Freitalite C₁₄H₁₀

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. *Point Group*: 2/m. As thin blades or irregular flakes to a few millimeters.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage*: n.d. *Tenacity*: Flexible and malleable. *Fracture*: n.d. Hardness = 1 D(meas.) = 1.240 D(calc.) = 1.242 Synthetic compound is light sensitive and will undergo photodimerization under UV light. Intense bluish white fluorescence in SW and LW UV.

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. Color: Intense violet or whitish violet to white.

Streak: White. Luster: Vitreous to pearly.

Optical Class: Biaxial. $\alpha = 1.57$ $\beta = \text{n.d.}$ $\gamma = \text{n.d.}$

[Synthetic] $\alpha = 1.56 \ \beta = 1.80 \ \gamma = 2.19 \ 2V(meas.) = 87^{\circ} \ 2V(calc.) = 89^{\circ}$

Cell Data: Space Group: $P2_1/a$. a = 8.5572(9) b = 6.0220(5) c = 11.173(1) $\beta = 124.174(1)$ ° Z = 2

X-Ray Diffraction Pattern: Königin Carola shaft, Paul Bernt mine, near Dresden, Germany. 4.587 (100), 9.252 (98), 3.538 (27), 3.434 (22), 3.050 (20), 4.877 (19), 4.628 (10)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
C	94.07	94.34
<u>H</u>	5.571	5.66
Total	99.641	100.00

(1) Königin Carola shaft, Paul Bernt mine, near Dresden, Germany; average CHN, infrared and Raman spectroscopic, high-performance liquid chromatographic, and gas chromatographic with mass spectrometric analyses; corresponds to $C_{14.00}H_{9.88}$. (2) $C_{14}H_{10}$.

Occurrence: On mine dumps, formed by pyrolysis of coal during spontaneous combustion in a low oxygen fugacity environment and sublimated from the gas phase.

Association: Sulfur, hoelite.

Distribution: From the dumps of the Königin Carola shaft, Paul Bernt Mine, Freital, near Dresden, Saxony, Germany. At Libušin, near Kladno, Bohemia, Czech Republic.

Name: For Freital, the locality near which the studied material was collected.

Type Material: Technical University Bergakademie, Freiberg, Germany (MiSa72396 and MiSa84590).

References: (1) Witzke, T., M. Schreyer, B. Brandes, R. Csuk, and H. Pöllmann (2021) Freitalite, $C_{14}H_{10}$, a new aromatic hydrocarbon mineral from Freital, Saxony, Germany. Eur. J. Mineral., 33, 1-8. (2) (2021) Amer. Mineral., 106, 2029 (abs. ref. 1).