Table 3. Observed and calculated structure factors for γ -Na₂ZrF₆

The Zr^{4+} ion and the Na(1)⁺ ion are surrounded by an irregular array of 7F⁻ ions. The resulting Zr-F polyhedron has nine triangular faces and the Na(1)-F polyhedron has

three triangular faces and two trapezium faces. Zachariasen (1948) found similar Zr-7F polyhedra in the structure of Na₃ZrF₇. The Zr-F polyhedron shares edges with three Na(1)-F polyhedra and a corner with one other. The Na(2)+ ion is coordinated by 8F- at the corners of an six faced trapezohedron. The Zr-F polyhedron shares edges with four of the Na(2)-F trapezohedra. There are two other Fpolyhedra similar to Na(1) and Na(2) with centers at approximately x=0.25, y=0.04, z=0.75 and x=0.33, y=0.50, z=0.90. These polyhedra are vacant and too small to contain Na or Zr cations. The final difference electron density map has no peaks greater than $1.60 \text{ e.}\text{Å}^{-3}$ and scattering matter put on the vacant sites does not give a model which converges with a least-squares refinement. The vacancies perhaps explain why this polymorph is metastable with respect to Δ -Na₂ZrF₆ below 460°C.

References

- BARTON, C. J., GRIMES, W. R., INSLEY, H., MOORE, R. E. & THOMA, R. E. (1958). J. Phys. Chem. 62, 665.
- BROWN, G. M. & LEVY, H. A. (1964). J. Phys. 25, 497.
- BUSING, W. R., MARTIN, K. O. & LEVY, H. A. (1962). USAEC Report ORNL-TM-305, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.
- CROMER, D. T. & WABER, J. T. (1965). Acta Cryst. 18, 104. DAUBEN, C. H. & TEMPLETON, D. H. (1955). Acta Cryst. 8, 841.

ZACHARIASEN, W. H. (1948). Acta Cryst. 1, 265.

Acta Cryst. (1969). B25, 2166

Indexing of the ψ -sulfur fiber pattern. By S. Geller AND M. D. LIND, Science Center, North American Rockwell Corporation, Thousand Oaks, California, U.S.A.

(Received 3 February 1969)

The fiber pattern of ψ -sulfur reported by Tuinstra and the rotation photograph of the pressure-induced fibrous modification of sulfur (II) about the fiber axis (a) are essentially the same and have been indexed completely on the pseudo-orthorhombic C-face-centered cell with $a=13\cdot8$, $b=32\cdot4$ and $c=9\cdot25$ Å.

We have recently completed a study of the structure of the pressure-induced fibrous form of sulfur (Lind & Geller, 1969). There is strong evidence that this form of sulfur is the same as the ψ -sulfur reported by Prins, Schenk & Wachters (1957; see also Prins & Tuinstra, 1963). Especially important is the exact match of the rotation photograph about the fiber (a) axis of a crystal of the pressure-induced phase and that of a fiber pattern of the ψ -sulfur.* Inasmuch as the literature (Tuinstra, 1966, 1967) contains questionable conclusions regarding the indexing of this pattern, it seemed worthwhile to give the results which follow.

It has already been reported (Geller, 1966) that the singlecrystal-type diffraction data from the pressure-induced phase indicated that the crystals are C-centered orthorhombic with lattice constants $a=13\cdot8$, $b=32\cdot4$ and c= $9\cdot25$ Å. The structure determination (Lind & Geller, 1969) has led to the conclusion that the crystal symmetry is more likely P2 and that the apparent orthorhombic symmetry results from a fine-grained twinning. The true monoclinic cell then has the lattice constants $a=17\cdot6$, $b=9\cdot25$, c= 13.8 Å, $\beta = 113^{\circ}$. The orthorhombic indices listed for the powder pattern (Geller, 1966) may be transformed to the monoclinic indices by application of the two matrices $\frac{1}{2}20|001|100$ and $\frac{1}{2}20|001|100$ to each reflection.

We show the indexing of the rotation photograph in Table 1. Listed in the first column are Tuinstra's (1966) observed values, Q_0 ($Q = 10^4/d^2$), measured on his fiber photographs of the stretched, CS₂-extracted, annealed fibrous sulfur. In the second column, we give our values of Q_0 , measured on a rotation photograph (2 hr exposure, 57.3 mm dia. camera, Cu Ka radiation, Ni filtered) taken of the same crystal used to obtain the data in the paper by Lind & Geller (1969). (The photograph to which Tuinstra (1967) refers is exactly the same except perhaps for exposure time.) We do not list the qualitative intensities; as we said earlier, the photographs of stretched, CS2extracted, annealed fibrous sulfur and pressure-induced fibrous sulfur superimpose exactly and quantitative F_{hkl} are given in the Lind & Geller (1969) paper. We see that the two sets of Q_0 agree quite well although ours are considerably better resolved. Our Q_c and indices based on the pseudo-orthorhombic lattice constants are given in the third and fourth columns, respectively. It is seen that the agreement in Q's is excellent, so that even though it is possible that the fiber axis is very long, as Tuinstra (1966) sug-

ZACHARIASEN, W. H. (1967). Acta Cryst. 23, 558.

^{*} The best ψ -sulfur photograph we have seen has been made by J. Donohue and S. H. Goodman. This is the one that superposes exactly on our (pseudo-orthorhombic) *a*-axis rotation photograph.

Table 1. Indexing of rotation photograph of ψ -sulphur	Table 1.	Indexing	of rotation	photograph	of	`ψ-sulphur
---	----------	----------	-------------	------------	----	------------

	Tuinstra	Pr	esent W		Tuinstra	Pre	sent k		Tuinstra	Pre	sent k	
	Q	ę,	Q	<u>h k 2</u>	ę,	٩,	۹ _с	<u>h k 2</u>	Q	Q	Q	<u>h k 2</u>
		478						2,12,3	2702			4,14,3
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	613	613			*	3253			5192			425
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		010			*	3713			4093			4,18,1
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1842	1847										465
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	2050	2016										4,10,5
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$												4,14,9
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$									*			467
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$					*						0,10	
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	3244	3234		0,12,4		6610	6547	287	2250	2230	2233	660
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1265	1.271										622
$ \begin{array}{ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	420)	4211			946	950						662
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	4316	4345										6,10,0
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	-											6,10,2 624
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$												664
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$				0,12,6					4172			6,14,2
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	5618	5619							*			6,10,4
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		6631	6646						*			6,18,0
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$												6,18,2
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$												6,14,4
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$					2500	2532						626
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$						2578						6,22,0
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$												
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$					3110	3099			-	1010	1000	0,10,0
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$						3171			2732	**	2699	711
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$					3517					**		731
3470 3454 3441 175 6295 3426 3471 3461 15 3560 3548 3608 1,19,1 7916 7962 318 3867 3833 7,11 3700 3750 3746 195 8625 3263 3,25,4 3867 ** 3843 7,11 3700 3750 3746 195 8625 3263 3,25,4 3867 ** 3863 7,11 3860 3875 3857 1,17,3 8856 8881 3,21,6 4136 ** 4092 77 5130 5135 5118 1,5,5 9270 9287 3,27,4 4337 ** 4397 75 5905 5855 5865 137 1318 1316 1300 461 5414 ** 5406 10,5 6207 6956 137 1318 1316 1300 423 6017 ** 5978 10,6	2055	-		155	*	5547	5512	3,23,0	2950	**	2928	751
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$					*	6295						791
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$						7916			3712	**		733
3190 3100 31000 3100						-			3867	**		7,11,1
5130 5135 5118 1,5,5 * 9270 9287 3,27,4 4337 ** 4397 75 5900 5858 5789 117 5900 5858 5187 1318 1316 1300 461 5414 ** 5406 10,2 6096 6123 1,25,1 1942 1936 1910 4,10,1 5550 ** 5520 10,4 6200 6124 1,23,3 6321 6246 177 2250 2253 2235 463 * 705 6932 1,11,7 2866 2862 424 4,14,1										**		753 773
5900 5858 5789 117 5900 5858 5865 137 1318 1316 1300 461 5414 ** 5406 10,2 6096 6123 1,25,1 1942 1936 1910 4,10,1 5550 ** 5520 10,1 6205 6321 6246 1,77 2250 2253 243 6017 ** 5978 10,8 6321 6246 1,77 2250 2253 243 63 * 705 6322 1,11,7 2866 2862 4,14,1 1												793
5900 5050 5865 137 1318 1316 1300 461 5414 ** 5406 10,2 6123 1,25,1 1942 1936 1910 4,10,1 5550 ** 5520 10,4 6207 6096 6144 1,23,3 1942 1936 423 6017 ** 5520 10,4 6321 6246 177 2250 2253 2235 463 * 705 932 1,11,7 2862 2824 4,14,1				117		2210	2201	J96194	100		-161	195
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	5900	5858			1318	1316	1300	461	5414	**	5406	10,2,1
6200 6144 $1, 23, 5$ 1930 425 6017 $- 5976$ $10, 66321$ 6246 177 2250 2253 2235 $463\bullet 7005 6932 1, 11, 7 2866 2824 4, 14, 1$		6006	6123	1,25,1	-		1910					10,4,1
* 7005 6932 1,11,7 2866 2824 4,14,1	6200				-				6017	**	5978	10,8,1
		6321			2250	2253						
1058 1,25,3 2844 4,10,3	*	7005			2866	2856						
			7058	1,25,3			2844	4,10,3				

* Not reported by Tuinstra.

** Not measured in present work.

gests, or even that there is not crystallographic order in that direction in the usual sense, there is little doubt that it is very nearly a multiple of 13.8 Å. Further, there is no point in entering into a discussion of the elements of crystallography regarding the long pseudo-orthorhombic *b* axis (Tuinstra, 1967). The crystal diffraction data, some of which were shown in Geller (1966), and indeed the results shown in Table 1, should suffice.

Tuinstra (1966) says that 'only in the direction of the b^* axis (our c^*) is an ordinary indexing possible', a conclusion which is negated by the results shown in Table 1. His approach is an arbitrary one; certainly with respect to order in the directions perpendicular to the helix axes, he has decided arbitrarily on the disorder. Tuinstra (1966) claims that the periods along the fiber axis are not indicative of order along this direction, that, for example, the ratio of the heights of the layers '3' and '1' is 2.85. The evidence he gives is not convincing: First, note the good agreement of our Q_c 's with the Q_o 's. Second, measurements made parallel to the rotation axis of rotation photographs cannot be considered to give very reliable spacings. Third, and most important, measurements on our photograph from equator to layer line, and the identity period calculated from them are:

Layer	Distance	Identity period
number	(mm)	(Å)
1	3.25	13.69
2	6.58	13.78
3	10.20	13.79
4	14.47	13.67
5	not observed	
6	25.75	13.84

The average value is 13.75 Å, but it is not better than 13.8 Å.

We emphasize, nevertheless, that we accept the possibility of either a very long axis or lack of order in the fiber axis direction. The nature of the reflections themselves indicates this; some appear sharper than others, and we are not sure that those that are supposed to be in the same layer are all precisely aligned. (However, the crystals are not like those with which most crystallographers usually deal.)

It is difficult to see how Tuinstra did 'index' (his quotes) his data. On page 344 of his paper (1966), he indicates a rectangular prismatic cell, then discusses a β angle of 170°, then that β is undetermined, then speaks of taking as origin for the *h* index in each reciprocal lattice layer, the 'point nearest to the origin in reciprocal space'. When we look at his Table 2, we find positive and negative *h* indices; when his *h* = 3 for example, he does seem to take a β angle of 170° between his *a* and *c* axes of 8·11 and 13·8 Å length, respectively. This means that the third layer belongs to a cell with $a=8\cdot11, b=9\cdot20, c=13\cdot8$ Å, $\beta=170^\circ$. Other layers are indexed differently; thus, we must wonder how the intensities were calculated.

References

Geller, S. (1966). Science, 152, 644.

- LIND, M. D. & GELLER, S. (1969). J. Chem. Phys. In the press.
- PRINS, J. A., SCHENK, J. & WACHTERS, L. H. J. (1957). *Physica*, 23, 746.
- PRINS, J. A. & TUINSTRA, F. (1963). *Physica*, **29**, 328, 884.

TUINSTRA, F. (1966). Acta Cryst. 20, 341.

TUINSTRA, F. (1967). Physica, 34, 113.