

Calciouranoite

(Ca, Ba, Pb)U₂O₇•5H₂O

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Crystal Data: n.d. *Point Group:* n.d. Prismatic to acicular crystals, radial fibrous in spherulites.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* One direction, pinacoidal. Hardness = 4 D(meas.) = 4.62 D(calc.) = n.d.

Optical Properties: Translucent. *Color:* Red-orange, yellow-brown, orange-brown, brown; bright yellow in transmitted light. *Luster:* Greasy to dull. *Optical Class:* Biaxial (-). *Pleochroism:* Strong; X = Y = deep lemon-yellow; Z = pale yellow to almost colorless. *Absorption:* X = Y > Z. $\alpha = 1.76$ $\beta = 1.84$ $\gamma = 1.87$ 2V(meas.) = n.d.

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

X-ray Powder Pattern: Oktyabr'skoye U–Mo deposit; * = distinct lines, pattern indistinct otherwise.

4.00, *3.406, *3.050, 2.68, 2.00

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(3)		(1)	(2)	(3)
UO ₃	68.02	71.78	63.23	BaO	2.68		
As ₂ O ₅	0.63			Na ₂ O	0.60		0.16
SiO ₂	0.32	4.00	0.64	K ₂ O	5.81	0.06	1.77
Al ₂ O ₃	0.34	0.69	0.20	H ₂ O ⁺	7.05	8.00	
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.71		0.10	H ₂ O ⁻	5.31	3.03	
PbO	2.37	1.18	1.35	H ₂ O			7.29
CaO	5.86	6.77	14.90	CO ₂			8.82
SrO			1.76				
				Total	99.70	[95.51]	100.22

(1) Oktyabr'skoye U–Mo deposit; after deduction of quartz impurity, corresponds to (Ca_{0.74}Ba_{0.13}Pb_{0.07}Na_{0.06})_{Σ=1.00}U_{1.7}O₇•4.8H₂O. (2) Do.; original total given as 96.05%, after deduction of quartz impurity, corresponds to (Ca_{0.95}Pb_{0.06})_{Σ=1.01}U₂O₇•5H₂O. (3) Do.; after deduction of calcite 20.25% and uranophane 1–2% corresponds to (Ca_{0.58}K_{0.18}Sr_{0.16}Pb_{0.06}Na_{0.02})_{Σ=1.00}U_{2.12}O₇•3.89H₂O.

Occurrence: In stringers in felsite, deep in the oxidation zone of a U–Mo deposit, in water-saturated ore-bearing faults.

Association: Calcite, uranophane, bauranoite, metacalciouranoite, protasite.

Distribution: From the Oktyabr'skoye U–Mo deposit, 12 km southeast of Krasnokamensk, eastern Transbaikal, Russia.

Name: For CALCIum and URANIum in the composition.

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