

Fantappièite**(Na_{82.5}Ca₃₃K_{16.5})_{Σ=132}(Si₉₉Al₉₉O₃₉₆)(SO₄)₃₃·6H₂O**

Crystal Data: Hexagonal. *Point Group:* $\bar{3}$. As crystals with flattened prismatic morphologies and striated faces to 0.7 mm. *Twinning:* Polysynthetic.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Poor on {001}. *Tenacity:* Brittle. *Fracture:* Conchoidal. Hardness = 6 VHN = 719.5 (10 g load). D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 2.471

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* Colorless. *Streak:* White. *Luster:* Vitreous. *Optical Class:* Uniaxial (-). $\omega = 1.5046(5)$ $\varepsilon = 1.5027(5)$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $P\bar{3}$. $a = 12.8742(6)$ $c = 87.215(3)$ $Z = 1$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Torre Stracciacappe, Trevignano community, Rome, Latium, Italy. 3.70 (100), 3.60 (80), 2.641 (65), 6.85 (60), 6.40 (55), 3.78 (55), 3.56 (50)

| Chemistry: | (1) | (2) |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|
| SiO ₂ | 32.193 | 31.421 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 27.117 | 26.662 |
| FeO | 0.073 | |
| K ₂ O | 4.050 | 4.106 |
| CaO | 9.073 | 9.776 |
| Na ₂ O | 14.058 | 13.506 |
| MgO | 0.020 | |
| MnO | 0.038 | |
| TiO ₂ | 0.056 | |
| SO ₃ | 13.056 | 13.957 |
| Cl | 0.161 | |
| F | 0.084 | |
| H ₂ O | [0.503] | 0.571 |
| CO ₂ | [0.069] | |
| -O=F, Cl | 0.072 | |
| Total | 100.479 | 99.999 |

(1) Torre Stracciacappe, Trevignano community, Rome, Latium, Italy; electron microprobe analysis supplemented by FTIR spectroscopy; H₂O and CO₂ calculated; corresponds to (Na_{84.12}Ca_{30.00}K_{15.95}Fe_{0.19}Ti_{0.13}Mn_{0.10}Mg_{0.09})(Si_{99.36}Al_{98.64})O₃₉₆(SO₄)_{30.24}(CO₃)_{0.29}Cl_{0.84}F_{0.82}·5.18H₂O.

(2) (Na_{82.5}Ca₃₃K_{16.5})_{Σ=132}(Si₉₉Al₉₉O₃₉₆)(SO₄)₃₃·6H₂O.

Mineral Group: Cancrinite-sodalite group.

Occurrence: In miarolitic cavities within volcanic ejecta.

Association: Sanidine, plagioclase, biotite, augitic clinopyroxene, andradite, iron oxides.

Distribution: At Torre Stracciacappe, Trevignano community, Rome, Latium, Italy.

Name: Honors Acasto Liberto *Fantappiè* (1862-1933), a geologist and naturalist who dedicated part of his scientific activity to the mineralogy and petrology of the volcanic rocks of the Sabatini area where the mineral was found.

Type Material: Museum of Mineralogy, University of Rome, Italy (MMUR 33027/1).

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