Dagenaisite $Zn_3Te^{6+}O_6$

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. Point Group: 2/m. As thin plates with hexagonal outlines to 100 \(\mu \)m.

Physical Properties: Cleavage: None. Tenacity: Flexible. Fracture: Irregular. Hardness = ~ 2 D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 6.00 Soluble in dilute HCl.

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. Color: Greenish gray. Streak: White.

Luster: Pearly.

Optical Class: Biaxial. n(calc.) = 1.99 2V = Small. *Orientation*: $Z \approx a$.

Cell Data: *Space Group*: C2/c. a = 14.87(2) b = 8.88(2) c = 10.37(2) $\beta = 93.33(2)^{\circ}$ Z = 12

X-ray Powder Pattern: Gold Chain mine, Tintic district, Juab County, Utah, USA. 2.539 (100), 2.744 (68), 1.6568 (48), 3.029 (44), 4.311 (30), 3.085 (22), 2.445 (18)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)
CaO	0.70	
CuO	6.22	
MnO	0.42	
ZnO	42.78	58.16
SiO_2	0.23	
As_2O_5	0.85	
$\underline{\text{TeO}_3}$	39.15	41.84
Total	90.35	100.00

(1) Gold Chain mine, Tintic district, Juab County, Utah, USA; average of 6 electron microprobe analyses supplemented by Raman spectroscopy; corresponds to $(Zn_{2.39}Cu_{0.36}Ca_{0.06}Mn_{0.03}As_{0.03}Si_{0.02})_{\Sigma=2.89}Te_{1.02}O_6$. Low analytical total ascribed to thin plates. CaO, MnO, SiO₂, and As₂O₅ probably from surrounding phases. (2) $Zn_3Te^{6+}O_6$.

Occurrence: A late-stage secondary phase formed by the oxidative alteration of earlier Te- and Zn-bearing minerals, probably hessite and sphalerite in a polymetallic vein deposit.

Association: Cinnabar, dugganite, eurekadumpite, gold, quartz, dolomite.

Distribution: From the 300-foot level of the Opohonga stope, Gold Chain mine, Tintic district, Juab County, Utah, USA.

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Type Material: Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California, USA (66561, 66562, 66563, and 66564.).

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