

**Zeravshanite****Cs<sub>4</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>Zr<sub>3</sub>(Si<sub>18</sub>O<sub>45</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>**

**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m. As tabular crystals to 0.1 mm.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* One unspecified direction. *Fracture:* n.d. *Tenacity:* n.d. Hardness = 6 VHN = 838 (50 g load). D(meas.) = 3.09(5) D(calc.) = 3.170

**Optical Properties:** Transparent. *Color:* Colorless. *Streak:* n.d. *Luster:* Vitreous. *Optical Class:* Biaxial (-).  $\alpha = 1.585(2)$   $\beta = 1.598(2)$   $\gamma = 1.603(2)$   $2V(\text{calc.}) = -63^\circ$  *Dispersion:* Medium,  $v > r$ .

**Cell Data:** Space Group: C2/c.  $a = 26.3511(8)$   $b = 7.5464(3)$   $c = 22.9769(8)$   $\beta = 107.237(1)^\circ$  Z = 4

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Darai-Pioz glacial moraine, Tajikistan.  
3.35 (100), 3.14 (90), 2.62 (70), 6.32 (50), 3.65 (50), 2.82 (50), 3.25 (40)

**Chemistry:**

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SiO <sub>2</sub>	52.20
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.43
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	16.41
SnO <sub>2</sub>	0.46
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.21
Na <sub>2</sub> O	3.06
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.09
Cs <sub>2</sub> O	26.58
H <sub>2</sub> O	[1.74]
Total	101.18

(1) Darai-Pioz glacial moraine, Tajikistan; average of 6 electron microprobe analyses supplemented by IR spectroscopy, H<sub>2</sub>O calculated from structure analysis; corresponds to (Cs<sub>3.80</sub>Na<sub>0.18</sub>K<sub>0.02</sub>)<sub>Σ=4.00</sub>Na<sub>2.00</sub>(Zr<sub>2.73</sub>Ti<sub>0.19</sub>Fe<sup>3+</sup><sub>0.04</sub>Sn<sub>0.04</sub>)<sub>Σ=3.00</sub>(Si<sub>18</sub>O<sub>45</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>.

**Occurrence:** A pegmatite mineral in a quartz rock fragment in glacial sediment derived from an alkaline massif.

**Association:** Intergrowth with pectolite; quartz, aegirine, pectolite, polylithionite, reedmergnerite, pectolite, fluorite, stillwellite-(Ce), leucophenite, neptunite, calcite, pyrochlore, baratovite.

**Distribution:** From the moraine of the Darai-Pioz glacier at the junction of the Zeravshan, Turkestan and Alay Ranges, Tajikistan.

**Name:** For the locality, *Zeravshan* Range, that produced the first specimens.

**Type Material:** A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia.

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