

**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m. Massive, intergrown with novákite, koutekite, and arsenic. *Twinning:* Polysynthetic along {010}.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* Perfect along {010}. Hardness = 3.5–4 VHN = 146 (25 g load). D(meas.) = 5.4 D(calc.) = 5.97

**Optical Properties:** Opaque. *Color:* Pale steel-gray on fresh surface; in polished section, very pale gray. *Streak:* Black. *Luster:* Metallic, tarnishing black. *Anisotropism:* Very strong; in pale gray-green and dark brown with violet tint.

R<sub>1</sub>–R<sub>2</sub>: (400) 46.4–48.2, (420) 45.8–48.4, (440) 45.2–48.6, (460) 44.8–48.4, (480) 44.6–48.0, (500) 44.6–48.5, (520) 44.5–49.2, (540) 44.2–49.5, (560) 43.8–49.4, (580) 43.5–49.1, (600) 43.4–48.9, (620) 43.5–48.8, (640) 43.7–48.6, (660) 43.8–48.3, (680) 43.7–47.9, (700) 43.3–47.6

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:* P2<sub>1</sub>/c. a = 5.839(2) b = 5.111(2) c = 8.084(3) β = 99.7°  
Z = 10

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Černý Důl mine, Czech Republic.  
3.144 (10), 2.616 (10), 2.495 (9), 3.604 (7), 1.795 (7), 1.687 (6), 3.295 (5)

**Chemistry:**

	(1)	(2)
Cu	30.35	29.77
As	69.91	70.23
Total	100.26	100.00

(1) Černý Důl mine, Czech Republic; by electron microprobe, average of 10 analyses. (2) CuAs<sub>2</sub>.

**Occurrence:** In hydrothermal calcite veins cutting diopside hornfels lenses, in pyroxene gneisses and mica schists. Probably a late-stage reaction product formed at the expense of novákite and arsenic below 130 °C (Černý Důl mine, Czech Republic).

**Association:** Novákite, koutekite, arsenic, arsenolamprite, silver, löllingite, nickeline, chalcocite, skutterudite, bornite, chalcopyrite, tiemannite, clausthalite, uraninite, hematite, fluorite (Černý Důl mine, Czech Republic); lautite, kutínaite (Niederbeerbach, Germany); domeykite, algodinite, koutekite (Mohawk, Michigan, USA).

**Distribution:** From the Černý Důl mine, Krkonoše (Giant Mountains), Czech Republic [TL]. At Mühlthal, Niederbeerbach, Odenwald, Hesse, Germany. From Mohawk, Keeweenaw Co., Michigan, USA.

**Name:** From the Latin *pax*, peace.

**Type Material:** Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic; National School of Mines, Paris, France; National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA, 162605.

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