

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

Table with columns for h, k, l, F_{obs}, F_{calc} for various (hkl) reflections. The table lists observed and calculated structure factors for a range of Miller indices.

three triangular faces and two trapezium faces. Zr⁴⁺ (1948) found similar Zr-7F polyhedra in the structure Na₂ZrF₇. The Zr-F polyhedron shares edges with Na(1)-F polyhedra and a corner with one other. The Zr ion is coordinated by 8F⁻ at the corners of an irregular octahedron. The Zr-F polyhedron shares edges with four of the Na(2)-F trapezohedra. There are two polyhedra similar to Na(1) and Na(2) with centers approximately x=0.25, y=0.04, z=0.75 and x=0.50, z=0.90. These polyhedra are vacant and do not contain Na or Zr cations. The final difference density map has no peaks greater than 1.60 e.Å⁻³. The matter put on the vacant sites does not give a difference density map which converges with a least-squares refinement. The discrepancies perhaps explain why this polymorph is more stable with respect to Δ -Na₂ZrF₆ below 460°C.

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The Zr⁴⁺ 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

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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=13.8, b=32.4 and c=9.25 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 single-crystal-type diffraction data from the pressure-induced phase indicated that the crystals are C-centered orthorhombic with lattice constants a=13.8, b=32.4 and c=9.25 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=17.6, b=9.25, c=

13.8 Å, $\beta=113^\circ$. The orthorhombic indices listed in the powder pattern (Geller, 1966) may be transformed to monoclinic indices by application of the two $\frac{1}{2}10|001|100$ and $\frac{1}{2}10|001|\bar{1}00$ to each reflection.

We show the indexing of the rotation photograph in Table 1. Listed in the first column are Tuinstra's observed values, Q_o (Q=10⁴/d²), measured on rotation photographs of the stretched, CS₂-extracted, fibrous sulfur. In the second column, we give the values of Q_e, measured on a rotation photograph (2 hr, 57.3 mm dia. camera, Cu K α radiation, Ni filter) 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 for a longer exposure time.) We do not list the qualitative indices as we said earlier, the photographs of stretched, annealed fibrous sulfur and pressure-induced fibrous sulfur superimpose exactly and quantitatively. The Q_e values given in the Lind & Geller (1969) paper. We see that the two sets of Q_o agree quite well although ours are probably better resolved. Our Q_e 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 the fiber axis is very long, as Tuinstra (1967) states,

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