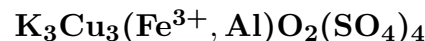


Klyuchevskite



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Crystal Data: Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2. Crystals are acicular, elongated along [010], to 0.5 mm; in random aggregates.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* On {h0l}, perfect. Hardness = n.d. VHN = 167 (3 g load). D(meas.) = 3.00–3.15 D(calc.) = 2.98 Soluble in H₂O.

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* Dark green to olive-green. *Streak:* Pale green. *Luster:* Submetallic.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). *Pleochroism:* Strong; X = olive-green; Y = green; Z = dark olive-green. *Orientation:* Y = b. $\alpha = 1.549(1)$ $\beta = 1.550(1)$ $\gamma = 1.680(1)$ 2V(meas.) = n.d. 2V(calc.) = 11°

Cell Data: *Space Group:* I2. $a = 18.667(7)$ $b = 4.94(2)$ $c = 18.405(7)$ $\beta = 101.5(2)^\circ$ Z = 4

X-ray Powder Pattern: Tolbachik volcano, Russia; similar to alumoklyuchevskite. 9.03 (100), 9.17 (95), 3.762 (55), 7.20 (35), 3.409 (28), 4.502 (25), 3.678 (23)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
SO ₃	40.98	41.06
Al ₂ O ₃	1.38	
Fe ₂ O ₃	7.86	10.24
CuO	31.15	30.59
ZnO	0.04	
PbO	0.71	
Na ₂ O	0.00	
K ₂ O	18.17	18.11
Cl	0.13	
–O = Cl ₂	0.03	
Total	100.39	100.00

(1) Tolbachik volcano, Russia; by electron microprobe, average of 25 grains; corresponds to K_{3.00}(Cu_{3.05}Pb_{0.02})_{Σ=3.07}(Fe_{0.77}Al_{0.21})_{Σ=0.98}O₂(S_{1.00}O₄)_{4.00}. (2) K₃Cu₃FeO₂(SO₄)₄.

Occurrence: In cavities in volcanic fumaroles.

Association: Alarsite, fedotovite, lammerite, nabokoite, atlasovite, langbeinite, ponomarevite, tolbachite, kamchatkite, hematite, tenorite.

Distribution: From the Tolbachik fissure volcano, Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia.

Name: For the locality, as one of the Klyuchevskaya group of volcanoes.

Type Material: Mining Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia, 979/1.

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