

$\text{Ca}_{4.7}\text{Nd}_{0.2}[\text{PO}_4]_3\text{F}$ $hP48$ $(176) P6_3/m - ih^5fa$ **Ca₅(PO₄)₃F:Nd** [1], apatite family; Na₃Ca₂(SO₄)₃OH rt [2], cesanite

Structural features: Infinite columns of base-linked CaO₆O₃ tricapped trigonal prisms share atoms with PO₄ tetrahedra to form a 3D-framework; F (in trigonal coordination) in infinite columns of face-linked (Ca,Nd)₆ octahedra parallel to [001] (distinct positions for Ca and Nd).

Mackie P.E., Young R.A. (1973) [1]

 $\text{Ca}_{4.09}\text{F}_{0.91}\text{Nd}_{0.24}\text{O}_{12}\text{P}_3$ $a = 0.93674$, $c = 0.68837$ nm, $c/a = 0.735$, $V = 0.5231$ nm³, $Z = 2$

site	Wyck.	sym.	x	y	z	occ.	atomic environment
O1	12i	1	0.3419	0.0849	0.0704		single atom P
O2	6h	$m..$	0.1581	0.4846	$\frac{1}{4}$		single atom P
Nd3	6h	$m..$	0.2331	0.2425	$\frac{1}{4}$	0.08	
Ca4	6h	$m..$	0.2425	0.2492	$\frac{1}{4}$	0.716	
P5	6h	$m..$	0.3985	0.0294	$\frac{1}{4}$		tetrahedron O ₄
O6	6h	$m..$	0.5883	0.1214	$\frac{1}{4}$		single atom P
Ca7	4f	3..	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0.0011	0.973	trigonal prism O ₆
F8	2a	-6..	0	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0.906	

Transformation from published data: $y, x, -z$ Experimental: single crystal, diffractometer, X-rays, $R = 0.013$

Remarks: 18-34 % of the reflections were omitted from the refinement. Refinement of the occupancies of the O sites showed no significant deviation from unity; we set the occupancy of site P5 equal to unity (refined value 1.014(2)). Short interatomic distances for partly occupied site(s). The same Ca/Na ratio is reported for both parts of the split site in [2] (cesanite).

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