# Terrywallaceite, AgPb(Sb,Bi)<sub>3</sub>S<sub>6</sub>, isotypic with gustavite, a new mineral from Mina Herminia, Julcani Mining District, Huancavelica, Peru

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# ABSTRACT

A new mineral species, terrywallaceite, ideally AgPb(Sb,Bi)<sub>3</sub>S<sub>6</sub>, has been found in Mina Herminia, Julcani Mining District, Huancavelica, Peru. It is associated with tetrahedrite, gustavite, barite, and pyrite. Terrywallaceite crystals are lath-shaped, metallic-black, with striations parallel to the elongated direction (the c axis). The mineral is opaque with black streak and metallic luster. It is brittle and has a Mohs hardness of ~4; cleavage is good on {010} and no parting was observed. Twinning is pervasive on (100). The calculated density is 6.005 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Optically, terrywallaceite is grayish white in polished thin section, with weak bireflectance, weak pleochroism (white to pale gray), and weak anisotropy (gray with bluish tint to bluish black in air). An electron microprobe analysis yielded an empirical formula, based on 6 (S+As) apfu, Ag<sub>1.02</sub>Pb<sub>0.87</sub>(Sb<sub>1.53</sub>Bi<sub>1.47</sub>)<sub>\Sigma=3.00</sub>(S<sub>5.94</sub>AS<sub>0.06</sub>)<sub>Σ=6.00</sub>.

Terrywallaceite is a member of the lillianite group and isostructural with  $P2_1/c$  gustavite. Its unit-cell parameters are a = 6.9764(4), b = 19.3507(10), c = 8.3870(4) Å,  $\beta = 107.519(2)^\circ$ , and V = 1079.7(1) Å<sup>3</sup>. The structure of terrywallaceite contains six symmetrically-nonequivalent S sites and five cation sites [Ag, Pb, M1 (=0.82Bi + 0.18Sb), M2 (=0.60Bi + 0.40Sb), and M3 (=0.95Sb + 0.05Bi)]. The pronounced preference of Sb for the M3 site over M2 and M1 in terrywallaceite is consistent with the site occupancy data reported for Sb-bearing gustavite, and suggests an alternative ideal formula for terrywallaceite of AgPb(Sb,Bi)(Bi,Sb)<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub>, instead of AgPb(Sb,Bi)<sub>3</sub>S<sub>6</sub>.

Keywords: Terrywallaceite, gustavite, AgPb(Sb,Bi)<sub>3</sub>S<sub>6</sub>, sulfosalt, crystal structure, X-ray diffraction

## INTRODUCTION

A new sulfosalt mineral species, terrywallaceite, ideally AgPb(Sb,Bi)<sub>3</sub>S<sub>6</sub>, has been found in Mina Herminia, Julcani Mining District, Huancavelica, Peru. The mineral is named after Terry C. Wallace Jr., a former professor of geosciences and mineral museum curator specializing in silver minerals at the University of Arizona for over 20 years. Wallace joined Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in 2003 and now is the Principal Associate Director for science, technology, engineering, and educational activities at LANL. The new mineral and its name have been approved by the Commission on New Minerals, Nomenclature and Classification (CNMNC) of the International Mineralogical Association (IMA 2011-017). Part of the co-type sample has been deposited at the University of Arizona Mineral Museum (catalog no. 19034) and the RRUFF Project (deposition no. R100007: http://rruff.info/terrywallaceite). The holotype sample has been deposited at the Smithsonian Institution (NMNH 175995).

Terrywallaceite is a member of the lillianite (Pb<sub>3</sub>Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub>) group of Ag-Pb-Bi-Sb sulfosalt minerals (Moëlo et al. 2008). The structural and chemical features of the lillianite homologues have been described in length by Makovicky and Karup-Møller (1977a, 1977b), and Makovicky (2006). This paper describes the physical and chemical properties of terrywallaceite and its crystal structure determined from single-crystal X-ray diffraction data.

#### SAMPLE DESCRIPTION AND EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

### Occurrence, physical and chemical properties

Terrywallaceite was found on a rock sample collected from Level 390, Vein 14, Mina Herminia, Julcani Mining District, Huancavelica, about 300 km southeast of Lima, Peru. Associated minerals include tetrahedrite  $Cu_{12}Sb_4S_{13}$ , gustavite AgPbBi<sub>3</sub>S<sub>6</sub>, barite BaSO<sub>4</sub>, and pyrite FeS<sub>2</sub>. The mineralization at the Julcani District is genetically related to a geologically brief pulse of late Miocene (~10 m.y.) cale-alkalic magmatic activity (Goodell and Petersen 1974; Petersen et al. 1977; Lueth et al. 1990; Sack and Goodell 2002, and references therein). Hydrothermal alteration and mineralization are believed to have taken place concurrently with the intrusion of late-stage volcanic domes and dikes.

Terrywallaceite crystals are lath-shaped, black, with striations parallel to the elongated direction (the c axis) and up to 0.5 mm long (Figs. 1 and 2). The mineral is opaque with black streak and metallic luster. It is brittle and has a Mohs hardness of ~4; cleavage is good on {010} and no parting was observed. Twinning is pervasive on (100). The calculated density is 6.005 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Optically, terrywallaceite is grayish white in polished thin section, with weak bireflectance, weak pleochroism (white to pale gray), and weak anisotropy (gray with bluish tint to bluish black in air). The reflectance values of terrywallaceite (Table 1) were measured using a Zeiss MPM800 microscope-spectrophotometer system relative to the spectra from a WTiC reflectance standard (Zeiss 314).

The chemical composition of terrywallaceite was determined using a CAMECA SX-100 electron microprobe (20 kV, 20 nA, 20  $\mu$ m beam diameter). The standards included galena (S, Pb), AgBiS<sub>3</sub> (Ag, Bi), NiAs (As), and stibnite (Sb), yielding an average composition (15 points, wt%) of S 19.32(29), Bi 31.10(53), Sb

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FIGURE 1. (a) Rock sample on which terrywallaceite crystals are found; (b) a microscopic view of terrywallaceite crystals. (Color online.)

Experimental

 $d_{\rm calc}$  (Å)



**FIGURE 2.** A reciprocal plot of X-ray reflections of terrywallaceite (viewed down  $b^*$ ), showing the twin relationship with the twin law (1 0 1/2, 0 -1 0, 0 0 -1). (Color online.)

<b>TABLE 1.</b> Reflectance values of terryw	wallaceite measured in air
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R <sub>max</sub> -R <sub>min</sub>	λ (nm)
42.6-38.8	400
42.2–38.3	420
41.8–37.9	440
41.4–37.5	460
41.3–37.3	470
41.2–37.1	480
40.7–36.6	500
40.3–36.2	520
39.9–35.7	540
39.7–35.5	546
39.4–35.2	560
39.0–34.8	580
38.7–34.6	589
38.4–34.3	600
37.9–33.9	620
37.4–33.4	640
37.1–33.2	650
36.8–33.0	660
36.2–32.5	680
35.7–32.0	700

3	5.504	5	5.4819	1 2 0
4	5.025	4	5.0209	031
18	3.939	20	3.9126	1 4 0
23	3.680 (2 overlaps)	19	3.6967	122
		17	3.6958	022
100	3.369 (3 overlaps)	30	3.3995	132
		33	3.3988	032
		100	3.3453	150
33	3.010 (2 overlaps)	30	3.0108	212
		30	3.0093	1 1 2
58	2.911 (3 overlaps)	39	2.9070	222
		39	2.9057	122
		24	2.9021	160
16	2.758 (2 overlaps)	15	2.7557	232
		14	2.7546	1 3 2
15	2.276 (2 overlaps)	11	2.2742	172
		12	2.2740	072
12	2.126 (3 overlaps)	3	2.1261	270
		6	2.1223	3 3 2
		6	2.1214	232
26	2.080 (3 overlaps)	31	2.0967	<u>1</u> 04
		18	2.0698	182
		17	2.0697	082
20	2.043 (2 overlaps)	15	2.0382	342
		15	2.0374	242
22	1.950 (2 overlaps)	6	1.9435	352
		5	1.9428	252
6	1.902 (2 overlaps)	7	1.8947	282
		8	1.8943	<u>1</u> 82
7	1.852 (3 overlaps)	3	1.8483	244
		5	1.8439	362
		6	1.8433	262
17	1.771 (2 overlaps)	16	1.7768	254
		16	1.7764	054
6	1.457 (2 overlaps)	5	1.4535	444
		5	1.4529	244
7	1.424	9	1.4220	1 104

TABLE 2. Powder X-ray diffraction data of terrywallaceite

Theoretical

 $I_{cal}$ 

 $d_{\rm calc}$ (Å)

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# X-ray crystallography

Both powder and single-crystal X-ray diffraction data of terrywallaceite were collected on a Bruker X8 APEX2 CCD X-ray diffractometer equipped with graphite-monochromatized MoK $\alpha$  radiation. Listed in Table 2 are the measured powder X-ray diffraction data, along with those calculated from the determined structure using the program XPOW (Downs et al. 1993).

18.94(22), As 0.45(3), Ag 11.19(26), and Pb 18.22(49), and total = 99.24(69). The resultant chemical formula, calculated on the basis of 6 (S+As) atoms per formula, is  $Ag_{1.02}Pb_{0.87}(Sb_{1.53}Bi_{1.47})_{\Sigma=3.00}(S_{5.94}As_{0.06})_{\Sigma=6.00}$ , which can be simplified to  $AgPb(Sb,Bi)_3S_6$ .

Before the single-crystal X-ray diffraction data collection, several crystals of terrywallaceite were examined and they all appeared to be twinned on (100), with the twin law (1 0 0.5, 0 –1 0, 0 0 –1) (Fig. 2). The X-ray intensity data were

	Terrywallaceite	Synthetic gustavite	Sb-rich gustavite	Gustavite
Ideal chemical formula	AgPb(Sb,Bi)₃S <sub>6</sub>	AgPbBi₃S₀	AgPbBi₃S₀	AgPbBi₃S <sub>6</sub>
Effective structural formula	AgPb(Sb,Bi)(Bi,Sb) <sub>2</sub> S <sub>6</sub>	(AgBi)PbBi <sub>2</sub> S <sub>6</sub>	AgPb(Sb,Bi)(Bi,Sb) <sub>2</sub> S <sub>6</sub>	Ag <sub>0.99</sub> Pb(Bi <sub>2.90</sub> Sb <sub>0.11</sub> )S <sub>6</sub>
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i> (no. 14)	<i>Cmcm</i> (no. 63)	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c (no. 14)	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c (no. 14)
a (Å)	6.9764(4)	4.077(2)	7.0455(6)	7.0567(14)
b (Å)	19.3507(10)	13.477(7)	19.5294(17)	19.6905(39)
<i>c</i> (Å)	8.3870(4)	19.88(2)	8.3412(11)	8.2219(16)
β (°)	107.519(2)	90	107.446(10)	106.961(3)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1079.7(1)	1092.3	1094.9(2)	1092.7(2)
Ζ	4	4	4	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	6.005			6.789
λ (Å)	0.7107	0.7107	0.7107	0.7107
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	32.338	67.03	54.58	63.6
2θ range for data collection	≤65.16	≤70		≤40.16
No. of reflections collected	24910		10947	6628
No. of independent reflections	3917		2408	1072
No. of reflections with $l > 2\sigma(l)$	3015	1376 [ <i>l</i> > 1.5 <i>σ</i> ( <i>l</i> )]	1290 [ <i>l</i> > 3 <i>σ</i> ( <i>l</i> )]	763
No. of parameters refined	106	39	103	103
R(int)	0.036		0.092	0.129
Final $R_1$ , $wR_2$ factors $[l > 2\sigma(l)]$	0.034, 0.062	0.076	0.059, 0.060	0.028, 0.044
Final R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub> factors (all data)	0.055, 0.068			
Goodness-of-fit	1.023		1.98	0.829
Twin law	(1 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> , 0 –1 0, 0 0 –1)			
Twin ratio	0.74/0.26			
Reference	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Notes: References: (1) this study; (2)	Bente et al. (1993); (3) Pažout and	Dušek (2009); (4) Makovicky and	Тора (2011).	

TABLE 3. Summary of crystal data and refinement results for terrywallaceite and gustavite

collected from a nearly equi-dimensional twinned crystal ( $0.05 \times 0.05 \times 0.06$  mm) with frame widths of  $0.5^{\circ}$  in  $\omega$  and 30 s counting time per frame. All reflections were indexed on the basis of a monoclinic unit-cell (Table 3) and processed with the software TWINABS (Sheldrick 2007). The systematic absences of reflections indicate the unique space group  $P2_1/c$  (no. 14). The crystal structure was solved and refined using SHELX97 (Sheldrick 2008). The positions of all atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. The labeling scheme of the atomic sites follows that adopted by Makovicky and Topa (2011). During the structure refinements, the small As detected from the chemical analysis was ignored; all S, Ag, and Pb sites were assumed to be fully occupied by S, Ag, and Pb, respectively. The total amounts of Sb and Bi were constrained to those determined from electron microprobe analysis, but their ratios at the three individual sites (M1, M2, and M3) were allowed to vary. Final coordinates and displacement parameters of atoms are listed in Table 4, and selected bond distances in Table 5.

## DISCUSSION

Terrywallaceite is isostructural with  $P2_1/c$  gustavite, AgPb Bi<sub>3</sub>S<sub>6</sub> (Pažout and Dušek 2009; Makovicky and Topa 2011), an end-member of the gustavite-lillianite solid-solution series (Ag<sub>x</sub>Pb<sub>3-2x</sub>Bi<sub>2+x</sub>S<sub>6</sub>). Its structure contains six symmetrically-nonequivalent S sites and five cation sites (Ag, Pb, M1, M2, and M3) (Table 4). Most remarkably, the M1, M2, and M3 sites are occupied by (Bi + Sb) with different ratios: While the M1 (=0.82Bi + 0.18Sb) and M2 (=0.60Bi + 0.40Sb) sites are preferentially occupied by Bi, the M3 site is predominately filled with Sb (0.95Sb + 0.05Bi). Viewed along **c**\*, the structure of terrywallaceite consists of alternating slabs of PbS archetype cut

parallel to  $(311)_{PbS}$  and each slab has N = 4, the number of octahedra running diagonally across an individual slab, which are Ag, M2, M3, and M1 (Fig. 3) (Makovicky and Karup-Møller 1977a, 1977b; Makovicky 2006). The octahedral slabs are separated by rods of Pb atoms in a bicapped trigonal prismatic coordination. The four distinct octahedra in a slab are all appreciably distorted, with Ag in a 4+2 coordination (four short bonds and two long ones), and M1, M2, and M3 in the 3+3 coordination (Table 5). For comparison, listed in Table 5 are also selected bond distances for gustavite examined by Pažout and Dušek (2009) and Makovicky and Topa (2011).

Natural gustavite samples generally contain some amounts of Sb substituting for Bi, with the Sb/(Sb+Bi) ratios ranging between 0 and 31% (see Pažout et al. 2001; Pažout and Dušek 2009 and references therein). The discovery of terrywallaceite extends the Sb/(Sb+Bi) ratio in the gustavite-type structure over 50%. However, there is apparently no complete solid solution between AgPbBi<sub>3</sub>S<sub>6</sub> and AgPbSb<sub>3</sub>S<sub>6</sub>, because the latter crystallizes in the  $Pn2_1a$  andorite VI structure (Sawada et al. 1987), instead of the  $P2_1/c$  gustavite-type structure. Accordingly, based on the chemical analysis, we propose the chemical formula for terrywallaceite as AgPb(Sb,Bi)<sub>3</sub>S<sub>6</sub>, rather than AgPbSb<sub>3</sub>S<sub>6</sub>. However, the exact phase boundary between terrywallaceite and andorite VI in terms of the Sb/Bi ratio is still unclear at pres-

**TABLE 4.** Coordinates and displacement parameters of atoms in terrywallaceite

Atom	Х	У	Ζ	$U_{\rm eq}$	U <sub>11</sub>	U <sub>22</sub>	U <sub>33</sub>	U <sub>23</sub>	U <sub>13</sub>	U <sub>12</sub>
Ag	0.13556(20)	0.36504(5)	0.28477(15)	0.0465(2)	0.0562(6)	0.0402(5)	0.0409(5)	0.0005(5)	0.0114(5)	0.0257(4)
Pb	0.63960(5)	0.25004(2)	0.15889(7)	0.0255(1)	0.0240(2)	0.0288(2)	0.0239(2)	0.0003(2)	0.0078(2)	0.0017(1)
M1	0.18850(5)	0.35966(2)	0.79992(6)	0.0164(1)	0.0153(2)	0.0171(1)	0.0171(2)	0.0005(2)	0.0053(1)	-0.0013(1)
M2	0.25787(5)	0.54936(2)	0.56150(6)	0.0164(1)	0.0176(2)	0.0144(2)	0.0169(2)	-0.0003(2)	0.0045(2)	-0.0001(1)
M3	0.72321(8)	0.44406(3)	0.92624(9)	0.0155(2)	0.0149(3)	0.0159(2)	0.0165(3)	-0.0010(2)	0.0058(3)	0.0002(2)
S1	0.0149(4)	0.4918(1)	0.2870(3)	0.0217(5)	0.0271(11)	0.0211(11)	0.0185(11)	-0.0022(8)	0.0091(9)	-0.0038(8)
S2	0.9132(3)	0.3330(1)	0.4948(3)	0.0189(4)	0.0214(9)	0.0165(9)	0.0194(11)	-0.0006(9)	0.0070(9)	-0.0007(7)
S3	0.5092(3)	0.4021(1)	0.0971(3)	0.0210(5)	0.0217(10)	0.0226(10)	0.0198(13)	-0.0023(9)	0.0078(9)	-0.0019(8)
S4	0.3547(3)	0.2390(1)	0.8390(4)	0.0190(4)	0.0184(8)	0.0199(10)	0.0184(10)	-0.0011(10)	0.0049(11)	-0.0021(7)
S5	0.5040(3)	0.5967(1)	0.3506(3)	0.0211(5)	0.0199(10)	0.0234(10)	0.0206(13)	0.0005(9)	0.0073(9)	0.0000(8)
S6	0.9209(3)	0.3351(1)	0.9730(3)	0.0188(4)	0.0206(9)	0.0159(8)	0.0206(11)	0.0018(9)	0.0073(10)	0.0027(7)

TABLE 5. Selected bond distances (Å) for terrywallaceite and gustavite

	Terrywallaceite	Sb-rich gustavite	Gustavite
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Pb-S4	2.827(3)	2.830(5)	2.821(5)
Pb-S4	2.843(3)	2.841(7)	2.821(4)
Pb-S3	3.078(2)	3.101(8)	3.206(4)
Pb-S2	3.115(2)	3.141(8)	3.220(4)
Pb-S5	3.125(2)	3.141(8)	3.134(4)
Pb-S6	3.224(2)	3.224(6)	3.186(5)
Pb-S6	3.291(3)	3.311(8)	3.287(5)
Pb-S2	3.306(2)	3.307(6)	3.283(4)
Avg.	3.101	3.112	3.120
Ag-S4	2.486(2)	2.495(8)	2.507(4)
Ag-S1	2.595(3)	2.606(9)	2.690(4)
Ag-S6	2.656(3)	2.708(6)	2.774(5)
Ag-S2	2.746(3)	2.795(9)	2.731(4)
Ag-S5	3.406(3)	3.314(6)	3.210(6)
Ag-S3	3.501(3)	3.359(8)	3.177(4)
Avg.	2.898	2.880	2.848
M1-S4	2.583(2)	2.609(8)	2.589(4)
M1-S6	2.729(2)	2.725(8)	2.720(4)
M1-S2	2.746(2)	2.739(6)	2.709(5)
M1-S3	2.922(2)	2.975(6)	3.001(5)
M1-S5	2.923(2)	2.980(8)	3.007(4)
M1-S1	3.191(2)	3.177(8)	3.132(4)
Avg.	2.849	2.868	2.860
M2-S2	2.547(2)	2.563(8)	2.602(4)
M2-S1	2.658(2)	2.746(7)	2.815(4)
M2-S1	2.706(2)	2.776(9)	2.861(5)
M2-S5	2.957(2)	2.931(8)	2.879(4)
M2-S3	2.986(2)	2.936(6)	2.860(5)
M2-S5	3.248(2)	3.251(8)	3.217(4)
Avg.	2.851	2.867	2.872
M3-S6	2.485(2)	2.540(8)	2.592(4)
M3-S3	2.496(2)	2.608(8)	2.675(4)
M3-S5	2.512(3)	2.579(6)	2.682(6)
M3-S1	3.169(3)	3.139(9)	3.020(5)
M3-S1	3.232(3)	3.159(6)	3.067(4)
M3-S3	3.367(2)	3.337(8)	3.281(4)
Avg.	2.877	2.894	2.886
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Note: (1) This study; (2) Pažout and Dušek (2009); (3) Makovicky and Topa (2011).



FIGURE 3. Crystal structure of terrywallaceite. (Color online.)

ent. The most Bi-rich andorite found thus far has Sb/(Sb+Bi) = 0.77 (Pažout and Dušek 2010). Therefore, the phase boundary between terrywallaceite and andorite VI should fall between Sb/(Sb+Bi) = 0.51 and 0.77.

Interestingly, compounds with the gustavite chemistry display either  $P2_1/c$  (Pažout and Dušek 2009; Makovicky and Topa 2011) or *Cmcm* symmetry (Bente et al. 1993). Similarly, an unnamed mineral, nominally with the terrywallaceite chemistry [Ag<sub>0.71</sub> Pb<sub>1.52</sub>(Bi<sub>1.32</sub>Sb<sub>1.45</sub>)<sub>2.77</sub>S<sub>6</sub>, Sb/(Sb+Bi) = 52.3%], was reported to also have an orthorhombic *Cmcm* symmetry (Pažout and Dušek 2010). Nevertheless, it should be noted that the Pb content in the orthorhombic phase studied by Pažout and Dušek (2010) is significantly >1.0, making it questionable to include this phase



**FIGURE 4.** The relationship between the Sb occupancy at the M1, M2, and M3 sites and the Sb/(Sb+Bi) ratio in the gustavite-terrywallaceite solid solution. The data for Sb-bearing gustavite are from Pažout and Dušek (2009) and Makovicky and Topa (2011).

in the AgPbBi<sub>3</sub>S<sub>6</sub>-AgPbSb<sub>3</sub>S<sub>6</sub> system.

Analogous to Sb-bearing gustavite (Pažout and Dušek 2009; Makovicky and Topa 2011), terrywallaceite also displays a marked preference of Sb for the M3 site over M2 and M1. In fact, it appears that, as illustrated in Figure 4, the occupancy of Sb at the M3 site will exceed that of Bi when the Sb/(Sb+Bi) ratio for the whole AgPb(Bi,Sb)<sub>3</sub>S<sub>6</sub> solid solution is only about 25%. This, then, calls into question whether it would be more appropriate and reasonable to express the structural formula of terrywallaceite as AgPb(Sb,Bi)(Bi,Sb)<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub>, instead of AgPb(Sb,Bi)<sub>3</sub>S<sub>6</sub>. If so, the phase boundary between gustavite and terrywallaceite should be at Sb/(Sb+Bi)  $\approx 25\%$ , rather than 50%. This argument would also put the Sb-rich gustavite, Ag<sub>1.08</sub>Pb<sub>0.84</sub>(Bi<sub>2.11</sub>Sb<sub>0.96</sub>)(S<sub>5.93</sub>Se<sub>0.01</sub>), investigated by Pažout and Dušek (2009) into the terrywallaceite compositional field, in which the M3 site is occupied by (0.65Sb + 0.35 Bi).

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