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Crystal Data: Hexagonal. Point Group:  $\overline{3}$  2/m, 3m, or 32. As thin bands a few  $\mu$ m wide in caswellsilverite, also as individual grains, to 250  $\mu$ m.

**Physical Properties:** Cleavage: Basal, perfect (synthetic); distinct parting on  $\{h0l\}$ . Hardness = n.d. VHN = 41.8–90.8 on  $\{0001\}$  (15 g load) (synthetic). D(meas.) = 2.70 (synthetic). D(calc.) = 2.74

**Optical Properties:** Opaque. *Color:* In reflected light, gray in air, bluish gray in oil. *Luster:* Submetallic (synthetic).

Optical Class: Uniaxial (-). Pleochroism: Distinct; white with yellowish tint to light gray with bluish or greenish tint. Anisotropism: Strong.

 $\begin{array}{l} R_1-R_2\colon (400) \ -- \ , \ (420) \ 15.4-17.0, \ (440) \ 16.0-17.4, \ (460) \ 16.6-19.3, \ (480) \ 16.5-19.3, \ (500) \\ 16.4-19.4, \ (520) \ 16.2-19.3, \ (540) \ 16.0-19.3, \ (560) \ 15.8-19.3, \ (580) \ 15.5-19.3, \ (600) \ 15.2-19.2, \ (620) \\ 15.2-19.1, \ (640) \ 15.0-19.0, \ (660) \ 15.1-19.1, \ (680) \ 15.1-19.4, \ (700) \ 14.8-19.0 \end{array}$ 

Cell Data: Space Group:  $R\overline{3}m$ , R3m, or R32. a = 3.32(1) c = 26.6(1) Z = 3

X-ray Powder Pattern: Synthetic.

8.85 (vsb), 2.81 (mb), 2.53 (mb), 1.66 (mb), 4.43 (wb), 2.21 (vvwb)

## Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)	(3)
Na	5.10	4.95	4.89
$\operatorname{Cr}$	36.3	36.2	36.87
Ti	0.17		
Mn	0.17		
$\mathbf{S}$	45.5	44.9	45.47
$\rm H_2O$	14.3	13.9	12.77
Total	101.5	100.0	100.00

(1) Norton County meteorite; by electron microprobe, average values; corresponds to  $Na_{0.31}Cr_{0.98}$   $S_{2.00} \cdot 1.20H_2O$ . (2) Synthetic schöllhornite; by electron microprobe, corresponds to  $Na_{0.31}Cr_{0.99}$   $S_{2.00} \cdot 1.10H_2O$ . (3)  $Na_{0.3}CrS_2 \cdot H_2O$ .

**Occurrence:** In an enstatite achondrite meteorite with other chromium-rich minerals, probably formed by terrestrial weathering of caswellsilverite.

**Association:** Caswellsilverite, daubréelite, titanoan troilite, ferromagnesian alabandite, oldhamite, kamacite, perryite.

**Distribution:** Found in the Norton County enstatite achondrite meteorite [TL].

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