

Ciriottiite**Cu(Cu, Ag)₃Pb₁₉(Sb, As)₂₂(As₂)S₅₆**

Crystal Data: Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m. As tubular crystals, to 150 μm .

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* n.d. *Fracture:* n.d. *Tenacity:* Brittle.
Hardness = 3-3.5 VHN = 190-219, 203 (10 g load). D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 5.918

Optical Properties: Opaque. *Color:* Black; light gray in reflected light. *Streak:* Black.
Luster: Metallic.

Optical Class: n.d. *Anisotropism:* Distinct, brownish to greenish tints.
R₁-R₂: (471.1) 37.8-33.2, (548.3) 35.3-31.8, (586.6) 34.7-31.0, (652.3) 32.5-27.9

Cell Data: Space Group: $P2_1/n$. $a = 8.178(2)$ $b = 28.223(6)$ $c = 42.542(5)$ $\beta = 93.55(2)^\circ$ $Z = 4$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Calculated pattern.
3.641 (100), 3.238 (82), 2.043 (78), 3.208 (57), 2.936 (54), 2.928 (37), 2.800 (36)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)
Cu	2.33	2.95
Ag	0.53	
Hg	0.98	
Tl	0.78	
Pb	44.06	45.63
As	4.66	5.21
Sb	23.90	25.40
Bi	1.75	
<u>S</u>	<u>20.37</u>	<u>20.81</u>
Total	99.38	100.00

(1) Espérance superiore tunnel, Piedmont, Italy; average of 5 electron microprobe analyses; corresponds to $\text{Cu}_{3.23}\text{Ag}_{0.43}\text{Hg}_{0.43}\text{Pb}_{18.74}\text{Tl}_{0.34}\text{Sb}_{17.30}\text{As}_{5.48}\text{Bi}_{0.74}\text{S}_{56}$. (2) $\text{Cu}(\text{Cu}_3)\text{Pb}_{19}(\text{Sb}_{18}\text{As}_4)(\text{As}_2)\text{S}_{56}$.

Mineral Group: Owyheeite group.

Occurrence: In a vug in a quartz vein in a complex hydrothermal sulfide deposit.

Association: Arsenopyrite, a kobellite-like mineral.

Distribution: From the Espérance superiore tunnel, Tavagnasco Pb-Bi-Zn-As-Fe-Cu district, ~50 km north of Turin, Piedmont, Italy.

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