Chemistry:

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Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. Point Group: 2/m 2/m 2/m or mm2. Crystals elongated $\parallel [001]$, may be platy, pseudohexagonal, showing $\{100\}, \{110\}, \{130\}, \{231\}, \{061\}, to 2.5 \text{ cm};$ typically syntactically intergrown with parascholzite on $\{100\}$; in radial aggregates.

Physical Properties: Cleavage: On $\{100\}$, fair, a parting with parascholzite lamellae. Hardness = 3-4 D(meas.) = 3.11-3.13 D(calc.) = 3.10

Optical Properties: Semitransparent. Color: Colorless to white, pale gray; rarely lime-green, reddish brown, yellow. Streak: White. Luster: Vitreous. Optical Class: Biaxial (+). Orientation: X = b; Y = a; Z = c. Dispersion: r > v. $\alpha = 1.581-1.585$ $\beta = 1.586-1.587$ $\gamma = 1.596-1.599$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 33^{\circ}-70^{\circ}$ $2V(\text{calc.}) = 34^{\circ}-71^{\circ}$

Cell Data: Space Group: Pbcm or Pbc2₁. a = 17.149-17.178 b = 22.236-22.28 c = 6.667-6.691 Z = 12

X-ray Powder Pattern: Reaphook Hill, Australia. 8.55 (100), 2.805 (70), 4.300 (60), 3.404 (40), 1.909 (40), 4.53 (30), 3.182 (30)

	(1)	(2)
P_2O_5	35.99	35.77
FeO	0.38	
MnO	1.36	
ZnO	35.70	41.02
MgO	0.94	
CaO	14.29	14.13
H_2O	10.36	9.08
insol.	0.88	

Total 99.90 100.00

(1) Hagendorf, Germany; corresponds to $Ca_{1.00}(Zn_{1.72}Mg_{0.09}Mn_{0.08}Fe_{0.02})_{\Sigma=1.91}$ (PO₄)_{1.99}•2.26H₂O. (2) CaZn₂(PO₄)₂•2H₂O.

Polymorphism & Series: Dimorphous with parascholzite.

Occurrence: May be a primary mineral, but more commonly a secondary mineral in Zn phosphate-bearing granite pegmatites and sediments.

Association: Parascholzite, sphalerite, triplite (Hagendorf, Germany); parahopeite, collinsite (Reaphook Hill, Australia); tarbuttite (Kabwe, Zambia).

Distribution: From Hagendorf, Bavaria, Germany. At Otov, near Domažlice, Czech Republic. In the Baccu Locci mine, Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy. From Richelle, near Visé, Belgium. At Kabwe (Broken Hill), Zambia. In Australia, fine examples on Reaphook Hill, near Blinman, Flinders Ranges, South Australia; from Broken Hill, New South Wales. In the Tip Top mine, 8.5 km southwest of Custer, Custer Co., South Dakota; from the Snowstorm mine, North Battle Mountain district, Lander Co., Nevada, USA. In China, at an undefined locality in Guangdong Province.

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