Dantopaite Ag₅Bi₁₃S₂₂

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. *Point Group*: 2/m. As isolated grains and intimately intergrown with pavonite or benjaminite or both, to 300 μ m.

Physical Properties: Cleavage: None. Fracture: Uneven. Tenacity: Brittle. D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 6.74 Hardness = 3.5 VHN = 190 (50 g load).

Optical Properties: Opaque. *Color*: Grayish white in both plain and reflected light. *Streak*: n.d. *Luster*: Metallic. *Anisotropism*: Distinct, bluish gray to brownish gray. *Pleochroism*: Distinct, shades of gray.

Optical Class: n.d.

R₁-R₂: (470) 41.5-48.3, (546) 40.9-47.0, (589) 40.4-46.6, (650) 39.9-46.1

Cell Data: *Space Group*: C2/m. a = 13.380(3) b = 4.0492(9) c = 18.690(4) $\beta = 105.494(4)^{\circ}$ Z = 1

X-ray Powder Pattern: Erzwies mining district, province of Salzburg, Austria. 2.861 (100), 3.452 (90), 3.578 (58), 3.331 (36), 3.301 (40), 2.025 (25), 2.225 (24)

Chemistry:		(1)	(2)
	Cu	1.68	
	Ag Pb	11.56	13.61
	Pb	4.64	
	Bi	63.82	68.58
	Te	0.34	
	S	17.52	17.81
	Total	99.57	100.00

(1) Erzwies mining district, province of Salzburg, Austria; average of 37 electron microprobe analyses; corresponds to $Cu_{1.06}Ag_{4.24}Pb_{0.9}Bi_{12.23}S_{21.89}Te_{0.11}$. (2) $Ag_5Bi_{13}S_{22}$.

Occurrence: From mineralized (metallic sulfosalts) hydrothermal quartz veins.

Association: Bismuthinite, krupkaite, pavonite, benjaminite, gustavite, heyrovskyite, cosalite, and traces of tetradymite, native gold, pyrite.

Distribution: From the Erzwies mining district, Hohe Tauern region, west of the Gasteinertal, province of Salzburg, Austria.

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