

Kuzelite**Ca₄Al₂(SO₄)(OH)₁₂•6H₂O**

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Crystal Data: Hexagonal. *Point Group:* $\bar{3}$ or 3. Platy hexagonal to rhomboidal crystals, to 2 mm.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* On {0001}, perfect. *Fracture:* Uneven. *Hardness* = 1–2
D(meas.) = 1.99(5) D(calc.) = 2.014

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* White. *Streak:* White. *Luster:* Vitreous.
Optical Class: Uniaxial (-). $\omega = 1.504(5)$ $\epsilon = 1.485(5)$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $R\bar{3}$ or $R3$. $a = 5.76(1)$ $c = 53.66(2)$ $Z = 3$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Zeilberg quarry, Germany.
8.972 (100), 4.476 (70), 2.362 (40), 2.190 (40), 2.071 (35), 4.004 (30), 2.882 (30)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)
SO ₃	12.9	12.86
Al ₂ O ₃	19.6	16.38
CaO	34.5	36.03
Na ₂ O	0.0	
H ₂ O	33.45	34.73
Total	100.45	100.00

(1) Zeilberg quarry, Germany; by electron microprobe, H₂O by TGA; corresponding to Ca_{3.83}Al_{2.40}(SO₄)(OH)_{12.86}•6H₂O. (2) Ca₄Al₂(SO₄)(OH)₁₂•6H₂O.

Occurrence: A rare mineral in carbonaceous xenoliths in basalt, formed above 100 °C by decomposition of ettringite.

Association: Ettringite, afwillite, natrolite, calcite, torbermorite, gyrolite, portlandite, apophyllite (Zeilberg quarry, Germany); hydrocalumite, ettringite, tobermorite, strätlingite–vertumnite, portlandite, calcite, gypsum (Bellerberg volcano, Germany).

Distribution: In Germany, from the Zeilberg quarry, Maroldsweisach, Bavaria, and at the Bellerberg volcano, two km north of Mayen, Eifel district.

Name: Honoring Professor Hans Jürgen Kuzel (1932–1997), German mineralogist, Mineralogical Institute, Erlangen, Germany, who first synthesized the compound.

Type Material: Martin Luther University, Halle, Germany.

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