

# Görgeyite

# $K_2Ca_5(SO_4)_6 \cdot H_2O$

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**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic. *Point Group:*  $2/m$ . As crystals, tabular on {001}, to 8.5 cm, showing {001}, {100}, {111}, {110}.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* On {100}, imperfect. *Fracture:* Splintery to hackly. Hardness = 3.5–4 D(meas.) = 2.90–2.93 D(calc.) = 2.90

**Optical Properties:** Translucent. *Color:* Colorless, white, pale yellow, greenish yellow. *Luster:* Vitreous.

*Optical Class:* Biaxial (+).  $\alpha = 1.560$   $\beta = 1.569$ – $1.570$   $\gamma = 1.584$ – $1.585$   
 $2V(\text{meas.}) = 79^\circ$ – $80^\circ$

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $C2/c$ .  $a = 17.51$ – $17.519$   $b = 6.822$ – $6.840$   $c = 18.21$ – $18.252$   
 $\beta = 113.3^\circ$ – $113.33^\circ$   $Z = 4$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Ischl salt deposit, Austria.  
3.005 (100), 3.164 (70), 2.817 (40), 2.756 (30), 1.841 (25), 1.896 (20), 3.029 (15)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(3)
SO <sub>3</sub>	54.08	54.45	55.03
R <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.18		
CaO	30.04	31.02	32.12
SrO		1.20	
Na <sub>2</sub> O	1.77	0.15	
K <sub>2</sub> O	10.82	10.77	10.79
Cl	0.06		
H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	2.82		
H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>−</sup>	0.34		
H <sub>2</sub> O		n.d.	2.06
gangue	0.08		
Total	100.19	97.59	100.00

(1) Ischl salt deposit, Austria. (2) Cesano, Italy; by electron microprobe. (3)  $K_2Ca_5(SO_4)_6 \cdot H_2O$ .

**Occurrence:** Typically an uncommon secondary mineral in evaporite deposits; in hydrothermal veins.

**Association:** Glauberite, halite, polyhalite, anhydrite, gypsum (evaporites); cesanite, pyrite (Cesano, Italy).

**Distribution:** From the Ischl salt deposit, near Salzburg, Austria. In drill core at the edge of the Baccano caldera, Cesano geothermal field, east of Lake Bracciano, Lazio, Italy. From Astakós, Greece. At Praid, Romania. Very large crystals from Inder Lake, Kazakhstan. From Nongle, Sichuan Province, and the “Q” Basin [Jiangnan Plain] potash deposits, Hubei Province, China.

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**Type Material:** Natural History Museum, Vienna, Austria, M474; Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, 107559.

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