

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m. As crusts and as 0.5 mm aggregates of tabular crystals to 100 μm , elongated along [010].

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* None. *Fracture:* Conchoidal. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = 4.5 D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 4.45 Soluble in warm dilute HCl.

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* Brown to yellow. *Streak:* Light brown to yellow.

Luster: Subadamantine.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). $\alpha(\text{calc.}) = 1.80$ $\beta = 1.81(1)$ $\gamma = 1.87(2)$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 40(5)^\circ$

Pleochroism: Strong, X = yellow, Y = brown, Z = pale yellow. *Orientation:* $Y = b$, $X \approx c$.

Cell Data: *Space Group:* C2/m. $a = 9.005(1)$ $b = 6.205(1)$ $c = 7.411(1)$ $\beta = 115.31(1)^\circ$ $Z = 2$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Pucher shaft, Saxony, Germany.

2.962 (100), 3.182 (76), 2.538 (75), 2.816 (66), 2.703 (66), 3.393 (55), 1.697 (53)

| Chemistry: | (1) | (2) | (1) | (2) |
|------------|-------|-------|--------------------------------|--------|
| CaO | 9.29 | 12.51 | Fe ₂ O ₃ | 12.88 |
| NiO | 12.86 | 16.98 | Bi ₂ O ₃ | 8.56 |
| CoO | 3.83 | 4.68 | P ₂ O ₅ | 0.23 |
| CuO | 0.11 | <0.05 | As ₂ O ₅ | 45.32 |
| ZnO | 0.62 | 0.36 | SO ₃ | 0.12 |
| PbO | 0.90 | 0.14 | H ₂ O | [5.35] |
| | | | Total | 100.07 |
| | | | | 101.47 |

(1) Pucher shaft, Saxony, Germany; average electron microprobe analysis, H₂O calculated; corresponds to $(\text{Ca}_{0.83}\text{Bi}_{0.18}\text{Pb}_{0.02})_{\Sigma=1.03}(\text{Ni}_{0.86}\text{Fe}_{0.81}\text{Co}_{0.26}\text{Zn}_{0.04})_{\Sigma=1.97}[(\text{AsO}_4)_{1.98}(\text{PO}_4)_{0.02}]_{\Sigma=2.00}[(\text{OH})_{1.01}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{0.98}]_{\Sigma=1.99}$. (2) Do., average electron microprobe analysis, H₂O calculated; corresponds to $\text{Ca}_{1.03}(\text{Ni}_{1.05}\text{Fe}^{3+}_{0.59}\text{Co}_{0.29}\text{Zn}_{0.02})_{\Sigma=1.95}[(\text{AsO}_4)_{2.01}(\text{PO}_4)_{0.01}]_{\Sigma=2.02}[(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{1.40}(\text{OH})_{0.56}]_{\Sigma=1.96}$.

Mineral Group: Tsumcorite group.

Occurrence: In the oxidation zone of polymetallic ore deposits.

Association: Quartz, mawbyite, cobaltlotharmeyerite, galena, arseniosiderite, plumbogummite (Pucher shaft); nickeltsumcorite, annabergite, nickellotharmeyerite, nickelaustinite, gaspéite, calcite, dolomite, aragonite, quartz, goethite, cerussite, arseniosiderite, mimetite, oxyplumbboroméite, Mn oxides/ hydroxides (old Km-3 mine).

Distribution: In dump material from the Pucher shaft, near Scheeberg, Saxony, Germany [TL]. From dumps of the old Km-3 mine, Lavrion mining district, Attikí Prefecture, Greece. From the Bou Azzer As-Co-Ni-Ag-Au deposit, Anti-Atlas, Morocco.

Name: The prefix, *nickel*, indicates the nickel analog of *lotharmeyerite*.

Type Material: Museum for Mineralogy and Geology, Dresden, Germany.

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