

**Crystal Data:** Triclinic. *Point Group:*  $\bar{1}$ . As crystals, to 20  $\mu\text{m}$ . *Twinning:* On (0 $\bar{1}$  0), polysynthetic.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* n.d. *Fracture:* n.d. *Tenacity:* n.d. *Hardness:* = n.d. D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 3.906

**Optical Properties:** n.d. *Color:* n.d. *Streak:* n.d. *Luster:* n.d. *Optical Class:* n.d. (for terrestrial Fe-rich rhönite)  $\alpha = 1.805(7)$   $\beta = 1.815(7)$   $\gamma = 1.845(7)$  2V(meas.) = 50(3) $^\circ$  *Orientation:* Z  $\wedge$  c = 38-58 $^\circ$ .

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $P\bar{1}$  (by analogy to rhönite.)  $a = 10.513(7)$   $b = 10.887(7)$   $c = 9.004(18)$   $\alpha = 105.97(13)^\circ$   $\beta = 96.00(12)^\circ$   $\gamma = 124.82(04)^\circ$  Z = 1

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** n.d.

| Chemistry:                     | (1)   |                               | (1)         |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 25.55 | SrO                           | 0.05        |
| TiO <sub>2</sub>               | 8.70  | ZnO                           | 0.04        |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 9.80  | MgO                           | 0.01        |
| Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 0.01  | CaO                           | 11.86       |
| Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>  | 0.03  | Na <sub>2</sub> O             | 0.04        |
| La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 0.04  | K <sub>2</sub> O              | 0.00        |
| Pr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 0.09  | P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> | 0.00        |
| Nd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 0.07  | F                             | 0.01        |
| FeO                            | 41.60 | Cl                            | 0.02        |
| MnO                            | 0.11  | <u>SO<sub>3</sub></u>         | <u>0.08</u> |
| NiO                            | 0.07  | Total                         | 98.38       |

(1) D'Orbigny angrite meteorite; average of 8 electron microprobe analyses supplemented by Raman spectroscopy; corresponds to (Ca<sub>3.88</sub>Na<sub>0.02</sub>REE<sup>3+</sup><sub>0.03</sub>Mn<sub>0.03</sub>Mg<sub>0.01</sub>Ni<sub>0.02</sub>Zn<sub>0.01</sub>Sr<sub>0.01</sub>) $\Sigma=4.01$  (Fe<sup>2+</sup><sub>9.98</sub>Ti<sub>2.00</sub>) $\Sigma=11.98$ (Si<sub>7.80</sub>Al<sub>3.52</sub>Fe<sup>3+</sup><sub>0.64</sub>P<sub>0.05</sub>S<sub>0.02</sub>) $\Sigma=12.03$ O<sub>39.98</sub>F<sub>0.01</sub>Cl<sub>0.01</sub>.

**Mineral Group:** Sapphirine supergroup, rhönite group.

**Occurrence:** In multiple-phase pockets, located mainly at olivine-augite triple junctions in an angrite meteorite, probably crystallized from an interstitial melt. Terrestrial occurrences include as a component in tephrite glass, basalt and phonolite.

**Association:** Whitlockite, an Fe sulfide, ulvöspinel, Ca-rich fayalite, Al-Ti-bearing hedenbergite (meteorite).

**Distribution:** From the D'Orbigny angrite meteorite. At Puy de Saint-Sandoux, Auvergne, France. From Foster Crater, McMurdo Volcanic Group, Antarctica and Saint-Leu, Réunion Island. From the Kaiserstuhl volcanic complex, Upper Rhine Graben, SW Germany.

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