

Vurroite**Pb₂₀Sn₂(Bi, As)₂₂S₅₄Cl₆**

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m. As fibrous crystals, to 0.4 mm., in divergent fibrous aggregates. *Twinning:* Twinning on (001).

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* None. *Fracture:* n.d. *Tenacity:* n.d.
Hardness = n.d. D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 6.15

Optical Properties: Opaque. *Color:* Silver-gray; white in reflected light. *Streak:* n.d.
Luster: Metallic.
Optical Class: Biaxial (+). *Anisotropism:* Weak.
R: (470) 34.25, (546) 32.95, (589) 32.60, (650) 31.05

Cell Data: *Space Group:* C2/c. *a* = 8.371(2) *b* = 45.502(9) *c* = 27.273(6) β = 98.83(3) $^\circ$ Z = 4
Frequent twins and disordered domains in the structure were observed.

X-ray Powder Pattern: La Fossa crater, Vulcano Island, Italy.
2.07 (100), 3.34 (80), 2.85 (80), 2.69 (80), 2.10 (70), 3.17 (60), 2.17 (60)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)
Pb	40.92	43.86
Bi	28.30	24.33
As	8.38	8.72
Sn	1.60	2.51
Tl	0.06	
S	18.28	18.33
Se	0.18	
Cl	1.85	2.25
Br	0.24	
Total	99.81	100.00

(1) La Fossa crater, Vulcano Island, Italy; average of 12 electron microprobe analyses,
corresponding to Pb_{18.95}Sn_{1.30}(Bi_{12.99}As_{10.73}Tl_{0.03})_{Σ=23.75}(S_{54.71}Se_{0.22}Cl_{5.00}Br_{0.29})_{Σ=60.22}.
(2) Pb₂₀Sn₂(Bi,As)₂₂S₅₄Cl₆.

Occurrence: As encrustations around fumaroles (400-600 °C) in an active volcanic crater.

Association: Bismuthinite, lillianite, kirkiite, heyrovskýite, galena.

Distribution: Fumarole FF (and others), La Fossa crater, Vulcano Island, Italy.

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Type Material: Mineralogical Museum, University of Bari, Italy, (6/nm).

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