Sabatierite Cu_6TlSe_4

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Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* n.d. As radiating polycrystalline aggregates, to 0.05 mm.

Physical Properties: Hardness = n.d. VHN = 54 (15 g load). D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 6.78

Optical Properties: Opaque. *Color:* In polished section, bluish gray with slight cream tint. *Luster:* Metallic. *Pleochroism:* Distinct, in pale brown to pale blue. *Anisotropism:* Strong, with undulatory extinction, colors in pale gray-blue to dark yellow-brown.

 $\begin{array}{l} R_1-R_2\colon (400) \ --, \ (420) \ 31.0-33.2, \ (440) \ 30.9-34.3, \ (460) \ 30.6-33.8, \ (480) \ 30.1-33.0, \ (500) \\ 29.5-32.2, \ (520) \ 28.7-31.5, \ (540) \ 27.9-30.6, \ (560) \ 27.0-29.6, \ (580) \ 26.1-28.4, \ (600) \ 25.3-27.2, \ (620) \\ 24.5-26.0, \ (640) \ 23.8-24.8, \ (660) \ 23.0-23.8, \ (680) \ 22.2-22.7, \ (700) \ 21.3-21.6 \end{array}$

Cell Data: Space Group: n.d. a = 3.986(4) b = 5.624(4) c = 9.778(8) Z = 1

X-ray Powder Pattern: Bukov deposit, Czech Republic. 3.089 (100), 2.706 (70), 1.991 (70), 2.445 (60), 1.847 (60), 3.987 (50), 2.525 (50)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
Cu	42.71	42.29
Tl	22.44	22.67
Se	34.57	35.04
Total	99.72	100.00

(1) Bukov deposit, Czech Republic; by electron microprobe, average of five analyses, corresponding to $\text{Cu}_{6.06}\text{Tl}_{0.99}\text{Se}_{3.95}$. (2) Cu_6TlSe_4 .

Occurrence: In calcite veins.

Association: Crookesite, berzelianite, umangite, bukovite.

Distribution: In the Bukov deposit, Rožná district, Czech Republic [TL].

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Type Material: National School of Mines, Paris, France.

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