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**Klebersbergite, $\text{Sb}_4\text{O}_4\text{SO}_4(\text{OH})_2$: stability relationships, formation in Nature, and
refinement of its structure**

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ABSTRACT

27 The extent to which secondary Sb minerals control Sb dispersion in the supergene
28 environment is yet to be fully understood. Stability studies of klebelsbergite have been
29 undertaken to better understand its role in controlling Sb mobility and relationships with
30 other secondary Sb minerals. Solubility in aqueous 0.1084 M HNO₃ was determined at
31 298.15 K and the data obtained used to derive $\Delta G_f^\circ(\text{klebelsbergite, s, 298.15 K}) = -2056.4$
32 $\pm 5.0 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$. Solubility data have been used to deduce the conditions under which the
33 mineral can form as a thermodynamically stable phase. The single-crystal X-ray structure of
34 synthetic klebelsbergite has been determined 293 K and is essentially the same as that
35 reported earlier for atoms with $Z \geq 8$. Crystal data: orthorhombic, space group $Pca2_1$, $a =$
36 $5.7563(4)$, $b = 11.2538(7)$, $c = 14.8627(9) \text{ \AA}$, $V = 962.81(11) \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 4$. Refinement
37 converged to $R_1 = 0.0154$ for 2206 unique reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$. The present study has
38 located the hydroxyl H atoms on both O5 and O9. The H-bond arrangements are somewhat
39 different to those proposed earlier with the quasi-linear O9-H...O3 interaction having
40 $\angle(\text{DHA}) = 171(6)^\circ$. The O5 hydroxyl H atom lies in a different position to that proposed
41 earlier and is involved in a bifurcated H-bond arrangement with O2 and with itself in a
42 symmetry-related position, with $\angle(\text{DHA}) = 133(5)$ and $125(5)^\circ$, respectively.

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44 *Key words:* klebelsbergite, antimony, antimony sulfate, solubility, stability, structure,
45 hydrogen bonding

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49 **Introduction**

50 Recent studies regarding the immobilisation of Sb in natural settings have drawn
51 attention to the fact that many potentially important Sb phases remain essentially unstudied
52 and associated geochemical processes are still quite poorly understood (Filella et al. 2009;
53 Leverett et al. 2012; Roper et al. 2012). Given that the secondary Sb minerals arise
54 overwhelmingly via the oxidation of sulfides and sulfosalts, it is surprising that very few of
55 them contain sulfate. This no doubt reflects both solubility properties and relationships with
56 other more stable phases. Known secondary Sb sulfate minerals are klebelsbergite,
57 $\text{Sb}_4\text{O}_4\text{SO}_4(\text{OH})_2$, peretaite, $\text{CaSb}_4\text{O}_4(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and coquandite, the most recently
58 discovered. Coquandite was originally assigned the formula $\text{Sb}_6\text{O}_8\text{SO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ on the basis of
59 chemical analyses (Sabelli et al. 1992), but pervasive twinning in the crystals examined made
60 a complete structural characterisation impossible. The structure now has been determined by
61 single-crystal X-ray methods (Bindi et al. in review) and the formula is more correctly
62 $\text{Sb}_{6+x}\text{O}_{8+x}(\text{SO}_4)(\text{OH})_x \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O})_{1-x}$ ($x = 0.3$ in the material examined). Of these only
63 klebelsbergite is known synthetically (Mercier et al. 1975, 1976; Menchetti and Sabelli
64 1980a; Nakai and Appleman 1980). We note that several other salts in the system Sb_2O_3 - SO_3 -
65 H_2O are known synthetically, including $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_4\text{SO}_4$, $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_2\text{SO}_4$, $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}(\text{SO}_4)_2$, $\text{Sb}_4\text{O}_3(\text{SO}_4)_3$,
66 $\text{Sb}_4\text{O}_5\text{SO}_4$, $\text{Sb}_6\text{O}_7(\text{SO}_4)_2$ and $\text{SbOH}\text{SO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Mercier et al. 1975; Bovin 1976; Douglade et
67 al. 1978; Gospodinov and Ojkova 2004; Bergmann and Koparal 2007); none of these has
68 been shown to exist in Nature.

69 The three sulfate minerals reported to date have a remarkably similar association and
70 paragenesis. Coquandite is known from three localities in Tuscany, Italy, the Ribeiro da Serra
71 mine, Gondomar, Portugal, and the Lucky Knock mine, Tonasket, Washington, USA. In the

72 Pereta mine, Tuscany, it always occurs with klebelsbergite and peretaite, in association with
73 valentinite, Sb_2O_3 , sénarmontite, Sb_2O_3 , stibiconite, *ca* $\text{SbSb}_2\text{O}_6(\text{OH})$, gypsum, $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$,
74 and native sulfur (Cipriani et al. 1980a). It is an acid alteration product of stibnite, as is the
75 case in the La Cetine mine, Tuscany, from which peretaite and klebelsbergite are also known
76 (Sarp et al. 1983; Sabelli et al. 1992). At the Lucky Knock mine, fibres and plates of
77 coquandite are associated with stibnite and stibiconite (Sabelli et al. 1992). The coquandite-
78 klebelsbergite-peretaite assemblage is also found in the third Tuscan deposit, the Micciano
79 mine, associated with cervantite, Sb_2O_4 , stibiconite and native sulfur (Orlandi 1984, 1997).
80 Klebelsbergite, cervantite, valentinite and sénarmontite occur in association at the Ribeiro da
81 Serra mine as oxidation products of stibnite and metastibnite, Sb_2S_3 . Attention is drawn to the
82 native sulfur association, characteristic of rapid oxidation of sulfide under acidic conditions
83 (Williams 1990). Peretaite (Cipriani et al. 1980b; Menchetti and Sabelli 1980b) is known
84 only from the three Tuscan localities mentioned above.

85 Klebelsbergite is the most common secondary sulfate and has been reported from
86 eight localities; its associations in several of them have been outlined immediately above. In
87 the Chauvai Sb-Hg deposit, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, it occurs as an oxidation product of stibnite
88 together with cervantite, sénarmontite, stibiconite and valentinite (Kolesar et al. 1993). Little
89 information is available on its occurrence at the type locality, Baia Sprie, Romania, other than
90 it is an alteration product of stibnite (Palache et al. 1951). The single-crystal structure of
91 klebelsbergite was determined originally by Menchetti and Sabelli (1980a).

92 Here we report a study of the stability of klebelsbergite at 298.15 K and the conditions
93 under which it may form in oxidised Sb deposits. In addition we have re-determined the
94 single-crystal X-ray structure of the mineral. Details concerning the hydrogen bonding
95 network have been resolved.

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97 **Experimental**

98 *Synthesis*

99 Following the synthesis of Nakai and Appleman (1980), Sb_2O_3 (2.0g, 6.861 mmol)
100 was heated under reflux in 600 cm^3 of aqueous $0.56 \text{ M H}_2\text{SO}_4$ for 6 days. The resulting solid,
101 obtained in essentially quantitative yield, consisted of transparent crystals with apparent
102 twinning up to 0.3 mm in size. Powder X-ray diffraction studies of the product (Philips
103 PW1825/20 powder diffractometer, Ni-filtered $\text{CuK}\alpha_1$ radiation, $\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$, 40 kV, 30
104 mA) showed the presence only of klebelsbergite. Unit cell parameters refined from the
105 powder X-ray data using LAPOD (Langford, 1973) are $a = 5.7563(4)$, $b = 11.2538(7)$, $c =$
106 $14.8627(9) \text{ \AA}$. These compare favourably with those of Menchetti and Sabelli (1980a), $a =$
107 $5.776(2)$, $b = 11.274(2)$, $c = 14.887(2) \text{ \AA}$, and Nakai and Appleman (1980), $a = 5.7648(6)$, b
108 $= 11.279(2)$, $c = 14.909(3) \text{ \AA}$.

109 *X-ray single-crystal structure*

110 Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected using a Bruker APEX2 CCD
111 diffractometer at $293(2) \text{ K}$ with graphite-monochromated $\text{MoK}\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$)
112 and corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. An empirical absorption correction was
113 made based on psi-scans.

114 *Solubility studies*

115 Solubility studies were undertaken using sealed 250 cm^3 conical Quickfit^R flasks in a
116 $25.0 \pm 0.2^\circ\text{C}$ thermostatted water bath. Measurements of pH were made using a Radiometer
117 ION450 apparatus fitted with a combination electrode.

118 To determine the solubility of klebelsbergite, finely ground solid (*ca* 0.1 g) was added
119 to each flask ($n = 6$), together with 100 cm^3 of standardised 0.1084 M HNO_3 . The flasks were
120 left for 14 weeks with occasional stirring, while a paired flask was monitored periodically for
121 pH until no change was detected. Equilibrium was achieved after 2 weeks. Equilibrated

122 solutions were filtered off using Whatman^R GF/F fibreglass filters and collected in clean PET
123 bottles. Powder XRD measurements of the recovered solids showed no evidence that the
124 mineral dissolves congruently. Dissolved Sb concentrations determined using ICP-MS with
125 matched standards are listed in Table 1 and these define the solubility of the mineral.

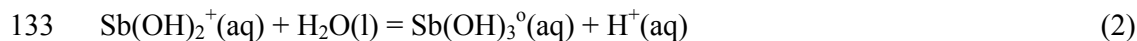
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127 **Results and discussion**

128 *Solubility and stability studies*

129 The dissolution can be expressed by equation (1). Total dissolved Sb concentrations
130 in 0.1084 M HNO at 298.15 K are listed in Table 1.

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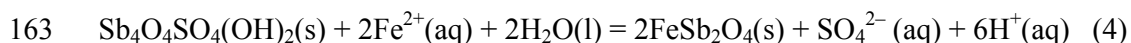
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136 The pH at equilibrium (1.055) was used in the determination of solution speciation
137 (hydrolysed Sb(III) species and HSO_4^-) using COMICS (Perrin and Sayce 1969). Stability
138 constants for equations (2) and (3) at 298.15 K were taken from Baes and Mesmer (1976) and
139 corrected for ionic strength ($I = 0.108$). Appropriate species concentrations at equilibrium
140 were converted to activities using the Davis extension of the Debye-Hückel equation [$\lg \gamma = -$
141 $0.5085z^2(\sqrt{I}/(1+\sqrt{I}) - 0.3I)$; γ = activity coefficient, z = charge, I = ionic strength], with γ°
142 (activity coefficient for neutral species) set at 1. The activity of $\text{H}^+(\text{aq})$ was from the direct
143 measurement of the pH at equilibrium. The derived activities yield a value of $\lg K$ for
144 equation (1) of -25.57 ± 0.10 . Use of the appropriate data in Table 2 for equation give
145 $\Delta G_f^{\circ}(\text{Sb}_4\text{O}_4\text{SO}_4(\text{OH})_2, \text{s}, 298.15 \text{ K}) = -2056.4 \pm 5.0 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$. The estimated error takes into
146 account the analytical error of the solubility experiments, errors quoted for the

147 thermochemical data used, and an estimated error of $\pm 1.0 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ for $\Delta G_f^\circ(\text{Sb}(\text{OH})_3^\circ, \text{aq},$
148 298.15 K).

149 A Pourbaix diagram illustrating stability relations between klebelsbergite with respect
150 to some common secondary Sb minerals and stibnite is shown in Figure 1. Thermochemical
151 data used to construct it are listed in Table 2. Klebelsbergite occupies a field between
152 kermesite and cervantite which increases with increasing $a(\text{SO}_4^{2-})$, as expected, and is stable
153 with respect to Sb_2O_3 , valentinite and sénarmontite, under acidic conditions. The common
154 association of these minerals in Nature is thus seen to reflect a subtle pH variation in
155 mineralising solutions. Nevertheless, it must be emphasised that the indicated stability field
156 for klebelsbergite in Figure 1 could be misleading in another sense. It takes no account of the
157 possible influence of other dissolved species, cations in particular, and these will undoubtedly
158 serve to give rise to different phases (Leverett et al. 2012; Roper et al. 2012). Natural
159 mineralising solutions are anything but as simple as those stipulated by the conditions
160 considered above. For example, the relationship of klebelsbergite and schafarzikite is
161 described by equation (4).

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165 Using values reported in Table 2, $\Delta G_r^\circ(298.15 \text{ K}) = +47.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ corresponding to
166 $\lg K = -8.37$. With $a(\text{SO}_4^{2-}) = 10^{-2}$, $a(\text{Fe}^{2+}) = -6$ and -2 renders klebelsbergite unstable above
167 pH 3.06 and 1.73, respectively. As $a(\text{Fe}^{2+})$ increases and/or $a(\text{SO}_4^{2-})$ decreases, the stability
168 field for klebelsbergite is minimised, with klebelsbergite only stable under acidic conditions
169 with respect to schafarzikite. Under highly oxidising conditions, klebelsbergite reacts to form
170 more stable Sb(V) minerals, such as cervantite shown in Figure 1. In the presence of minor
171 Fe^{3+} , cervantite is unstable with respect to tripuhyite, as is klebelsbergite. The impact of

172 roméite group minerals is also an important consideration for the stability field of
173 klebelsbergite and investigations are underway in our laboratory to determine reliable
174 thermochemical data for these phases. Taking all of these matters into account, the rarity of
175 klebelsbergite is understandable. Relations with coquandite remain unknown and peretaite
176 may form preferentially, metastably or otherwise, in the presence of Ca^{2+} ions. Taking the
177 above into account, klebelsbergite will not exert a particularly significant influence in
178 controlling Sb dispersion in the natural environment except in particular circumstances, as
179 outlined above.

180 *X-ray single-crystal structure*

181 Details concerning data collection and refinement are given in Table 3. Final atom
182 coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters are listed in Table 4 and
183 anisotropic displacement parameters in Table 5. Selected bond lengths and angles are given
184 in Table 6. Statistical analysis of the data clearly indicated that the structure adopted the non-
185 centrosymmetric space group $Pca2_1$ and the structure was solved by direct methods using
186 SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick 2008). The expected four antimony, single sulfur and ten oxygen
187 atom positions were readily located, and found to be in good agreement with those originally
188 reported by Menchetti and Sabelli (1980a). A least-squares refinement using SHELXL-97
189 converged smoothly with isotropic displacement parameters for all atoms to a $R_1 = 0.023$.
190 The refinement indicated significant twinning to be present and in a subsequent anisotropic
191 refinement a simple twin law with (001) as the twin plane, as predicted by Menchetti and
192 Sabelli (1980a), was invoked, resulting in twin components of 0.43:0.57 and $R_1 = 0.016$. A
193 difference Fourier then revealed the positions of the two expected hydroxyl H atoms on O5
194 and O9. In a final refinement the H atom positions were refined with soft restraints using a
195 riding model and with isotropic thermal parameters, resulting in a final R_1 and wR_2 of 0.0154
196 and 0.0377, respectively, for 2201 reflections with $I > 4\sigma(I)$. The weighting scheme used was

197 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0166P)^2 + 1.46P]$, where $P = [\max(0, F_o)^2 + (2F_c)^2]/3$, as defined by
198 SHELXL.

199 The structure of klebelsbergite originally reported by Menchetti and Sabelli (1980a)
200 has been confirmed in this study, where the superior X-ray data set has now allowed some
201 structural aspects mentioned by the above authors to be clarified. The structure is most
202 simply described as edge-sharing of Sb^{3+} -O polyhedra forming layers parallel to (001), with
203 adjacent layers linked directly via shared oxygen atoms of SO_4^{2-} tetrahedra and indirectly via
204 H-bonds associated with OH groups coordinated to two of the four crystallographically
205 independent Sb^{3+} ions (Figure 2).

206 The four independent Sb^{3+} ions are bonded to four O atoms with bond lengths ranging
207 from 1.949 to 2.518 Å. In each case the O atoms are located to the side of the central Sb^{3+} ion
208 so that it lies effectively out of the centre of its coordination polyhedron. This is common for
209 ions such as Sb^{3+} which are considered to have one unshared electron pair (*E*), where the
210 theoretical centre of this lone pair has been calculated to lie ~1.1 Å from the Sb^{3+} ion (Galy *et al.*,
211 1975). In klebelsbergite the coordination of each of the four Sb^{3+} ions is similar (Table 6)
212 and may be described as distorted SbO_4E trigonal bipyramidal, where in each case there are
213 two equatorial Sb-O bonds of ~2.0 Å and two slightly longer axial Sb-O bonds of ~2.1 to
214 ~2.3 Å; Sb3 possesses one somewhat longer axial Sb-O distance at ~2.5 Å. The angles
215 between the two equatorial Sb-O bonds are ~91° for all but one of the Sb^{3+} polyhedra (Sb2),
216 which has an angle of ~98°, while the dihedral angles between the two axial Sb-O bonds
217 range from ~140-150°. These values may be compared with the theoretical values of 92.2 and
218 151.5° proposed by Galy *et al.* (1975). A more detailed discussion of the Sb coordination is
219 given in the original crystal structure determination by Menchetti and Sabelli (1980a). In this
220 original work the hydroxyl oxygen atoms were correctly identified as O5 and O9, and both
221 are bonded to only one Sb atom. However, the associated H atoms could not be located. They

222 were hence positioned on the basis of crystal-chemical considerations, assuming an O-H
223 bond length of $\sim 1.0 \text{ \AA}$ and a linear H-bond from the donor atoms O5 and O9 to the probable
224 sulfate oxygen acceptors, O2 and O3 respectively (these being at a contact distance of $\sim 2.9 \text{ \AA}$
225 and not linked to an Sb atom). The present study has located the hydroxyl H atoms on both
226 O5 and O9, and confirms the proposed H-bond arrangement for O9-H...O3 of Menchetti and
227 Sabelli (1980a) although the bond is not quite linear (Table 6). However, the O5 hydroxyl H
228 atom lies in a different position to that proposed by Menchetti and Sabelli (1980a) and does
229 not form a simple linear O5-H...O2 link. It is involved in a bifurcated H-bond system with
230 O2 and O5' in a symmetry-related position (Table 6). The hydrogen bonding scheme is
231 illustrated in Figure 3. As a consequence of the different roles played by the oxygen atoms of
232 the SO_4^{2-} tetrahedra in the linkage of the Sb-O sheets, where O1 and O4 are also bonded to an
233 Sb^{3+} ion while O2 and O3 are just weak H-bond acceptors, Menchetti and Sabelli (1980a)
234 pointed out that this should be reflected in the S–O1 and S–O4 distances being longer than
235 those for S–O2 and S–O3. This was not evident in their results, but it is nicely demonstrated
236 in the current structural study (Table 6). Nakai and Appleman (1980) reported a single O–H
237 stretch in the IR of klebelsbergite at 3435 cm^{-3} . Subsequently, Frost and Bahfenne (2010)
238 reported the Raman spectrum of the mineral. The band centred at $\sim 3435 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ could be
239 deconvoluted to give a sharper component at 3435 cm^{-3} and a weaker, broad component at
240 3457 cm^{-3} . The former may be attributed to the *quasi*-linear O(9)-H(2)...O(3) H-bond and the
241 latter to the bifurcated one. A third, still weaker and broad component at 3357 cm^{-3} may be
242 attributed to adsorbed water.

243 Finally, in their discussion of the klebelsbergite structure Menchetti and Sabelli
244 (1980a) noted the marked pseudo-centrosymmetric nature of the Sb-O layers, which lie
245 parallel to (001), and concluded that the presence of this pseudosymmetry could well lead to
246 twinning with (001) being the twin plane. In the present study, while it has been shown

247 conclusively that the structure of klebelsbergite is non-centrosymmetric, space group $Pna2_1$,
248 it was noted that the E-value statistics for the $hk0$ reflections strongly suggested a
249 centrosymmetric aspect to the structure which of course is in line with a pseudo-inversion
250 centre present in the Sb-O sheets. In line with the suggestion, the crystal used here for the
251 single-crystal structure determination was found to be significantly twinned, with twin
252 components of 0.43 and 0.57 and the twin plane is (001), as suggested by Menchetti and
253 Sabelli (1980a).

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255 **Implications**

256 The structure of klebelsbergite reported here represents a refinement of that reported
257 earlier by Menchetti and Sabelli (1980a) and confirms some of the details of geometry that
258 had been incompletely proven. In particular, accurate location of the H atoms has established
259 the true nature of the hydrogen bonding scheme. Measurement of the solubility of the mineral
260 in aqueous H_2SO_4 gives $\Delta G_f^\circ(Sb_4O_4SO_4(OH)_2, s, 298.15\text{ K}) = -2056.4 \pm 5.0\text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$. This
261 quantity has been used to evaluate the conditions under which the mineral forms as a
262 thermodynamically stable phase in Nature. Sulfate is of course a most important ion in the
263 vicinity of oxidizing sulfides, the geochemical environment in which klebelsbergite is found.
264 It is quite surprising, given the fact that high sulfate activities will be associated with
265 oxidizing Sb ores, that the stability field for the mineral under ambient conditions is
266 somewhat restricted. Nevertheless, this study unambiguously establishes the conditions
267 necessary for the formation of the mineral and this is of importance in light of current
268 research on the environmental geochemistry of Sb. Such information is of particular
269 significance for studies concerning Sb pollution, because of the metal's toxicity. In the light
270 of the above, klebelsbergite will not be a useful sink for immobilising Sb.

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272 **Supplementary material**

273 Full lists of crystallographic data excluding structure factor tables have been
274 deposited with the Inorganic Crystal Structure Database (ICSD), Fachinformationszentrum,
275 Karlsruhe, Germany; CRYSDATA@FIZ-Karlsruhe.DE. Any request to the ICSD for this
276 material should quote the full literature citation and the CSD-number 427364 (filename H2
277 O10 S Sb4). Lists of observed and calculated structure factors are available from the authors
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366 Table 1. Dissolved Sb concentrations for the klebelsbergite equilibrations at 298.15 K.

	$10^5[\text{Sb}]/\text{mol dm}^{-3}$	pH
1	7.802	1.054
2	7.966	1.052
3	7.638	1.053
4	8.213	1.059
5	8.213	1.056
6	7.556	1.052
Mean	7.901	1.055
Error	± 0.329	± 0.004

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Table 2. Thermodynamic quantities used in the calculations (T = 298.15 K).

		$\Delta G_f^\circ/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	References
Stibnite	$\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3(\text{s})$	-149.9 ± 2.1	Bryndzia and Kleppa (1988); Seal et al. (1992)
Kermesite	$\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}(\text{s})$	-406.5	Williams-Jones and Normand (1997); Babčan (1976)
Sénarmontite	$\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3(\text{s})$	-633.2 ± 2.1	Zotov et al. (2003)
Valentinite	$\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_3(\text{s})$	-625.9 ± 2.1	Zotov et al. (2003)
Cervantite	$\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_4(\text{s})$	-754.5 ± 1.6	Pankajavalli and Sreedharan (1987)
Tripuyite	$\text{FeSbO}_4(\text{s})$	-836.8 ± 2.2	Leverett et al. (2012)
Schafarzikite	$\text{FeSb}_2\text{O}_4(\text{s})$	-959.4 ± 4.3	Leverett et al. (2012)
Klebelsbergite	$\text{Sb}_4\text{O}_4\text{SO}_4(\text{OH})_2(\text{s})$	-2056.4 ± 5.0	this study
	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})$	-744.0 ± 0.4	Cox et al. (1989)
	$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$	-237.1 ± 0.1	Cox et al. (1989)
	$\text{Fe}^{2+}(\text{aq})$	-90.0 ± 1.0	Robie and Hemingway (1995)
	$\text{Sb}(\text{OH})_3^0(\text{aq})$	-644.4 ± 1.1	Zotov et al. (2003)
	$\text{Sb}(\text{OH})_2^+(\text{aq})$	-415.2	Roper et al. (2012)

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378 Table 3. Crystal data and structure refinement details for klebelsbergite.

Empirical formula	Sb ₄ O ₄ (OH) ₂ SO ₄
Formula weight	681.08
Temperature	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>Pca</i> 2 ₁
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 5.7563(4)$ Å
	$b = 11.2538(7)$ Å
	$c = 14.8627(9)$ Å
Volume	962.81(11) Å ³
<i>Z</i>	4
Density (calculated)	4.699 g cm ⁻³
Absorption coefficient	11.358 mm ⁻¹
<i>F</i> (000)	1208
Crystal size	0.15 x 0.10 x 0.08 mm
θ range for data collection	1.37 to 28.21°
Index ranges	-5 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 7, -14 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 14, -19 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 19
Reflections collected	9385
Independent reflections	2206 [<i>R</i> (int) = 0.0261]
Completeness to θ = 28.21°	95.2%
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ²
Data/restraints/parameters	2206/3/144
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.117
Final <i>R</i> indices [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0154, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.0377
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0154, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.0377
Absolute structure parameter	0.0(2)
Extinction coefficient	0.00151(8)
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.156 and -0.665 e Å ⁻³

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386 Table 4. Atom coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for387 klebelsbergite. U_{eq} is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

	x/a	y/b	z/c	U_{eq}
Sb(1)	0.4792(1)	0.3598(1)	0.2754(1)	9(1)
Sb(2)	0.3927(1)	0.878(1)	0.1163(1)	7(1)
Sb(3)	0.1531(1)	0.4079(1)	0.4579(1)	7(1)
Sb(4)	0.478(1)	0.1410(1)	0.2926(1)	8(1)
S	0.8221(2)	0.2604(1)	0.0326(1)	8(1)
O(1)	0.6523(6)	0.2477(3)	-0.0419(3)	15(1)
O(2)	0.8534(7)	0.3868(3)	0.0536(2)	18(1)
O(3)	1.0424(6)	0.2032(3)	0.0093(3)	22(1)
O(4)	0.7252(6)	0.2020(3)	0.1148(2)	18(1)
O(5)	0.2818(6)	0.4624(3)	0.2025(3)	12(1)
O(6)	0.3127(6)	0.2056(3)	0.2091(3)	9(1)
O(7)	0.4243(6)	0.4908(3)	0.3905(2)	8(1)
O(8)	0.6145(6)	-0.0095(3)	0.1891(3)	9(1)
O(9)	0.2755(7)	0.0509(3)	0.3635(3)	14(1)
O(10)	0.2029(6)	0.3071(3)	0.3486(2)	10(1)
H(1)	0.381(8)	0.493(5)	0.166(3)	17 ^a
H(2)	0.345(10)	0.094(4)	0.404(3)	20 ^a

388 Note: ^afixed in accord with the riding model.

Table 5. Anisotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2) for klebelsbergite.

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{23}	U^{13}	U^{12}
Sb1	0.0067(2)	0.0109(1)	0.0092(2)	0.00078(12)	0.00111(12)	0.00070(10)
Sb2	0.0065(1)	0.0081(1)	0.0062(2)	-0.00010(12)	0.00009(12)	0.00058(9)
Sb3	0.0061(1)	0.0075(1)	0.0060(1)	0.00000(11)	0.00000(11)	0.00057(10)
Sb4	0.0070(2)	0.0099(1)	0.0082(2)	-0.00029(12)	0.00074(11)	0.00080(10)
S	0.0073(5)	0.0098(5)	0.0075(4)	0.0013(4)	0.0009(5)	0.0003(4)
O1	0.0147(2)	0.0178(2)	0.011(2)	-0.0016(14)	-0.0039(14)	0.0040(13)
O2	0.031(2)	0.0113(2)	0.013(2)	0.0021(14)	-0.0016(16)	0.0008(14)
O3	0.010(2)	0.032(2)	0.023(2)	-0.0135(16)	0.0004(15)	0.0072(15)
O4	0.022(2)	0.0224(2)	0.009(2)	0.0033(16)	-0.0001(16)	-0.0105(14)
O5	0.011(2)	0.0127(1)	0.014(2)	0.0028(14)	0.0002(14)	0.0007(13)
O6	0.010(2)	0.0070(1)	0.009(2)	-0.0022(13)	0.0017(13)	-0.0018(12)
O7	0.005(2)	0.0109(1)	0.008(2)	-0.0022(12)	0.0004(13)	-0.0020(12)
O8	0.005(2)	0.0106(2)	0.010(2)	0.0006(13)	0.0006(12)	0.0018(12)
O9	0.017(2)	0.0121(2)	0.014(2)	0.0010(15)	-0.0073(15)	0.0014(15)
O10	0.010(2)	0.0123(2)	0.008(2)	-0.0037(13)	0.0045(13)	-0.0036(12)

390 Table 6. Bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$] for klebelsbergite.

Sb(1)-O(5)	1.949(4)	Sb(2)-O(6)	1.968(3)	
Sb(1)-O(10)	2.016(3)	Sb(2)-O(8)	2.000(3)	
Sb(1)-O(6)	2.213(3)	Sb(2)-O(8)#1	2.123(3)	
Sb(1)-O(7)	2.281(3)	Sb(2)-O(4)	2.306(3)	
<Sb-O>	2.115	<Sb-O>	2.099	
Sb(3)-O(10)	2.002(3)	Sb(4)-O(9)	1.963(4)	
Sb(3)-O(7)#2	2.009(3)	Sb(4)-O(6)	2.097(3)	
Sb(3)-O(7)	2.076(3)	Sb(4)-O(8)#1	2.170(4)	
Sb(3)-O(1)#3	2.518(3)	Sb(4)-O(10)	2.232(3)	
<Sb-O>	2.151	<Sb-O>	2.116	
O(5)-Sb(1)-O(10)	90.8(2)	O(6)-Sb(2)-O(8)	98.0(2)	
O(6)-Sb(1)-O(7)	141.3(1)	O(8)#1-Sb(2)-O(4)	149.6(1)	
O(10)-Sb(3)-O(7)#2	90.7(1)	O(9)-Sb(4)-O(6)	90.6(2)	
O(7)-Sb(3)-O(1)#3	147.9(1)	O(8)#1-Sb(4)-O(10)	139.9(1)	
S-O(3)	1.464(4)	S-O(1)	1.483(4)	
S-O(2)	1.467(3)	S-O(4)	1.495(4)	
<S-O>	1.477			
O(3)-S-O(2)	111.8(2)	O(2)-S-O(1)	109.5(2)	
O(3)-S-O(1)	110.6(2)	O(2)-S-O(4)	107.3(2)	
O(3)-S-O(4)	108.8(2)	O(1)-S-O(4)	108.8(2)	
D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
O(5)-H(1)...O(2)#2	0.86(2)	2.16(5)	2.819(5)	133(5)
O(5)-H(1)...O(5)#4	0.86(2)	2.42(5)	3.000(2)	125(5)
O(9)-H(2)...O(3)#5	0.87(2)	2.09(2)	2.955(5)	171(6)

391 Note: symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms are #1: $x-1/2, -y, z$; #2: $x-1/2, -$
 392 $y+1, z$; #3: $-x+1/2, y, z+1/2$; #4: $x+1/2, -y+1, z$; #5: $-x+3/2, y, z+1/2$.

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398 Figure 1. Pourbaix diagram showing the stability field of klebelsbergite with respect to
 399 some common secondary Sb minerals and stibnite; a, b and c refer to conditions where $a(\text{SO}_4^{2-})$
 400 $= 10^{-4}, 10^{-2}$ and 10^0 , respectively.

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403 Figure 2. The structure of klebelsbergite. Sb-centred polyhedra are coloured brown and
 404 sulfate groups yellow. O and H atoms are indicated by red and white spheres, respectively, and
 405 the unit cell is outlined.

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407 Figure 3. The hydrogen bonding network in klebelsbergite viewed down a , slightly
 408 rotated about c . Only sulfate and hydroxide ions are shown for clarity. S, O and H atoms are
 409 brown, red and white, respectively. Full and hydrogen bonds are coloured grey and blue,
 respectively, and the unit cell is outlined.

