Joteite

Crystal Data: Triclinic. *Point Group*: $\overline{1}$. As thin blades up to ~300 μ m, flattened on {001}

and exhibiting $\{001\}$, $\{010\}$, $\{1\overline{1}\ 0\}$, $\{2\overline{1}\ 0\}$, and $\{111\}$, also in sheaf-like bundles, less commonly in divergent sprays, and sometimes as dense crusts and cavity linings. *Twinning*: Ubiquitous by reflection on $\{001\}$.

Physical Properties:*Cleavage*: Perfect on $\{001\}$.*Fracture*: Curved.*Tenacity*: Brittle.Hardness = 2-3D(meas.) = n.d.D(calc.) = 3.084

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color*: Sky-blue to greenish blue. *Streak*: Very pale blue. *Luster*: Vitreous. *Optical Class*: Biaxial (-). $\alpha = 1.634$ $\beta = 1.644$ $\gamma = 1.651$ 2V(meas.) = 78(2)° 2V(calc.) = 79.4° *Orientation*: $X \approx c^*$; $Y \approx b^*$. *Dispersion*: Weak, r < v. *Pleochroism*: Z = greenish blue, Y = pale greenish blue, X = colorless. *Absorption*: Z > Y > X.

Cell Data: Space Group: $P\overline{1}$. a = 6.0530(2) b = 10.2329(3) c = 12.9112(4) $\alpha = 87.413(19)^{\circ}$ $\beta = 78.480(2)^{\circ}$ $\gamma = 78.697(2)^{\circ}$ Z = 2

X-ray Powder Pattern: Jote mine, Tierra Amarilla, Copiapó Province, Atacama, Chile. 12.76 (100), 4.206 (26), 3.40 (25), 3.92 (24), 5.009 (23), 2.97 (20), 3.233 (19)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(3)
CaO	17.12	15.70	15.72
CuO	12.23	11.22	11.15
Al_2O_3	9.07	8.32	7.14
As_2O_5	50.83	46.62	48.32
H_2O	[19.78]	18.14	17.67
Total	109.03	100.00	100.00

(1) Jote mine, Tierra Amarilla, Copiapó Province, Atacama, Chile; average of 5 electron microprobe analyses, H₂O calculated from structure analysis, OH and H₂O confirmed by Raman spectroscopy; corresponds to $Ca_{1.98}Cu_{1.00}Al_{1.15}As_{2.87}H_{14.24}O_{19}$. (2) Analysis 1 normalized. (3) $Ca_2CuAl[AsO_4][AsO_3(OH)]_2(OH)_2$ ·5H₂O.

Occurrence: In narrow seams and vugs in the oxidized upper portion of a hydrothermal sulfide vein hosted by volcanoclastic rocks.

Association: Conichalcite, mansfieldite, pharmacoalumite, pharmacosiderite, scorodite.

Distribution: From the Jote mine, Pampa Larga district, Tierra Amarilla, Copiapó Province, Atacama, Chile.

Name: For the mine from which the first specimens were collected.

Type Material: Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California, USA. (63592–63594).

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