**Perraultite** $\mathbf{Na_2KBaMn_8^{2+}(Ti,Nb)_4Si_8O_{32}(OH,F,H_2O)_7}$



**Crystal Data:** Monoclinic. *Point Group:* $2/m$, $m$, or 2. Prismatic crystals, flattened on {010} and elongated along [100], with {001}, {010}, {100}, and {$h0l$}, to 1 mm. *Twinning:* Simple contact twins, with {001} as twin and composition plane, common.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* Very good on {001}. *Fracture:* Uneven to irregular. *Tenacity:* Very brittle. Hardness = ∼4 D(meas.) = 3.71(5) D(calc.) = 3.808

**Optical Properties:** Opaque to translucent, transparent in small fragments. *Color:* Orange-brown. *Streak:* Pale brown. *Luster:* Vitreous on fresh surfaces to slightly waxy on exposed faces.
*Optical Class:* Biaxial (–). *Pleochroism:* $X = Y$ = light yellow; $Z$ = dark brown. *Orientation:* $X = b$; $Y \wedge a = 19°$. *Dispersion:* $r < v$, strong. $\alpha = 1.785(2)$ $\beta = 1.81(1)$ $\gamma = 1.82(1)$ 2V(meas.) = 66(1)° 2V(calc.) = 64°

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:* $C2/m$, $Cm$, or $C2$. $a = 10.820(2)$ $b = 13.843(4)$ $c = 20.93(1)$ $\beta = 95.09(2)°$ Z = 4

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Mont Saint-Hilaire, Canada.
3.474 (100), 10.43 (42), 2.606 (40), 3.186 (15), 2.804 (15), 2.867 (13), 3.573 (11)

**Chemistry:**

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| $SiO_2$ | 27.32 | MgO | 0.06 |
| $TiO_2$ | 9.44 | BaO | 8.88 |
| $ZrO_2$ | 0.12 | $Na_2O$ | 3.52 |
| $Al_2O_3$ | 0.03 | $K_2O$ | 2.68 |
| $Nb_2O_5$ | 13.35 | F | 0.84 |
| FeO | 1.12 | $H_2O$ | 3.49 |
| MnO | 31.14 | $-O = F_2$ | 0.35 |
| | | Total | 101.64 |

(1) Mont Saint-Hilaire, Canada; by electron microprobe, average of three analyses, $H_2O$ by TGA; corresponds to $Na_{2.02}K_{1.00}Ba_{1.02}(Mn_{7.73}Fe_{0.27}Mg_{0.03})_{\Sigma=8.03}(Ti_{2.08}Nb_{1.77}Zr_{0.02})_{\Sigma=3.87}(Si_{8.01}Al_{0.01})_{\Sigma=8.02}O_{32}[(OH)_{5.62}F_{0.78}(H_2O)_{0.60}]_{\Sigma=7.00}$.

**Occurrence:** In pegmatite dikes in nepheline syenite in an intrusive alkalic gabbro-syenite complex.

**Association:** Kupletskite, catapleiite, microcline, albite, aegirine, rhodochrosite, natrolite, tetranatrolite, lorenzenite, polylithionite, ancylite, fluorite, calcite, pyrochlore.

**Distribution:** From Mont Saint-Hilaire, Quebec, Canada.

**Name:** To honor Professor Guy Perrault, École Polytechnique, Montreal, Canada, for his work on the mineralogy of Mont Saint-Hilaire.

**Type Material:** Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, 50037; Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada, M41005.

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