

Umbite

$K_2ZrSi_3O_9 \cdot H_2O$

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Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* 222. Crystals platy, flattened on {010}, to 1 mm, with forms {010}, {101}, {110}, and {001}.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* On {010}, perfect, micaceous; {100}, less perfect. Hardness = ~4.5 VHN = 305–401, 381 average. D(meas.) = 2.79 D(calc.) = 2.79 Weak yellowish fluorescence under UV.

Optical Properties: Semitransparent. *Color:* Colorless to yellowish. *Luster:* Vitreous. *Optical Class:* Biaxial (−). *Orientation:* X = c; Y = b; Z = a. $\alpha = 1.596(2)$ $\beta = 1.619(2)$ $\gamma = n.d.$ 2V(meas.) = 80°

Cell Data: *Space Group:* P2₁2₁2₁. a = 10.208(2) b = 13.241(4) c = 7.174(1) Z = 4

X-ray Powder Pattern: Khibiny massif, Russia.
3.02 (10b), 5.91 (9), 2.87 (8), 1.797 (8b), 3.31 (7), 6.56 (6b), 2.156 (4)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
SiO ₂	42.36	43.37
TiO ₂	3.33	
ZrO ₂	22.28	29.64
HfO ₂	0.43	
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.12	
CaO	0.00	
Na ₂ O	0.16	
K ₂ O	22.41	22.66
F	2.00	
H ₂ O	5.03	4.33
—O = F ₂	0.84	
Total	97.28	100.00

(1) Khibiny massif, Russia; by electron microprobe, average of three analyses; corresponds to $(K_{2.02}Na_{0.02})_{\Sigma=2.04}(Zr_{0.77}Ti_{0.18}Hf_{0.01}Fe_{0.01})_{\Sigma=0.97}Si_{3.00}O_{9.92}H_{2.38}F_{0.45}$. (2) $K_2ZrSi_3O_9 \cdot H_2O$.

Polymorphism & Series: Dimorphous with kostylevite.

Occurrence: In pegmatite in a differentiated alkalic massif.

Association: Kostylevite, wadeite, eudialyte, potassic feldspar, aegirine.

Distribution: In the valley of the Vuonnemiok River, Khibiny massif, Kola Peninsula, Russia.

Name: For Lake Umbozero, which separates the Khibiny massif from the Lovozero massif, Kola Peninsula, Russia.

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