

# Komkovite

# BaZrSi<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>•3H<sub>2</sub>O

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**Crystal Data:** Hexagonal. *Point Group:* 32. As equant crystals terminated by trigonal pyramids, to 5 mm.

**Physical Properties:** Tenacity: Brittle. Hardness = 3–4 D(meas.) = 3.31(5) D(calc.) = 3.31 Light blue cathodoluminescence.

**Optical Properties:** Semitransparent. Color: Brown. Streak: Light brown.  
Luster: Vitreous.

Optical Class: Uniaxial (−).  $\omega = 1.671(1)$   $\epsilon = 1.644(1)$

**Cell Data:** Space Group: R32.  $a = 10.526(6)$   $c = 15.736(9)$  Z = 6

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Vuoriyarvi complex, Russia.  
5.23 (100), 2.96 (90), 3.59 (80), 3.02 (80), 2.57 (60), 2.106 (60)

## Chemistry:

	(1)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	34.44
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	24.94
HfO <sub>2</sub>	0.46
FeO	0.33
MnO	0.00
CaO	0.08
BaO	28.19
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.13
H <sub>2</sub> O	[11.43]
Total	[100.00]

(1) Vuoriyarvi complex, Russia; by electron microprobe, H<sub>2</sub>O by difference (H<sub>2</sub>O 10% to 11.5% by coulometric analysis); corresponds to (Ba<sub>0.95</sub>Fe<sub>0.02</sub>Ca<sub>0.01</sub>K<sub>0.01</sub>)<sub>Σ=0.99</sub>(Zr<sub>1.04</sub>Hf<sub>0.01</sub>)<sub>Σ=1.05</sub>Si<sub>2.95</sub>O<sub>9</sub>•3.08H<sub>2</sub>O.

**Occurrence:** Apparently altering from cataleite, in dolomitic veinlets cutting metasomatically altered pyroxenites, in a carbonatite.

**Association:** Dolomite, strontianite, phlogopite, barite, georgechaoite, pyrite.

**Distribution:** In the Vuoriyarvi carbonatite complex, Kola Peninsula, Russia.

**Name:** To honor Russian mineralogist and crystallographer Aleksandr Ivanovich Komkov (1926–1987), Karpinskii All-Union Research Institute of Geology, St. Petersburg, Russia.

**Type Material:** Geology Museum, Kola Branch, Academy of Sciences, Apatity; Mining Institute, St. Petersburg, 2037/1; A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia, p462/1.

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