The paper considers problems of establishing mineralogical signs of rare-metal and semi-precious ore mineralization in the territory of Murzinskaya-Adyaskaya beryllium (gemstone) subprovince, which is part of Murzinskiy-Adomavskiy-Mugodzharskiy rare-metal zone. Beryllium specialization of subprovince is caused by the extensive development of 260-300 mln years old collisional granites enriched with beryllium, tantulium, lithium, cesium, and tungsten. Beryllium mineralization on the studied objects is timed to Apo ultramafic or Apo mafic glimmerites, which occur along the eastern contact of Murzinský (Glinský, Verhne-Susanské), Adyasky (deposits and occurrences of Ural emerald band) and Kamensky (Mines of Kuznetsov, Kamenskoye) Upper Paleozoic granite massifs. At the stage of general search, mineral-indicators of ore-bearing are most interesting. These issues are a part of search mineralogy researches, aimed at the development of mineralogical search criteria of the mineral deposits. As a result of the works author establishes mineralogical characteristics and patterns, which one can use for search of rare-metal and semi-precious ore mineralization; direct search mineralogical signs on the territory of Murzinskaya-Adyaskaya beryllium (gemstone) subprovince are findings of primary beryllium minerals (beryl, emerald, chrysoberyl, alexandrite, phenacite, euclase) and findings of mica and mica veins and complexes, preferably ones that have phlogopite composition; indirect mineralogical signs are findings of secondary, beryllium minerals (bavenite, bertrandite, Be-margarite, euclase); pink and purple fluorites, encountered in mica complexes within Murzinskaya-Adyaskaya gemstone subprovince, can be a direct mineralogical sign of semi-precious mineralization (emerald, chrysoberyl, alexandrite); positive europium anomalies in fluorite in the exploratory work are an indirect indication of the ore beryll mineralization; upon finding high positive anomalies of BeO, detected by gamma-neutron and photo-neutron methods at the operational exploration stage, one should check them using mineralogical methods (visual inspection, X-ray analysis) to determine the presence of secondary minerals of beryllium (bavenite, bertrandite) or minerals of fragile mica group. 

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Introduction

Murzinskaya-Adyaskaya beryllium (gemstone) subprovince is a part of East-Ural rare-metal province, which covers exocontact zones of large batholiths of Late Paleozoic granites of Eastern Ural uplift [1]. Beryllium specialization of subprovince is caused by the extensive development of 260–300 mln years old collisional granites enriched with beryllium, tantulium, lithium, cesium, and tungsten. One can find description of deposits and displays of gems on the territory of Murzinskaya-Adyaskaya beryllium (gemstone) subprovince in the works of G. N. Vertushkov (1932), M. B. Arinshteyn (1983), A. S. Talantsev (1988), Ye. F. Emlin (2002) and others.

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To study the microelement composition of fluorite mineral monofractions we selected eight monofractions of mineral with a different color (colorless, blue, green, light brown, dark brown, brown, purple and violet) from different areas of the Mariinskiy deposit. The analytical group of Yu. L. Ronkin (Institute of Geology and Geochemistry of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences) conducted the composition of monofractions and their analysis on mass spectrometer Element 2.

Results of research

A study of alexandrite glimmerites, established direct mineralogical indications [6]. These formations with chrysoberyl and phencatite differ from emerald glimmerites by composition, color and heterogeneity. They form phlogopite and phlogopite-fluorite veins of green-gray and greenish-brown color in which chlorite content varies from 10–30 % to 70–90 %. Glimmerites are denser and have more parallel scales, but are only slightly schistosed and are less corrugated than emerald.

Mineral associations, that are direct search signs for the emerald glimmerites, predominantly consist of emerald, beryl, plagioclase, and fluorite. Alexandrite glimmerites usually have the following associations: alexandrite, chrysoberyl, phencatite, margarit, tourmaline (dravite) [6].

The experience of the author in later beryllium mineralization [7] tells that findings of secondary beryllium minerals (bavenite, bertrandite) or of fragile mica group minerals (biotite – Be-Margarit) are as a direct search attributes for the semi-precious and beryl mineralization. Under the microscope, one can see how though the longitudinal, diagonal, rarely transverse cracks in beryllium, bavenite develops. Furthermore, it grows on the verge of beryllium. In the later stages of the hydrothermal process mineral is replaced by bertrandite. The author found that behoit and klinobeit grow on bavenite. By the time of allocation bavenite is the latest of all minerals associated with them, except for a later chloride, epidote, analcime.

At the Mariinskiy deposit, the author describes the following color differences of fluorite: brown, colorless, green, blue, pink and purple. Among all these groups two main colors of fluorite stand out (pink and purple), both of which can serve as a direct search sign of the ore beryllium mineralization (beryl, emerald, alexandrite); both are prone to rapid bleaching up to the gray color on the sunny surface. Pink fluorite is most common in beryl and powerful quartz-plagioclase veins, vein metasomatic zones of the Northern and central regions of the Mariinskiy deposit. It is virtually non-existent in the South flank of the deposit (even in the rich veins) and almost never occurs in small veins and poor areas. Purple fluorite is always associated with phlogopite and margarit. Is most commonly "seals" (Fig. 2, 3) chromium-containing mineral association (emerald, alexandrite). All other color variations are not directly connected with the main mineralization, as they formed later and are a part of later mineralization.

Fluorites of the Mariinskiy deposit have a number of characteristic and distinctive features according to the trace element composition. At the same for all types of fluorite typeomorphic feature is the enrichment of the mineral with elements of the mafic-ultramafic formations (for example, the amount of chromium varies from 262 to 317 g/t, regardless of mineral color) (Fig. 4). Apparently, this is due to the fact that in the final stage of formation of all of mineral parageneses during crystallization fluids from the surrounding rocks started to participate, which are mainly represented by serpentinities and Apo ultramafic metasomatis. In this case, the calcium halide is formed directly in the matrix of Apo ultramafic substrate and has a trace element composition that is typical to many serpentinities [8].

According to the distribution of lanthanides, author can divide colorful fluorites of the Mariinskiy deposit into three types: high, intermediate and a low content of REE (Fig. 4). In the first type falls green fluorite and all brown tones. They are characterized by a gradual drop in REE (from heavy to light elements) and the presence of a weak positive anomaly of europium. Lanthanide concentration therein varies from 82 to 116 g/t. The ratio La/Yb is equal to 0.34–0.54. These values are typical for fluorites from granitic pegmatites (0, 8) and acidic rocks (0, 3) [9]. In the second type fall colorless and blue fluorites, they are characterized by a sharp drop in of REE (from heavy to light elements). Colorless fluorite has a strong negative anomaly of europium, while there are no anomalies in the blue. The ratio La/Yb is equal to 0.03–0.07. Lanthanide concentration therein varies from 14 to 21 g/t. It is possible that the first and second type of fluorite are just different generations, formed on the same substrate of rocks, because of what the trends configuration of REE distribution is very similar and differs only in the concentration of rare earths. Thus, the second type fluorite contains the formation of pegmatites, and the second type has sealed the quartz-plagioclase veins that were formed by first albitization of rocks [8].

Purple fluorite applies to the third type. It has an extremely low content of REE (up to 5 g/t). This fluorite is characterized by a gradual increase from heavy to light elements and the presence of a sharp positive anomaly of europium. La/Yb ratio is equal to 10.2. It is interesting that such a high ratio is characteristic for syenite pegmatites and alkaline rocks, maybe this is due to the appearance of an alkaline environment during the crystallization of purple fluorite. There are no descriptions of REE distributions similar to the third type of fluorite in the literature, although it is strongly reminiscent with the trends of the lanthanides from Bazhenovskyape aphonoburzite serpentinities [8].
At an early stage of identifying and characterizing of semi-precious and rare-metal beryllium, mineralization is of great importance to use mineralogical characteristics. At the stage of general search, mineral signs of ore bearing are most interesting. These issues are a part of search mineralogy researches, aimed at the development of mineralogical search criteria of the mineral deposits. There are the following mineralogical search features: a) resistant association of the minerals; "Prohibited" combinations of minerals; minerals of ore indicators or a specific process; morphological features of minerals [9]. Mineralogical features in conjunction with geological and geochemical elements of these models allow estimating the formation type of mineralization, of stages of its formation, the presence of rich or poor ores.

Direct mineral signs related to the nature of certain mineral bodies and near-ore halos, indirect – with medium of ore mineralization. According to the theory proposed by N. P. Yushkin, minerals-indicators are divided into three categories by search functions [10];

- useful (ore) minerals are direct indicators of ore-bearing, have the greatest search value and serve as a reliable guide for prospecting one of the methods to determine the halo of minerals (boulders, detritus, schlich). Finding such minerals must be documented. On the territory of beryl Murzinskaya-Aduyskaya subprovince these are beryl, chrysoberyl, emerald, alexandrite, phacelite;
- minerals, related to useful minerals, i.e., are in a close genetic relationship the latest. For example, the phlogopite, plagioclase, chlorite or secondary beryllium minerals – bavenite, bertrandite;
- minerals, associated with useful minerals (minerals-satellites), which are used for search purposes and are the most important indicators of the search. Minerals satellites may be varied in their nature and in their search value. On the territory of subprovince these are fluorite, apatite, talc, margarite.

Identification of each new mineralogical indicator is equivalent to the development of a new search method. In addition to high informativeness, one should maximize flexibility, possibility of obtaining using express methods, providing mass measurement indicator minerals parameters [10].

Ore deposition conditions find their reflection in the formation of specific, natural mineral associations, typical for this situation minerals-indicators that provide useful information about the processes of formation of ore bodies. Earlier in deposits and manifestations of the Ural emerald band O. Ye. Chizhik and Z. V. Lekukh identified the following groups of mineralogical attributes [11].

The first group of signs includes the composition of rock-forming minerals in the veins of glimmerites. This is phlogopite (90%) and impurities are present as talc, chlorite and actinolite (up to 10–50%). A positive sign of secondary semi-precious and rare metal raw materials within Murzinskaya-Aduyskaya beryl subprovince is discovery of glimmerites of mainly phlogopite composition.

The second group of symptoms that can be treated as a direct search feature – it is the presence of one of beryl beryllium minerals in glimmerites (beryl, emerald, chrysoberyl, phacelite).

In research [12], the description of the local search signs and criteria for the deposits of jewelry beryl, as a direct mineralogical and petrographic features authors provide find of beryl that has emerald green color, regardless of the size, transparency and perfect crystals (emeralds). Indirect signs include mineralogical finds of satellite minerals of a variety of beryl jewelry (including emeralds), well described in the scientific literature. Mineralogical and petrographic sign of emerald deposit is the existence of zones and veins of glimmerites of significantly (over 90%) phlogopite composition, with an admixture of talc, chlorite, actinolite and containing phenacite, chrysoberyl, Be-margarite [12, 13].

Previously we examined mineralogical emerald signs of ore bodies at the Mariinsky deposit, based on the variations of the properties of Ca-containing minerals (apatite, plagioclase, fluorite) [14, 15].

Indirectly, the presence of ore (useful) beryllium mineralization indicates higher values of BeO in the surrounding rocks, fixed by chemical-analytical methods, or gamma-neutron and photonutron methods. Therefore, in the early stages of search operations on rare-metal and semi-precious mineralization one uses special geophysical instruments – berylometers. They detect beryl by irradiation of rocks with radioactive isotopes with the subsequent registration of secondary radiation. In the later stages of exploration (operational, advanced) and geological exploration, starting with detailed searches berylometers readings should be checked or supplemented with mineralogical studies (visual diagnostics, X-ray analysis). According to the experience of the author at the Mariinsky deposit BeO some anomalies were connected mostly to the development of late beryllium mineralization, whereas the main mineralization (beryl, emerald) was in the side [7]. One can frequently observe it in tectonically weakened zones.

The following mineral associations are commonly used at the deposits of mica type located outside of Russia, as a mineralogical signs of the gemstone mineralization:

- Changes in the composition of tourmaline (dravite) as a sign on emerald mineralization in the Yukon territory (Canada) [16].
- Quartz-tourmaline mineralization in phlogopite shales, as an indicator on emeralds at Kafubu deposit (Zambia) [17, 18].
- Findings of Ni-Cr containing muscovite and tourmaline are search signs at geological exploration on the emerald mineralization on Swat deposit (Pakistan) [19].
- On some deposits of Madagascar, emerald mineralization occurs at the contact of granitic pegmatites from the ultrabasic rocks, where the productive

![Figure 2](image2.png)

**Figure 2.** The crystals of chrysoberyl (green) in fluorite (purple).

![Figure 3](image3.png)

**Figure 3.** Discharge of purple fluorite among green beryl crystals.

![Figure 4](image4.png)

**Figure 4.** Distribution of REE in fluorites of Mariinsky deposit.
signs on emerald mineralization are chlorite, phlogopite, tremolite and plagioclase [20].

As an indirect sign of searching for rare-metal and semi-precious beryllium mineralization in glimmerites in the territory of Murzinskaya-Aduyskaya beryllium (gemstone) subprovince is possible to use a distinctive feature of purple fluorite – a very low content of REE (not more than 5 g/t). This fluorite is characterized by a gradual increase from heavy to light elements and the presence of a sharp positive anomaly of europium (Fig. 4). He thus stands out among all the color differences, met at the Mariinskiy deposit [8].

Conclusions
Direct search mineralogical signs on the territory of Murzinskaya-Aduyskaya beryllium (gemstone) subprovince are findings of primary beryllium minerals (beryl, emerald, chrysoberyl, alexandrite, phenacite, euclase).

Important direct mineralogical signs of rare-metal and semi-precious beryllium mineralization are discoveries of secondary beryllium minerals (bavenite, bertrandite, Be-margarit, euclase).

Discoveries of glimmerites veins and complexes, preferably phlogopite composition should be considered as an indirect mineralogical signs across the province.

Pink and purple fluorites, encountered in mica complexes within Murzinskaya-Aduyskaya gemstone subprovince, can be a direct mineralogy sign of semi-precious mineralization (emerald, chrysoberyl, alexandrite).
Upon finding high positive anomalies of BeO, detected by gamma-neutron and photo-neutron methods at the operational exploration stage, one should check them using mineralogical methods (visual inspection, X-ray analysis) to determine the presence of secondary minerals of beryllium (bavenite, bertrandite) or minerals of fragile mica group, bititite–Be-margarite.

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