

## Sainfeldite



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**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic. *Point Group:*  $2/m$ . Crystals are elongate along [001], flattened on {100}, showing {100}, {010}, {110}, {011}, {001}; in radiating groups and flattened rosettes, to 3 mm.

**Physical Properties:** Hardness = n.d.  $D(\text{meas.}) = 3.04(2)$   $D(\text{calc.}) = 3.00(4)$

**Optical Properties:** Transparent. *Color:* Colorless to light pink.

*Optical Class:* Biaxial (-). *Orientation:*  $X = b$ ;  $Y \wedge c = \sim 20^\circ$ .  $\alpha = 1.600(2)$   $\beta = 1.610(2)$   
 $\gamma = 1.616(2)$   $2V(\text{meas.}) = 80(2)^\circ$

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $C2/c$  (synthetic).  $a = 18.781(7)$   $b = 9.820(4)$   $c = 10.191(4)$   
 $\beta = 97^\circ 1(3)'$   $Z = 4$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines, France.

3.37 (FFF), 3.18 (FF), 8.7 (F), 4.64 (F), 3.06 (F), 4.86 (mF), 4.45 (mF)

### Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	54.7	55.37
CaO	33.4	33.78
H <sub>2</sub> O	11.5	10.85
Total	99.6	100.00

(1) Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines, France. (2)  $\text{Ca}_5(\text{AsO}_4)_2(\text{AsO}_3\text{OH})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

**Occurrence:** A post-mine low-temperature reaction product of carbonate gangue with arsenical solutions derived from arsenic (Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines, France).

**Association:** Picropharmacolite, pharmacolite, ferrarisite, rauenthalite, fluckite, phaunouxite, calcite, löllingite (Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines, France); irhtemite (Bou Azzer, Morocco).

**Distribution:** In France, from the Gabe Gottes and Glückauf mines, Rauenthal, near Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines, Haut-Rhin; in the Salsigne mine, 15 km north of Carcassone, Aude; and at Duranus, Alpes Maritimes. From Jáchymov (Joachimsthal), Czech Republic. In the Anton mine, Heubachtal, near Schiltach, and the Sophia mine, near Wittichen, Black Forest, Germany. At Bou Azzer, Morocco.

**Name:** Honoring Paul Sainfeld (1916– ), Honorary Curator, National School of Mines, Paris, France, who collected the type material.

**Type Material:** National School of Mines, Paris, France.

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