

# Uklonskovite

# NaMg(SO<sub>4</sub>)F·2H<sub>2</sub>O

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**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m. As flattened prismatic crystals, elongated along [010], to 2 mm, in tufts and sprays.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* One or more || [010]. *Hardness* = n.d. *D(meas.)* = 2.42 *D(calc.)* = 2.414

**Optical Properties:** Transparent. *Color:* Colorless. *Luster:* Vitreous.  
*Optical Class:* Biaxial (+).  $\alpha = 1.476(1)$   $\beta = \text{n.d.}$   $\gamma = 1.500(1)$  *2V(meas.)* = n.d.

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $P2_1/m$ .  $a = 7.202(1)$   $b = 7.214(1)$   $c = 5.734(1)$   
 $\beta = 113.23(1)^\circ$   $Z = 2$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Cetine mine, Italy.  
3.505 (100), 6.608 (78), 5.270 (60), 3.154 (56), 2.970 (54), 3.309 (46), 3.008 (46)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(3)
SO <sub>3</sub>	42.80	42.55	40.35
MgO	20.61	20.99	20.32
CaO	2.40	2.20	
Na <sub>2</sub> O	14.87		15.62
K <sub>2</sub> O	1.01		
F	n.d.		9.58
H <sub>2</sub> O	18.00		18.16
-O = F <sub>2</sub>			4.03
Total	99.69		100.00

(1) Kushkanatau salt deposit, Uzbekistan; H<sub>2</sub>O by TGA. (2) Do.; separate partial determinations. (3) NaMg(SO<sub>4</sub>)F·2H<sub>2</sub>O.

**Occurrence:** Of very rare occurrence in cavities in clays above the salt strata (Kushkanatau salt deposit, Uzbekistan); on gypsum, sulfate derived from oxidizing sulfides, the other elements from limestones and clays (Cetine mine, Italy).

**Association:** Glauberite, polyhalite (Kushkanatau salt deposit, Uzbekistan); jurbanite, rostitite, tamarugite, ferrinatrite, sideronatrite (Cetine mine, Italy).

**Distribution:** From the Kushkanatau salt deposit, lower Amu Darya River, Kara-Kalpakii, Uzbekistan. In the Cetine mine, 20 km southwest of Siena, Tuscany, Italy.

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