

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/*m*. Massive and as prismatic crystals and thin blades, to 1 mm, slightly twisted || [010], the elongation axis.

Physical Properties: Hardness = n.d. VHN = n.d. D(meas.) = 6.36 D(calc.) = [6.24]

Optical Properties: Opaque. *Color:* Gray, commonly tarnished to bluish. *Luster:* Metallic. *Anisotropism:* Distinct.

R₁–R₂: (400) 31.8–35.2, (420) 32.4–35.8, (440) 33.1–36.4, (460) 34.4–37.6, (480) 34.9–37.6, (500) 34.9–38.0, (520) 35.4–38.4, (540) 35.9–38.9, (560) 36.2–39.4, (580) 36.6–39.8, (600) 36.8–40.1, (620) 37.0–40.4, (640) 37.2–40.4, (660) 37.2–40.5, (680) 37.2–40.5, (700) 37.2–40.5

Cell Data: *Space Group:* C2/*m*. *a* = 17.520(1) *b* = 3.926(3) *c* = 15.261(1)
β = 100.18(1)° *Z* = [2]

X-ray Powder Pattern: Hall's Valley, Colorado, USA.

3.10 (10), 2.73 (6), 3.65 (4b), 4.31 (3), 1.961 (3), 1.719 (3), 6.24 (2)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(3)		(1)	(2)	(3)
Cu	15.96	15.1	12.39	Bi	60.80	63.8	66.22
Ag	0.89	1.19	2.63	Sb		0.08	
Pb		0.84		Se		0.50	
Zn	0.10			Te		0.07	
Mn		0.14		S	[19.94]	18.5	18.76
Fe	2.13			Total	[99.82]	100.2	100.00

(1) Hall's Valley, Colorado, USA; analysis by Hillebrand (in 1884), who assumed the sample to contain chalcopyrite 6.97% after deducting gangue 4.43%; sulfur content "calculated for the analysis"; then corresponds to Cu_{9.69}Ag_{0.32}Zn_{0.06}Bi_{11.23}S_{24.00}. (2) Ohio district, Utah, USA; by electron microprobe, corresponds to Cu_{9.77}Ag_{0.45}Pb_{0.17}Mn_{0.10}(Bi_{12.55}Sb_{0.03})_{Σ=12.58}(S_{23.72}Se_{0.26}Te_{0.02})_{Σ=24.00}. (3) Cu₈AgBi₁₃S₂₄.

Occurrence: Rare, of hydrothermal origin with other sulfides and sulfosalts.

Association: Emplectite, aikinite, wittichenite, benjaminite, berryite, cupropavonite, padëraite, hodrushite, wolframite, bismuthinite.

Distribution: In the USA, in Colorado, from the Missouri mine, Hall's Valley, Park Co. [TL], and at Silver Cliff, Custer Co.; in the Fairfax quarry, Centreville, Fairfax Co., Virginia; and from the Tunnel Extension 2 mine, Marysville, Ohio district, Piute Co., Utah. From Krupka, Czech Republic. At Băița (Rézbánya) and in the Paulus mine, Ocna de Fier (Morávicza; Vaskő), Romania. From Baicolliou, Switzerland.

Name: For copper, CUPRum, and BISMUTH in the composition.

Type Material: Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 94989; National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA, 92902.

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