$$\begin{split} F &= \frac{2}{1-p^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{(m\pi)^2} \right]^{-1} \\ &\times \left\{ \frac{J_1(2m\pi p)}{2m\pi p} - \frac{1}{(2m\pi)^2} \left[ 1 + J_0(2m\pi p) \right. \\ &+ \left( \frac{p}{2} \right)^2 \left\{ 2 \left( 1 + J_0(2m\pi p) \right) - 2J_2(2m\pi p) \right\} \dots \\ &+ \left( \frac{p}{2} \right)^n \left\{ {}^{2n}C_n (1 + J_0(2m\pi p)) - 2{}^{2n}C_{n-1}J_2(2m\pi p) \dots \\ &+ \left. \left. + \left( - \right)^n J_{2n}(2m\pi p) \right\} \right] \right\} \end{split}$$

C. An expansion asymptotic to F for large values of  $p(1-p^2)$ .

We give the leading terms of this expansion, these being sufficient to calculate F to  $\sim 1\%$  accuracy in the ranges 1/(2m)

$$\begin{split} F &= \frac{2}{1-p^2} \bigg[ 1 - \frac{1}{(m\pi)^2} \bigg]^{-1} \Biggl\{ \frac{J_1(2m\pi p)}{2m\pi p} - \frac{1}{(2m\pi)^2} \bigg[ \begin{array}{c} 0, \, p > 1 \, ; \\ (1-p^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \, p < 1 \end{array} \bigg] \\ &- \frac{1}{(2m\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{(2m\pi p)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{1-p^2} \cdot \left( \frac{2}{\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Biggl( \frac{\cos\left(2m\pi p - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cdot \left[ 1 - \frac{9 + 30\,p^2 + 345\,p^4}{2!\,[16m\pi p(1-p^2)]^2} + \cdots \right]}{+ \sin\left(2m\pi p - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cdot \left[ \frac{1-9\,p^2}{16m\pi p(1-p^2)} - \frac{225 - 315\,p^2 - 17325\,p^4 - 28,665\,p^6}{3!\,[16m\pi p(1-p^2)]^3} \right]} \Biggr) \Biggr\}$$

In an interpretation of the scattering pattern of keratin, R.D.B. Fraser & T. McRae (Private communication) evaluated  $F^2$  for 2m = 7 and p in the range  $0.15 , using the series A and C. The graph of <math>F^2$  in this range is shown in Fig. 1.

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## The unit-cell dimensions and space group of monoclinic NiSO<sub>4</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O. By D. JUNE SUTOR Crystallographic Laboratory, Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, England

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Crystals of the green monoclinic hexahydrate of nickel sulphate, which is unstable at room temperature, were obtained by the slow evaporation of a cold mixture of solutions of disodium adenosine triphosphate and nickel sulphate whilst trying to crystallize a heavy atom salt of the nucleotide. The unit-cell dimensions of two different crystals, determined from rotation and Weissenberg photographs, are given in Table 1.

| Table | 1. Unit-cell dim | Unit-cell dimensions |  |
|-------|------------------|----------------------|--|
|       | Crystal 1        | Crystal 2            |  |
| a (Å) | 9.84             | 11.58                |  |
| b (Å) | 7.17             | 6.09                 |  |
| c (Å) | 24.0             | 23.9                 |  |
| β (°) | 97.5             | 94.0                 |  |

The axial ratios of crystal 1 (1.372:1:3.347) agree with those quoted by Groth when the *c* axis of his crystal is doubled (1.3723:1:3.3526,  $\beta = 98^{\circ}$  15'). Crystal 1 is also isomorphous with the modification of MgSO<sub>4</sub>.6 H<sub>2</sub>O studied by Ide (1938), (*a* = 10.04, *b* = 7.15, *c* = 22.34 Å,  $\beta = 98^{\circ}$  34', space group given as C2/c). The measured density  $2 \cdot 0 \pm 0 \cdot 1$  g.cm.<sup>-3</sup> corresponds to the more accurate value  $2 \cdot 036$  quoted in Groth; the calculated value for 8 molecules per unit cell is  $2 \cdot 07$  for both crystals 1 and 2.

For both crystals reflexions hkl are absent when h+k is odd, but there are no other systematic lattice absences; the space group may thus be either C2/m, Cm or C2.

For crystal 1, the absence of peaks along the line z = 0in the 0kl sharpened Patterson projection precludes a mirror plane perpendicular to b, but the presence of peaks along y = 0 indicates a two-fold axis parallel to b; the space group is probably C2. Although there is no glideplane perpendicular to the diad axis, the 00l reflexions with l odd are absent, suggesting that the z coordinates of at least the nickel atoms are in accordance with the space group C2/c.

No further work on this compound is contemplated.

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