

Svornostite **$K_2Mg[(UO_2)(SO_4)_2]_2 \cdot 8(H_2O)$**

Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* $mm2$. Crystals are prisms elongated on [001] and flattened on {100} and that exhibit {100}, {010} and {011}.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Perfect on {010} and {010}. *Fracture:* Uneven.
Tenacity: Brittle. Hardness = ~ 2 D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 3.268
 Strong yellowish green fluorescence in SW and LW UV.

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color:* Yellow. *Streak:* Very pale yellow.
Luster: Vitreous.
Optical Class: Biaxial (+). $\alpha = 1.548(2)$ $\beta = 1.556(3)$ $\gamma = 1.585(2)$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = \text{n.d.}$
 $2V(\text{calc.}) = 56^\circ$ *Orientation:* $Z = c$.

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $Pnm2_1$. $a = 12.7850(3)$ $b = 8.2683(4)$ $c = 11.2163(3)$ $Z = 2$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Geschieber vein, Jáchymov, Western Bohemia, Czech Republic.
 6.398 (100), 5.060 (55), 8.279 (50), 3.318 (44), 3.009 (44), 4.645 (40), 4.610 (38)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)
K ₂ O	7.93	8.05
MgO	3.11	3.43
CuO	0.79	
SO ₃	28.13	27.32
UO ₃	48.94	48.89
H ₂ O	[12.53]	12.31
Total	101.43	100.00

(1) Geschieber vein, Jáchymov, Western Bohemia, Czech Republic; average of 6 electron microprobe analyses supplemented by Raman spectroscopy, H₂O calculated; corresponding to $K_{1.94}(Mg_{0.89}Cu_{0.11})_{\Sigma=1.00}(U_{0.99}O_2)_2(S_{1.01}O_4)_4(H_2O)_8$. (2) $K_2Mg[(UO_2)(SO_4)_2]_2 \cdot 8H_2O$.

Occurrence: As weathering products from the post-mining alteration of uraninite and sulfides in a Ag-Bi-Co-Ni-U bearing hydrothermal vein deposit.

Association: Geschieberite, adolfpateraite, gypsum, mathesiusite.

Distribution: From the Geschieber vein, Svornost mine, Jáchymov (Joachimsthal), Western Bohemia, Czech Republic.

Name: For the Svornost mine, the locality that produced the first specimens.

Type Material: A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia (4537/1).

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