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Tarutinoite, $\text{Ag}_3\text{Pb}_7\text{Bi}_7\text{S}_{19}$, a new member of the lillianite homologous series from the Tarutinskoe copper-skarn deposit, Southern Urals, Russia

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Abstract

The new mineral tarutinoite, ideally $\text{Ag}_3\text{Pb}_7\text{Bi}_7\text{S}_{19}$, was found in a fragment of a drill core extracted at 178.5 m level of borehole #4604 at the Tarutinskoe (Tarutino) copper-skarn deposit, Chelyabinsk Oblast, Southern Urals, Russia. It occurs as anhedral grains up to 0.10×0.05 mm intergrown with hessite and galena in magnetite and calcite. Tarutinoite is grey, opaque with metallic luster, brittle tenacity and uneven fracture. No cleavage and parting are observed. The Vickers' micro-indentation hardness (VHN, 25 g load) is 178 kg/mm^2 (range 165–194, $n = 4$), corresponding to a Mohs' hardness of 3.5–4, and calculated density is 7.180 g/cm^3 . In reflected light, tarutinoite is greyish-white, very weakly bireflectant and non-pleochroic. In crossed

polarizers the new mineral exhibits moderate anisotropy, in grey and dark grey tones with bluish tints. The reflectance values for wavelengths recommended by the Commission on Ore Mineralogy of the International Mineralogical Association are (R_{\min}/R_{\max} , %): 45.5/47.9 (470 nm), 43.5/45.0 (546 nm), 43.3/44.1 (589 nm) and 41.8/42.5 (650 nm). The chemical composition (wt.%, electron microprobe data, mean of 7 spot analyses) is Cu 0.30, Ag 8.33, Cd 0.04, Pb 37.12, Bi 37.52, S 15.15, Se 0.40, Te 0.66, total 99.52. The empirical formula calculated on the basis of 36 atoms per formula unit is $(\text{Ag}_{3.01}\text{Cu}_{0.18})_{\Sigma 3.19}(\text{Pb}_{6.98}\text{Cd}_{0.01})_{\Sigma 6.99}\text{Bi}_{7.00}(\text{S}_{18.42}\text{Se}_{0.20}\text{Te}_{0.20})_{\Sigma 18.82}$. Tarutinoite is monoclinic, space group $C2/m$, with $a = 13.5447(12)$, $b = 4.1027(3)$, $c = 32.481(4)$ Å, $\beta = 96.433(9)^\circ$, $V = 1793.6(3)$ Å³ and $Z = 2$. The strongest lines of the X-ray powder diffraction pattern [d , Å (I , %) (hkl)] are: 16.15 (48) (0 0 2), 3.407 (69) (1 1 -5), 3.328 (95) (2 0 -9), 3.042 (65) (2 0 -10), 2.941 (100) (3 1 2), 2.910 (55) (3 1 -4), 2.053 (44) (0 2 0). The crystal structure of tarutinoite was refined to $R_1 = 0.1349$ for 2024 reflections with $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$ and 84 refined parameters. The new mineral is the first ^{7,8} L member of the lillianite homologous series. It is named after its type locality.

Keywords: tarutinoite; new mineral; chemical composition; crystal structure; lillianite homologous series; Tarutinskoe deposit; Southern Urals; Russia

Introduction

The lillianite homologous series include numerous complex Ag-Pb-(Bi,Sb)-bearing sulfosalts and is derived from the structure of lillianite, $\text{Pb}_3\text{Bi}_2\text{S}_6$. Members of this series have structures consisting of alternating layers of PbS archetype cut parallel to $(311)_{\text{PbS}}$. The octahedra of adjacent, mirror-related layers are replaced by bicapped trigonal coordination prisms of PbS_{6+2} with the Pb atoms located on the mirror planes (e.g., Pažout, 2017). Detailed description of this series can be found in several publications (e.g., Makovicky and Karup-Møller, 1977a; Makovicky and Topa, 2014; Topa *et al.*, 2016; Pažout, 2017).

Existing members of the lillianite homologous series can be divided into the lillianite branch (Bi-dominant members) and the andorite branch (Sb-dominant members). They can be described as ^{N1,N2} L (L = lillianite homologue), where N1 and N2 are the numbers of octahedra for two adjacent sets of layers. They can be equal (known combinations for existing minerals are 4–4, 7–7, 8–8 or 11–11) or different (known combinations are 4–7, 4–8 and 5–9).

In the course of the study by scanning electron microscopy with energy-dispersive spectrometry (SEM-EDS) and ore microscopy of the old-collected samples of drill core from the Tarutinskoe (Tarutino) copper-skarn deposit, Southern Urals, Russia, we encountered an Ag-Pb-

Bi sulfosalt with a stoichiometry differing from all the already existing lillianite homologous series' members. Subsequent investigations of its crystal structure in combination with wavelength-dispersive spectroscopy (WDS) showed this phase to be a new $7,8L$ member of the lillianite branch. It was named tarutinoite after its type locality. The new mineral, its name and symbol (Trtn) have been approved by the Commission on New Minerals, Nomenclature and Classification of the International Mineralogical Association (CNMNC-IMA) (IMA2023–122, Kasatkin *et al.*, 2024). The holotype specimen is deposited in the systematic collection of the Fersman Mineralogical Museum of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, with the catalogue number 98571.

Occurrence and general appearance

The new mineral occurs at the Tarutinskoe (Tarutino) copper-skarn deposit, 9.5 km S of the Tarutino village, 220 km S of Chelyabinsk, Chesmensk district, Chelyabinsk Oblast, Southern Urals, Russia (latitude 53° 70' 89" N, longitude 61° 02' 90" E) (Fig. 1).

The Tarutinskoe deposit is located at the southern contact of the Yuzhno-Karamysovsky massif of diorites and plagiogranites and volcano-sedimentary strata of Siluro-Devonian age (Fig. 2). Skarn zones formed after the remnants of marbles and host granitoids, and they consist of skarn bodies up to 100 m long and 28 m thick. The majority of magnetite-sulfidic and sulfide orebodies are confined to skarns while only few are located in the zones of moderately to strongly sericitized granitoids. Main gangue minerals of the skarns include garnets (andradite, grossular), epidote, chlorites (clinocllore, chamosite), pyroxenes (diopside, hedenbergite), amphiboles (actinolite, tremolite) and calcite. Main ore minerals comprise magnetite, hematite and sulfides (pyrite, chalcopyrite, galena, sphalerite). More detailed description of the Tarutinskoe deposit, its geology and mineralogy can be found elsewhere (Grabezhev *et al.*, 2002, 2004, 2005; Grabezhev and Shardakova, 2006; Grabezhev and Ronkin, 2007; *etc.*).

Tarutinoite was found in a fragment of a drill core extracted at 178.5 m level of borehole #4604 (Fig. 3) as anhedral grains up to 0.10×0.05 mm in magnetite-calcite matrix (Figs 4a, b). Apart the two latter, the drill core is composed of major pyrite, chalcopyrite and andradite. Other associated minerals include aikinite, baryte, berryite, bismuthinite, clinocllore, galena, hessite, quartz, scheelite and tetradyomite.

Tarutinoite most probably crystallized from hydrothermal fluids during the ore-forming stage.

Physical properties and optical data

Tarutinoite is grey, opaque with metallic luster, brittle tenacity and uneven fracture. No cleavage and parting are observed. The Vickers' micro-indentation hardness (VHN, 25 g load) is 178 kg/mm² (range 165–194, $n = 4$), corresponding to a Mohs' hardness of 3.5–4. The density of the mineral could not be measured due to the very small amount of available material and absence of necessary heavy liquids. A density value calculated using the empirical formula and unit-cell volume obtained from single-crystal X-ray diffraction (SCXRD) data is 7.180 g/cm³. In reflected light, tarutinoite is greyish-white, very slightly brighter than neighbouring galena, very weakly birefractant and non-pleochroic. In crossed polarizers the new mineral exhibits moderate anisotropy, in grey and dark grey tones with bluish tints. Reflectance values have been measured in air using an MSF-R (LOMO, Saint-Petersburg, Russia) microspectrophotometer. Silicon was used as a standard. The reflectance values (R_{\max}/R_{\min}) are given in [Table 1](#) and plotted in [Fig. 5](#).

Chemical Data

Quantitative chemical analyses were carried out using a Cameca SX 100 electron microprobe (WDS mode, 25 kV, 4 nA, 3 μm beam diameter) at the Department of Geological Sciences, Faculty of Science, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic. Observation in back-scattered electron (BSE) mode ([Fig. 4b](#)) and chemical microanalyses revealed homogeneous chemical composition of tarutinoite. Results (average of 7 spot analyses) and list of standards are given in [Table 2](#). Contents of other elements with atomic numbers >8 (including Fe, As and Sb) are below detection limits. Matrix correction of X-PHI algorithm (Merlet, 1994) was applied to the data.

The empirical formula calculated on the basis of 36 atoms per formula unit is $(\text{Ag}_{3.01}\text{Cu}_{0.18})_{\Sigma 3.19}(\text{Pb}_{6.98}\text{Cd}_{0.01})_{\Sigma 6.99}\text{Bi}_{7.00}(\text{S}_{18.42}\text{Se}_{0.20}\text{Te}_{0.20})_{\Sigma 18.82}$. The electrostatic valence $Ev(\%)$, defined as $\{[Ev(+)] - Ev(-)] \times 100 / [Ev(-)]\}$, is +1.4%. The simplified formula of tarutinoite is $(\text{Ag,Cu})_3(\text{Pb,Cd})_7\text{Bi}_7(\text{S,Se,Te})_{19}$.

The ideal formula of tarutinoite is $\text{Ag}_3\text{Pb}_7\text{Bi}_7\text{S}_{19}$, which requires (in wt.%) Ag 8.41, Pb 37.71, Bi 38.04, S 15.84, total 100.00

X-ray Crystallography

Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) data were collected by means of a Rigaku R-AXIS Rapid II single-crystal diffractometer equipped with a cylindrical image plate detector (radius 127.4 mm) using a Debye-Scherrer geometry, $\text{CoK}\alpha$ radiation (rotating anode with VariMAX microfocussing optics), 40 kV and 15 mA. The angular resolution of the detector is $0.045^\circ 2\theta$ (pixel size 0.1 mm). The data were integrated using the software package *Osc2Tab* (Britvin et al.,

2017). PXRD data of tarutinoite are given in Table 4 in comparison to that calculated from SCXRD data using the *Vesta* program (Momma and Izumi, 2011). Parameters of monoclinic unit cell were refined from the observed d spacing data using *UnitCell* software (Holland and Redfern, 1997) and are as follows: $a = 13.542(6)$, $b = 4.107(3)$, $c = 32.522(8)$ Å, $\beta = 96.498(7)^\circ$, $V = 1797.3(9)$ Å³. It should be noted that due to the lack of material, PXRD data were collected from the same grain which was used for SCXRD studies (see below). This issue with the preferential orientation of the single crystal during PXRD data collection also introduces a difference in the intensity of the peaks in the observed and calculated powder diffraction patterns while maintaining their angular positions (Table 3).

For the SCXRD study, a grain of tarutinoite, $0.080 \times 0.070 \times 0.020$ mm³ in size, manually extracted from the polished section analysed using electron microprobe (Fig. 4b), was mounted on a glass fiber and examined through a Supernova Rigaku-Oxford Diffraction diffractometer equipped with a micro-source MoK α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å; 50 kV, 0.8 mA) and a Pilatus 200K Dectris detector at the Dipartimento di Geoscienze (University of Padua, Italy). We collected intensity data over 27 runs (for a total of 1719 frames) and an exposure time of 26 seconds per degree of omega rotation for a total time of 12.33 hours. The data were processed by *CrysAlisPro* 1.171.41.123a software (Rigaku Oxford Diffraction) and are as follows: tarutinoite is monoclinic, space group $C2/m$, with unit-cell parameters $a = 13.5447(12)$, $b = 4.1027(3)$, $c = 32.481(4)$ Å, $\beta = 96.433(9)^\circ$, $V = 1793.6(3)$ Å³ and $Z = 2$.

The crystal structure of tarutinoite was solved using *Shelxs-97* in the space group $C2/m$ and refined using *Shelxl-2018* (Sheldrick, 2015). Neutral scattering curves for Ag, Pb, Bi, and S were taken from the *International Tables for Crystallography* (Wilson, 1992). Nine cation and ten anion sites were located. The initial structural model refined to $R_1 = 0.195$ and was improved to $R_1 = 0.157$ after modelling the occurrence of twinning according to a two-fold axis along [100]. The site occupancies at the $M(1)$ – $M(9)$ sites were modelled considering both site scattering and bond-valence sums (using the bond parameters of Brese and O’Keeffe, 1991). Indeed, Pb ($Z = 82$) and Bi ($Z = 83$) cannot be distinguished on the basis of site scattering only, and their site occupancies were fixed on the basis of the bond-valence approach. $M(1)$ and $M(5)$ sites were found to host Ag and a heavier element; on the basis of bond-valence sums, a mixed (Ag/Bi) occupancy was refined. Silver occurs also at the $M(7)$ and $M(8)$ positions. At the former, it occurs along with Pb, whereas at the latter site a mixed (Pb,Bi,Ag) occupancy was modelled, initially refining the Pb vs. Ag site occupancy and then adjusting the Pb/Bi ratio to optimize the bond-valence sum. $M(6)$ and $M(9)$ were modelled as pure Bi and Pb positions, whereas some mixed (Pb/Bi) sites were identified, namely $M(2)$, $M(3)$, and $M(4)$. In particular, the $M(3)$ site was found to be split into two sub-positions: the $M(3a)/M(3b)$ site occupancy was initially

refined and then the Pb/Bi ratio at the two sub-sites was fixed on the basis of bond-valence sums. Whereas the displacement parameters of cation positions were refined anisotropically (with the exception of the split $M(3)$ position), the parameters of anion sites were modelled using isotropic displacement parameters, as some of them were negatively defined using the anisotropic model. After several cycles of refinement, the R_1 converged to 0.1349 on the basis of 2024 unique reflections with $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$ and 84 refined parameters.

Details of data collection and refinement are given in Table 4. Fractional atomic coordinates, site occupancies, and displacement parameters are reported in Table 5. Table 6 reports selected bond distances. Table 7 gives the weighted bond-valence calculations calculated using the bond-valence parameters of Brese and O’Keeffe (1991). Supplementary crystallographic data were deposited in the Inorganic Crystal Structure Database (ICSD) and can be obtained by quoting the CSD 2380182 via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/, and is available as Supplementary material (see below).

Crystal structure description

The features of the crystal structure of tarutinoite (Fig. 6) agree with those of the members of the lillianite homologous series (e.g., Makovicky and Karup-Møller, 1977a; Makovicky and Topa, 2014). Tarutinoite shows two different kinds of PbS-like slabs, parallel to (001). Lead atoms on the composition planes of the unit-cell twinning (according to the definition first given by Andersson and Hyde, 1974) show a bicapped trigonal prismatic coordination.

The two different slabs have a different diagonal width of the PbS-like octahedral layers, i.e., seven and eight, respectively.

The thinner ($N = 7$) t slab has composition $M(1)(Ag_{0.92}Bi_{1.08})^{M(2)}(Bi_{1.60}Pb_{0.40})^{M(3)}(Pb_{1.78}Bi_{0.22})^{M(4)}(Pb_{0.50}Bi_{0.50})S_8 = Ag_{0.9}Pb_{2.68}Bi_{3.42}S_8$ ($Z = 2$). The $M(1)$ site is a mixed (Bi,Ag) site, with site occupancy $Ag_{0.46(5)}Bi_{0.54(5)}$. It shows three distances distinctly shorter than 3 Å (average $\langle Ag-S \rangle$ distance of 2.67 Å), and three longer ones, ranging between 2.98 and 3.07 Å. Bond-valence sum (BVS) at the $M(1)$ site is 2.10 valence units (v.u.), agreeing with theoretical value based on site occupancy. The $M(2)$ site is a mixed (Bi,Pb) site, with a Bi/(Bi+Pb) ratio of 0.8. The average $\langle M(2)-S \rangle$ is 2.87 Å. The octahedral coordination of this position is characterized by five Bi-S distances shorter than 3 Å (average value of 2.82 Å) and a sixth long distance of 3.16 Å. The BVS value is 2.73 v.u. Electron density at the $M(3)$ site was found to be split into two sub-positions, namely $M(3a)$ and $M(3b)$. This site was refined as a mixed (Pb,Bi) position. The sum of the BVSs at these two sub-sites is 2.10 v.u., to be compared with the calculated value of 2.12 v.u. on the basis of the site occupancy ($Pb_{0.89}Bi_{0.11}$). Finally, the $M(4)$ site shows a nearly regular octahedral coordination, with average $\langle M(4)-S \rangle$ bond distance of

2.90 Å. The site occupancy was fixed to (Pb_{0.50}Bi_{0.50}) on the basis of the value of the BVS, i.e., 2.36 v.u. Sulfur sites belonging to this slab are S(1)-S(4). Their BVSs range between 1.82 and 2.10 v.u.

The thicker ($N = 8$) T slab has composition ${}^{M(5)}(\text{Ag}_{0.98}\text{Bi}_{1.02})_{\Sigma 2.00} {}^{M(6)}\text{Bi}_2 {}^{M(7)}(\text{Pb}_{1.42}\text{Ag}_{0.58})_{\Sigma 2.00} {}^{M(8)}(\text{Pb}_{1.00}\text{Bi}_{0.70}\text{Ag}_{0.30})_{\Sigma 2.00}\text{S}_9 = \text{Ag}_{1.86}\text{Pb}_{2.42}\text{Bi}_{3.72}\text{S}_9$ ($Z = 2$). The $M(5)$ site shows a distorted octahedral coordination, with a mixed (Ag,Bi) occupancy, with three $\langle M(5)\text{-S} \rangle$ distances shorter than 3 Å (average 2.69 Å) and three longer ones (average 2.99 Å). The BVS, 2.13 v.u., agrees with the refined (Ag_{0.49(4)}Bi_{0.51(4)}) occupancy of this position. The $M(6)$ site is a pure Bi position, with five distances shorter than 3 Å (average value of 2.79 Å) and the sixth ligand at 3.12 Å. Its BVS, 2.96 v.u., fully agrees with the occupancy by Bi³⁺. The $M(7)$ site is a mixed (Pb,Ag) position, with an average $\langle M(7)\text{-S} \rangle$ bond distance of 2.94 Å. The BVS value, 1.70 v.u., is in accordance with that calculated on the basis of the refined site occupancy Pb_{0.71(5)}Ag_{0.29(5)}. Finally, the $M(8)$ site is a nearly regular octahedron with a mixed (Pb,Bi,Ag) occupancy. The BVS, 2.12 v.u., can be compared with the theoretical one, i.e., 2.20 v.u. Anions, in this slab, are hosted at sites S(5)-S(9). Their BVS varies between 1.72 and 1.96 v.u.

The composition plane of the unit-cell twinning of tarutinoite is composed by the sites $M(9)$ and S(10). The $M(9)$ site is a pure Pb site, with a trigonal bipyramidal coordination, with an average bond distance of 3.14 Å. The BVS at this site is 1.84 v.u., whereas at the S(10) position is 2.42 v.u. The chemistry of this composition plane is ${}^{M(9)}\text{Pb}_2\text{S}_2$.

On the basis of the structural investigation, the formula of tarutinoite can be written as ${}^t[\text{Ag}_{0.92}\text{Pb}_{2.68}\text{Bi}_{3.40}\text{S}_8] + {}^T[\text{Ag}_{1.86}\text{Pb}_{2.42}\text{Bi}_{3.72}\text{S}_9] + \text{Pb}_2\text{S}_2 = \text{Ag}_{2.78}\text{Pb}_{7.10}\text{Bi}_{7.12}\text{S}_{19}$ ($Z = 2$), $E_v = +0.9\%$. This formula agrees with the ideal one, Ag₃Pb₇Bi₇S₁₉ ($Z = 2$).

Notwithstanding the relatively high R value, i.e., 0.1349, the crystal structure of tarutinoite is physically sound, as proved by bond distances, bond-valence sums, and the fit between crystal structure and chemical composition. The high R value, as well as the relatively high residuals, could be due to the widespread twinning of tarutinoite [twin according to a two-fold axis along **a**, with a refined ratio between the two domains of 0.321(9)] and the possible occurrence of stacking disorder along the **c** direction.

Discussion

As shown above, tarutinoite is the first ^{7,8} L member of the lillianite homologous series. While the natural member was unknown up-to-now, such kind of a homologue was reported in synthetic runs using high resolution transmission electron microscopy by Skowron and Tilley (1990). Tarutinoite is the 13th member of the lillianite branch within the lillianite homologous series. Their comparison is given in Table 8.

The empirical formula of tarutinoite can be written as $\text{Cu}_{0.18}\text{Ag}_{3.01}\text{Cd}_{0.01}\text{Pb}_{6.98}\text{Bi}_{7.00}\text{S}_{18.42}\text{Se}_{0.20}\text{Te}_{0.20}$. Considering homovalent substitutions $\text{Cd}^{2+} = \text{Pb}^{2+}$, $\text{Se}^{2-} = \text{S}^{2-}$, and $\text{Te}^{2-} = \text{S}^{2-}$, this formula can be modified to $\text{Cu}_{0.18}\text{Ag}_{3.01}\text{Pb}_{6.99}\text{Bi}_{7.00}\text{S}_{18.82}$. Copper is probably hosted in tetrahedral voids within the crystal structure of tarutinoite, as observed in other lead sulfosalts (e.g., bournonite, Edenharter *et al.*, 1970; zinkenite, Biagioni *et al.*, 2018). Unfortunately, owing to its relatively low abundance and the low quality of the structure refinement, this hypothesis cannot be experimentally confirmed. However, following Makovicky and Karup-Møller (1977a), Cu was excluded from the calculation of the homologue order. The homologue order of tarutinoite, calculated in agreement with Makovicky (2019) and references therein, is $N_{\text{chem}} = 7.52$; the mole fraction of the Ag–Bi end-member $L = 54.65\%$, and the substitution parameter in the general formula $\text{Ag}_x\text{Pb}_{N-1-2x}\text{Bi}_{2+x}\text{S}_{N+2}$ is $x = 1.51$. Ideal tarutinoite, $\text{Ag}_3\text{Pb}_7\text{Bi}_7\text{S}_{19}$ has $N_{\text{chem}} = 7.50$, $L = 54.55\%$ and $x = 1.50$, in agreement with values calculated from the empirical formula. This probably suggests the correctness of the assumption about the Cu role in tarutinoite.

Supplementary material

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Table 1. Reflectance values for tarutinoite (COM standard wavelengths are given in bold).

λ (nm)	R_{\max}	R_{\min}		λ (nm)	R_{\max}	R_{\min}
400	54.7	52.0		560	44.6	43.4
420	52.4	50.0		580	44.2	43.3
440	49.9	47.2		589	44.1	43.3
460	48.4	45.9		600	44.0	43.2
470	47.9	45.5		620	43.4	42.7
480	47.3	45.1		640	43.0	42.2
500	46.5	44.4		650	42.5	41.8
520	45.8	44.3		660	42.0	41.3
540	45.2	43.5		680	39.9	39.2
546	45.0	43.5		700	37.8	37.1

Table 2. Chemical data (in wt. %) for tarutinoite.

Element	Mean	Range (n = 7)	S.D.	Standard
Cu	0.30	0.27 – 0.35	0.03	Cu
Ag	8.33	8.14 – 8.65	0.20	Ag
Cd	0.04	0.00 – 0.13	0.05	Cd
Pb	37.12	36.27 – 38.02	0.65	PbSe
Bi	37.52	36.61 – 38.48	0.73	Bi
S	15.15	14.78 – 15.76	0.33	chalcopyrite
Se	0.40	0.31 – 0.48	0.08	PbSe
Te	0.66	0.61 – 0.77	0.05	HgTe
Total	99.52			

S.D. = standard deviation; n = number of spot analyses.

Table 3. Powder X-ray diffraction data (d in Å) of tarutinoite.

d_{obs}	I_{obs}	d_{calc}^*	I_{calc}^{**}	hkl	d_{obs}	I_{obs}	d_{calc}^*	I_{calc}^{**}	hkl
16.15	48	16.14	16	0 0 2	2.053	44	2.051	62	0 2 0
		3.645	29	2 0 -8			2.049	15	6 0 5
3.622	8	3.619	43	2 0 7			2.049	29	5 1 -8
3.572	9	3.575	32	1 1 -4			2.017	17	1 1 -14
3.489	9	3.485	60	1 1 4			2.010	23	5 1 6
3.407	69	3.403	64	1 1 -5			2.006	7	6 0 -9
		3.386	9	4 0 -1	1.996	11	1.992	14	5 1 -9
		3.370	24	4 0 -2			1.905	5	3 1 -14
		3.365	29	4 0 0	1.904	7	1.899	17	0 0 17
3.328	95	3.323	84	2 0 -9			1.892	5	5 1 8
		3.319	21	4 0 -3			1.852	10	3 1 13
		3.309	21	4 0 1			1.831	6	5 1 9
3.304	10	3.306	54	1 1 5			1.820	9	3 1 -15
		3.301	58	2 0 8	1.816	10	1.811	6	5 1 -12
		3.237	7	4 0 -4			1.810	5	4 0 14
		3.221	21	1 1 -6	1.788	32	1.788	6	2 2 -8
3.042	65	3.046	23	2 0 -10			1.785	11	2 2 7
		3.036	12	3 1 -1			1.771	10	3 1 14
		3.027	35	2 0 9			1.770	5	5 1 10
		2.993	29	3 1 1			1.752	8	4 2 -2
		2.974	41	3 1 -3			1.752	8	4 2 0
2.941	100	2.934	75	3 1 2			1.751	8	5 1 -13
2.910	55	2.908	100	3 1 -4			1.750	5	7 1 -2
2.857	27	2.859	63	3 1 3			1.748	10	7 1 -1
2.824	9	2.824	39	3 1 -5			1.747	7	7 1 -3
		2.807	19	2 0 -11	1.749	16	1.746	25	2 2 -9
2.795	8	2.791	23	2 0 10			1.745	6	4 2 -3
2.764	5	2.767	5	3 1 4			1.743	7	4 2 1
2.248	5	2.253	7	1 1 -12			1.742	17	2 2 8
		2.186	29	1 1 12			1.739	9	4 0 -17
2.130	7	2.130	40	1 1 -13			1.727	8	4 0 15
		2.117	7	5 1 4	1.707	17	1.702	7	2 2 -10
		2.112	5	6 0 -7	1.700	5	1.698	10	2 2 9
		2.102	15	5 1 -7	1.672	6	1.674	6	8 0 -5
2.097	15	2.101	11	6 0 4			1.670	8	8 0 1
		2.068	22	1 1 13			1.662	5	4 0 -18
		2.066	31	5 1 5	1.658	5	1.660	6	8 0 -6
		2.061	20	6 0 -8			1.656	5	2 2 -11
<p>* For the calculated pattern, only reflections with intensities ≥ 5 are given. ** For the unit-cell parameters calculated from single crystal data. Strongest reflections are given in boldtype.</p>									

Table 4. Crystal and experimental data for tarutinoite.

Crystal data	
Crystal size (mm)	0.080 × 0.070 × 0.020
Space group	<i>C2/m</i>
<i>a</i> (Å)	13.5447(12)
<i>b</i> (Å)	4.1027(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	32.481(4)
β (°)	96.433(9)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	1793.6(3)
<i>Z</i>	2
Data collection and refinement	
Radiation, wavelength (Å)	MoK α , $\lambda = 0.71073$
Temperature (K)	293(2)
$2\theta_{\max}$ (°)	55.00
Measured reflections	15230
Unique reflections	2350
Reflections with $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$	2024
R_{int}	0.1273
$R\sigma$	0.0646
Range of <i>h, k, l</i>	$-17 \leq h \leq 17,$ $-5 \leq k \leq 5,$ $-42 \leq l \leq 42$
$R_1 [F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)]$	0.1349
R_1 (all data)	0.1440
wR_2 (on F_o^2)	0.3549
Goof	1.089
Number of least-squares parameters	84
Maximum and minimum residual peak ($e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$)	+13.16 [at 0.77 Å from <i>M</i> (3a)] -10.80 [at 1.17 Å from <i>S</i> (5)]
ICSD	2380182

Table 5. Site, Wyckoff position, site occupancy, fractional atom coordinates, and equivalent isotropic or isotropic (*) displacement parameters (\AA^2) in tarutinoite.

Site	Wyckoff Position	Site occupancy	x/a	y/b	z/c	$U_{\text{eq/iso}}$
<i>M</i> (1)	4 <i>i</i>	Ag _{0.46(5)} Bi _{0.54(5)}	0.3725(5)	½	0.1682(2)	0.040(3)
<i>M</i> (2)	4 <i>i</i>	Bi _{0.80} Pb _{0.20}	0.0777(3)	½	0.11465(13)	0.0196(9)
<i>M</i> (3a)	4 <i>i</i>	Pb _{0.675} Bi _{0.075}	0.2125(3)	½	-0.05417(14)	0.0067(9)*
<i>M</i> (3b)	4 <i>i</i>	Pb _{0.2125} Bi _{0.0375}	0.2087(10)	½	-0.0692(5)	0.0067(9)*
<i>M</i> (4)	2 <i>a</i>	Pb _{0.50} Bi _{0.50}	0	0	0	0.0193(12)
<i>M</i> (5)	4 <i>i</i>	Ag _{0.49(4)} Bi _{0.51(4)}	-0.0927(4)	0	0.30580(14)	0.0129(16)
<i>M</i> (6)	4 <i>i</i>	Bi _{1.00}	0.1432(3)	½	0.35948(10)	0.0094(8)
<i>M</i> (7)	4 <i>i</i>	Pb _{0.71(5)} Ag _{0.29(5)}	0.3855(3)	0	0.41691(14)	0.0189(16)
<i>M</i> (8)	4 <i>i</i>	Pb _{0.50} Bi _{0.35} Ag _{0.15}	0.1291(3)	0	0.47260(12)	0.0208(10)
<i>M</i> (9)	4 <i>i</i>	Pb _{1.00}	0.1577(4)	0	0.2374(2)	0.0335(11)
<i>S</i> (1)	4 <i>i</i>	S _{1.00}	0.0026(19)	½	0.1866(8)	0.017(5)*
<i>S</i> (2)	4 <i>i</i>	S _{1.00}	0.2089(18)	0	0.1422(7)	0.017(5)*
<i>S</i> (3)	4 <i>i</i>	S _{1.00}	0.436(2)	½	0.0832(8)	0.022(6)*
<i>S</i> (4)	4 <i>i</i>	S _{1.00}	0.1445(16)	½	0.0244(6)	0.009(4)*
<i>S</i> (5)	4 <i>i</i>	S _{1.00}	0.037(2)	½	0.2886(8)	0.020(5)*
<i>S</i> (6)	4 <i>i</i>	S _{1.00}	0.268(2)	0	0.3336(8)	0.022(5)*
<i>S</i> (7)	4 <i>i</i>	S _{1.00}	0.524(2)	½	0.3898(8)	0.020(5)*
<i>S</i> (8)	4 <i>i</i>	S _{1.00}	0.237(2)	0	0.5527(8)	0.031(7)*
<i>S</i> (9)	2 <i>d</i>	S _{1.00}	0	½	½	0.020(7)*
<i>S</i> (10)	4 <i>i</i>	S _{1.00}	0.3023(19)	½	0.2382(10)	0.025(5)*

Table 6. Selected bond distances (in \AA) for tarutinoite.

<i>M</i> (1)	- <i>S</i> (10)	2.56(3)	<i>M</i> (2)	- <i>S</i> (1)	2.65(3)	<i>M</i> (3a)	- <i>S</i> (4)	2.81(2)
	- <i>S</i> (1)	2.727(17) × 2		- <i>S</i> (2)	2.794(17) × 2		- <i>S</i> (4)	2.910(15) × 2
	- <i>S</i> (3)	2.98(3)		- <i>S</i> (3)	2.92(2) × 2		- <i>S</i> (3)	2.95(2) × 2
	- <i>S</i> (2)	3.068(19) × 2		- <i>S</i> (4)	3.16(2)		- <i>S</i> (2)	3.16(2)
	average	2.86		average	2.87		average	2.95
<i>M</i> (3b)	- <i>S</i> (2)	2.73(3)	<i>M</i> (4)	- <i>S</i> (4)	2.885(14) × 4	<i>M</i> (5)	- <i>S</i> (10)	2.48(3)
	- <i>S</i> (3)	2.84(2) × 2		- <i>S</i> (3)	2.93(3) × 2		- <i>S</i> (5)	2.801(18) × 2
	- <i>S</i> (4)	3.103(18) × 2		average	2.90		- <i>S</i> (6)	2.99(2) × 2
	- <i>S</i> (4)	3.25(2)					- <i>S</i> (7)	2.99(3)
	average	2.98					average	2.84
<i>M</i> (6)	- <i>S</i> (5)	2.57(3)	<i>M</i> (7)	- <i>S</i> (8)	2.88(2) × 2	<i>M</i> (8)	- <i>S</i> (8)	2.84(3)
	- <i>S</i> (6)	2.85(2) × 2		- <i>S</i> (9)	2.958(4)		- <i>S</i> (9)	2.900(3) × 2
	- <i>S</i> (7)	2.856(19) × 2		- <i>S</i> (7)	2.98(2) × 2		- <i>S</i> (7)	2.90(3)
	- <i>S</i> (8)	3.12(3)		- <i>S</i> (6)	2.98(3)		- <i>S</i> (8)	2.92(2) × 2
	average	2.85		average	2.94		average	2.90
<i>M</i> (9)	- <i>S</i> (10)	2.834(18) × 2						
	- <i>S</i> (5)	3.20(2) × 2						
	- <i>S</i> (2)	3.25(3)						
	- <i>S</i> (1)	3.25(2) × 2						
	- <i>S</i> (6)	3.31(3)						
	average	3.14						

Table 7. Weighted bond valence (in valence unit) for tarutinoite.

Site	S(1)	S(2)	S(3)	S(4)	S(5)	S(6)	S(7)	S(8)	S(9)	S(10)	Σ cations	Theor.
M(1)	$2 \times \rightarrow 0.43^{12 \times}$	$2 \times \rightarrow 0.17^{12 \times}$	0.22							0.68	2.10	2.08
M(2)	0.76	$2 \times \rightarrow 0.52^{12 \times}$	$2 \times \rightarrow 0.37^{12 \times}$	0.19							2.73	2.60
M(3a)		0.14	$2 \times \rightarrow 0.25^{12 \times}$	$2 \times \rightarrow 0.37^{12 \times}$							1.57	1.58
M(3b)		0.15	0.11	$2 \times \rightarrow 0.06^{12}$							0.53	0.54
M(4)			0.11	0.04							2.36	2.50
M(5)			$2 \times \rightarrow 0.36$	$4 \times \rightarrow 0.41^{12 \times}$						0.82	2.13	2.02
M(6)					$2 \times \rightarrow 0.34^{12 \times}$	$2 \times \rightarrow 0.21^{12 \times}$	0.21				2.96	3.00
M(7)					0.95	$2 \times \rightarrow 0.46^{12 \times}$	$2 \times \rightarrow 0.44^{12 \times}$	0.21			1.70	1.71
M(8)						0.25	$2 \times \rightarrow 0.26^{12 \times}$	$2 \times \rightarrow 0.33^{12 \times}$	0.27 ^{12x}		2.12	2.20
M(9)	$2 \times \rightarrow 0.15^{12 \times}$	0.15			$2 \times \rightarrow 0.17^{12}$	0.13		$2 \times \rightarrow 0.33^{12 \times}$	$2 \times \rightarrow 0.35^{14 \times}$		1.84	2.00
Σ anions	1.92	1.82	2.04	2.10	1.97	1.72	1.96	1.94	1.94	2.42		
Theor.	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00		

Table 8. Members of the lillianite branch within the lillianite homologous series.

Mineral	Chemical formula	$mol\% \frac{N}{AgBi}$	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	β (°)	s.g.	Ref.
$N = 4,4$								
Lillianite	$Pb_3Bi_2S_6$	0.0%	13.5 7	20.6 6	4.12		Bbm m	[1]
Xilingolite	$Pb_3Bi_2S_6$	0.0%	13.5 1	4.08 5	20.6	92.2	$C2/m$	[2]
Gustavite	$AgPbBi_3S_6$	100.0%	7.06	19.6 9	8.22	107. 0	$P2_1/c$	[3]
Staročeskéite	$Ag_{0.70}Pb_{1.60}(Bi_{1.35}Sb_{1.35})S_6$	70.0%	4.25	13.3 1	19.6 2		Cmc m	[4]
Terrywallaceite	$AgPb(Bi,Sb)_2(Sb,Bi)S_6$	100%	6.98	19.3 5	8.39	107. 5	$P2_1/c$	[5]
$N = 4,7$								
Vikingite	$Ag_5Pb_8Bi_{13}S_{30}$	71.4%	13.6 0	4.11	25.2 5	95.6	$C2/m$	[6]
$N = 4,8$								
Treasurite	$Ag_7Pb_6Bi_{15}S_{32}$	87.5%	13.3 5	26.5 4	4.09	92.8	$B2/m$, $B2$ or Bm	[7]
$N = 5,9$								
Eskimoite	$Ag_7Pb_{10}Bi_{15}S_{36}$	70.0%	13.4 6	30.1 9	4.10	93.4	$B2/m$ or Bm	[7]
$N = 7,7$								
Aschamalmit	$Pb_6Bi_2S_9$	0.0%	13.7 2	4.13	31.4 2	90.9	$C2/m$	[8]
Heyrovskýite	$Pb_6Bi_2S_9$	0.0%	13.7 5	31.5 1	4.15		Bbm m	[9]
$N = 7,8$								
Tarutinoite	$Ag_3Pb_7Bi_7S_{19}$	54.6%	13.5 5	4.10	32.4 8	96.4	$C2/m$	[10]
$N = 8,8$								

Erzwiesite	$\text{Ag}_8\text{Pb}_{12}\text{Bi}_{16}\text{S}_{40}$	66.7%	4.08	13.4 6	33.9 2	<i>Cmc</i> <i>m</i>	[11]
$N = 11,11$ Ourayite	$\text{Ag}_3\text{Pb}_4\text{Bi}_5\text{S}_{13}$	66.7%	13.4 5	44.0 4	4.10	<i>Bbm</i> <i>m</i> or <i>Bb2</i> ₁ <i>m</i>	[7]

N = homologue order. [1] Pinto *et al.* (2006); [2] Berlepsch *et al.* (2001); [3] Makovicky and Topa (2011); [4] Pažout and Sejkora (2018); [5] Yang *et al.* (2013); [6] Makovicky *et al.* (1992); [7] Makovicky and Karup-Møller (1977b); [8] Callegari and Boiocchi (2009); [9] Pinto *et al.* (2011); [10] this paper; [11] Topa *et al.* (2013).



Figure 1. The Tarutinskoe copper-skarn deposit. The soil parts are results of prospecting workings. June 2015. Photo by Aleksey Podkorytov.

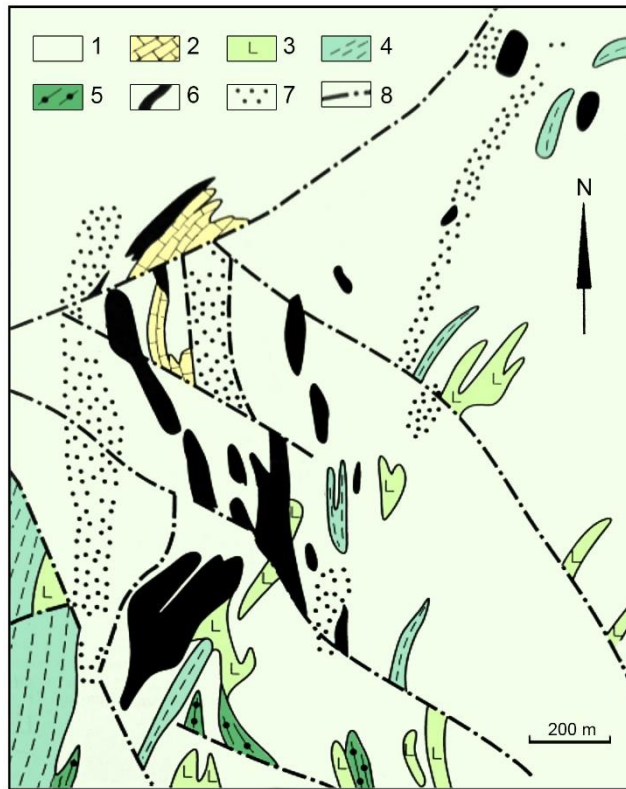


Figure 2. Geologic map of the Tarutinskoe deposit (modified after Grabezhev *et al.*, 2004): 1 – Quartz diorites and plagiogranodiorites, 2 – metalimestones, 3 – basalt aphyrites, 4 – tuff aleuolites, sandstones, 5 – tuff sandstones and arkosic sandstones, 6 – skarns and aposkarn orebodies, 7 – zones of moderate and strong sericitization of granitoids with veinlet-disseminated mineralization, 8 – tectonic faults.



Figure 3. Fragment of drill core where tarutinoite was found. Dark areas are mainly composed of magnetite, chalcopyrite, pyrite and andradite. White is calcite. Size: 8 × 4 × 2 cm. Photo by Aleksey Podkorytov.

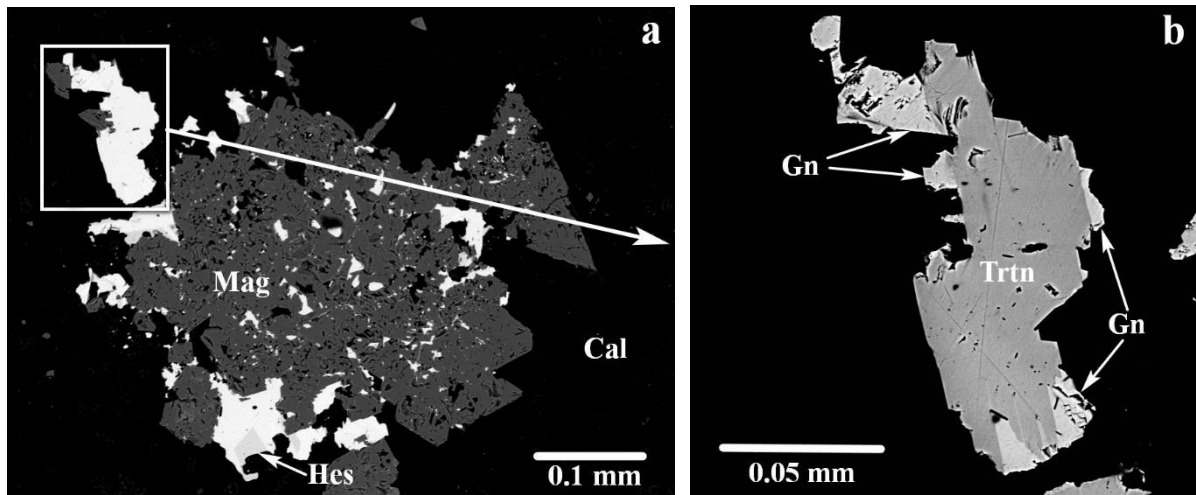


Figure 4: **a)** Tarutinoite (white grains) with hessite (Hes) in magnetite (Mag) and calcite (Cal); **b)** magnified fragment of Fig. 3a, with different degrees of contrast and brightness applied in order to make possible the identification of the different phases: tarutinoite (Trtn) grain intergrown with galena (Gn). Part of this grain was extracted for SCXRD studies. Polished section. SEM (BSE) image.

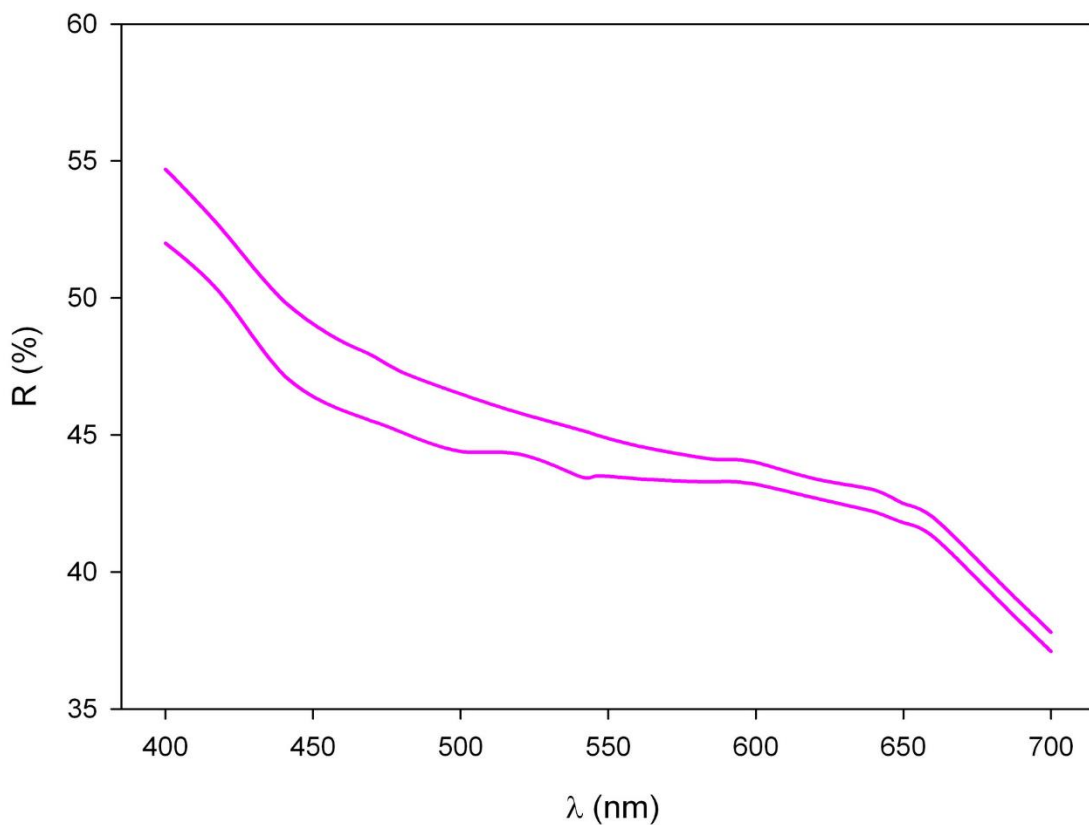


Figure 5. Reflectance curves of tarutinoite.

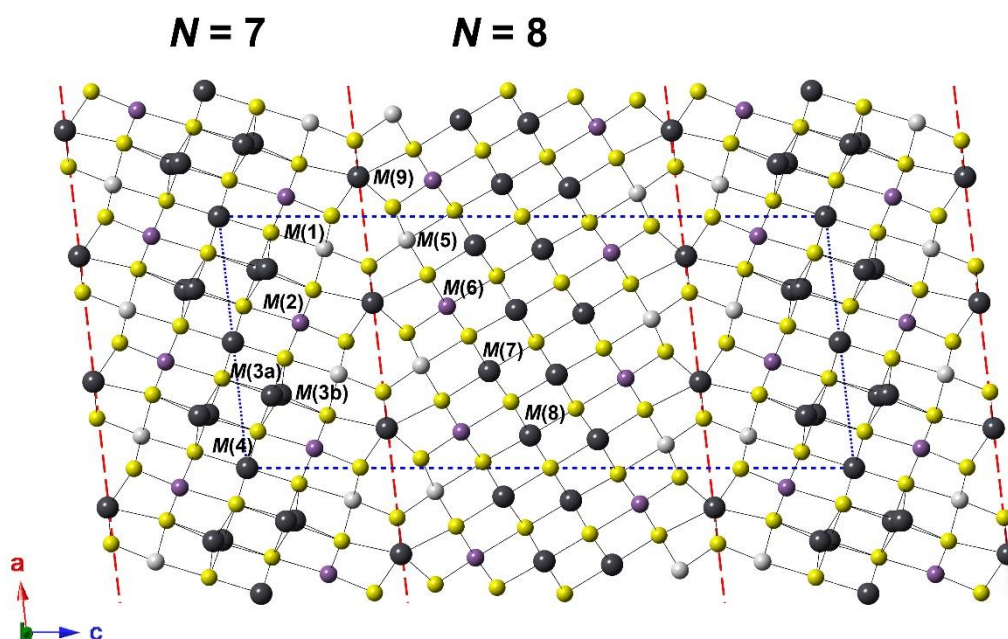


Figure 6. Crystal structure of tarutinoite as seen down **b**. Violet, grey, dark grey and yellow circles represent Bi-dominant, mixed (Ag/Bi), Pb-dominant, and S-hosting sites. Red lines indicate the composition planes of the unit-cell twinning separating the *N* = 7 and *N* = 8 slabs.

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