

Table 1. Indexing of rotation photograph of ψ -sulphur

| Tuinstra Q_o | Present Work Q_o | Present Work $h \ k \ l$ | Tuinstra Q_o | Present Work Q_o | Present Work $h \ k \ l$ | Tuinstra Q_o | Present Work Q_o | Present Work $h \ k \ l$ |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 473 | 478 | 467 002 | * | 2625 | 2634 2,12,3 | 3792 | 3774 3759 | 4,14,3 |
| 613 | 613 | 610 080 | * | 3253 | 3284 245 | | 3826 3800 | 425 |
| | | 620 042 | * | 3713 | 3701 2,16,3 | 4093 | 4036 4043 | 4,18,1 |
| 1842 | 1847 | 1839 0,12,2 | * | | 3742 285 | | 4110 4105 | 465 |
| 2050 | 2046 | 1870 004 | * | 4092 | 4137 2,20,1 | 4751 | 4719 4715 | 4,10,5 |
| 2431 | 2422 | 2439 0,16,0 | * | 4451 | 4501 2,12,5 | * | 5639 5629 | 4,14,5 |
| 2470 | 2475 | 2480 084 | * | 5582 | 5570 2,16,5 | * | 6472 6503 | 4,22,3 |
| 2868 | 2894 | 2906 0,16,2 | * | 5839 | 5814 2,24,1 | * | 6957 6910 | 467 |
| 3244 | 3234 | 3242 0,12,4 | * | 6099 | 6089 247 | | | |
| | | 4208 006 | * | 6610 | 6547 287 | 2250 | 2230 2233 | 660 |
| 4265 | 4271 | 4278 0,20,2 | | | 939 370 | 2379 | 2372 2396 | 622 |
| | | 4309 0,16,4 | 946 | 950 | 950 312 | 2707 | 2706 2701 | 662 |
| 4316 | 4345 | 4360 046 | * | 1032 | 1026 332 | 2800 | 2823 2843 | 6,10,0 |
| 4845 | 4843 | 4817 086 | 1165 | 1160 | 1178 352 | 3284 | 3300 3311 | 6,10,2 |
| 5449 | 5455 | 5487 0,24,0 | | 1222 | 1224 1244 390 | 3797 | 3807 3798 | 624 |
| | | 5579 0,12,6 | 1414 | 1414 | 1407 372 | 4172 | 4089 4103 | 664 |
| 5618 | 5619 | 5680 0,20,4 | 1691 | 1706 | 1712 392 | * | 4202 4225 | 6,14,2 |
| * | 6631 | 6646 0,16,6 | 2104 | 2107 | 2093 3,11,2 | * | 4762 4712 | 6,10,4 |
| | | | | 2377 | 2352 314 | * | 4923 4977 | 6,18,0 |
| 962 | 967 | 941 191 | | 2431 | 2428 334 | * | 5484 5444 | 6,18,2 |
| 1146 | 1133 | 1113 113 | 2500 | 2532 | 2550 3,13,2 | * | 5640 5628 | 6,14,4 |
| 1300 | 1318 | 1322 1,11,1 | | 2578 | 2581 354 | * | 6171 6136 | 626 |
| 1361 | 1380 | 1342 353 | 2578 | 2616 | 3,15,0 | * | 6521 6501 | 6,22,0 |
| 1933 | 1934 | 1876 193 | | 3083 | 3,15,2 | * | 6952 6968 | 6,22,2 |
| 2250 | 2251 | 2257 1,11,3 | 3110 | 3099 | 3114 394 | * | 7070 7050 | 6,10,6 |
| 2978 | 2948 | 2922 1,17,1 | * | 3171 | 3226 3,17,0 | 2732 | ** 2699 | 711 |
| 3113 | 3086 | 3060 135 | 3517 | 3489 | 3495 3,11,4 | 2808 | ** 2776 | 731 |
| 3255 | 3233 | 3212 155 | * | 5547 | 5512 3,23,0 | 2950 | ** 2928 | 751 |
| 3470 | 3454 | 3441 175 | * | 6295 | 6290 3,13,6 | 3470 | ** 3461 | 791 |
| 3560 | 3548 | 3608 1,19,1 | * | 7916 | 7885 3,27,2 | 3712 | ** 3710 | 733 |
| 3790 | 3750 | 3746 195 | * | 8263 | 8296 3,25,4 | 3867 | ** 3843 | 7,11,1 |
| 3860 | 3875 | 3857 1,17,3 | * | 8856 | 8881 3,21,6 | 4136 | ** 4092 | 773 |
| 5130 | 5135 | 5118 1,15,5 | * | 9270 | 9287 3,27,4 | 4337 | ** 4397 | 793 |
| 5900 | 5858 | 5789 117 | 1318 | 1316 | 1300 461 | 5414 | ** 5406 | 10,2,1 |
| | | 5865 137 | | 1942 | 1910 4,10,1 | 5550 | ** 5520 | 10,4,1 |
| 6200 | 6096 | 6123 1,25,1 | 1942 | 1936 | 1939 423 | 6017 | ** 5978 | 10,8,1 |
| | 6321 | 6046 177 | 2250 | 2253 | 2235 463 | | | |
| * | 7005 | 6932 1,11,7 | 2866 | 2856 | 2824 4,14,1 | | | |
| | | 7058 1,25,3 | | | 2844 4,10,3 | | | |

* Not reported by Tuinstra.

** Not measured in present work.

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

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

| Layer number | Distance (mm) | Identity period (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 $a=8.11$, $b=9.20$, $c=13.8$ Å, $\beta=170^\circ$. Other layers are indexed differently; thus, we must wonder how the intensities were calculated.

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