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Two new members in the quaternary Cs–Ag–As–S family with different arrangements of Ag–S and As–S asymmetric building units: syntheses, structures, and theoretical studies

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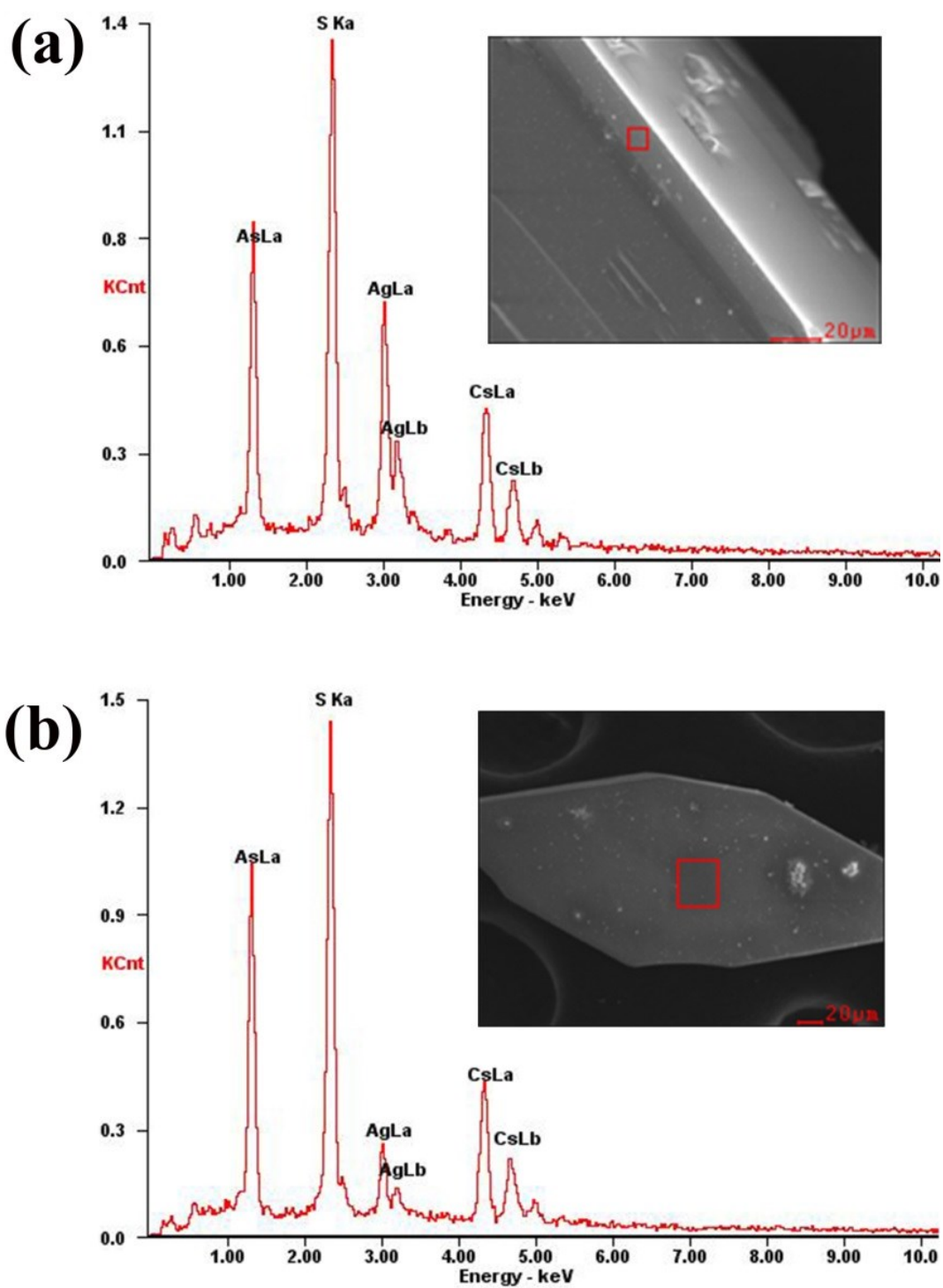


Figure S1. EDX analysis of (a) I and (b) II.

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Element	Weight%	Atomic%	Formula	Element	Weight%	Atomic%	Formula
As L	20.05	45.14	4.94	As L	19.25	43.72	4.82
S K	19.02	18.33	2.00	S K	20.09	19.53	2.15
Ag L	27.25	18.24	1.99	Ag L	27.55	18.60	2.05
Cs L	33.68	18.29	2	Cs L	33.11	18.14	2
Total	100.00			Total	100.00		
Point-3				Point-4			
Element	Weight%	Atomic%	Formula	Element	Weight%	Atomic%	Formula
As L	20.12	45.15	5.01	As L	19.01	43.43	4.62
S K	19.58	18.81	2.09	S K	19.88	19.44	2.07
Ag L	27.02	18.03	2.00	Ag L	26.97	18.32	1.95
Cs L	33.28	18.02	2	Cs L	34.14	18.82	2
Total	100.00			Total	100.00		
Point-5				Average formula of I: Cs ₂ Ag _{2.0 (7)} As _{1.9 (9)} S _{4.8 (8)}			
Element	Weight%	Atomic%	Formula				
As L	20.23	45.33	5.03				
S K	19.52	18.73	2.08				
Ag L	26.92	17.93	1.99				
Cs L	33.33	18.01	2				
Total	100.00						

Point-1				Point-2			
Element	Weight%	Atomic%	Formula	Element	Weight%	Atomic%	Formula
As L	24.13	49.86	8.15	As L	23.95	49.79	7.87
S K	28.85	25.51	4.17	S K	28.01	24.92	3.94
Ag L	10.22	6.28	1.03	Ag L	10.19	6.30	0.99
Cs L	36.80	18.35	3	Cs L	37.85	18.99	3
Total	100.00			Total	100.00		
Point-3				Point-4			
Element	Weight%	Atomic%	Formula	Element	Weight%	Atomic%	Formula
As L	23.88	49.73	7.77	As L	24.52	50.62	8.05
S K	27.96	24.92	3.89	S K	27.55	24.34	3.87
Ag L	9.92	6.14	0.96	Ag L	10.06	6.17	0.98
Cs L	38.24	19.21	3	Cs L	37.87	18.86	3
Total	100.00			Total	100.00		
Point-5				Average formula of II: Cs ₃ Ag _{1.0 (1)} As _{3.9 (9)} S _{7.9 (8)}			
Element	Weight%	Atomic%	Formula				
As L	24.22	50.09	8.10				
S K	28.21	24.97	4.04				
Ag L	10.38	6.38	1.03				
Cs L	37.19	18.56	3				
Total	100.00						

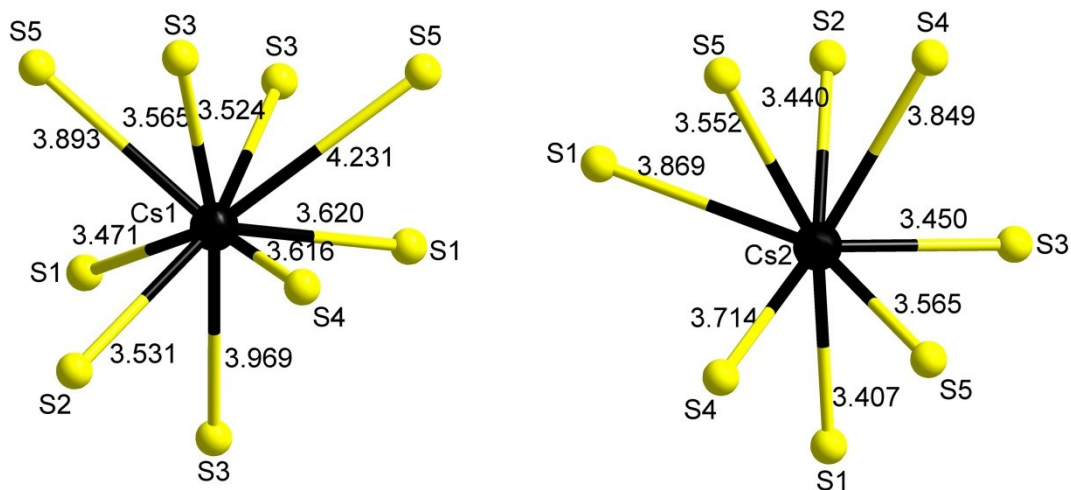


Figure S2. Coordination environment of Cs atoms including Cs–S bonds in the compound I.

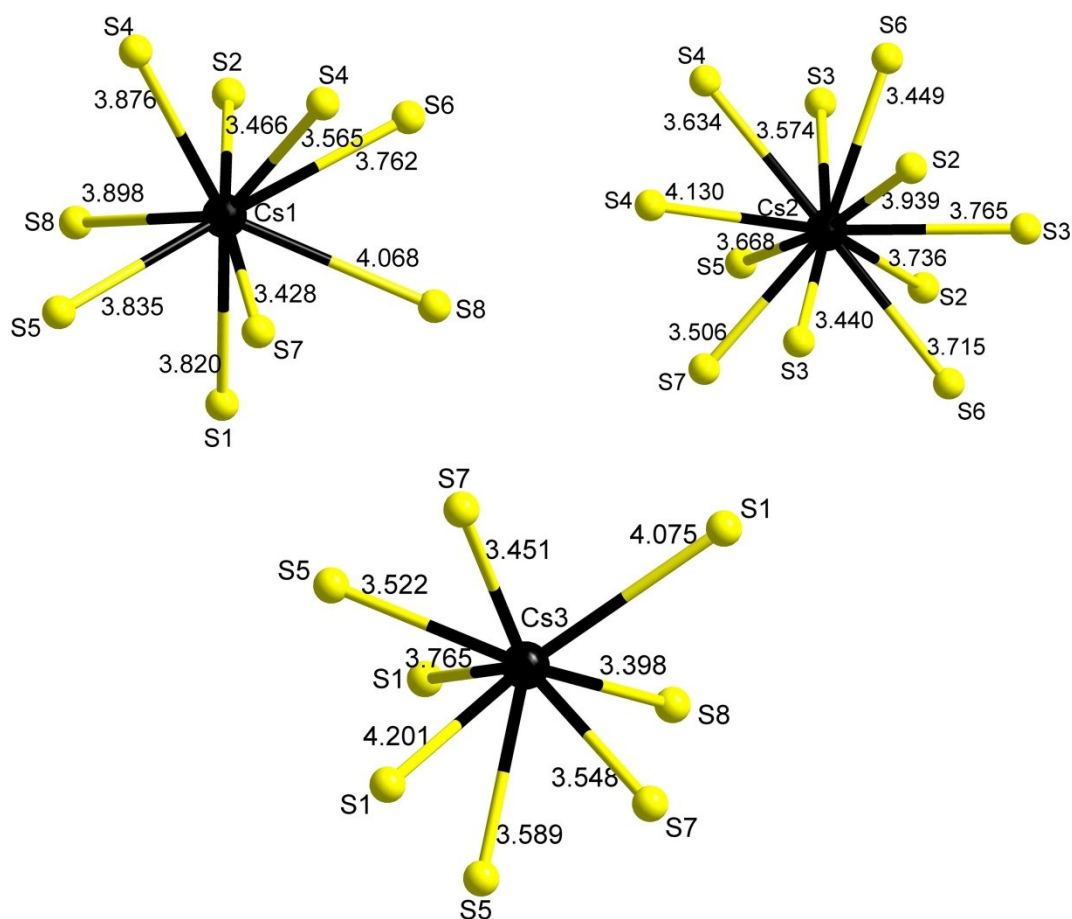


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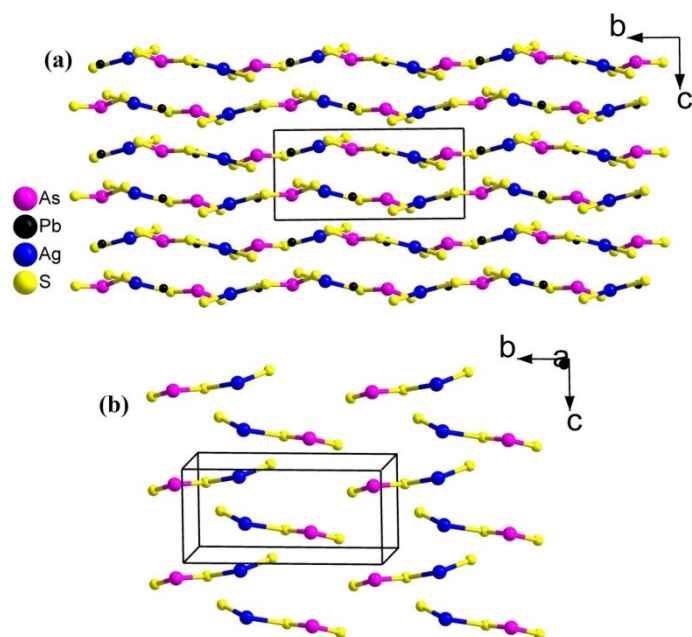


Figure S4. (a) Structure of PbAgAsS₃ viewed from the *bc* plane. (b) The arrangement of [AgAsS₃] clusters in the structure.

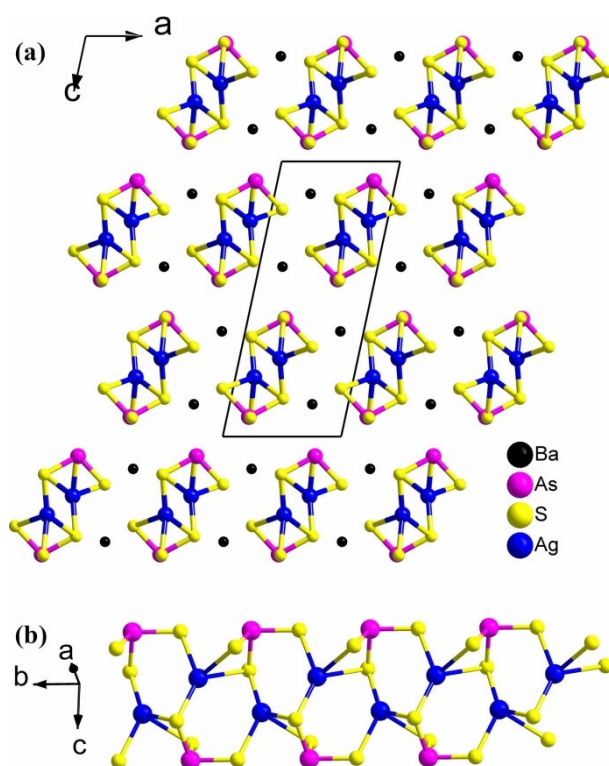


Figure S5. (a) Structure of BaAgAsS₃ viewed from the *ac* plane. (b) The 1D [AgAsS₃]²⁻ chain in the structure.

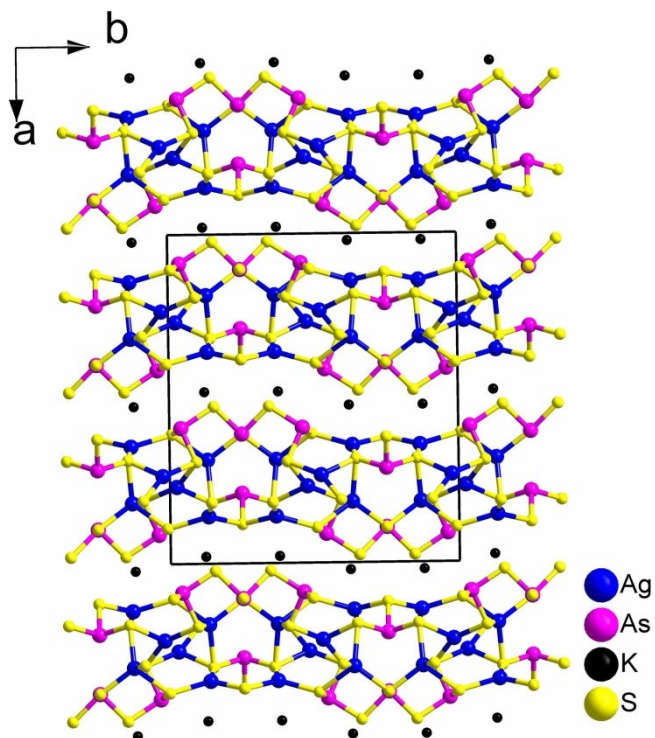


Figure S6. Structure of KAg_2AsS_3 viewed from the ab plane.

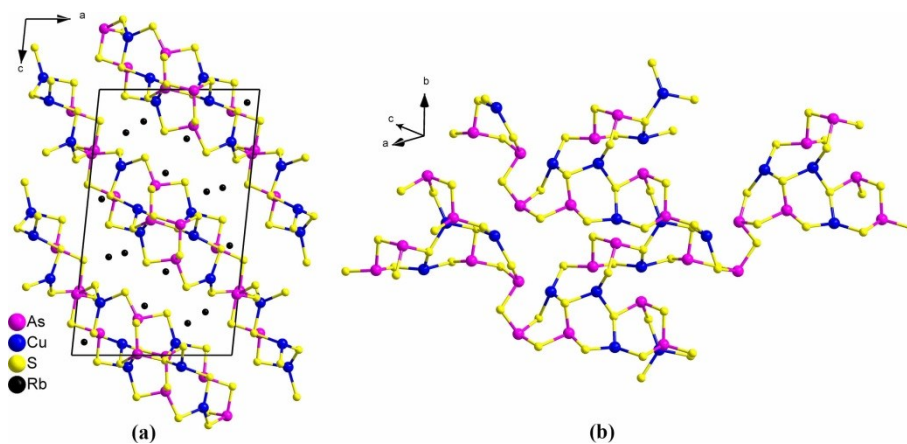


Figure S7. (a) Structure of $\text{Rb}_8\text{Cu}_6\text{As}_8\text{S}_{19}$ viewed from the ac plane. (b) The 2D $[\text{Cu}_6\text{As}_8\text{S}_{19}]^{8-}$ layer in the structure.

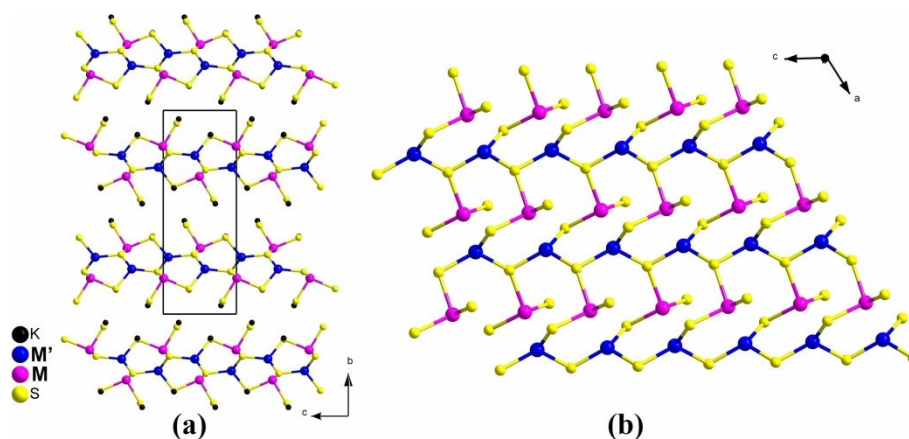


Figure S8. (a) Structure of KM'_2MS_3 ($M' = Cu, Ag$; $M = As, Sb$) viewed from the bc plane. (b) The 2D $[M'_2MS_3]^-$ layer in the structure.

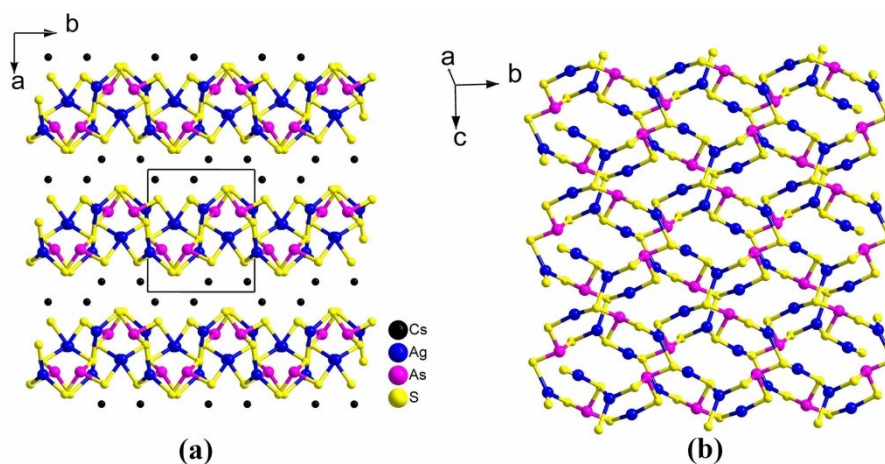


Figure S9. (a) Structure of $CsAg_2AsS_3$ viewed from the ab plane. (b) The 2D $[Ag_2AsS_3]^-$ layer in the structure.

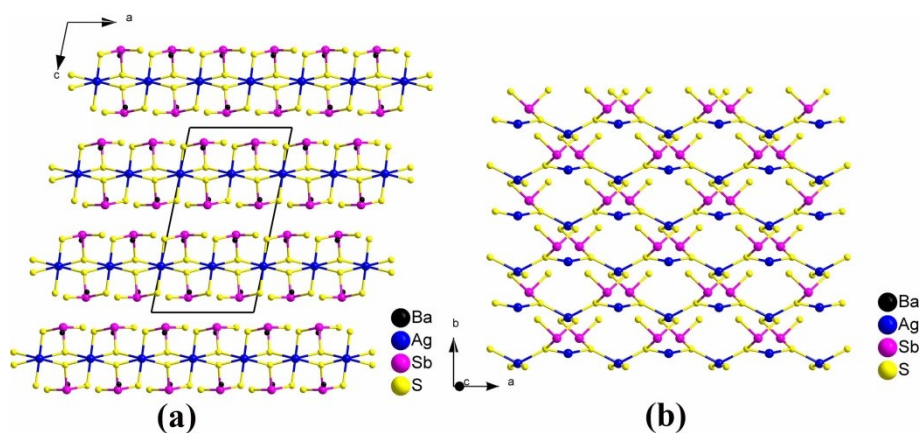


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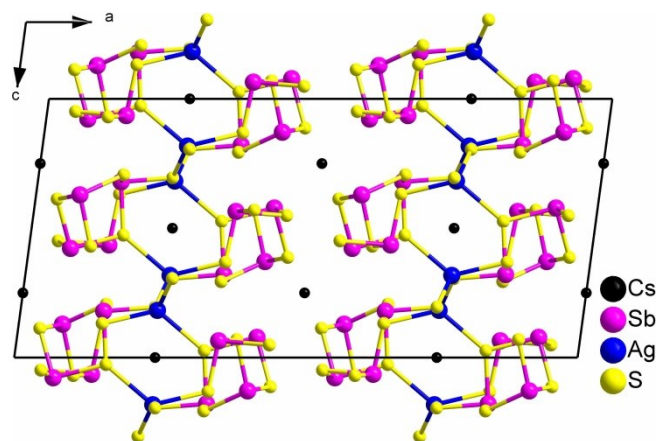


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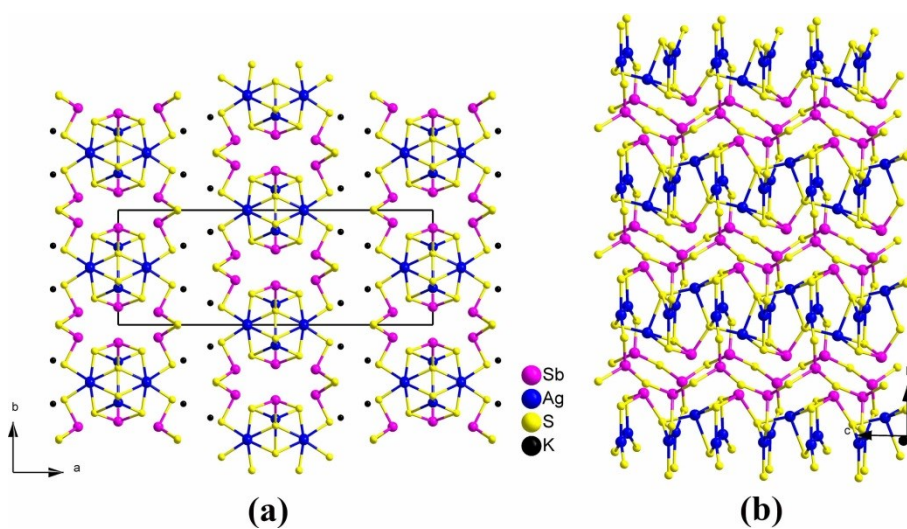


Figure S12. (a) Structure of $\text{K}_2\text{Ag}_3\text{Sb}_3\text{S}_7$ viewed from the ab plane. (b) The 2D $[\text{Ag}_3\text{Sb}_3\text{S}_7]^{2-}$ layer in the structure.

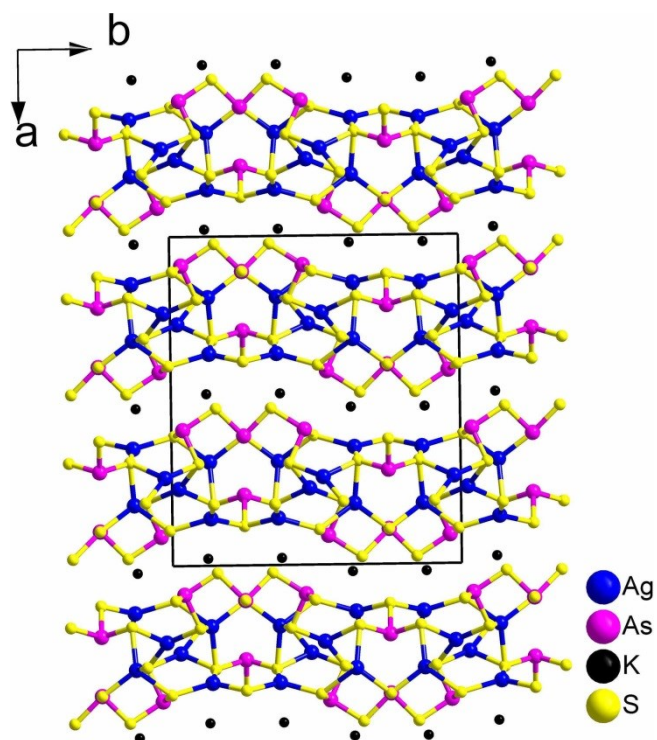


Figure S13. 2D layered structure of $\text{KAg}_3\text{As}_2\text{S}_5$ along the $[110]$ direction.

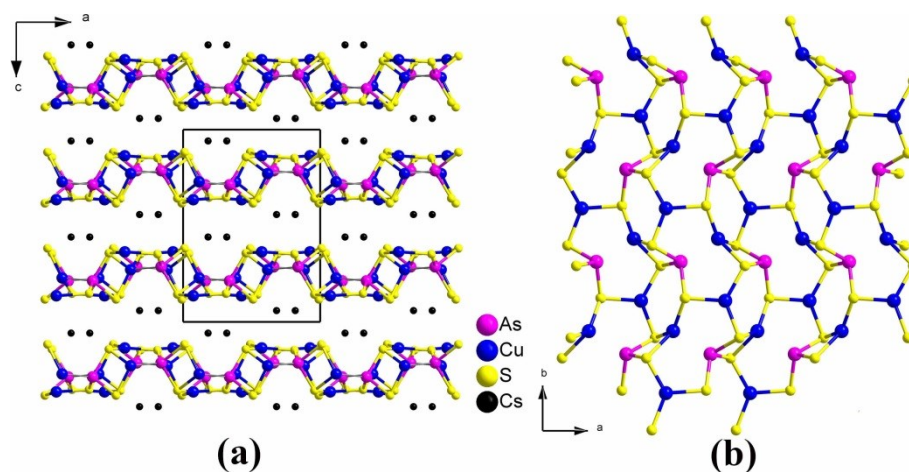


Figure S14. (a) Structure of $\text{CsCu}_2\text{AsS}_3$ viewed from the ab plane. (b) The 2D $[\text{Cu}_2\text{AsS}_3]^-$ layer in the structure.

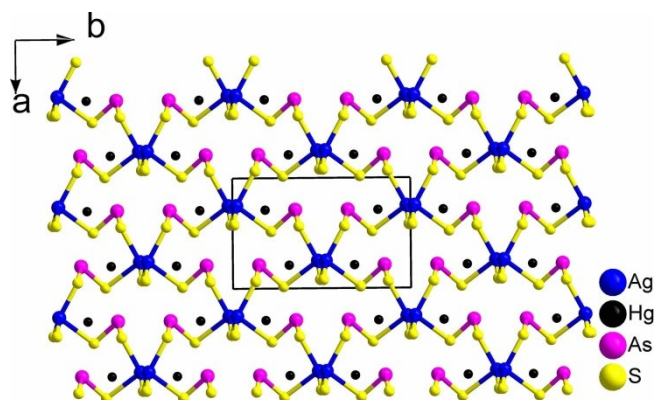


Figure S15. Structure of HgAgAsS_3 viewed from the ab plane.

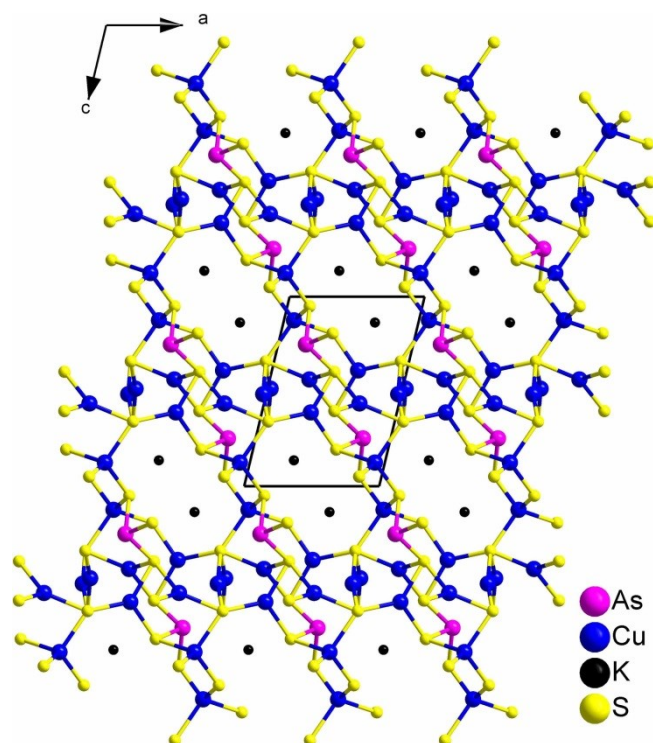


Figure S16. Structure of KCu_4AsS_4 viewed from the ac plane.

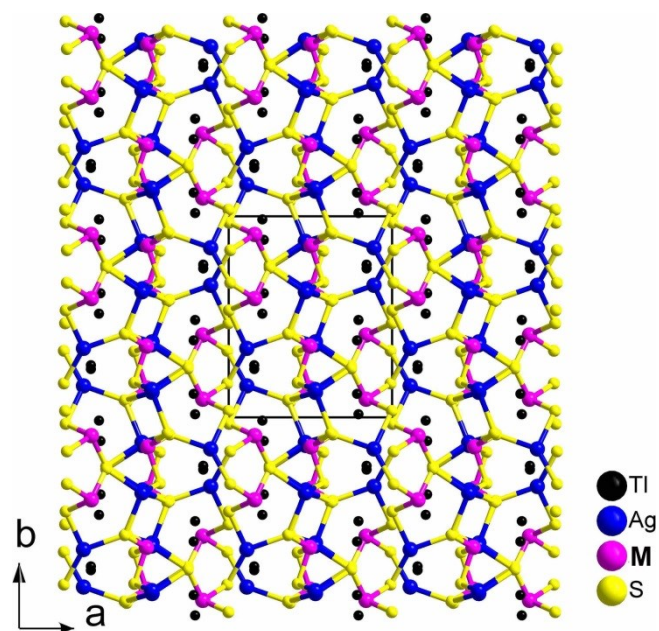


Figure S17. Structure of $\text{Tl}_3\text{Ag}_3\text{M}_2\text{S}_6$ ($M = \text{As}, \text{Sb}$) viewed from the ab plane.

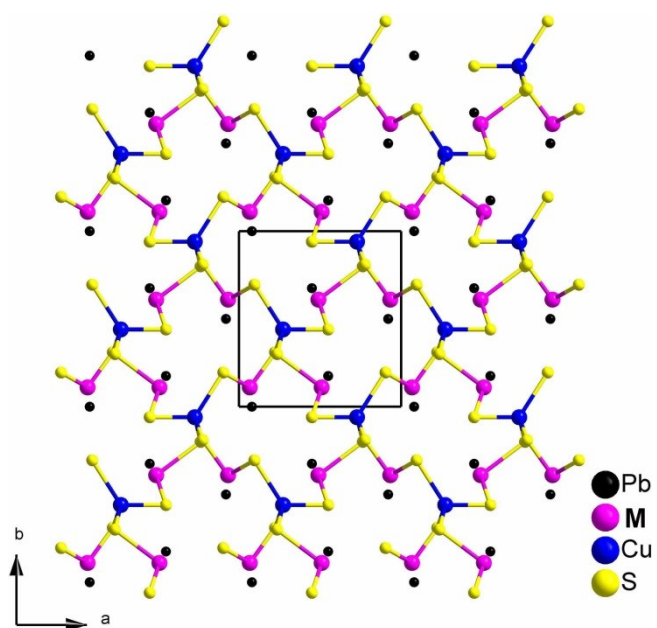


Figure S18. Structure of PbCuMS_3 ($M = \text{As}, \text{Sb}$) viewed from the ab plane.

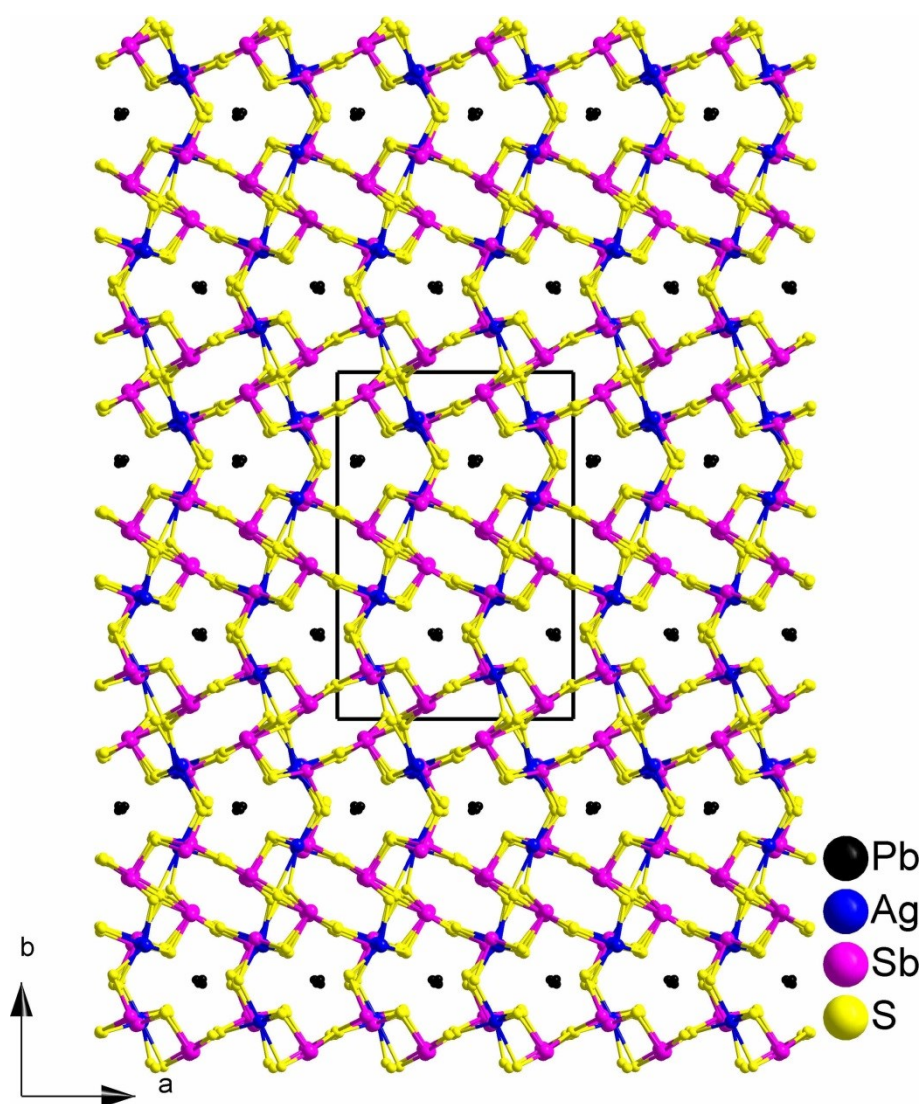


Figure S19. Structure of $\text{PbAgSb}_3\text{S}_6$ viewed from the ab plane.

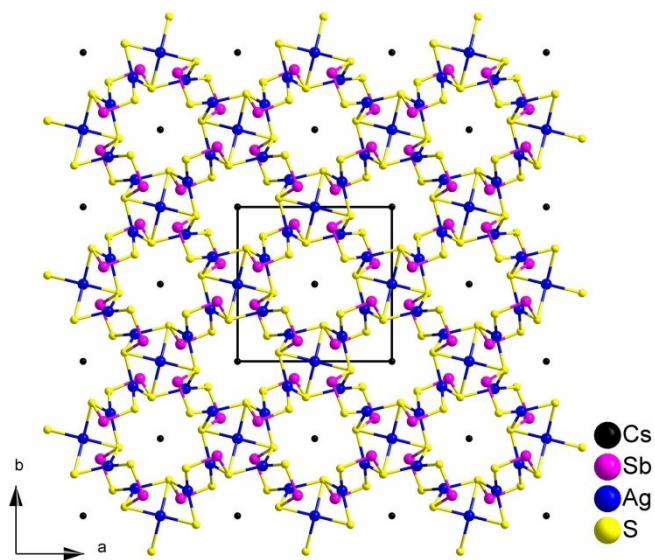


Figure S20. Structure of $\text{Cs}_3\text{Ag}_9\text{Sb}_4\text{S}_{12}$ viewed from the ab plane.

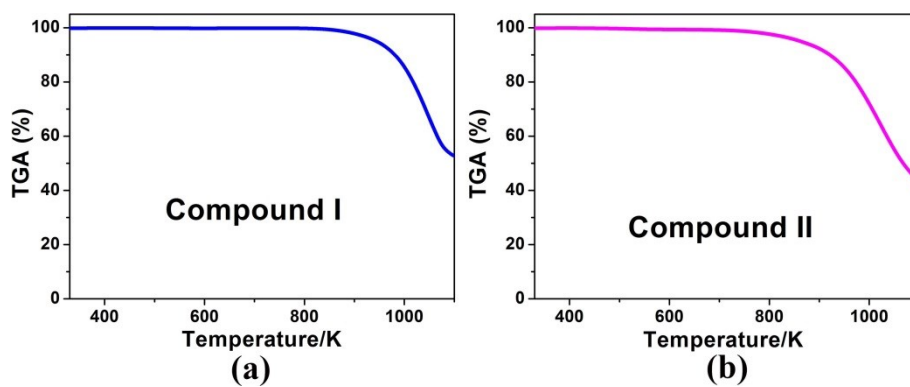


Figure S21. TGA diagrams of (a) I and (b) II.

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Table S1. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) for Cs₂Ag₂As₂S₅ (**I**).

Cs(1)–S(1)	3.4710(18)	Cs(2)–S(4)	3.8487(18)
Cs(1)–S(3)	3.524(2)	Cs(2)–S(1)	3.869(2)
Cs(1)–S(2)	3.5310(17)	Ag(1)–S(1)	2.4989(16)
Cs(1)–S(3)	3.5657(17)	Ag(1)–S(2)	2.5838(16)
Cs(1)–S(4)	3.6165(19)	Ag(1)–S(4)	2.5890(16)
Cs(1)–S(1)	3.6196(18)	Ag(2)–S(3)	2.5016(17)
Cs(1)–S(5)	3.8927(18)	Ag(2)–S(4)	2.5260(15)
Cs(1)–S(3)	3.9690(17)	Ag(2)–S(2)	2.5486(16)
Cs(2)–S(1)	3.4067(19)	As(1)–S(2)	2.2378(16)
Cs(2)–S(2)	3.4403(19)	As(1)–S(4)	2.2496(18)
Cs(2)–S(3)	3.4498(16)	As(1)–S(5)	2.2965(15)
Cs(2)–S(5)	3.5517(18)	As(2)–S(1)	2.2034(16)
Cs(2)–S(5)	3.565(2)	As(2)–S(3)	2.2040(15)
Cs(2)–S(4)	3.7136(17)	As(2)–S(5)	2.3134(18)
S(1)–Ag(1)–S(2)	109.93(5)	S(2)–As(1)–S(4)	101.25(6)
S(1)–Ag(1)–S(4)	111.42(5)	S(2)–As(1)–S(5)	106.31(6)
S(2)–Ag(1)–S(4)	119.89(5)	S(4)–As(1)–S(5)	96.20(6)
S(3)–Ag(2)–S(4)	124.63(5)	S(1)–As(2)–S(3)	103.93(6)
S(3)–Ag(2)–S(2)	115.98(5)	S(1)–As(2)–S(5)	99.01(6)
S(4)–Ag(2)–S(2)	118.10(6)	S(3)–As(2)–S(5)	100.96(6)

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Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) for Cs₃AgAs₄S₈ (II).

Cs(1)–S(7)	3.428(5)	Cs(3)–S(5)	3.589(5)
Cs(1)–S(2)	3.467(5)	Cs(3)–S(1)	3.765(6)
Cs(1)–S(4)	3.565(5)	Cs(3)–S(1)	4.075(6)
Cs(1)–S(6)	3.763(5)	As(4)–S(4)	2.167(5)
Cs(1)–S(1)	3.819(5)	As(4)–S(3)	2.321(5)
Cs(1)–S(5)	3.834(5)	As(4)–S(6)	2.399(5)
Cs(1)–S(4)	3.876(6)	As(1)–S(7)	2.161(5)
Cs(1)–S(8)	3.898(6)	As(1)–S(3)	2.276(6)
Cs(1)–S(8)	4.068(6)	As(1)–S(5)	2.368(5)
Cs(2)–S(3)	3.440(5)	As(2)–S(1)	2.234(5)
Cs(2)–S(6)	3.449(5)	As(2)–S(5)	2.287(5)
Cs(2)–S(7)	3.507(5)	As(2)–S(2)	2.299(5)
Cs(2)–S(3)	3.574(5)	As(3)–S(8)	2.199(5)
Cs(2)–S(4)	3.635(5)	As(3)–S(6)	2.239(5)
Cs(2)–S(5)	3.668(5)	As(3)–S(2)	2.298(5)
Cs(2)–S(6)	3.715(5)	Ag(1)–S(1)	2.672(6)
Cs(2)–S(2)	3.736(5)	Ag(1)–S(1)	2.672(6)
Cs(2)–S(3)	3.764(6)	Ag(1)–S(8)	2.700(6)
Cs(2)–S(2)	3.940(5)	Ag(1)–S(8)	2.700(6)
Cs(3)–S(8)	3.397(5)	Ag(2)–S(1)	2.611(6)
Cs(3)–S(7)	3.452(5)	Ag(2)–S(1)	2.611(6)
Cs(3)–S(5)	3.522(5)	Ag(2)–S(8)	2.638(6)
Cs(3)–S(7)	3.548(5)	Ag(2)–S(8)	2.638(6)
S(7)–As(1)–S(3)	102.53(19)	S(3)–As(4)–S(6)	88.58(17)
S(7)–As(1)–S(5)	98.43(17)	S(1)–Ag(1)–S(1)	100.8(2)
S(3)–As(1)–S(5)	94.83(18)	S(1)–Ag(1)–S(8)	109.82(17)
S(1)–As(2)–S(5)	101.6(2)	S(1)–Ag(1)–S(8)	123.29(15)
S(1)–As(2)–S(2)	107.5(2)	S(8)–Ag(1)–S(8)	91.7(2)
S(5)–As(2)–S(2)	98.90(19)	S(1)–Ag(1)–Ag(2)	50.38(12)
S(8)–As(3)–S(6)	99.6(2)	S(8)–Ag(1)–Ag(2)	134.13(12)
S(8)–As(3)–S(2)	103.7(2)	S(1)–Ag(2)–S(1)	104.1(3)
S(6)–As(3)–S(2)	96.38(18)	S(1)–Ag(2)–S(8)	121.82(15)
S(4)–As(4)–S(3)	103.08(19)	S(1)–Ag(2)–S(8)	107.91(18)
S(4)–As(4)–S(6)	98.9(2)	S(8)–Ag(2)–S(8)	94.5(3)

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Table S3. Band Valence in Cs₂Ag₂As₂S₅ (I) and Cs₃AgAs₄S₈ (II).

Cs ₂ Ag ₂ As ₂ S ₅ (I)		Cs ₃ AgAs ₄ S ₈ (II)	
Site	Valence	Site	Valence
Cs1	1.12	Cs1	1.03
Cs2	1.03	Cs2	1.05
Ag1	0.92	Cs3	1.19
Ag2	1.00	Ag1	0.96
As1	3.09	Ag2	1.02
As2	3.29	As1	3.11
		As2	2.99
		As3	3.24
		As4	2.91

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Table S4. Structural features of selected quaternary sulfides in the X–M²–M–S (X = cations; M² = Cu and Ag; M = As and Sb) system.

Compounds	Crystal system	Space group	Structural dimension	ABUs	Units link mode	Ref.
PbAgAsS ₃	monoclinic	$P2_1/c$ (14)	0D	[AgS ₂], [AsS ₂]	corner-sharing	1
BaAgAsS ₃	monoclinic	$P2_1/c$ (14)	1D	[AgS ₄], [AsS ₃]	corner- and edge-sharing	2
Cs ₂ Ag ₂ As ₂ S ₅	triclinic	$P\bar{1}$ (no. 2)	2D	[AgS ₃], [AsS ₃]	corner-sharing	This work
Cs ₂ Cu ₂ Sb ₂ S ₅	triclinic	$P\bar{1}$ (no. 2)	2D	[CuS ₄], [SbS ₃]	corner- and edge-sharing	3
KAg ₂ AsS ₃	triclinic	$P\bar{1}$ (no. 2)	2D	[AgS ₃], [AsS ₃]	corner-sharing	4
Rb ₈ Cu ₆ As ₈ S ₁₉	triclinic	$P\bar{1}$ (no. 2)	2D	[CuS ₃], [AsS ₃]	corner-sharing	3
KAg ₂ SbS ₃	triclinic	$P\bar{1}$ (no. 2)	2D	[AgS ₃], [SbS ₃]	corner-sharing	5
KCu ₂ SbS ₃	triclinic	$P\bar{1}$ (no. 2)	2D	[CuS ₃], [SbS ₃]	corner-sharing	6
KCu ₂ AsS ₃	triclinic	$P\bar{1}$ (no. 2)	2D	[CuS ₃], [AsS ₃]	corner-sharing	7
Cs ₃ AgAs ₄ S ₈	monoclinic	$C2/c$ (no. 12)	2D	[AgS ₄], [AsS ₃]	corner- and edge-sharing	This work
Rb ₂ Cu ₂ Sb ₂ S ₅	monoclinic	$P2_1/c$ (14)	2D	[CuS ₃], [CuS ₄], [SbS ₃]	corner-sharing	3
CsAg ₂ AsS ₃	monoclinic	$P2_1/c$ (14)	2D	[AgS ₂], [AgS ₃], [AsS ₃]	corner-sharing	8
K ₂ CuSbS ₃	monoclinic	$P2_1/c$ (14)	2D	[CuS ₃], [SbS ₃]	corner-sharing	9
BaAgSbS ₃	monoclinic	$C2/c$ (15)	2D	[AgS ₂], [AgS ₃], [SbS ₃]	corner-sharing	10
CsAgSb ₄ S ₇	monoclinic	$C2/c$ (15)	2D	[AgS ₄], [SbS ₃]	corner-sharing	11
K ₂ Ag ₃ Sb ₃ S ₇	orthorhombic	$Cmc2_1$ (36)	2D	[AgS ₃], [AgS ₄], [SbS ₃]	corner- and edge-sharing	5
KAg ₃ As ₂ S ₅	orthorhombic	$Pnma$ (62)	2D	[AgS ₃], [AgS ₄], [AsS ₃]	corner-sharing	12
CsCu ₂ AsS ₃	orthorhombic	$Pbca$ (63)	2D	[CuS ₃], [AsS ₃]	corner-sharing	13
HgAgAsS ₃	monoclinic	Cc (9)	3D	[AgS ₄], [AsS ₃]	corner-sharing	14
KCu ₄ AsS ₄	monoclinic	$P2_1$ (9)	3D	[CuS ₂], [CuS ₃], [AsS ₃]	corner-sharing	13
Tl ₃ Ag ₃ As ₂ S ₆	monoclinic	$P2_1/c$ (14)	3D	[AgS ₃], [AgS ₄], [AsS ₃]	corner-sharing	15
Tl ₃ Ag ₃ Sb ₂ S ₆	monoclinic	$P2_1/c$ (14)	3D	[AgS ₃], [AgS ₄], [SbS ₃]	corner-sharing	15
PbCuAsS ₃	orthorhombic	$Pmn2_1$ (31)	3D	[CuS ₄], [AsS ₃]	corner-sharing	16
PbCuSbS ₃	orthorhombic	$Pmn2_1$ (31)	3D	[CuS ₄], [SbS ₃]	corner-sharing	17
PbAgSb ₃ S ₆	orthorhombic	$Pna2_1$ (33)	3D	[AgS ₄], [SbS ₃], [SbS ₄]	corner- and edge-sharing	18
Cs ₃ Ag ₉ Sb ₄ S ₁₂	tetragonal	$I4/m$ (87)	3D	[AgS ₃], [AgS ₄], [SbS ₃]	corner- and edge-sharing	8

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