

Table 1. Debye-Scherrer diagram of BaSrFe<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>

<i>h</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>d</i> <sub>obs</sub>	<i>d</i> <sub>calc</sub>	<i>I</i> <sub>obs</sub>
0	1	1	6.14	6.145	<i>vw</i>
1	0	1	4.734	4.729	<i>w</i>
1	1	2	3.247	3.246	<i>m</i>
1	2	1	3.112	3.112	<i>vs</i>
0	2	2	3.073	3.072	<i>s</i>
2	0	0	2.758	2.758	<i>ms</i>
1	0	3	2.679	2.678	<i>s</i>
2	1	0	2.616	2.616	<i>vw</i>
1	1	3	2.549	2.547	<i>vw</i>
2	1	1	2.517	2.516	<i>vw</i>
0	0	4	2.297	2.297	<i>w</i>
0	4	0	2.067	2.066	<i>ms</i>
2	2	2	2.051	2.052	<i>ms</i>
0	2	4	2.008	2.008	<i>m</i>
2	3	1	1.906	1.907	<i>w</i>
1	4	1	1.895	1.893	<i>vw</i>
1	3	4	1.678	1.680	<i>w</i>
3	2	1	1.652	1.652	<i>ms</i>
1	4	3	1.635	1.636	<i>m</i>
2	2	4	1.623	1.623	<i>w</i>
1	2	5	1.606	1.606	<i>m</i>
3	0	3	1.576	1.576	<i>ms</i>
0	0	6	1.531	1.531	<i>w</i>
1	5	2	1.497	1.497	<i>vw</i>
0	6	0	1.377	1.377	<i>w</i>
2	0	6	1.339	1.339	<i>vw</i>
2	1	6	1.322	1.322	<i>vw</i>

Intensities: *vs*=very strong, *s*=strong, *m*=medium, *ms*=medium strong, *w*=weak, *vw*=very weak. Wavelengths: Cu  $K\alpha$ =1.5418, Cu  $K\alpha_1$ =1.5405, Fe  $K\alpha$ =1.9373, Fe  $K\alpha_1$ =1.9360 Å.

for about five days. The resulting black material looked like a coarse-grained disk with slightly rounded edges.

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Crystals of KNaThF<sub>6</sub> are hexagonal  $P\bar{3}$  with  $a_0=6.3073$  (2) and  $c_3=7.8907$  (2) Å. The structure of KNaThF<sub>6</sub> is a framework of Na octahedra and K and Th 9-coordinated polyhedra.

The complex fluoride compound KNaThF<sub>6</sub> melts incongruently to Na<sub>7</sub>Th<sub>6</sub>F<sub>31</sub> and liquid at 674°C (Brunton, Insley, McVay & Thoma, 1965). It is uniaxial negative with  $N_o=1.454$  and  $N_E=1.448$ .

Fragments were chiselled out of the sintered mass. They were characterized by sharp edges and highly reflecting surfaces, although no characteristic shape could be recognized. They were inspected by means of a Laue flat camera. Precession photographs were taken with Co  $K\alpha$  X-radiation. The unit cell is orthorhombic with lattice parameters  $a=5.516$ ,  $b=8.265$  and  $c=9.188$  Å ( $\pm 0.001$  Å) at 25°C. Systematic extinctions occurred for reflexions  $0kl$  with  $k+l \neq 2n$ ,  $h0l$  with  $h+l \neq 2n$  and  $hk0$  with  $h \neq 2n$ ; no extinction was observed for the general reflexions  $hkl$ . The space group therefore is *Pnna*, No. 52 of *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1952). Assuming two formula units per unit cell the theoretical density is 4.57 g.cm<sup>-3</sup> which may be compared with the observed value of 4.62 g.cm<sup>-3</sup> measured by pycnometry methods.

From these unit-cell dimensions and this space group it has been possible to index the powder pattern (Table 1). The observed spacings are mean values obtained with Cu  $K\alpha$  and Fe  $K\alpha$  radiations.

No further structural work on this compound is contemplated at present.

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Table 1. Atomic parameters for KNaThF<sub>6</sub>

The number in parentheses is the standard error in terms of the last significant digit as derived from the variance-covariance matrix.

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$\beta_{11}^a$	$\beta_{22}$	$\beta_{33}$	$\beta_{12}$	( <i>b</i> )
Th	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0.1221 (2)	0.0034 (4)	( <i>c</i> )	0.0039 (3)	( <i>c</i> )	
K	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0.608 (2)	0.014 (2)	( <i>c</i> )	0.004 (2)	( <i>c</i> )	
Na	0	0	0.236 (3)	0.014 (3)	( <i>d</i> )			
F(1)	0.104 (3)	0.381 (3)	0.322 (2)	0.011 (2)	( <i>d</i> )			
F(2)	0.395 (3)	0.319 (3)	0.097 (2)	0.010 (2)	( <i>d</i> )			

<sup>a</sup> Coefficients in the temperature factor:  $\exp [-(\beta_{11}h^2 + \beta_{22}k^2 + \beta_{33}l^2 + 2\beta_{12}hk + 2\beta_{13}hl + 2\beta_{23}kl)]$ .

<sup>b</sup>  $\beta_{13} = \beta_{23} = 0$ .

<sup>c</sup>  $2\beta_{12} = \beta_{22} = \beta_{11}$ .

<sup>d</sup> The temperature factors for Na, F(1) and F(2) were constrained to be isotropic.

dimensions  $0.060 \times 0.120 \times 0.120$  mm was selected for single-crystal diffraction. The intensity data were collected with a Picker four-circle goniostat and a scintillation counter detector using unfiltered Ag  $K\alpha$  radiation. The linear absorption coefficient of  $\text{KNaThF}_6$  is  $\mu = 289.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for Ag  $K\alpha$  and an absorption correction was made for each reflection.

The unit-cell parameters were determined by a least-squares adjustment of 22 high angle ( $116^\circ < 2\theta < 140^\circ$ ) Cu  $K\alpha_1$  ( $\lambda = 1.54050 \text{ \AA}$ ) reflections;  $a_0 = 6.3073(2)$ ,  $c_0 = 7.8907(2) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $Z = 2$  and  $\rho = 4.985 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ . The diffraction symmetry is  $\bar{3}$  and there are no extinction conditions. Space groups  $P3(143)$  and  $P\bar{3}(147)$  are consistent with these conditions. The final structure has the space group  $P\bar{3}$ .

The structure was refined by iterative least-squares using a modification of the Busing, Martin & Levy (1962) computer program. The initial  $z$  parameter for Th atom at  $2(d)$  in  $P\bar{3}$  was determined from the three-dimensional Patterson function. The quantity minimized by the least-squares program was  $\sum w |sF_o^2 - |F_c^2||^2$  with weights,  $w$ , derived from the empirical equation (Brown & Levy, 1964):

$$\sigma^2(F_o^2) = [T + B + \{0.05(T - B)\}^2] / [A(Lp)^2],$$

where  $T$  = total counts,  $B$  = background counts,  $A$  = absorption correction and  $Lp$  = Lorentz-polarization factor. Anisotropic temperature factors were calculated for  $\text{Th}^{4+}$  and  $\text{K}^+$  and isotropic factors for  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{F}^-$ . An extinction correction was made on  $F_o$  by the method of Zachariasen (1967). The scattering factors for the ions were taken from

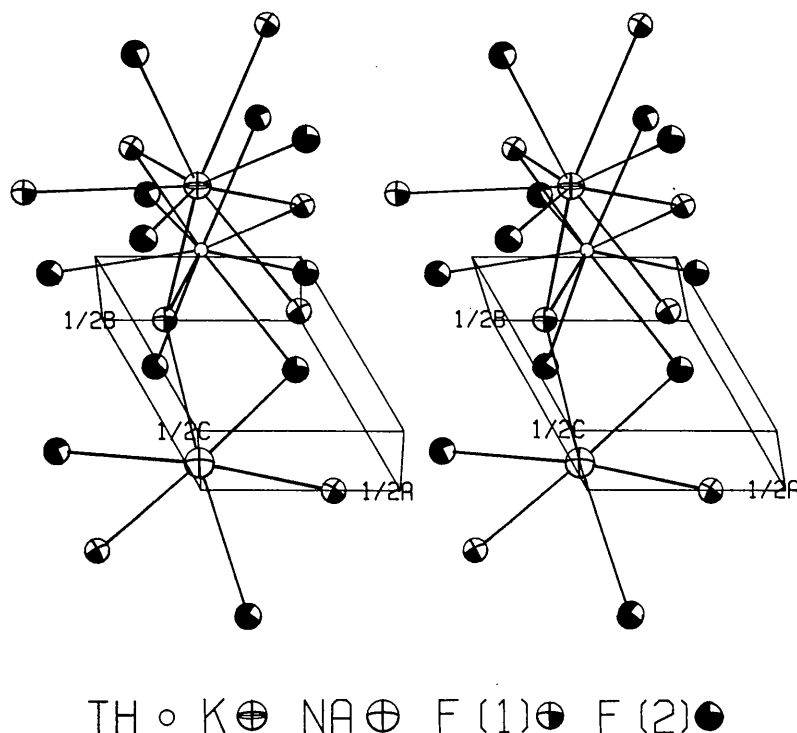


Fig. 1. One asymmetrical unit of  $\text{KNaThF}_6$ —one quarter cell outlined. There is a triad inversion axis parallel to the cell edge through Na and a triad axis through Th and K.

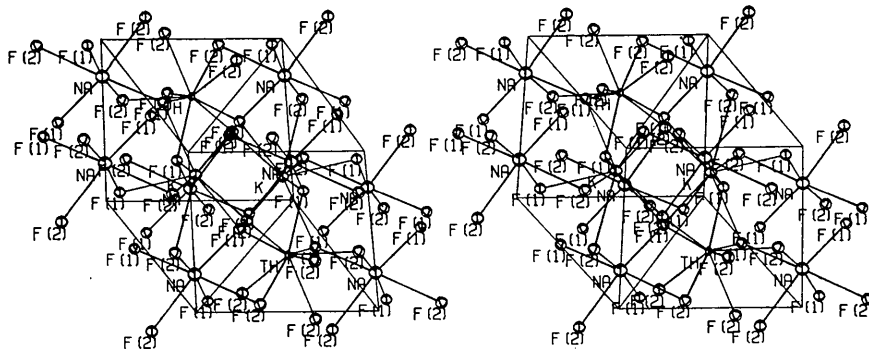


Fig. 2. One unit cell of  $\text{KNaThF}_6$ .

