Radvaniceite GeS₂

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. *Point Group*: m. As aggregates resembling cotton tufts to 5 mm composed of acicular crystals to 3 mm and to 5 μ m thick. Individual fibers are distorted and partly resemble bent wires. Also, as irregular grains to 50 μ m in multicomponent aggregates.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage*: None. *Tenacity*: Elastic to flexible. *Fracture*: None. Hardness = n.d. D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 2.99

Optical Properties: Translucent. *Color*: White to yellowish gray; light gray in reflected light with abundant white to gray internal reflections. *Streak*: White. *Luster*: Vitreous to adamantine. *Optical Class*: n > 1.8 *Pleochroism*: Very weak, colorless to pale greenish yellow. *Anisotropism*: Distinct, gray tints. Bireflectance and pleochroism not observed. R_1-R_2 : (470) 15.4-18.8, (546) 16.1-20.4, (589) 16.4-20.8, (650) 16.9-20.9

Cell Data: Space Group: Pc. a = 6.8831(12) b = 22.501(3) c = 6.8081(11) $\beta = 120.365(9)^{\circ}$ Z = 12

X-Ray Diffraction Pattern: Kateřina mine, near Radvanice, northern Bohemia, Czech Republic. 5.7395 (100), 2.8417 (33), 3.3650 (32), 2.8134 (20), 2.6257 (19), 5.2067 (16), 2.8236 (16)

Chemistry:		(1)	(2)
	Ge	51.84	53.10
	Pb	0.18	
	Sn	0.21	
	Bi	0.66	
	Sb	0.12	
	As	0.12	
	S	45.65	46.90
	Se	1.74	
	total	100.52	100.00

(1) Kateřina coal mine dump, near Radvanice, northern Bohemia, Czech Republic; average electron microprobe analysis and Raman spectroscopy; corresponds to $(Ge_{0.99}Bi_{0.01})_{\Sigma=1.00}(S_{1.97}Se_{0.03})_{\Sigma=2.00}$. (2) GeS_2 .

Occurrence: In a spontaneously burning coal mine dump. Formed under reducing conditions by direct crystallization from hot gasses (250-350 °C) containing Cl and F at a depth of 30-60 cm.

Association: Stangersite, herzenbergite, greenockite, Bi-Sb solid solutions (site one); minerals of Bi-Sb, Bi₂S₃-Sb₂S₃ and Bi₂S₃-Bi₂Se₃ solid solutions, Bi₃S₂, Bi-sulfo/seleno/tellurides, tellurium, unnamed PbGeS₃, Cd₄GeS₆, GeAsS, Sn₅Sb₃S₇, stangersite, greenockite, cadmoindite, herzenbergite, teallite, Sn- and/or Se-bearing galena (site two).

Distribution: From the Kateřina coal mine, eastern part of Radvanice village, ~12 km east of Trutnov, northern Bohemia, Czech Republic.

Name: For the village near where the studied material was collected.

Type Material: Department of Mineralogy and Petrology, National Museum, Prague, Czech Republic (P1P 9/2021).

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