

Schlossmacherite



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Crystal Data: Hexagonal. *Point Group:* $\bar{3} 2/m$. As polycrystalline aggregates and crusts.

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

Optical Properties: Semitransparent. *Color:* Pale green to gray-green; colorless in thin section. *Luster:* Waxy.

Optical Class: Uniaxial. $n = 1.597$ $\omega = \text{n.d.}$ $\epsilon = \text{n.d.}$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $R\bar{3}m$. $a = 6.998(2)$ $c = 16.67(1)$ $Z = [3]$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Emma Luisa mine, Chile.

2.962 (100), 4.918 (70), 2.979 (50), 3.510 (35), 1.900 (35), 2.218 (30), 1.752 (25)

Chemistry:

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SO ₃	29.32
As ₂ O ₅	13.44
Al ₂ O ₃	36.33
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.55
CuO	1.19
CaO	3.51
SrO	0.26
BaO	0.33
Na ₂ O	0.47
K ₂ O	0.54
H ₂ O	[14.06]
Total	[100.00]

(1) Emma Luisa mine, Chile; by electron microprobe, H₂O by difference, (OH)¹⁻ calculated for charge balance; corresponds to $[(\text{H}_3\text{O})_{0.54}\text{Ca}_{0.26}\text{Na}_{0.07}\text{Cu}_{0.06}\text{K}_{0.05}\text{Sr}_{0.01}\text{Ba}_{0.01}]_{\Sigma=1.00}(\text{Al}_{2.97}\text{Fe}_{0.03})_{\Sigma=3.00}[(\text{SO}_4)_{1.53}(\text{AsO}_4)_{0.49}]_{\Sigma=2.02}(\text{OH})_{6.19}$.

Mineral Group: Beudantite group.

Occurrence: A rare secondary mineral in the oxidized zone of a copper-bearing gold deposit.

Association: Ceruleite, chenevixite, olivenite, alumopharmacosiderite, mansfieldite, barite, quartz, goethite.

Distribution: From the Emma Luisa gold mine, Guanaco district, about 100 km east-northeast of Taltal, Antofagasta, Chile.

Name: To honor Professor Emeritus Karl Schlossmacher (1887–1980), Institute for Mineralogy and Petrography, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany, Honorary President of the German Gemmological Society.

Type Material: University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany, 10'11'13.

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