Hydroromarchite $Sn^{2+} {}_3O_2(OH)_2$

Crystal Data: Tetragonal. Point Group: $\overline{4}$ 2m. In thin crusts intermixed with romarchite; as coatings, spots, or crystals to $100 \, \mu \text{m}$. Crystals are tabular with prominent pinacoid to nearly equant, with pinacoid, shallow bipyramid and prism prominent.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage*: Three sets visible in SEM images. *Tenacity*: Brittle. Hardness = n.d. D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 4.904

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color*: Colorless, pale tan (crusts), brown (bruised spots on crusts). *Luster*: Adamantine.

Optical Class: Uniaxial. $\omega = \text{n.d.}$ $\varepsilon = \text{n.d.}$

Cell Data: Space Group: $P\overline{4}\ 2_1c$. a = 7.9269(5) c = 9.0970(6) Z = 4

X-ray Powder Pattern: Boundary Falls, Canada.

3.540 (100), 2.797 (94), 2.988 (81), 3.303 (60), 5.980 (41), 2.507 (38), 5.612 (34)

Chemistry:

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Sn	83.41
Fe	0.79
Zn	0.57
S	0.04
O	[11.61]
H_2O	[4.27]
Total	100.68

(1) Corchia mine, Italy; average electron microprobe analysis, H_2O calculated from ideal formula, O calculated; neglecting S, corresponds to $(Sn_{2.90}Fe_{0.06}Zn_{0.04})_{\Sigma=3.00}O_2(OH)_{1.96}$.

Occurrence: Interstitial in quartz-calcite gangue of a massive sphalerite-pyrite ore body (Italy). Generally, of anthropogenic origin by preferential leaching and oxidation of tin from tin, bronze, or pewter artifacts in a marine or fluvial environment. Inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectroscopic analysis of pewter in the artifact from Boundary Falls, Canada, yielded Sn 82.0, Pb 11.0, Sb 1.1, Cu 0.7, Fe 0.3, Zn 0.1, As 0.05, Mg 0.05, and Ca 0.7 wt. %.

Association: Romarchite (Canada); siderite, pyrite, smithsonite, sphalerite, barite, an unidentified Fe-Ca sulfate (Italy).

Distribution: From the Corchia mine, western Emilia Romagna, Italy. At Boundary Falls, Winnipeg River, Ontario, Canada [TL], where pewter pannikins had been dropped by a voyageur between 1801 and 1821.

Name: As a HYDROus mineral related to romarchite.

Type Material: Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada, M28744.

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