Pertsevite-(F) Mg_2BO_3F

Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group*: *mm*2. As anhedral grains to 150 μm.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage*: None. *Fracture*: n.d. *Tenacity*: n.d.
Hardness = n.d. D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 3.12

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color*: Colorless in thin section. *Streak*: Uneven.
Luster: Vitreous.
Optical Class: Biaxial (+). α = 1.609(1) β = 1.620(1) γ = 1.642(1) 2V(meas.) = 65(1)º
2V(calc.) = 71(6)º

Cell Data: *Space Group Pna*2_1. a = 20.490(6) b = 4.571(1) c = 11.890(3) Z = 16

X-ray Powder Pattern: Tas-Khayakhtakh ridge, Republic of Sakha-Yakutia, Russia.
2.2409 (100), 1.7081 (92), 2.7425 (77), 2.4737 (49), 2.2344 (49), 2.4137 (46), 1.7053 (44)

Chemistry:

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SiO_2	8.25
B_2O_3	22.44
MgO	57.39
FeO	3.71
MnO	0.65
CaO	0.24
Al_2O_3	0.10
F	7.81
H_2O	[1.67]
- O = F	3.29
Total	98.97

(1) Tas-Khayakhtakh ridge, near Kebirin'ya Creek, Republic of Sakha-Yakutia, Russia; average electron microprobe analysis, H_2O calculated for charge balance; corresponding to $(Mg_{1.88}Fe^{2+}_{0.07}Mn_{0.01}Ca_{0.01})_{\Sigma=1.97}(B_{0.85}Si_{0.18})_{\Sigma=1.03}O_{3.21}(F_{0.54}OH_{0.24})_{\Sigma=0.78}$.

Polymorphsim & Series: Forms a series with pertsevite-(OH).

Occurrence: In kotoite-marble skarn.

Association: Calcite, spinel, löllingite, ludwigite, aluminomagnesiohulsite.

Distribution: From the Tas-Khayakhtakh ridge, Chersky Mountain System, near the mouth of Kebirin'ya Creek, a northern tributary of the Dogdo River, ~250 km east of Verkhoyansk, Republic of Sakha-Yakutia, Russia.

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