

## Argentoliveingite

## $\text{Ag}_{3+x}\text{Pb}_{36-2x}\text{As}_{51+x}\text{S}_{112}$ ( $0 < x < 0.5$ )

**Crystal Data:** Triclinic. *Point Group:*  $\bar{1}$ . Part of an elongate, coarsely crystalline, massive aggregate grading into prismatic, subparallel crystals with complex forms.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* None. *Tenacity:* Brittle. *Fracture:* Conchoidal. Hardness = 4 VHN = 208-225, 217 average (25 g load). D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 5.23

**Optical Properties:** Opaque. *Color:* Dark gray, white in reflected light with red internal reflections on thin edges or grain boundaries. *Streak:* Black. *Luster:* Metallic.

*Optical Class:* Anisotropism: Moderate, dark gray to neutral.

R<sub>1</sub>-R<sub>2</sub>: (470) 36.6-41.5, (546) 34.4-39.4, (589) 32.9-37.8, (650) 30.7-35.2

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $P\bar{1}$ .  $a = 7.905(2)$   $b = 8.469(2)$   $c = 137.96(4)$   $\alpha = 89.592(2)^\circ$   $\beta = 88.969(2)^\circ$   $\gamma = 89.893(2)^\circ$  Z = 2

**X-Ray Diffraction Pattern:** Calculated pattern.

3.668 (100), 2.938 (94), 3.009 (91), 2.7305 (88), 2.9943 (87), 3.781 (85), 3.553 (83)

### Chemistry:

	(1)
Ag	2.31
Tl	0.35
Pb	46.65
Sb	0.83
As	25.36
<u>S</u>	<u>24.27</u>
Total	99.97

(1) Lengenbach quarry, Imfeld, Binntal, Canton Wallis, Switzerland; average electron microprobe analysis; corresponds to  $\text{Ag}_{3.17}\text{Tl}_{0.40}\text{Pb}_{33.31}\text{Sb}_{1.01}\text{As}_{50.08}\text{S}_{112.02}$ .

**Polymorphism & Series:** Sartorite homologous series with N = 3.67.

**Occurrence:** In a stratabound deposit of Tl, Pb, Ag, and Cu bearing sulfosalts in meta-dolostone.

**Association:** Baumhauerite, argentobaumhauerite, hendekasartorite, liveingite, rathite, dufrénoysite.

**Distribution:** From Lengenbach quarry, Imfeld, Binntal, Canton Wallis, Switzerland.

**Name:** Prefix, *argento*, indicates the critical role of silver in the structure of a homeotype of *liveingite*.

**Type Material:** Natural History Museum, Vienna, Austria (H 1715 and N 9868) and the Natural History Museum, Basel, Switzerland (S83).

**References:** (1) Topa, D., U. Kolitsch, S. Graeser, E. Makovicky, and C. Stanley (2019) Argentoliveingite,  $\text{Ag}_{3+x}\text{Pb}_{36-2x}\text{As}_{51+x}\text{S}_{112}$  ( $0 \leq x < 0.5$ ), a new homeotype of liveingite from Lengenbach, Binntal, Switzerland, and the crystal chemistry of the liveingite group. *Eur. J. Mineral.*, 31, 1079-1097.