

**Crystal Data:** Cubic. *Point Group:* 23. In veinlets and massive aggregates, to 2 mm, replacing laurite and iridisite.

**Physical Properties:** *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = 3.7 VHN = 140–185, 165 average (20 g load). D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 11.96

**Optical Properties:** Opaque. *Color:* Steel-black; in reflected light, bright white with a yellowish tint. *Streak:* Black. *Luster:* Metallic.

R: (400) 41.3, (420) 45.2, (440) 45.5, (460) 46.0, (480) 46.4, (500) 46.6, (520) 46.9, (540) 47.1, (560) 47.3, (580) 47.6, (600) 47.7, (620) 47.7, (640) 47.6, (660) 47.4, (680) 47.3, (700) 47.3

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $P2_13$ .  $a = 6.164(3)$   $Z = 4$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Luanhe River, China.

1.860 (100), 2.75 (70), 2.51 (60), 1.090 (50), 1.027 (50), 1.647 (40), 1.345 (40)

**Chemistry:**

	(1)	(2)
Ir	41.2	44.37
Pt	2.8	
Cu	0.3	
Te	0.4	
Bi	47.2	48.23
S	7.2	7.40
Total	99.1	100.00

(1) Luanhe River, China; by electron microprobe, average of seven analyses; corresponds to  $(\text{Ir}_{0.94}\text{Pt}_{0.06}\text{Cu}_{0.02})_{\Sigma=1.02}\text{Bi}_{0.99}(\text{S}_{0.98}\text{Te}_{0.01})_{\Sigma=0.99}$ . (2) IrBiS.

**Occurrence:** Of hydrothermal origin in chromite bodies in dunites and placers derived therefrom.

**Association:** Iridium, ferrian platinum, laurite, sperrylite, cooperite, irarsite, shuangfenite, mayingite, chromite, gold.

**Distribution:** From a branch of the Luanhe River, 14 km west of Chengde City, Hubei Province, China [TL].

**Name:** From the Chinese word for the Great Wall, situated nearby the occurrence.

**Type Material:** National Geological Museum, Beijing, China.

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