WURTZITE

(Zn,Fe)S

The less common dimorph of zinc sulfide, occurring in low-temperature hydrothermal deposits. Northern Peninsula.

Ontonagon County: White Pine: In Nonesuch Shale overlying the cupriferous zone (Brown, 1968).

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UPDATE



A 1 mm crystal of wurtzite on calcite from Presque Isle, Marquette County. Shawn M. Carlson specimen, John Jaszczak photograph.

Marquette County: Presque Isle, Marquette: as 1-2 mm brown, tapered, hexagonal crystals with serpentine in calcite veins. Confirmed by optics and energy dispersion X-ray spectrometry. Larger crystals have been found, but based on their overall appearance and observed cleavage, some of these may be sphalerite paramorphs after wurtzite.

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