

Table 1. *Analysis of the uranium diffraction pattern*

<i>hkl</i>	Estimated diameters in mm.	Measured diameters in mm.	Intensity
311	19.75	19.75	<i>vf</i>
330	22.60	22.50	<i>f</i>
212	24.50	24.25	<i>f</i>
312	26.40	26.50	<i>vs</i>
620	33.00	33.00	<i>s</i>
611	34.20	34.50	<i>vf</i>
114	41.10	41.50	<i>vs</i>
424	47.00	47.00	<i>s</i>
434	48.50	48.30	<i>s</i>
115	51.00	51.00	<i>vf</i>
860	53.60	53.50	<i>vf</i>
084	58.80	58.50	<i>f</i>

v = very; *f* = faint; *s* = strong.

rings. Also in the electron micrograph (Fig. 1(a)) some tetragonal crystals can be identified.

In the thin film state uranium thus assumes the β -phase structure which according to X-ray studies should occur at a high temperature. It may be pointed out that the heating of the specimen during the examination in the electron microscope might be responsible for the phase transformation. In this respect special care was taken to keep the intensity of the electron beam at a minimum. The experiment

was repeated with different films prepared under the same condition but the result was always the same. Similar structural anomalies in the thin film state have been observed by other authors in several cases. Quarrel (1937) reported that many metals which normally crystallize as face-centred cubes were found to develop the hexagonal close-packed structure in the thin film. Aggarwal & Goswami (1957) observed very recently a new phase (face-centred cube) of molybdenum in thin film. The mechanism of such phase transformations in the thin film state is not yet clearly understood and hence deserves special attention.

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A Detailed Refinement of the Crystal Structure of Potassium Ethyl Sulphate

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Refinement of the crystal structure of potassium ethyl sulphate using Jarvis's three-dimensional data has been carried out until $R = 0.098$. Anisotropic thermal parameters have been determined, and an estimate has been made of the error arising from rotational oscillation. The bond lengths are $S-O_1 = 1.466 \text{ \AA}$, $S-O_2 = 1.466 \text{ \AA}$, $S-O_3 = 1.451 \text{ \AA}$ (mean $S-O = 1.46 \pm 0.01 \text{ \AA}$), $S-O_4 = 1.60 \pm 0.01 \text{ \AA}$, $C-O = 1.45 \pm 0.02 \text{ \AA}$ and $C-C = 1.51 \pm 0.02 \text{ \AA}$.

Introduction

In most compounds in which oxygen is bonded only to sulphur the S-O bond lengths are close to 1.43 \AA (see Abrahams, 1956 for a summary); it is probable, therefore, that 1.43 \AA is the double-bond length. The S-O bond may be longer, about 1.6 \AA , when the oxygen is bonded to another atom as in $K_2S_2O_7$ (Lynton, 1955) and the ion $HS_2O_7^-$ (Steeman & MacGillavry, 1954) but these interatomic distances have not been determined accurately. Jarvis (1953) studied the structure of potassium ethyl sulphate, $KO_3SOC_2H_5$, by three-dimensional X-ray crystal structure analysis and found that the three chemically equivalent S=O

bonds were 1.44 , 1.45 and 1.49 \AA while the S-O bond to the esterified oxygen was 1.60 \AA . Jarvis's results were obtained after one cycle of correction for series

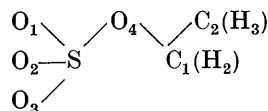
Table 1. *Electron densities and curvatures*
Ratios between observed and calculated values

	ρ	$\partial^2\rho/\partial x^2$	$\partial^2\rho/\partial y^2$	$\partial^2\rho/\partial z^2$
K ⁺	0.976	1.005	0.952	0.911
S	0.998	1.027	0.987	0.943
O ₁	0.975	0.950	1.020	0.990
O ₂	1.023	1.013	1.026	1.011
O ₃	0.972	1.035	0.906	0.883
O ₄	1.000	1.008	1.016	1.018
C ₁	0.900	0.874	0.779	0.868
C ₂	0.871	0.862	0.720	0.890

Table 2. *Parameters used for structure factor calculation*

	x/a	y/b	z/c	b_{11}	b_{12}	b_{13}	b_{22}	b_{23}	b_{33}
K ⁺	$\overline{0.12826}$	$\overline{0.08572}$	0.10956	1554×10^{-5}	$\overline{171} \times 10^{-5}$	671×10^{-5}	958×10^{-5}	239×10^{-5}	880×10^{-5}
S	0.42102	0.06691	0.15973	1562	$\overline{129}$	578	760	$\overline{171}$	822
O ₁	0.46478	0.19654	0.06999	2725	98	909	1087	$\overline{299}$	985
O ₂	0.25223	$\overline{0.03742}$	0.12314	2431	469	550	1035	$\overline{414}$	895
O ₃	0.56424	$\overline{0.06230}$	0.20973	1747	$\overline{102}$	423	1940	$\overline{220}$	1108
O ₄	0.39596	0.21356	0.26168	1983	$\overline{353}$	474	1264	$\overline{149}$	788
C ₁	0.33246	0.13007	0.36026	2250	30	734	2067	$\overline{248}$	894
C ₂	0.33767	0.28710	0.44943	2468	253	821	2784	$\overline{454}$	940

termination errors which affected one S=O bond by as much as 0.05 Å. This, and the disparity in the S=O bonds suggested that more accurate values for the interatomic distances could be obtained by further refinement, which is described in this paper. Reference should be made to Jarvis's paper for the general description of the structure. The axes have been interchanged to make the space group $P2_1/a$ with $a = 7.51$, $b = 6.99$, $c = 11.62$ Å and $\beta = 100.3^\circ$. Jarvis's designations for the atoms of the anion, also used here, are



Three-dimensional anisotropic refinement

Differential syntheses using the 908 $F(hkl)$ measured by Jarvis were used to refine co-ordinates and a back-shift correction was applied to compensate for finite series errors.

For the first cycle the structure factors were calculated from Jarvis's final co-ordinates, using the scattering factors for C and O given by McWeeny (1951), for S in *Internationale Tabellen* (1935), and for K⁺ by Berghuis *et al.* (1955), with a common isotropic temperature factor $\exp - (B \sin^2 \theta / \lambda^2)$ where $B = 4.0$ Å². The first set of differential syntheses was then computed, and the results showed that changes in the co-ordinates and in the thermal vibration parameters were required. Comparison of the values for the peak electron density, ρ , and of the six curvatures $\partial^2 \rho / \partial x_i \partial x_j$ corresponding to ρ_o and ρ_c confirmed Jarvis's finding that the thermal motion parallel to the b -axis was less than in the other directions. It was also evident that considerable changes in the isotropic temperature factors were required. Accordingly the values of B were decreased to 3.5 Å² for S and K⁺ and increased to 4.5 Å² for O₁, O₂, O₃ and C₂ (i.e. for the light atoms not bonded to two atoms other than hydrogen). A second set of structure factors was calculated from the new co-ordinates using the new temperature factors together with Jarvis's empirical anisotropic temperature factor $\exp (0.46k^2/b^2)$. The agreement index

$$(R = \Sigma |F_o| - |F_c|) / \Sigma |F_o|)$$

fell from 0.178 to 0.124.

From the co-ordinates obtained from a second set of differential syntheses the values for the three S=O bonds were 1.444, 1.472 and 1.458 Å all having estimated standard deviations of 0.009 Å. Table 1 shows the ratios between the observed and calculated values for the peak electron densities and curvatures. It can be seen that, despite the use of an overall anisotropic temperature factor, the curvature differences are too large to give trustworthy back-shift corrections. Individual anisotropic thermal parameters for each atom were required and these were determined by the refinement procedure described by Cruickshank (1956*a*), (the equations are given in § 3 of his paper). This method leads to values of b_{ij} such as to make $\partial^2 \rho_o / \partial x_i \partial x_j$ equal to $\partial^2 \rho_c / \partial x_i \partial x_j$, where the b_{ij} are the coefficients in the temperature factor expression for each atom,

$$\exp - \{h^2 b_{11} + hkb_{12} + hlb_{13} + k^2 b_{22} + klb_{23} + l^2 b_{33}\}.$$

Two cycles of refinement with anisotropic thermal vibration parameters reduced R to 0.098. The structure factors are shown in Table 4 and were calculated from the parameters in Table 2 which are the actual values used by the electronic computer, not rounded off to the number of truly significant figures. In the final set of differential syntheses the largest co-ordinate shift (0.008 Å) and the largest change in b_{ij} were the same as the corresponding standard deviations indicating that further refinement was unlikely to produce significant changes. Final co-ordinates derived from these differential syntheses are given in Table 3 together with standard deviations obtained

Table 3. *Final co-ordinates and standard deviations*

	x/a	y/b	z/c	$\sigma(x)$ (Å)	$\sigma(y)$ (Å)	$\sigma(z)$ (Å)
K ⁺	$\overline{0.1283}$	$\overline{0.0859}$	0.1095	0.002	0.002	0.002
S	0.4211	0.0668	0.1597	0.002	0.002	0.002
O ₁	0.4659	0.1962	0.0704	0.007	0.006	0.007
O ₂	0.2516	$\overline{0.0374}$	0.1232	0.007	0.006	0.007
O ₃	0.5645	$\overline{0.0624}$	0.2101	0.006	0.008	0.007
O ₄	0.3956	0.2131	0.2610	0.007	0.005	0.006
C ₁	0.3335	0.1297	0.3606	0.011	0.011	0.009
C ₂	0.3381	0.2874	0.4501	0.012	0.013	0.012

from the formula of Cruickshank & Robertson (1953). The final thermal parameters, also derived from these differential syntheses, are given in Table 5 where they are expressed as the mean square amplitudes (U_{ij}) of the atomic vibrations. The U_{ij} are related to the

b_{ij} by $U_{ii} = a_i^2 b_{ii} / 2\pi^2$ and $U_{ij} = a_i a_j b_{ij} / 4\pi^2$ ($i \neq j$) where a_i and a_j may be $a \sin \beta$, b or $c \sin \beta$. As the estimated standard deviations $\sigma(U_{ij})$ for any atom were approximately equal whatever i and j were, only the average $\sigma(U)$ is shown in Table 5.

Corrections for rotational oscillation

It has been shown (Cox, Cruickshank & Smith, 1955) that systematic errors in atomic positions may arise from rotational oscillations, the atoms in a molecule

Table 4. Observed and calculated structure factors

hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c
000		336	801	10	11	516	8	- 9	622	6	- 7	731	4	- 5	155	17	18
001	101	106	802	11	12	517	8	- 10	622	13	13	732	5	- 8	155	24	28
002	26	- 33	804	13	- 14	517	4	- 1	623	4	5	733	6	- 9	156	29	31
003	89	- 91	805	21	- 23	518	6	- 7	623	30	29	734	3	- 5	156	9	12
004	69	- 73	806	16	- 15	518	7	- 6	624	4	4	735	4	6	157	19	22
005	37	- 39	808	20	19	519	9	- 10	624	17	16	736	3	3	157	11	- 12
006	14	- 16	809	14	14	519	8	- 12	625	3	- 5				158	12	- 15
007	10	11	8, 0, 10	6	6	5, 1, 10	8	- 8	626	4	- 6	040	7	- 7	159	8	- 10
008	19	17				5, 1, 12	8	9	626	8	- 12	041	9	- 8	1, 5, 10	13	- 11
009	7	- 7	110	4.7	- 4.8	5, 1, 13	9	10	627	6	- 11	042	5	- 4	1, 5, 11	11	- 9
0, 0, 10	7	- 6	111	24	- 21				628	3	- 4	044	20	23	1, 5, 11	5	4
0, 0, 11	9	8	111	11	10	710	22	25	6, 2, 10	6	8	045	7	5	1, 5, 12	6	6
			112	4.7	4.6	711	16	15	6, 2, 11	6	5	049	4	- 5			
200	28	28	112	38	4.2	711	9	15				0, 4, 10	4	- 5	350	12	10
201	124	121	113	30	27	712	6	- 6	821	3	4				351	6	5
201	68	- 66	113	19	22	713	17	- 20	822	8	9	240	4	- 3	351	20	20
202	38	36	114	2	- 3	713	12	- 13	823	4	5	241	14	- 13	352	8	- 8
202	87	- 85	114	19	- 22	714	12	- 15	824	7	- 9	241	4	- 5	352	4	- 1
203	42	43	115	15	- 16	715	3	- 3	825	11	- 12	242	16	- 17	353	11	- 12
203	80	- 79	115	63	- 64				826	4	- 6	242	15	15	353	5	- 5
204	22	26	116	28	- 27	020	4.8	4.1	827	4	5	243	9	- 11	354	19	- 21
204	10	8	116	23	- 26	021	59	55	828	5	7	243	32	31	354	8	7
205	6	- 3	117	13	- 12	022	26	- 22	829	7	7	244	3	- 1	355	19	- 21
205	37	37	117	15	14	023	60	- 62				244	11	11	355	4	3
206	30	- 34	118	4	- 4	024	64	- 59	130	4	8	245	17	17	356	3	- 2
206	44	49	118	33	33	025	4	1	131	5	5	245	12	- 13	356	8	- 8
207	23	- 22	119	10	10	026	27	27	131	7	6	246	7	- 6	357	12	15
207	13	12	119	33	33	027	14	13	132	13	- 14	247	13	- 14	357	10	- 11
208	9	- 9	1, 1, 10	20	19	028	9	11	132	24	26	248	8	- 10	358	12	15
208	19	- 20	1, 1, 10	8	8	029	4	7	133	5	6	2, 4, 11	7	7	359	7	7
209	31	- 31	1, 1, 11	10	10	0, 2, 10	6	7	133	4.1	4.0	2, 4, 12	4	5	3, 5, 10	3	3
2, 0, 10	9	- 8	1, 1, 11	9	- 9	0, 2, 11	5	- 5	134	14	14				3, 5, 10	9	10
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2, 0, 11	8	5	1, 1, 13	7	- 5	220	10	- 9	135	3	- 4	441	18	17			
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2, 0, 13	7	8	1, 1, 14	4	- 5	221	23	- 21	136	27	- 29	442	10	10	551	7	7
400	53	- 48				222	24	23	137	7	- 7	443	7	- 7	551	3	- 6
401	28	- 21	310	37	- 35	222	56	- 56	137	7	- 7	443	7	- 7	552	12	- 12
402	45	37	311	20	- 19	223	17	- 15	138	4	4	444	14	- 12	552	13	- 13
402	23	- 18	311	4.7	- 4.3	223	4.8	- 4.4	138	4	4	444	30	- 27	553	7	7
403	23	19	312	10	10	224	8	5	330	2	3	445	10	- 8	555	16	- 13
403	17	15	312	25	- 24	224	15	14	331	21	19	445	13	- 13	556	16	- 14
404	12	13	313	35	36	225	15	- 15	331	4	- 5	446	8	- 8	557	4	- 5
404	19	14	313	8	7	225	68	70	332	19	18	447	3	2	557	8	6
405	35	29	314	30	27	226	34	33	332	6	8	448	10	8	558	6	4
406	20	17	315	21	22	227	4	4	333	3	- 3	449	7	5	558	9	8
407	20	19	315	9	10	228	14	- 13	333	3	- 4	449	8	7	559	9	8
408	7	8	316	22	23	229	4	4	334	9	8	4, 4, 10	8	7			
408	43	- 40	317	20	- 23	2, 2, 10	5	- 6	334	12	- 10	4, 4, 12	4	- 4	750	12	- 11
409	13	- 12	317	25	29	2, 2, 14	4	- 3	335	4	4				751	4	- 4
4, 0, 10	9	- 7	318	21	- 24				335	19	- 18	640	5	- 3	751	15	- 14
4, 0, 10	9	9	318	26	27	420	5	- 6	336	8	- 7	641	6	- 5	752	3	3
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4, 0, 11	6	6	319	5	- 6	421	14	- 16	337	9	- 7	642	7	- 8	753	7	5
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4, 0, 12	5	6	3, 1, 10	25	- 27	422	9	- 10	338	9	- 8	643	12	- 13	755	6	5
			3, 1, 11	12	13	423	12	13	3, 3, 12	5	- 0	644	4	4	756	8	6
600	25	- 21	3, 1, 11	20	- 22	424	34	35	3, 3, 13	7	- 4	645	3	5	757	4	5
601	36	- 30	3, 1, 12	6	6	425	10	- 11				646	5	7			
602	7	3	3, 1, 12	7	- 7	426	23	23	530	7	5	647	8	8	060	40	- 43
602	39	34	3, 1, 13	4	6	426	8	- 9	531	9	9				061	21	- 25
603	15	13	3, 1, 14	9	10	427	9	7	532	3	4	841	4	- 3	062	8	9
603	36	31				427	9	11	533	4	- 4	842	3	- 1	063	26	30
604	8	8	510	5	5	428	8	- 8	533	4	- 4	842	5	- 3	064	19	24
605	4	- 4	511	22	- 20	428	8	9	534	3	- 4	844	7	5	065	7	9
605	7	- 7	511	19	17	428	9	- 8	534	11	- 11	845	6	4	066	4	- 5
606	27	- 27	512	4.7	- 4.4	429	3	2	535	8	10	846	6	4	067	9	- 11
607	3	3	512	25	23	429	5	- 6	535	9	- 11				068	8	- 8
607	33	- 32	513	34	- 33	4, 2, 10	4	- 5	536	6	6	150	14	- 17	069	3	- 3
608	5	5	513	20	17	4, 2, 11	3	- 3	537	5	- 5	151	27	- 31			
608	11	- 13	514	3	4	4, 2, 11	7	6	538	3	- 4	152	25	- 29	260	8	- 9
609	5	5	514	9	11	4, 2, 14	4	- 4	539	4	- 4	153	12	13	261	23	- 27
609	10	12	515	23	24				539	4	4	154	15	- 17	261	15	20
6, 0, 10	12	13	516	5	2	620	16	- 16				154	8	- 11	262	19	- 23
6, 0, 11	15	14		26	27	621	10	- 10	730	3	4				262	36	39

appearing closer to its mass centre than they really are. A rigorous analysis of the thermal motion (Cruickshank, 1956*b*) is possible only for rigid molecules, but the ethyl sulphate anion is probably not rigid so that only an approximate correction for rotational oscillation can be given.

Cruickshank (1956*c*) has shown that the approx-

imate correction, ϵ , to the length OP from the mass centre O to an atom P is $\epsilon = (U_a + U_b)/2(OP)$ where U_a and U_b are the mean square amplitudes of oscillation about two axes through O orthogonal to OP . Except for the potassium ion which must be undergoing translatory motions only, the values of U_{ij} in Table 5 include both rotational and translational

Table 4 (cont.)

hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c
263	6	- 9	084	10	- 12	4, 1, 10	8	- 4	524	7	- 8	631	18	18	743	9	- 9
263	25	29	086	5	- 6	4, 1, 11	5	- 6	524	22	- 22	631	7	7	744	19	- 17
265	9	10				4, 1, 12	4	6	525	4	- 5	632	7	8	745	14	- 13
265	17	- 21	280	10	- 11	4, 1, 13	3	3	525	33	- 31	632	16	- 17	746	4	4
266	8	9	281	15	- 17				526	27	- 28	633	4	- 4	747	12	12
266	23	- 26	281	7	7	610	11	12	527	5	- 7	633	21	- 20	748	13	13
267	12	- 13	282	11	- 13	611	14	17	528	19	21	634	14	- 16	749	3	4
269	6	6	282	18	20	611	7	9	529	15	17	635	13	- 16			
			283	11	12	612	11	12	5, 2, 10	9	9	636	8	- 8	053	12	14
460	24	25	284	7	7	613	9	- 9				637	6	7	054	14	16
461	10	10	285	4	6	614	6	- 10	725	8	11	637	8	- 6	057	17	- 19
461	24	25	285	9	- 12	614	10	- 12	727	16	20	638	9	10	058	19	- 19
462	7	- 6	286	10	- 12	615	6	- 8	728	14	17	639	8	9	059	3	- 3
462	8	9				616	6	- 4	7, 2, 11	8	- 8	6, 3, 10	9	11	0, 5, 10	11	11
463	13	- 13	480	7	7	618	9	- 8				6, 3, 11	8	9	0, 5, 11	14	12
463	12	- 13	481	3	- 4	6, 1, 10	6	8	031	39	41				0, 5, 12	4	5
464	8	- 8	481	10	13				032	44	39	140	25	- 25			
464	25	- 26	482	3	6	812	9	10	033	24	27	74.1	25	- 24	250	11	12
465	24	- 27	483	3	- 4	813	8	9	034	29	29	14.2	25	27	251	9	- 11
466	8	- 9							035	36	35	74.2	30	- 31	251	12	16
467	8	10	011	41	- 41	120	62	- 64	036	22	- 22	14.3	45	46	252	23	- 28
468	16	18	012	33	32	121	19	21	037	45	- 39	74.4	34	37	253	22	- 23
469	10	11	013	2	2	121	78	- 79	038	34	- 31	14.5	31	- 34	253	9	- 7
			014	2	- 2	122	68	66	039	7	- 6	74.5	33	38	254	9	10
660	10	8	015	22	- 25	122	35	- 39	0, 3, 10	14	14	14.6	25	- 27	255	23	27
661	12	12	016	7	- 7	123	52	52	0, 3, 11	17	18	74.6	18	- 19	256	15	18
661	4	- 5	017	15	- 17	123	33	- 33	0, 3, 12	11	10	74.7	6	- 7	257	4	5
662	6	6	018	13	- 15	124	43	42				14.8	10	10	257	6	8
662	23	- 17	019	9	- 9	124	10	9	230	23	- 20	74.8	9	- 9	258	11	- 13
663	23	- 18	0, 1, 10	15	16	125	8	- 10	231	20	- 20	74.9	10	- 11	259	11	- 14
664	11	- 9	0, 1, 11	20	17	125	36	34	231	12	- 9				259	6	- 7
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174	9	11	215	14	14	1, 2, 13	5	5	237	5	5	34.6	9	- 8	453	15	- 17
175	9	9	215	23	22				238	4	- 22	34.6	27	- 29	453	12	- 11
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081	16	- 17	418	12	- 14	522	34	31	4, 3, 13	9	8	74.1	6	6	764	8	- 9
082	5	6	419	5	0	523	4	- 3				74.1	9	8	165	7	- 7
083	18	20	419	15	- 18	523	17	16	630	24	23	74.2	4	3	166	4	- 5

Table 4 (cont.)

hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c	hkl	F _o	F _c
767	4	-4	564	3	-4	471	4	-5
168	12	12	565	9	-8	472	8	8
768	7	-6	566	5	-5	472	13	-12
169	8	8	567	7	6	473	3	5
769	4	5	568	12	11	473	11	-11
1,6,10	3	-3	569	8	8	474	3	-4
1,6,10	8	7				475	5	-5
1,6,11	6	7	071	7	-6	476	11	10
			072	12	-12	477	5	6
360	25	-25	073	10	-9			
361	8	-8	074	4	-5	180	14	17
361	15	-14	076	4	3	181	22	24
362	11	11				182	11	-13
362	10	10	270	14	15	182	10	13
363	20	20	271	4	5	183	12	-14
364	6	6	271	16	18	184	13	-14
366	5	-6	272	6	-6	184	6	-7
367	7	-8	272	7	9	185	8	-7
369	8	7	273	11	-13	185	10	-13
3,6,10	9	8	274	8	-9	186	11	-12
			274	6	-7			
560	8	-9	275	4	-4	380	12	11
561	7	-8	275	9	-10	381	14	12
561	7	6	276	6	-7	382	8	7
562	3	2				382	12	-10
563	4	5	470	7	6	383	9	-9
564	4	4	471	9	9	384	8	-8
						385	4	-3

Table 5. Mean square amplitudes of vibration
(Values in 10⁻³ Å²)

	U ₁₁	U ₁₂	U ₁₃	U ₂₂	U ₂₃	U ₃₃	σ(U)
K ⁺	42	-2	13	26	4	59	2
S	42	-2	11	23	-3	54	2
O ₁	76	-2	22	30	-3	63	6
O ₂	64	4	10	31	-6	59	6
O ₃	46	1	7	46	-7	72	6
O ₄	54	-3	10	32	-5	49	5
C ₁	63	0	15	49	-6	59	10
C ₂	74	3	23	65	-10	65	12

vibrations. It was assumed that the sulphur atom did not undergo rotation, partly because it is close to the mass centre (0.7 Å) and partly because the values of U_{ij} are the same as those for the potassium ion of similar mass indicating that possibly these U_{ij} refer to the translatory motion of the ion as a whole. Accordingly the U_{ij} values for sulphur were subtracted from those for the light atoms to give a set of mean square amplitudes due to rotational oscillation; these were transposed to orthogonal axes perpendicular and parallel to the crystallographic b and c axes, and are quoted as U'_{ij} in Table 6.

Table 6. Mean square amplitudes of rotational oscillation referred to orthogonal axes parallel to a^* , b and c
(Values in 10⁻³ Å²)

	U' ₁₁	U' ₁₂	U' ₁₃	U' ₂₂	U' ₂₃	U' ₃₃
O ₁	34	0	9	7	0	6
O ₂	22	7	-3	8	-4	6
O ₃	4	4	-5	23	-4	20
O ₄	12	-1	-2	9	-2	-4
C ₁	21	3	2	26	-3	3
C ₂	32	6	9	42	-8	8

For each atom U_a was taken to be $U'_{\max.}$, the maximum mean square amplitude of oscillation. The

largest value for U_b was found in one of two ways; if the direction of maximum oscillation was nearly perpendicular to OP , U_b was the mean square amplitude of oscillation in the third orthogonal direction; if, however, the direction of $U'_{\max.}$ was not perpendicular to OP , then U_b was taken as the value of U' in the direction perpendicular to those of $U'_{\max.}$ and $U'_{\min.}$ Table 7 shows the values of $U'_{\max.}(U_a)$, the angles

Table 7. Corrections for rotational oscillation

	$U'_{\max.} = U_a$ (10 ⁻³ Å ²)	∠ $U'_{\max.}$ and OP	U_b (10 ⁻³ Å ²)	ε (Å)
O ₁	37	91.6°	7	0.011
O ₂	26	133.0	7	0.010
O ₃	27	85	10	0.011
O ₄	12	74	2	0.008
C ₁	23	77.6	20	0.013
C ₂	45	77	34	0.013

between the direction of $U'_{\max.}$ and OP , U_b , and ε. A new set of atomic co-ordinates was obtained by moving each atom by a distance ε along the line joining it to the mass centre. For the oxygen atoms the values of ε are maximum and may be too large; for the carbon atoms, however, there is the possibility that the centre of rotation is nearer than the mass centre so that the use of OP will give too small a value of ε while the use of $U'_{\max.}$ tends to give too large a value.

Interatomic distances and bond angles

Bond lengths and their estimated standard deviations, σ, calculated from the uncorrected co-ordinates (Table 3) are shown in Table 8; values corrected for

Table 8. Bond lengths and angles

Bonds	Uncorr. Å	σ Å	Corr. Å	ψ Å	Final Å	
S-O ₁	1.461	0.007	1.472	0.002	1.466	
S-O ₂	1.461	0.007	1.471	0.003	1.466	1.46 ± 0.01 Å
S-O ₃	1.446	0.007	1.456	0.003	1.451	
S-O ₄	1.597	0.006	1.604	0.004		1.60 ± 0.01
O ₄ -C ₁	1.444	0.011	1.455	0.005		1.45 ± 0.02
C ₁ -C ₂	1.512	0.016	1.514	0.005		1.51 ± 0.02

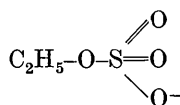
Angles	Uncorr.	Corr.	σ	Final	
O ₁ -S-O ₂	113.7°	113.4°	0.4°	113.5°	} ± 0.4°
O ₁ -S-O ₃	115.1	115.0	0.4	115.0	
O ₁ -S-O ₄	101.4	101.7	0.4	101.5	
O ₂ -S-O ₃	110.7	110.4	0.4	110.5	
O ₂ -S-O ₄	108.4	108.8	0.4	108.5	
O ₃ -S-O ₄	106.0	106.3	0.4	106.0	
C ₁ -O ₄ -S	115.2	115.4	0.6	115.3 ± 0.6°	
C ₂ -C ₁ -O ₄	106.6	106.4	0.9	106.5 ± 0.9	

rotational oscillation appear in the fourth column followed by ψ, the uncertainty in the bond lengths arising from calculable uncertainties in the rotational corrections, i.e. ψ is obtained from σ(ε) which is derived by assuming that the values of U_a and U_b are correct and each has the standard deviation σ(U). The uncorrected and corrected bond angles and their

estimated standard deviations also appear in Table 8. To obtain final values a mean of the minimum (uncorrected) and maximum (corrected) bond lengths was taken. The limits of error quoted allow for the estimated standard deviations in the co-ordinates and the uncertainties in the corrections for rotational vibrations.

Discussion

The independent values for the lengths of the three chemically equivalent sulphur-oxygen bonds are identical, 1.46 ± 0.01 Å. In a similar anion, aminedisulphonate $(\text{NH}(\text{SO}_3)_2)^{2-}$, Jeffrey & Jones (1956) obtained a mean S-O bond length of 1.447 Å, which, being derived from three-dimensional isotropic refinement, is comparable with the mean uncorrected value, 1.456 Å in the ethyl sulphate anion. This very good agreement indicates that for an anion of the type $R\text{-SO}_3^-$ the minimum sulphur-oxygen bond length is 1.45 Å. There is a significant difference ($\Delta/\sigma = 12$) between the S-O₄ bond length and the mean of the other three sulphur-oxygen bond lengths. For the carbon-carbon and carbon-oxygen bonds the lengths do not differ significantly from the accepted single bond lengths. However, there appears to be a significant difference between the measured S-O₄ length of 1.60 Å and the single bond length calculated by the Schomaker-Stevenson (1941) rule, 1.69 Å. Pauling (1952) pointed out that for elements like sulphur, which can form π -bonds using $3d$ orbitals, the Schomaker-Stevenson rule might not allow for the double-bond character in a formally single bond between elements of different electronegativities. Pauling (1952) gave an empirical relation connecting the bond number with interatomic distance in oxides and oxy-anions. Approximate application of his method to the S-O₄ bond gives a predicted distance 1.61 Å, the reduction by 0.08 Å from the ideal single bond length arising from π -bonding the extent of which depends solely upon the electronegativity difference between sulphur and oxygen. For the other three sulphur-oxygen bonds the π -bonding depends not only upon the electronegativity difference but also on the average bond order i.e. 1.66 of the bonds in the three equivalent forms



From Pauling's empirical relation the expected bond length is 1.48 Å in satisfactory agreement with the observed value, 1.46 Å.

The S-O bonds are not arranged in a regular tetrahedron; the angles including O₄ are all less than the tetrahedral, and the other angles (between the charged atoms) are all greater. This divergence is reasonable

and is similar to that found in the aminedisulphonate, but the highly significant variation in the angles between equivalent S-O bonds requires explanation. The identity of the equivalent S-O bond lengths suggests that the explanation of the angular distortion does not lie in the type of bond orbitals but in the environment of the oxygen atoms in the solid. Atom O₁ is included in both the largest and the smallest angles; apart from atoms in the same anion, this oxygen atom has as nearest neighbours two potassium ions, at 2.97 Å and at 3.01 Å, and three oxygen atoms, O₁ at 3.27 Å, O₂ at 3.14 Å and O₃ at 3.36 Å. The co-ordinates of a position O₁' were found to satisfy the conditions that S-O₁' = S-O₁ and O₁'-S-O₄ = 107° (i.e. equal to the mean value for O₂-S-O₄ and O₃-S-O₄, and incidentally satisfying the condition that the angles O₁'-S-O₂, O₁'-S-O₃ and O₂-S-O₃ do not differ significantly); in this new position the oxygen would be further from one of the potassium ions, the K-O₁' distances being 3.04 Å and 3.01 Å, and nearer to another oxygen identically charged, O₁' at 2.88 Å, the other distances are O₁'-O₂ = 3.17 Å and O₁'-O₃ = 3.20 Å. Hence, there is a strong probability that the variations in the bond angles arise from electrostatic interactions in the solid.

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