

**Crystal Data:** Cubic. *Point Group:*  $4/m\bar{3}2/m$ . Powdery, massive.

**Physical Properties:** Hardness = 3.5–4.5 D(meas.) = 4.6 D(calc.) = [4.58]

**Optical Properties:** Semitransparent. *Color:* Yellow, black to brown when admixed with impurities; pale yellow in transmitted light. *Streak:* Pale yellow, shining.

*Optical Class:* Isotropic.  $n = 1.95$

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $Fd\bar{3}m$ .  $a = 10.46$   $Z = 8$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Belmont, Nevada, USA.

3.02 (100), 2.61 (70), 1.85 (70), 1.58 (70), 1.20 (50), 0.884 (50), 1.17 (40)

**Chemistry:**

	(1)
Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	43.77
Ag	23.74
Cu	12.78
Fe	1.82
S	4.7
H <sub>2</sub> O	7.9
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Total	94.71

(1) Belmont, Nevada, USA; average of two analyses; assuming Cu, Fe, and S are contained in admixed chalcocite and pyrite, then corresponds to Ag<sub>1.1</sub>Sb<sub>1.4</sub>(O, OH, H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6.3</sub>.

**Mineral Group:** Stibiconite group.

**Occurrence:** Apparently an alteration product in the oxidized zone of some hydrothermal Ag–Sb-bearing mineral deposits, where it may constitute an ore of silver.

**Association:** Chalcocite, pyrite, quartz (Belmont, Nevada, USA).

**Distribution:** In the USA, in Nevada, in the Empire and Philadelphia districts, Belmont, 80 km northeast of Tonopah, Nye Co., and in the Black Warrior mine, near Silver Peak, Esmeralda Co.; in Arizona, at the Snyder Hill mine, Tucson Mountains, Pima Co., in the Johnny Lyon Hills, Cochise Co., and from the Red Cloud mine, Silver District, La Paz Co.

**Name:** To honor Carl August Stetefeldt (1838–1896), German-American mining engineer and metallurgist.

**Type Material:** Location of original type material is unknown; restudied on Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 80285; National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA, 104763.

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