**Crystal Data**: Monoclinic. *Point Group*: 2/m. As thin bladed crystals exhibiting  $\{100\}$ ,  $\{010\}$ , and  $\{011\}$ , elongated on [001], flattened on  $\{100\}$ , to  $\sim 0.5$  mm. *Twinning*: Polysynthetic on  $\{100\}$ .

**Physical Properties**: Cleavage: Perfect on  $\{010\}$  and  $\{001\}$ . Fracture: Even. Tenacity: Brittle. Hardness =  $\sim 2-3$  D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 3.726 Soluble in water.

**Optical Properties**: Transparent. *Color*: Greenish yellow. *Streak*: White. *Luster*: Vitreous. Bluish white fluorescence under SW and LW UV.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+).  $\alpha = 1.556$   $\beta = 1.581$   $\gamma = 1.608$   $2V(meas.) = 88(1)^{\circ}$   $2V(calc.) = 89^{\circ}$  Orientation: X = b,  $Y \land c = 4^{\circ}$  (in obtuse  $\beta$ ). Dispersion: Moderate, r < v. Pleochroism: X = nearly colorless; Y = very pale yellow; Z = pale yellow. Absorption: X < Y < Z.

**Cell Data**: Space Group:  $P2_1/c$ . a = 8.7122(6) b = 13.8368(4) c = 7.0465(2)  $\beta = 112.126(8)^{\circ}$  Z = 4

**X-ray Powder Pattern**: Blue Lizard mine, White Canyon District, San Juan County, Utah, USA. 6.90 (100), 5.85 (99), 3.492 (82), 4.024 (57), 3.136 (40), 2.618 (34), 1.921 (30)

| Chemistry:              | (1)     | (2)    |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|
| $Na_2O$                 | 6.61    | 7.01   |
| $UO_3$                  | 65.15   | 64.70  |
| $SO_3$                  | 18.33   | 18.11  |
| <u>H</u> <sub>2</sub> O | [10.24] | 10.19  |
| Total                   | 100.33  | 100.00 |

(1) Blue Lizard mine, San Juan County, Utah, USA; average of 9 EDS analyses supplemented by Raman spectroscopy, H<sub>2</sub>O calculated; corresponds to Na<sub>0.94</sub>(UO<sub>2</sub>)(S<sub>1.01</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)(OH)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>.
(2) Na(UO<sub>2</sub>)(SO<sub>4</sub>)(OH)·2H<sub>2</sub>O.

**Occurrence**: Of low-temperature secondary origin related to the post-mining oxidation of uraninite, pyrite, chalcopyrite, bornite, and covellite disseminated in lenses of organic matter in sandstone.

**Association**: Atacamite, blödite, brochantite, chalcanthite, dickite, gerhardtite, gypsum, hexahydrite, johannite, manganoblödite, natrozippeite, tamarugite.

**Distribution**: From the Blue Lizard mine, Red Canyon, White Canyon District, San Juan County, Utah, USA.

**Name**: Honors Jakub Plášil (b. 1984), a researcher of the Institute of Physics, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic for his work on the crystal chemistry of hydrated oxysalts and hexavalent uranium compounds.

**Type Material**: Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, USA (64126-64130), and the A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia (4548/1).

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