.21}Na_{0.01})_{\Sigma=0.98}(V_{1.00}O_3)_2(H_{2.01}O)_4$. (3) $Ca(VO_3)_2(H_2O)_4$.

Polymorphism & Series: Forms a series with delrioite; dimorphous with rossite.

Occurrence: A secondary mineral as crystalline crusts on fracture surfaces in the oxidized portions of corvusite- and montroseite-impregnated sandstone.

Association: Gypsum, rossite, metarossite, celestine, huemulite, pascoite (West Sunday mine); delrioite, hendersonite, pascoite, powellite, schindlerite (St. Jude mine); delrioite, huemulite, hummerite, magnesiopascoite, powellite, K- and Mg-bearing decavanadate (Blue Streak mine); huemulite (Little Eva mine).

Distribution: From the West Sunday and St. Jude mines, Slick Rock district, San Miguel County; and at the Blue Streak mine, Bull Canyon, Montrose County, Colorado; and also at the Little Eva mine, Yellow Cat district, Grand County, Utah, USA.

Name: As the calcium (*Ca*) analog of *delrioite*.

Type Material: Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, California, USA (# 63837, 63838, and 63839).

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