

# Příspěvek k chemickému složení minerálů skupiny tetraedritu z Val d'Anniviers (Švýcarsko)

**Contribution to chemical composition of minerals of tetrahedrite group from Val d'Anniviers (Switzerland)**

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## Abstract

Historical samples of tetrahedrite from Val d'Anniviers in Switzerland traditionally have been considered as bis-muth-rich. New quantitative chemical analyses (EPMA-WDS) of three samples (collections of National Museum, Prague) of the tetrahedrite group minerals from this area show the presence of tetrahedrite-(Fe) with various Bi contents. Significant Bi contents were verified only in one of sample (P1N9933), where tetrahedrite is associated with aikinite, in the range of 0.32 - 0.39 apfu (4.20 - 5.08 wt.% Bi). These contents are comparable to the historical analysis of Fellenberg (1854), who reported 0.42 apfu Bi (5.59 wt.%) in tennantite-(Fe) from this area. In the other two samples, the Bi contents are only minor and range from 0.04 to 0.07 apfu. The empirical formulae calculated on the base of 16 cations apfu are:  $(\text{Cu}_{0.91}\text{Ag}_{0.07})_{\Sigma 5.98}[\text{Cu}_{4.00}(\text{Fe}_{0.98}\text{Zn}_{0.58}\text{Cu}_{0.44})_{\Sigma 2.00}\text{Sb}_{1.89}\text{As}_{1.76}\text{Bi}_{0.36}]_{\Sigma 6.00}\text{S}_{13.22}$  (sample P1N9933);  $(\text{Cu}_{5.64}\text{Ag}_{0.31})_{\Sigma 5.95}[\text{Cu}_{4.00}(\text{Fe}_{0.95}\text{Zn}_{0.84}\text{Cu}_{0.21})_{\Sigma 2.00}\text{Sb}_{2.68}\text{As}_{1.31}\text{Bi}_{0.06}]_{\Sigma 4.05}\text{S}_{12.83}$  (sample P1N9934 large grains),  $(\text{Cu}_{5.77}\text{Ag}_{0.09})_{\Sigma 5.86}[\text{Cu}_{4.00}(\text{Fe}_{0.92}\text{Zn}_{0.89}\text{Cu}_{0.19})_{\Sigma 2.00}\text{Sb}_{3.07}\text{As}_{1.06}]_{\Sigma 4.13}\text{S}_{12.89}$  (sample P1N9934 rare tiny grains) and  $(\text{Cu}_{5.66}\text{Ag}_{0.29})_{\Sigma 5.95}[\text{Cu}_{4.00}(\text{Fe}_{0.96}\text{Zn}_{0.84}\text{Cu}_{0.20})_{\Sigma 2.00}\text{Sb}_{2.71}\text{As}_{1.29}\text{Bi}_{0.05}]_{\Sigma 4.05}\text{S}_{12.70}$  (sample P1N69320).

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