

# Phyllotungstite



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**Crystal Data:** Orthorhombic. *Point Group:*  $2/m\ 2/m\ 2/m$ ,  $mm2$ , or  $222$ . Crystals are flattened on  $\{001\}$ , to 0.25 mm, showing  $\{100\}$ ,  $\{010\}$ ,  $\{110\}$ ,  $\{001\}$ , in radial aggregates and scaly crusts. *Twining:* On  $\{110\}$ .

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* On  $\{001\}$ , perfect. *Fracture:* Irregular. Hardness =  $\sim 2$   
D(meas.) =  $> 4.03$  D(calc.) = 5.26

**Optical Properties:** Translucent. *Color:* Yellow to yellow-brown. *Streak:* Pale yellow.  
*Luster:* Pearly.

*Optical Class:* Biaxial (-), may be uniaxial (-). *Orientation:*  $Z = c$ . *Dispersion:*  $r \gg v$ .  
 $\alpha = 2.10(1)$   $\beta = \text{n.d.}$   $\gamma = 2.185(1)$   $2V(\text{meas.}) = 18^\circ$

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $Pmmm$ ,  $Pmm2$ , or  $P222$ .  $a = 7.29$   $b = 12.59$   $c = 19.55$   
 $Z = 3$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Clara mine, Germany.

3.13 (10), 3.25 (8), 1.822 (8), 6.33 (7), 2.92 (7), 2.45 (7), 6.01 (6)

## Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
WO <sub>3</sub>	72.7	74.16
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	13.3	12.77
PbO	2.1	
CaO	1.8	2.99
H <sub>2</sub> O	[10.1]	10.08
Total	[100.0]	100.00

(1) Clara mine, Germany; H<sub>2</sub>O by difference, corresponds to  $\text{H}(\text{Ca}_{0.61}\text{Pb}_{0.18})_{\Sigma=0.79}\text{Fe}_{3.15}(\text{WO}_4)_{5.93} \cdot 10.2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . (2)  $\text{HCaFe}_3(\text{WO}_4)_6 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

**Occurrence:** A rare secondary mineral in the oxidized zone of a hydrothermal polymetallic barite-fluorite deposit.

**Association:** Ferritungstite, scheelite, pyrite, fluorite, hematite, quartz.

**Distribution:** From the Clara mine, near Oberwolfach, Black Forest, Germany.

**Name:** From the Greek for *leaf*, reflecting its crystal habit, and *tungsten* in its composition.

**Type Material:** University of Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany; National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA, 161199.

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