

**Bobmeyerite****Pb<sub>4</sub>(Al<sub>3</sub>Cu)(Si<sub>4</sub>O<sub>12</sub>)(S<sub>0.5</sub>Si<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)(OH)<sub>7</sub>Cl(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>**

**Crystal Data:** Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* 2/m 2/m 2/m. As tapered acicular crystals to 300 μm, elongated on [001] that in jumbled aggregates resemble “woolly caterpillars”.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* None. *Fracture:* n.d. *Tenacity:* Brittle. *Hardness =* n.d. *D(meas.) =* n.d. *D(calc.) =* 4.381

**Optical Properties:** Transparent to translucent. *Color:* Colorless to white or cream-colored.

*Streak:* White. *Luster:* Vitreous.

*Optical Class:* Biaxial (-).  $\alpha = 1.759(2)$   $\beta \approx \gamma = 1.756(2)$  [Published indices do not match the optical sign or standard convention.]  $2V = n.d.$  *Orientation:*  $X = c, Y$  or  $Z = a$  or  $b$ .

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:* Pnmn.  $a = 13.969(9)$   $b = 14.243(10)$   $c = 5.893(4)$   $Z = 2$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Mammoth-St. Anthony mine, Tiger, Pinal County, Arizona, USA.

2.549 (100), 2.9656 (88), 3.278 (77), 5.474 (54), 4.333 (43), 1.873 (39), 10.051 (35)

<b>Chemistry:</b>	(1)	(2)
CaO	0.14	
PbO	54.83	56.50
CuO	4.94	5.03
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10.02	9.68
SiO <sub>2</sub>	17.09	17.11
SO <sub>3</sub>	3.00	2.53
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.85	
F	0.64	
Cl	2.41	2.24
H <sub>2</sub> O	[6.89]	7.41
-O = F,Cl	0.81	0.51
Total	100.00	99.99

(1) Mammoth-St. Anthony mine, Tiger, Pinal County, Arizona, USA; average of 5 normalized electron microprobe analyses, absence of CO<sub>3</sub> and presence of OH and H<sub>2</sub>O confirmed by FTIR spectroscopy, H<sub>2</sub>O from structure analysis; corresponding to Pb<sub>3.80</sub>Ca<sub>0.04</sub>Al<sub>3.04</sub>Cu<sup>2+</sup><sub>0.96</sub>Cr<sup>3+</sup><sub>0.13</sub>Si<sub>4.40</sub>S<sub>0.58</sub>O<sub>24.43</sub>Cl<sub>1.05</sub>F<sub>0.52</sub>H<sub>11.83</sub>. (2) Pb<sub>4</sub>(Al<sub>3</sub>Cu)(Si<sub>4</sub>O<sub>12</sub>)(S<sub>0.5</sub>Si<sub>0.5</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)(OH)<sub>7</sub>Cl(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>

**Occurrence:** A secondary mineral in the oxidized zone of a polymetallic sulfide deposit.

**Association:** Atacamite, caledonite, cerussite, connellite, diaboite, fluorite, georgerobinsonite, hematite, leadhillite, matlockite, murdochite, phosgenite, pinalite, quartz, wulfenite, yedlinite.

**Distribution:** Mammoth-St. Anthony mine, Tiger, Pinal County, Arizona, USA.

**Name:** Honors Robert (Bob) Owen Meyer (b.1956) of Maple Valley, Washington, USA, who collected the specimens used in this study.

**Type Material:** Mineral Sciences Department, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California, USA. (63824-63826).

**References:** (1) Kampf, A.R., J.J. Pluth, Y.-S. Chen, A.C. Roberts, and R.M. Housley (2013) Bobmeyerite, a new mineral from Tiger, Arizona, USA, structurally related to cerchiaraita and ashburtonite. *Mineral. Mag.*, 77(1), 81-91. (2) (2015) *Amer. Mineral.*, 100, 2352-2353 (abs. ref. 1).