

Calcurmolite**Ca(UO₂)₃(MoO₄)₃(OH)₂•11H₂O**

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Crystal Data: n.d. *Point Group:* n.d. As prismatic crystals, to 1.5 mm, in bundles or radial platy aggregates; as crusts of vermiform spherical aggregates of platy crystals.

Physical Properties: Hardness = 2–3 D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = n.d. Radioactive; strong yellowish green fluorescence under UV.

Optical Properties: Translucent. *Color:* Deep honey-yellow, bright yellow.
Optical Class: Biaxial (-). *Pleochroism:* X = colorless; Y = pale yellow; Z = yellow.
 $\alpha = 1.760\text{--}1.770$ $\beta = 1.816\text{--}1.827$ $\gamma = 1.856\text{--}1.863$ 2V(meas.) = n.d. 2V(calc.) = 76°

Cell Data: *Space Group:* n.d. Z = n.d.

X-ray Powder Pattern: Kadzharan deposit, Armenia.

7.80 (100), 3.21 (80), 3.89 (60), 8.33 (50), 1.99 (50), 1.855 (40), 4.29 (30)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(3)
MoO ₃	23.83	21.62	27.64
UO ₃	47.73	65.48	54.93
SiO ₂	6.18		
(Al + Fe) ₂ O ₃	2.76		
CaO	3.30	3.20	3.59
H ₂ O	12.90	9.59	13.84
Total	96.70	99.89	100.00

(1) Kyzylsai Mo–U deposit, Kazakhstan; after deduction of impurities, corresponds to Ca_{1.06}(UO₂)₃(MoO₄)_{2.98}(OH)₂•10.88H₂O. (2) Rabéjac deposit, France; by electron microprobe, H₂O by gas chromatography. (3) Ca(UO₂)₃(MoO₄)₃(OH)₂•11H₂O.

Occurrence: A secondary mineral in the lower oxidized zone of Mo–U deposits.

Association: Uraninite, uranophane, uranospinite, halloysite, betpakdalite, jarosite, ferrimolybdate (Kadzharan deposit, Armenia); umohoite, uranophane (Rabéjac deposit, France); yingjiangite, studtite, kiviuite, tengchongite, autunite (Tongbiguan village, China).

Distribution: From the Kadzharan molybdenum deposit, upper Okhcha River, Kafan district, Armenia. In the Kyzylsai Mo–U deposit, Chu-Ili Mountains, southwestern Balkhash region, Kazakhstan. At Tongbiguan village, Yingjiang Co., Yunnan Province, China. From the Rabéjac and Mas-d'Alary uranium deposits, south of Lodève, Hérault, France.

Name: For the essential chemical components, CALCIum, URanium, and MOLybdenum.

Type Material: n.d.

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