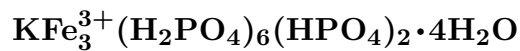


Haigerachite



©2001-2005 Mineral Data Publishing, version 1

Crystal Data: Triclinic. *Point Group:* $\bar{1}$. As bladed crystals, to 0.4 mm, flattened on {110} and striated on {001} || {010} and on {100} || [001]; dominant forms include {110}, {100}, {010}, {001}; as fine-grained coatings.

Physical Properties: *Fracture:* Conchoidal. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = [2.5–3] (by analogy to parsonsite). $D(\text{meas.}) = 6.39$ (synthetic). $D(\text{calc.}) = 6.40$ Radioactive.

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color:* Yellow; pale yellow in transmitted light. *Streak:* Pale yellow. *Luster:* Subadamantine.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). *Pleochroism:* Weak; $X =$ pale yellow; $Z =$ nearly colorless.

Dispersion: $r > v$. *Absorption:* $X > Z$. $\alpha = 1.882(5)$ $\beta = \text{n.d.}$ $\gamma = 1.915(5)$

$2V(\text{meas.}) = \sim 80^\circ$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $P\bar{1}$. $a = 7.123$ $b = 10.469$ $c = 6.844$ $\alpha = 100^\circ 34'$ $\beta = 94^\circ 48'$
 $\gamma = 91^\circ 16'$ $Z = 2$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Michael mine, Germany; nearly identical to parsonsite.
3.42 (10b), 2.85 (8), 4.42 (6), 3.03 (6), 4.26 (5), 3.33 (5b), 7.09 (3)

Chemistry: (1) Michael mine, Germany; microchemical and spectrographic analysis confirmed Pb, U, and As as major components, P absent; formula established by the similarity of the X-ray powder pattern with that of parsonsite and synthetic $\text{Pb}_2(\text{UO}_2)(\text{AsO}_4)_2$.

Occurrence: A secondary mineral found on a museum specimen from an oxidizing As–Pb-bearing deposit, formed by alteration of galena.

Association: Hügelite, widenmannite, mimetite, barite, galena, quartz.

Distribution: In Germany, from the Michael mine, Weiler, near Lahr, Black Forest, and on the Bühlскопff, near Ellweiler, Rhineland-Palatinate.

Name: Honors Dr. Arthur Francis Hallimond (1890–1968), British mineralogist, London, England, for his work with secondary uranium minerals.

Type Material: n.d.

References: (1) Walenta, K. (1965) Hallimondite, a new uranium mineral from the Michael mine near Reichenbach (Black Forest, Germany). *Amer. Mineral.*, 50, 1143–1157.