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ABSTRACT

Structures of Hg compounds in fractional oxidation states lower than +1, $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ ($M = \text{Sb, Nb, Ta}$), Hg_3MF_6 ($M = \text{Nb, Ta}$), $\text{Hg}_4(\text{Ta}_2\text{F}_{11})_2$ and $\text{Hg}_3(\text{NbF}_5)_2\text{SO}_4$, were determined at room temperature and at lower temperatures using X ray and neutron diffraction. The $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ compounds, isostructural with $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$, contain infinite chains of Hg which are incommensurate and thus disorder with the MF_6 host lattice. A comparison between the structures showed that the differences observed in the parameters of the chain compounds are completely accounted for by the difference in anion size. The chain-host lattice incommensurability also results in disorder among the chains at room temperature but an ordering develops at lower temperatures. As in $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$, short and long range order phases were observed in experiments with $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ and $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$. The characteristics of the short range order phase are different in each compound indicating that the details of chain-chain interactions are not the same. Emery-Axe order parameter theory which predicts the development of long range order phase was tested for $M = \text{As, Sb, Ta}$ but agreement was obtained only for $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$.

A structure consisting of hexagonal closed-packed layers of Hg atoms was proposed for the Hg_3MF_6 compounds. The unusual 2-dimensional Hg-Hg bonding of these compounds represents an intermediate stage between the elemental solid Hg and the $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ compounds which

form 3- and 1-dimensional Hg-Hg bonds respectively.

The $\text{Hg}_4(\text{Ta}_2\text{F}_{11})_2$ and $\text{Hg}_3(\text{NbF}_5)_2\text{SO}_4$ consists of finite polyatomic Hg ions. The former shows a tendency of cations to link into infinite zigzag chains, a feature also seen in $\text{Hg}_4(\text{AsF}_6)_2$, while the latter does not show such a tendency.

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CHAPTER I
HISTORICAL REVIEW

1.1 Introduction

Among metals which are characterized by high electrical and thermal conductivity, mercury (Hg) is the only metal which exists in the liquid state at room temperature. High electrical conductivity of the metals including mercury is the result of the conduction (or free) electrons which are not localized within a region of the material but can drift from one part to another encountering little resistance.

When metals react with other materials to form compounds the metallic atoms usually either transfer their electrons completely to other atoms and become ions without any free electrons (ionic compounds) or use them to form bonds with nearby atoms (covalent compounds). Since free electrons become localized in either case, electronic conduction is not observed even though the compounds contain a metal atom.

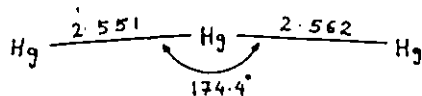
One of the few ionic compounds which shows high electrical conductivity is $\text{Hg}_{3-6}\text{AsF}_6$. It has infinite chains of metallicly bonded mercury atoms (Brown, Cutforth, Davies, Gillespie, Ireland, Vekris, 1974) and grows as large crystals with a golden metallic luster. Pure mercury solidifies below 234 K (-39°C) and behaves like a normal 3-dimensional metal. $\text{Hg}_{3-6}\text{AsF}_6$ differs in that the electrical conductivity

is mostly in the direction of the chains and, hence, the material is classified as an 1-dimensional conductor (Cutforth, Datars, van Schyndel, Gillespie, 1977).

Since solids with high anisotropy in their properties (known as low dimensional solids) are of considerable interest to physicists the discovery of this compound has inspired a search for new mercury compounds with unusual properties. A number have been successfully prepared over the last few years and the common feature among them is that the mercury is in oxidation states which are lower than +1, the lowest oxidation state of mercury known to chemists before 1970.

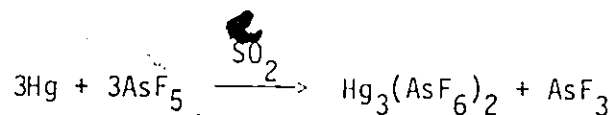
1.2 Discovery of new oxidation states of mercury

It has been known for a very long time that Hg exists in two oxidation states, 1 and 2, which can be seen in the well-known mercurous and mercuric compounds. The evidence for lower oxidation states of Hg appeared for the first time in 1970 when Torsi and Mamantov (1970) reported the preparation of $\text{Hg}_3(\text{AlCl}_4)_2$. The Hg_3^{2+} cation indicates that Hg can exist in an oxidation state of +2/3. The X ray structure determination of this material showed the Hg_3^{2+} ion to be essentially linear with Hg-Hg bonds of about 2.56 Å as depicted in the following diagram (Ellison, Levy, Fung, 1972).

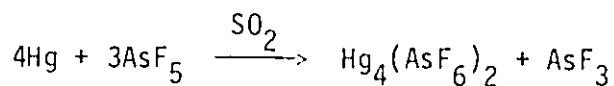


About the same time preparation of a different material but with the same ion was reported by Davies, Dean, Gillespie, Unmat (1971)

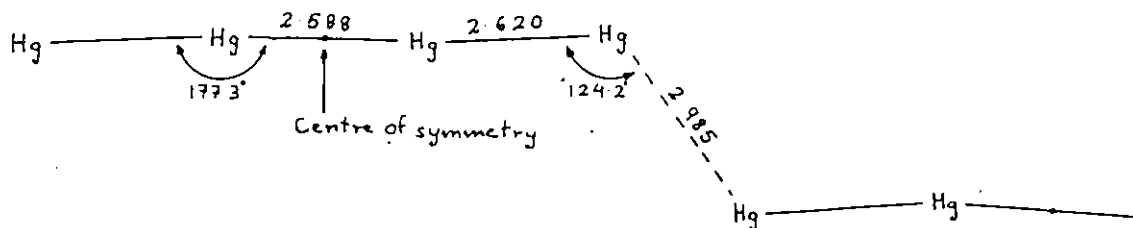
(also see Cutforth, Davies, Dean, Gillespie, Ireland, Ummat, 1973). The material was prepared by oxidizing elemental Hg at room temperature with an equimolar amount of AsF_5 dissolved in liquid SO_2 . Immediately after the reaction was started a crystalline solid with golden luster was observed on the surface of Hg while the initially colorless solution became deep-red in color. The color of the solution then gradually changed to orange as the golden crystals slowly disappeared. Orange crystals obtained from this solution by slowly vaporizing the SO_2 were characterized as $\text{Hg}_3(\text{AsF}_6)_2$ so that the reaction that took place in the solution was



Gillespie et al. reasoned that the deep-red solution which appeared before the orange solution might contain Hg ions in lower oxidation state than +2/3. By using a smaller amount of oxidant the reaction could be stopped at the stage where the deep-red solution and the golden crystals coexisted in an equilibrium and the crystallization of this solution gave red-black needles. An X ray structure determination of this product showed that the material indeed contained Hg ions in lower oxidation state (Cutforth, Gillespie, Ireland (1973) and Cutforth, Gillespie, Ireland, Sawyer, Ummat (1983)) the chemical composition being $\text{Hg}_4(\text{AsF}_6)_2$, the oxidation state of Hg in this material is $+\frac{1}{2}$. The reaction may be represented by the following equation.

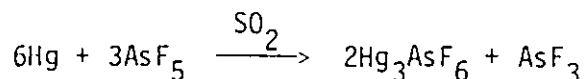


The geometry of Hg_4^{2+} ion is shown below.



The Hg_4^{2+} ion, like the Hg_3^{2+} ion, is almost linear but with the difference that the Hg_4^{2+} ions are linked by the relatively short distance of 2.985 Å between the terminal Hg atoms. Since this distance is comparable to the shortest distances in solid Hg, 2.99 Å for α -Hg (Barrett, 1957) and 2.83 Å for β -Hg (Atoji, Schirber, Swenson, 1959), it may indicate a significant interaction linking the Hg_4^{2+} ions together to form infinite zigzag chains.

By using even a smaller amount of oxidant Gillespie et al. were able to stop the reaction at the stage of the golden crystals. When these crystals were subjected to a chemical analysis yet another oxidation state of Hg, namely +1/3, was discovered since the composition turned out to be Hg_3AsF_6 . In the brief report of the preparation of this new material Gillespie and Ummat (1971) expressed the reaction as



A subsequent X ray investigation (Brown et al., 1974), however, revealed that the composition of this material is more appropriately written as $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ ($\delta \geq 0$). Moreover, the study shows that the Hg atoms link into uniform infinite chains with a Hg-Hg bond length of 2.64 Å. Since the structure of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ is rather unusual it will be

discussed in detail in the following section.

1.3 The structure of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$.

The structure of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ was first determined by Brown et al. (1974) using X ray diffraction. Precession photographs of this material showed two distinct features.* One is a lattice of well-defined Bragg reflections consistent with the symmetry and systematic absences of the tetragonal space group $I4_1/amd$ and the other is a series of sheets of diffuse scattering perpendicular to \underline{a}^* and \underline{b}^* axes. The lattice parameters of the tetragonal unit cell were found to be $\underline{a} = 7.538(4)$, $\underline{c} = 12.339(5)$ Å. The separation of diffuse sheets, however, corresponds to a distance of 2.64 Å which is incommensurate with the tetragonal lattice parameters and led to the conclusion that the structure consists of two incommensurate components.

To explain the observed diffraction pattern Brown et al. proposed a model in which infinite chains of Hg atoms occupy straight non-intersecting tunnels in the \underline{a} and \underline{b} direction of an AsF_6 tetragonal lattice (see Fig. 1.1). The AsF_6 ions are ordered on a lattice with a space group $I4_1/amd$ and give well-defined Bragg peaks. To explain the diffuse scattering sheets the Hg atoms within the chains are assumed to be separated by 2.64 Å. The incommensurability of the two components results in the chains being disordered with respect to the AsF_6 host lattice which, in turn, leads to disorder among the chains themselves since, due to their large separation and heavy screening by the host

* An $hk0$ precession photograph of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$, an isostructural compound with $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ is shown in fig. 3.1.

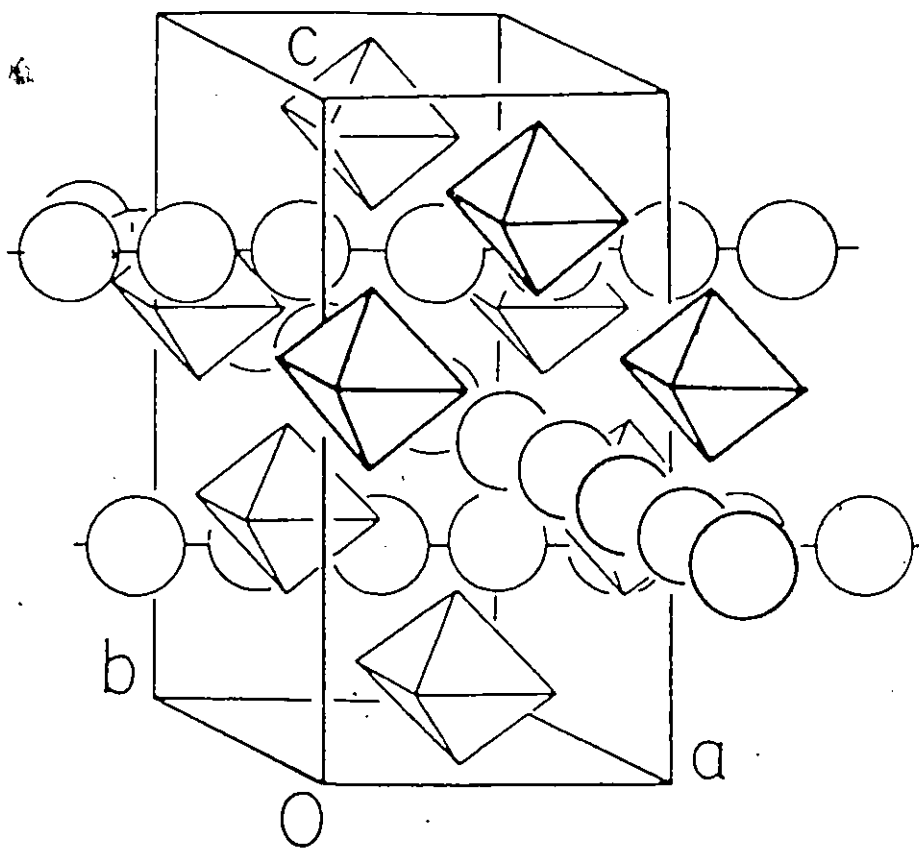


Figure 1.1

Structure of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ proposed by Brown et al. (1974).
Taken from Brown et al., 1982. The structure consists
of infinite chains of Hg atoms (circles) occupying
straight non-intersecting tunnels formed by a lattice
of AsF_6 ions (octahedra) ordered in space group $I4_1/amd$.

lattice, the direct interaction between the chains is weak. As a result the X rays scattered from the chains are in the form of diffuse sheets rather than well-defined Bragg peaks.

Another consequence of incommensurability between the two components is that the ratio of Hg atoms to the AsF_6 ions in the formula is non-integral. Since there are slightly less than three Hg atoms for each AsF_6 ion the composition of the material should be expressed as $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ where $\delta = 0.14$.

The model of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ was later confirmed by Schultz, Williams, Miro MacDiarmid, Heeger (1978) using neutron diffraction. In their structure refinement an additional degree of freedom was incorporated into the model by allowing the chains to be displaced in the c direction since the symmetry of the space group does not fix the z coordinate of the atoms in the chains. Their refined model revealed a small undulation of the chains caused by the repulsion of the mutually perpendicular chains at the crossing points. The maximum displacement of the chains from the mean position (i.e., $z = 1/4$) is only 0.071 \AA .

Schultz et al. also measured the density which indicated that in spite of the apparent composition of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ implied by the crystallographic structure, the actual composition is closer to Hg_3AsF_6 due to a degree of anion deficiency.

1.4 Attempts to prepare isostructural compounds

Shortly after the preparation of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ similar golden crystals were obtained by oxidizing Hg with SbF_5 dissolved in liquid SO_2 . As in the case of AsF_5 , the reaction could be stopped at the stage of the

golden crystals by using the appropriate amount of oxidant. A preliminary X ray examination showed that this compound was isostructural with $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ (Cutforth, 1976).

Attempts to prepare other infinite Hg chain compounds (e.g. with PF_6 and BiF_6) were not successful. When the experiments for this thesis were initiated in 1980, $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ and $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ were the only two compounds known with the general formula $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$.

1.5 Experiments and Theories on the infinite chain compounds

Because of their unusual structure the infinite chain compounds (with $M = \text{As}, \text{Sb}$) have been studied extensively over the last decade. The metallic character of the compounds was established by Cutforth et al., (1977) who measured the variation of low temperature conductivity. The conductivity was high in the a and b directions because of the conduction along the chains. A lower conductivity observed in the c direction was attributed to the conduction through the crossing points between the mutually perpendicular chains which are 3.24 Å apart. A temperature independent anisotropy ρ_a/ρ_c (ratio between conductivities in a and c directions) was reported to be 100 for $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ and 40 for $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$.

The Fermi surface of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ has been determined by Razavi, Datars, Chartier, Gillespie (1979) using de Haas - van Alphen effect (Fermi surface of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ has also been reported by Batalla, Razavi, Datars, 1982). It consists of rectangular cylinders with axes parallel to the c axis which are formed by two sets of flat 1-dimensional Fermi surfaces normal to the a and b axes. The rectangular shape confirms that the materials have been correctly classified as 1-dimensional conductors although high conductivity is observed in two (a and b)

directions. (For a truly 2-dimensional conductor the Fermi surface would be a circular cylinder). From the positions of the flat Fermi surfaces the authors inferred that each Hg atom contributes two free electrons, but one electron for every $(3-\delta)$ Hg atoms is transferred to the AsF_6^{1-} ions of the host lattice and the rest are responsible for the electronic conduction.

Other properties such as optical reflectivity and thermoelectric power have also been studied (Koteles, Datars, Cutforth, Gillespie, 1976; Scholz, Datars, Chartier, Gillespie, 1977). When the materials were examined by a low temperature DTA experiment, extrusion of Hg from the host lattice was observed indicating that the thermal contraction of the chains is smaller than that of the host lattice (Datars, van Schyndel, Lass, Chartier, Gillespie, 1978). In a neutron diffraction experiment Pouget, Shirane, Hastings, Heeger, Miro, MacDiarmid (1978) noted that the contraction of the chains is so small that it is unobservable.

Only the diffraction experiments will be described in the rest of this chapter since they are related to this thesis. For the other experiments the reader should consult the review article by Brown, Datars and Gillespie (1982).

The first low temperature neutron scattering experiment on $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ was carried out by Hastings, Pouget, Shirane, Heeger, Miro, MacDiarmid in 1977. They observed phonon-like excitations in the Hg chains with a high velocity of sound ($c = 4.4 \times 10^5$ cm/sec)* indicating a strong intrachain bonding between the Hg atoms. A room temperature scan along the first order diffuse scattering sheet in the a^*b^* plane

* More recent measurements give $c = 3.6 \times 10^5$ cm/sec (Heilmann et al., 1979).

gave a uniform distribution of elastically scattered neutrons from the chains. This observation confirms the conclusion of Brown et al. (1974) that there is no coherence between parallel chains at room temperature. Similar scans at lower temperatures showed intensity modulation of the sheets signalling the development of ordering between the chains. For $T > 120$ K broad peaks were observed but as $T \rightarrow 120$ K new narrow peaks suddenly appeared at different locations from the broad peaks. As T was lowered below T_c (120 K) the narrow peaks grew very quickly while the original broad peaks disappeared. Hastings et al. associated the broad peaks with partial ordering between the parallel chains and the narrow peaks with a long-range three dimensional ordering of the two perpendicular sets of chains.

The nature of this order-disorder phase transition was studied thoroughly by the same workers and reported in a subsequent publication (Pouget et al., 1978).

About the same time Emery and Axe (1978) published a theory of the disordered chains in which they argued that the chains must be in a 1-dimensional liquid state at temperatures above T_c , i.e., before they freeze into a 3-dimensional lattice, since a 1-dimensional system cannot sustain long range order at any finite temperature. Their theory made a number of predictions which can be tested by experiment. One of these was that the thickness of the diffuse scattering sheets is finite and should vary as $n^2 T$ where n is the order of the sheet. This prediction was verified by Spal, Chen, Egami, Nigrey, Heeger (1980) using X ray scattering.

Emery and Axe also proposed a theory dealing with the evolution of the long-range order phase at temperatures below T_c . In this theory an order parameter is defined so that it is proportional to the square-root of the intensity of the narrow peaks which appear on the

first order diffuse scattering sheet. By using mean field theory the order parameter was calculated as a function of T.

1.6 Discovery of more mercury compounds and further experiments

After the experimental work for this thesis was started with a structure determination of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$, two more Hg chain compounds $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{NbF}_6$ and $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$ were discovered. During attempts to prepare them other new materials were also produced and some have been successfully isolated. This thesis reports X ray and neutron diffraction studies on these materials.

Basic diffraction theory underlining the experiments is described in Chapter II. Diffraction from infinite disordered chains (Emery and Axe, 1978) is also discussed in that chapter (sec. 2.5). Techniques used for X ray structure determination are given towards the end of the chapter (sec. 2.6 and on).

Chapter III reports the structures of the chain compounds at room temperature as well as at lower temperatures.

Chapter IV also deals with the chain compounds but lays emphasis on the ordering of the chains at low temperatures. Emery-Axe theory for the evolution of long-range order is described (sec. 4.6) before presenting the experiments to verify the theory (sec. 4.7).

Chapter V reports the structure of two new materials, Hg_3NbF_6 and Hg_3TaF_6 in which Hg exists in the form of infinite sheets rather than chains. Like the chain compounds they are also metallic but have silver luster instead of gold.

Structures of two new compounds with Hg_4^{2+} and Hg_3^{2+} ions are

described in Chapter VI.

The last chapter of this thesis, Chapter VII, provides conclusions and makes predictions about the possible existence of new oxidation state(s) of Hg and new Hg compounds.

CHAPTER II

INTRODUCTION TO DIFFRACTION THEORY AND EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES

2.1 General introduction to X ray and neutron scattering; dynamic, static and geometrical structure factors

In the first Born approximation the cross section of a scattering process involving an unpolarized incident beam and a scattered beam into a solid angle $d\Omega$ is given by (Marshall and Lovesey, 1971)

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \frac{k'}{k} \left(\frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2}\right)^2 \sum_{\lambda\lambda'} p_\lambda |\langle \vec{k}', \lambda' | \hat{V}_T(\vec{r}) | \vec{k}, \lambda \rangle|^2 \delta(\hbar\omega + E_\lambda - E_{\lambda'}) \quad (2.1)$$

where E' = energy of scattered particle

\vec{k}, \vec{k}' = incident and scattered wave vectors

m = mass of the scattered particle

λ, λ' = initial and final states of the target

p_λ = probability of having the target in state λ

$\hat{V}_T(\vec{r})$ = interaction potential between the target and the radiation

$E_\lambda, E_{\lambda'}$ = initial and final energies of the target.

Since this quantity represents the proportion of the intensity of the incident beam scattered with coordinates E' and \vec{k}' , it is also proportional to the intensity of the scattered beam.

To keep the analysis simple one can first consider a target consisting of N identical scattering centers for which the interaction

potential is represented by

$$\hat{V}_T(\vec{r}) = \sum_{j=1}^N \hat{V}(\vec{r}-\vec{R}_j) \quad (2.2)$$

The lack of subscript j on $V(\vec{r}-\vec{R}_j)$ emphasizes that the scattering centers are identical. In this case eq. (2.1) reduces to the scattering law (Marshall and Lovesey, 1971)

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = N \frac{k'}{k} \left(\frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2}\right)^2 |\bar{V}(\vec{q})|^2 S(\vec{q}, \omega) \quad (2.3)$$

where $\vec{q} \equiv \vec{k}' - \vec{k}$ (2.4)

$$\bar{V}(\vec{q}) \equiv \int d\vec{r} \exp(i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}) V(\vec{r}) \quad (2.5)$$

and $S(\vec{q}, \omega) \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar N} \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} dt e^{-i\omega t} \sum_{jj'} \langle \exp\{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_j(0)\} \exp\{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_{j'}(t)\} \rangle$ (2.6)

where $\langle \rangle$ denotes the ensemble average which is also the time average of the system (Ergodic Theorem; Reichl, 1980).

The quantity $S(\vec{q}, \omega)$ is called the dynamic structure factor which describes elastic and inelastic scattering from a sample. It is therefore used in the analysis of inelastic neutron scattering experiments and scattering from liquids. This is, however, by no means to imply that the above equations hold only for neutron scattering. They are indeed good for scattering of any kind of radiation in the limit of the first Born approximation.

In an X ray scattering experiment one usually does not analyse the scattered radiation in energy as the resolution is very poor. The cross-section or, equivalently, the observed scattered intensity is therefore proportional to the dynamic structure factor integrated over all energies.

$$S(\vec{q}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d(\hbar\omega) S(\vec{q}, \omega) \quad (2.7)$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{jj'} \langle \exp(-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}_j(0)) \exp(i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}_{j'}(0)) \rangle \quad (2.8)$$

The quantity $S(\vec{q})$ is called static structure factor.

It is now convenient to define a quantity $F(\vec{q})$ so that $|F(\vec{q})|$ is equal to the time averaged total amplitude of the scattered radiation from the target. By considering the interference of wavelets scattered by a system of identical scattering centers at \vec{R}_j ($j = 1, N$) one gets (Woolfson, 1979)

$$F(\vec{q}) = \langle \sum_j \exp(i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}_j) \rangle \quad (2.9)$$

$F(\vec{q})$ is called geometrical structure factor and is widely used in X ray and elastic neutron diffraction experiments. From (2.8) and (2.9) the relation between the two structure factors is seen to be

$$S(\vec{q}) = \frac{1}{N} F^*(\vec{q}) F(\vec{q}) \quad (2.10)$$

The lack of a factor representing the relative scattering amplitude of each scattering center on the R.H.S. of eq. (2.9) is again a consequence of having only one type of scattering centers in the target. For the targets with more than one type of scattering centers such a factor is essential and is called form factor or scattering factor. In general, it is a complex number and a function of \vec{q} , hence is denoted by $f(\vec{q})$. The phase of $f(\vec{q})$ represents the phase shift suffered by the radiation when it is scattered from the scattering center. If the scattering centers are spherically symmetric, which is a normal assumption in practice, $f(\vec{q})$ reduces to $f(q)$. In this case

eq. (2.9) becomes

$$F(\vec{q}) = \langle \sum_j f_j(q) \exp(i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}_j) \rangle \quad (2.11)$$

An alternative way of writing eq. (2.11) can be found if one recognises that X rays are scattered by electrons and the electronic distribution in a crystal is continuous. Each point inside the crystal can therefore be viewed as a scattering center with scattering amplitude $\langle \rho(\vec{r}) \rangle$ where the latter is the time averaged electron density at that point. Therefore, (2.11) can also be written as (Woolfson, 1979)

$$F(\vec{q}) = \int_{\text{crystal}} d^3r \langle \rho(\vec{r}) \rangle \exp(i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}) \quad (2.12)$$

2.2 X ray diffraction from a 3-dimensional crystal

In the previous section the geometrical structure factor $F(\vec{q})$ was defined without giving the physical concept behind the definition eq. (2.11). The insight into this equation can be gained by considering the following elastic scattering problem.

Consider two stationary scattering centers which are different and are separated by a vector \vec{r} as shown in fig. (2.1). For collimated incident radiation the incident beams are parallel. The scattered beams are also shown parallel because the detector is usually at a distance much larger than $|\vec{r}|$ (Fraunhofer diffraction).

From the diagram;

$$\text{path difference} = r(\sin\mu_1 + \sin\mu_2) = \vec{r} \cdot \hat{S}' - \vec{r} \cdot \hat{S}$$

where \hat{S} and \hat{S}' are the unit vectors in the direction of incident beam and the diffracted beam.

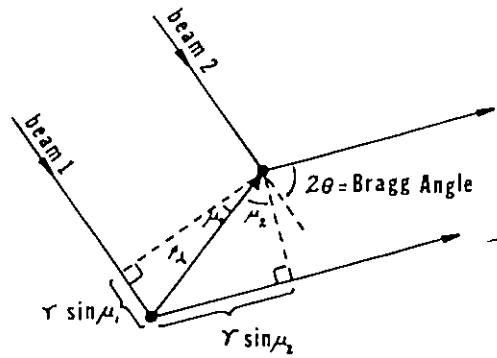


Fig. 2.1. Two scattering centers exposed to a well-collimated incident radiation. Scattering center 2 is located at vector \vec{r} from 1:

A vector \vec{s} which is called "scattering vector" is defined as

$$\vec{s} \equiv \frac{\hat{S}' - \hat{S}}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \vec{q} \quad (2.13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{phase difference} &= \frac{\text{path difference}}{\lambda} \\ &= \vec{r} \cdot \vec{s} \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

The following simple relation between $|\vec{s}|$ and the Bragg angle, 2θ , should also be noted.

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{s}|^2 &= (2 - 2\hat{S}' \cdot \hat{S}) / \lambda^2 = \frac{2}{\lambda^2} (1 - \cos 2\theta) = \frac{4 \sin^2 \theta}{\lambda^2} \\ \therefore |\vec{s}| &= 2 \sin \theta / \lambda \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

By using the phase relation given in eq. (2.14) the amplitude of the resultant radiation can be calculated.

$$\text{resultant amplitude} = f_1(s) + f_2(s) e^{2\pi i \vec{r} \cdot \vec{s}} \quad (2.16)$$

where $f_1(s)$ and $f_2(s)$ are the form factors of scattering center 1 and 2.

If there are N scattering centers at $\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_N$ in a crystal

$$\text{resultant amplitude } F(\vec{s}) = \sum_{j=1}^N f_j(s) e^{2\pi i \vec{r}_j \cdot \vec{s}} \quad (2.17)$$

A number of approximations have been employed in generalizing eq. (2.16) into (2.17). For a real crystal, N is a very large number ($\sim 10^{23}$). The probability of multiple scattering is enhanced by having many scattering centers (Primary extinction). Moreover, scattering centers further from the source of radiation experience weaker incident radiation because some part of it has already been scattered by the centers closer to the source (Secondary extinction). As an approximation both extinction effects may be ignored when the interaction between radiation and matter is weak. The diffraction theory based on this assumption is known as the kinematic diffraction theory. The approximation is reasonably good for X rays and neutrons but the effects are not entirely negligible. (See sec. 2.11 for a discussion on methods of correcting for extinction).

One should also note that radiation absorption by the sample has been ignored in deriving eq. (2.17). This is an approximation in the theory but the effect is often too strong to be ignored in practice. (See sec. 2.10 for discussion on methods of correcting for absorption).

For a real crystal in which the atoms are oscillating about their equilibrium positions because of thermal vibrations

$$F(\vec{s}) = \left\langle \sum_j f_j(s) e^{2\pi i \vec{R}_j \cdot \vec{s}} \right\rangle \quad (2.18)$$

which is the same as eq. (2.11). Note that the upper case letter \vec{R}_j is

used to denote the instantaneous position of the j^{th} atom. The lower case letter \vec{r}_j denotes the equilibrium position of the same atom or, in the special case of static crystal, the position. \vec{R}_j and \vec{r}_j are related by

$$\vec{R}_j(t) = \vec{r}_j + \vec{u}_j(t) \quad (2.19)$$

where $\vec{u}_j(t)$ is the instantaneous displacement of the atom.

Similarly, for a continuous distribution of electron density $\bar{\rho}(\vec{r}) = \langle \rho(\vec{r}) \rangle$

$$F(\vec{s}) = \int_{\text{crystal}} d^3r \bar{\rho}(\vec{r}) \exp(2\pi i \vec{r} \cdot \vec{s}) \quad (2.20)$$

Eq. (2.18) and (2.20) are extensively used in X ray determination of the structures of the crystals. To take the full advantage of these equations one must study the two basic properties of $\bar{\rho}(\vec{r})$; the periodicity and the spatial extension throughout the crystal.

2.3 Unit cell and reciprocal lattice

To a very good approximation the time-averaged electron density inside a crystal is a 3-dimensional periodic function provided the crystal does not suffer from any kind of serious disorder. As a consequence one can define a small parallelepiped with edges \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} so that the whole crystal can be generated by translations of this unit by vectors $n_1\vec{a} + n_2\vec{b} + n_3\vec{c}$ for all possible integers n_1 , n_2 , n_3 . This is called a unit cell and \vec{a} , \vec{b} , \vec{c} and the angles between them are called the lattice parameters. The unit cell is not unique but it is normally chosen to minimize the cell volume V while maintaining as high internal symmetry as possible.

A reciprocal unit cell is defined as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a}^* &\equiv \vec{b} \times \vec{c} / V \\ \vec{b}^* &\equiv \vec{c} \times \vec{a} / V \\ \vec{c}^* &\equiv \vec{a} \times \vec{b} / V\end{aligned}\tag{2.21}$$

The following linear combination of the above vectors is known as a reciprocal lattice vector and will be denoted by \vec{K} .

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{K} &\equiv n_1 \vec{a}^* + n_2 \vec{b}^* + n_3 \vec{c}^* \\ (n_1, n_2, n_3 \text{ are integers})\end{aligned}\tag{2.22}$$

Note that the orientations of \vec{a} , \vec{b} , \vec{c} and \vec{a}^* , \vec{b}^* , \vec{c}^* depend on the orientation of the crystal.

The equilibrium position of an atom in the crystal is usually specified by

$$\vec{r} = X\hat{a} + Y\hat{b} + Z\hat{c} = x\vec{a} + y\vec{b} + z\vec{c}\tag{2.23}$$

where $\hat{a} = \vec{a}/|\vec{a}|$, etc. are the unit vectors.

The coordinates $x = X/|\vec{a}|$, $y = Y/|\vec{b}|$, $z = Z/|\vec{c}|$ are the fractional coordinates in the units of $|\vec{a}|$, $|\vec{b}|$, $|\vec{c}|$.

If the scattering vector \vec{s} is expressed in terms of \vec{a}^* , \vec{b}^* , \vec{c}^* ,

$$\vec{s} = h\vec{a}^* + k\vec{b}^* + \ell\vec{c}^*,\tag{2.24}$$

it is easy to prove that the phase difference $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{s}$ is,

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{s} = hx + ky + \ell z\tag{2.25}$$

Similarly,

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{K} = n_1 x + n_2 y + n_3 z\tag{2.26}$$

The space spanned by vector \vec{s} is known as the reciprocal space.

2.4 The "infinite" crystal

One more approximation is introduced at this point for the sake of mathematical convenience; the periodic function $\bar{\rho}(\vec{r})$ is assumed to extend from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$ in all three directions. Obviously, no real crystal even if it is a perfect single crystal free from defects, meets this condition. Most of the real crystals are divided into perfectly ordered mosaic crystallites of smaller dimension (\sim a few microns), but as long as the mosaic size is large enough to accommodate many ordered unit cells the approximation is justified.

Eq. (2.20) now becomes,

$$F(\vec{s}) = \int_{\text{infinite}} d^3r \bar{\rho}(\vec{r}) \exp\{2\pi i \vec{r} \cdot \vec{s}\} \quad (2.27)$$

The above relation between $\bar{\rho}(\vec{r})$ and $F(\vec{s})$ is a Fourier transform. The inverse relation is given by the Fourier theorem.

$$\bar{\rho}(\vec{r}) = \int_{\text{infinite}} d^3s F(\vec{s}) \exp\{-2\pi i \vec{r} \cdot \vec{s}\} \quad (2.28)$$

Another very important benefit of having $\bar{\rho}(\vec{r})$ as an infinite periodic function is that it can be expressed as a Fourier series.

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\rho}(\vec{r}) &= \sum_{n_1=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n_2=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n_3=-\infty}^{\infty} C_{n_1 n_2 n_3} \exp\{-2\pi i (n_1 \frac{x}{a} + n_2 \frac{y}{b} + n_3 \frac{z}{a})\} \\ &= \sum_{n_1=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n_2=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n_3=-\infty}^{\infty} C_{n_1 n_2 n_3} \exp\{-2\pi i (n_1 x + n_2 y + n_3 z)\} \\ &= \sum_{n_1=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n_2=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n_3=-\infty}^{\infty} C_{n_1 n_2 n_3} \exp\{-2\pi i \vec{r} \cdot \vec{k}\}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.29)$$

the last step using eq. (2.26).

Eq. (2.29) implies that $\bar{\rho}(\vec{r})$ is the summation of exponential

waves with wave vector $-2\pi\vec{K}$, amplitude $|C_{n_1 n_2 n_3}|$ and the initial phase $\alpha_{n_1 n_2 n_3}$. These waves are the Fourier components of $\bar{\rho}(\vec{r})$.

The Fourier transform of one of the components can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(\vec{s}) &= \int d\vec{r} C_{n_1 n_2 n_3} \exp(-2\pi i \vec{r} \cdot \vec{K}) \exp(2\pi i \vec{r} \cdot \vec{s}) \\ &= C_{n_1 n_2 n_3} \int d\vec{r} \exp(2\pi i \vec{r} \cdot (\vec{s} - \vec{K})) \end{aligned}$$

In the above integral, exponential terms will sum up constructively only if $\vec{s} = \vec{K}$.

$$\therefore \Gamma(\vec{s}) = C_{n_1 n_2 n_3} \delta(\vec{s} - \vec{K}) \quad (2.30)$$

Note that $\Gamma(\vec{s})$ is a δ -function at $\vec{s} = \vec{K}$ and is weighted by the magnitude of the corresponding Fourier component, $|C_{n_1 n_2 n_3}|$. Combining eq. (2.27), (2.29) and (2.30) gives,

$$F(\vec{s}) = \sum_{n_1=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n_2=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n_3=-\infty}^{\infty} C_{n_1 n_2 n_3} \delta(\vec{s} - \vec{K}) \quad (2.31)$$

The above equation shows that $F(\vec{s})$ is a set of δ -functions located at the reciprocal lattice points and weighted by the amplitude of the corresponding Fourier component. $F(\vec{s} \neq \vec{K}) = 0$ which implies that the amplitude (or intensity) of diffracted X rays is zero unless the scattering vector \vec{s} happens to be equal to one of the reciprocal lattice vectors \vec{K} . This is the well-known Bragg condition for X ray diffraction.

What happens to the δ functions if the infinite crystal approximation breaks down? A complete analysis of this problem is provided by James (1958) in The Optical Principle of the Diffraction of X Rays.

He considered that there were $N_1 \ll \infty$ ordered unit cells along the crystal axis \vec{a} . The calculations suggested that the δ -peaks would become broader in the direction of \vec{a}^* with small diffraction ripples around and the first diffraction minima at $(h \pm \frac{1}{N_1})a^*$. (See the dotted curve of Fig. 2.2)*. Broad diffraction peaks are indeed taken as the sign of poor or short range ordering of the crystal.

Since $F(\vec{s})$ is a set of δ -functions for an ordered crystal eq. (2.28) is reduced to

$$\bar{\rho}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{h=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty} F(\vec{s}) \exp\{-2\pi i(hx + ky + \ell z)\} \quad (2.32)$$

In crystal structure determination the crystallographer's task is to calculate $\bar{\rho}(\vec{r})$ in order to find the position of the atoms. According to eq. (2.32) this can be done once the magnitude and the phase of $F(\vec{s})$ are known.

2.5 Diffraction from one-dimensional disordered chains

The diffraction from 1-dimensional disordered chains of the $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ compounds was first systematically studied by Emery and Axe (1978). In their model the chains are assumed to be isolated chains with harmonic interaction only between nearest neighbours. All other interactions such as those between chains or between the chains and the host lattice are completely ignored. The physical picture is extremely simple, the chain consists of identical masses connected by identical harmonic springs. The strong Hg-Hg bond suggests that springs should

* The same broadening will occur to all the peaks regardless of their coordinates in \vec{b}^* and \vec{c}^* directions.

be very stiff. The classical Hamiltonian for each chain can be expressed as follows.

$$H = \text{kinetic energy} + \text{potential energy in the bonds} \quad (2.33)$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha} \left[\frac{p_{\alpha}^2}{m} + mc^2 \frac{(x_{\alpha+1} - x_{\alpha} - d)^2}{d^2} \right] \quad (2.34)$$

where $\alpha = \alpha^{\text{th}}$ atom in a particular chain

$d =$ equilibrium Hg-Hg distance $= d_{\text{Hg-Hg}}$

$m =$ mass of Hg atom

$c =$ speed of sound along the chain (longitudinal)

$x_{\alpha} =$ instantaneous position of α^{th} atom (origin at 0^{th} atom)

$p_{\alpha} =$ instantaneous momentum of the α^{th} atom,

and the summation is over the whole chain. All vector quantities are written as scalars in the equation since the system is 1-dimensional.

The instantaneous position of the α^{th} atom at time t , $x_{\alpha}(t)$, is related to its ground state position (ignoring the zero point motion of the atoms) and by

$$x_{\alpha}(t) = \alpha d + u_{\alpha}(t) \quad (2.35)$$

where $u_{\alpha}(t)$ is the instantaneous displacement of the atom.

To comprehend the Emery-Axe model it is essential to consider the nature of $u_{\alpha}(t)$ or its r.m.s. value σ_{α} . Although the Hg-Hg bonds are strong they are not perfectly rigid and the bond length is associated with a small uncertainty σ which is defined as the r.m.s. value of $(x_1(t) - d)$, or equivalently, σ_1 . The mean square value σ^2 is directly proportional to the temperature of the sample since it measures the

(amplitude)² of the harmonic motion of an atom with respect to its neighbours.

$$\sigma^2/d^2 = \sigma_1^2/d^2 = \frac{k_B T}{mc^2} \quad (2.36)$$

$m = 3.35 \times 10^{-25}$ kg, $c = 3.6 \times 10^3$ ms⁻¹ (Heilmann et al., 1979)

At 300 K, $\frac{\sigma}{d} = 3.1 \times 10^{-2}$

The uncertainty in the bonds adds up in a statistical manner so that for a string of α bonds

$$\sigma_\alpha^2 = \alpha \sigma^2 \quad (2.37)$$

Since $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ in a real crystal the last equation implies that there is no long range ordering within a chain; a well-known characteristic of 1-dimensional systems with finite interaction. The lack of long range order, however, does not prevent one from using harmonic approximation and considering phonon-like excitations and the dispersion relation, because there is very good short range ordering due to the stiff Hg-Hg bonds. In fact, the dispersion curve of the chains have been measured by Hastings et al. (1977) who found a large velocity for the longitudinal acoustic waves.

The lack of long range ordering has important consequences on the scattering of neutrons and X rays from the chains. The Debye-Waller factors along the chains are infinite due to the infinite value of $\langle u_\alpha^2 \rangle$ and no truly elastic scattering (Bragg scattering) is possible. The sheets of the diffuse scattering must therefore be the result of inelastic scattering.

For this 1-dimensional case the dynamic structure factor defined by eq. (2.6) reduces to*

$$S(Q, \omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi N} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{-i\omega t} \sum_{\alpha\alpha'} \langle \exp(-iQx_{\alpha}(0)) \exp(iQx_{\alpha'}(t)) \rangle \quad (2.38)$$

where Q is the x-component of \vec{q} .**

Emery and Axe calculated both the static and the dynamic structure factors and obtained the former as,†

$$S(Q) = \frac{\sinh(Q^2 \sigma^2 / 2)}{\cosh(Q^2 \sigma^2 / 2) - \cos Qd} \quad (2.39)$$

Fig. 2.2 illustrates a plot of $S(Q)$ vs. Q with $\sigma = 0.1$. The broadening of the high order peaks is more characteristic of the scattering from liquids rather than solids. The peaks are Lorentzian centered upon

$$Q_n = \frac{2\pi}{d} \cdot n \quad (2.40)$$

with the width (HWHM) of

$$K_n = \frac{Q_n^2 \sigma^2}{2d} \propto n^2 T \quad (2.41)$$

The predicted proportionality of eq. (2.41) has been verified by using X ray scattering (Spal et al., 1980). The $n^2 T$ variation basically confirms the Emery-Axe model of the chains but the measured peak widths are consistently smaller than the predicted values by $\sim 20\%$.

* For a classical calculation the \hbar in the denominator has been dropped.

** For simplicity, we are considering only a-chains and this will be the case throughout the thesis unless otherwise stated.

† In the original paper only the major results were presented without any intermediate steps. The calculation has been repeated independently by Talbot (1979) and presented in detail in his thesis.

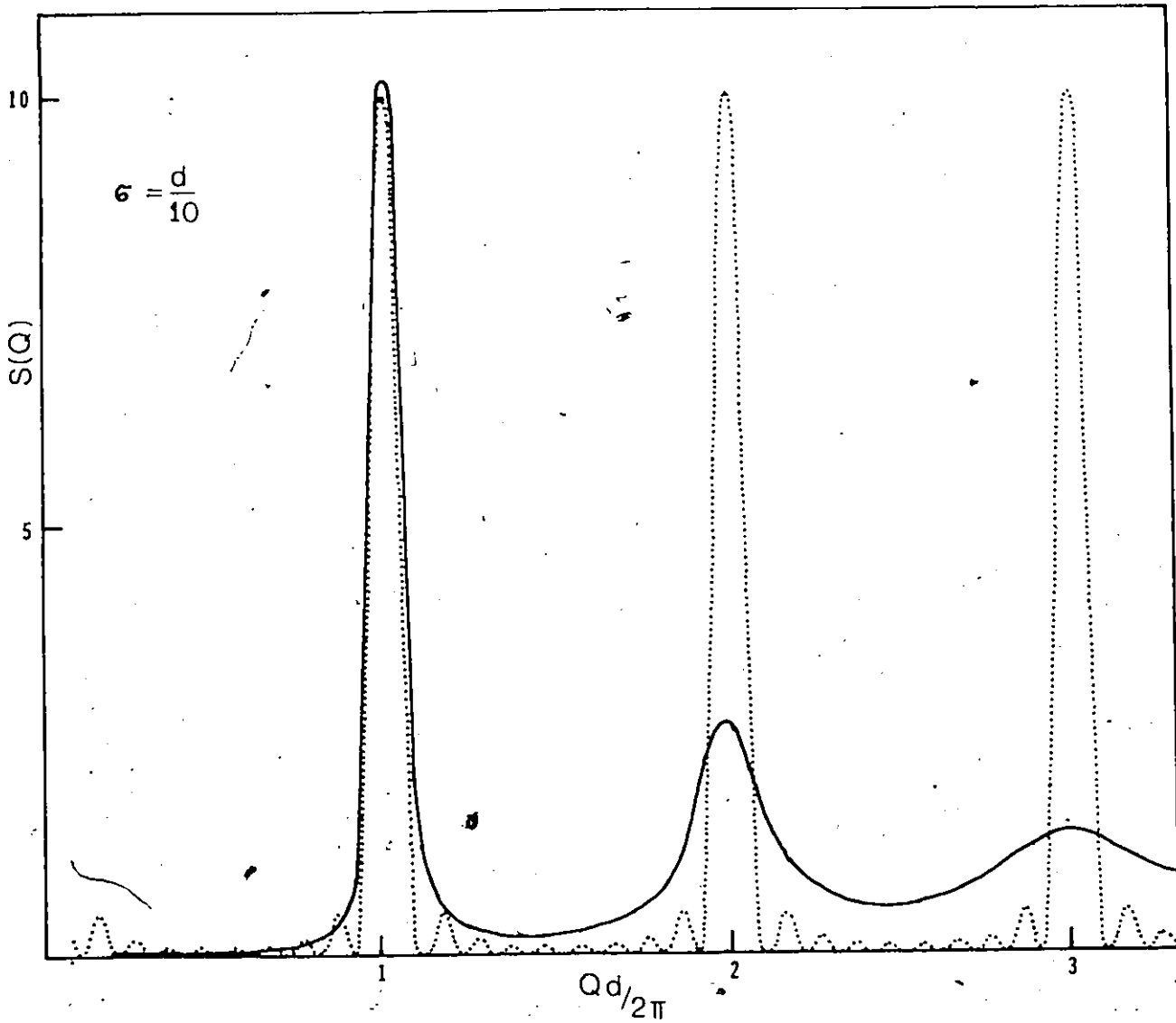


Figure 2.2

Intensity of scattered radiation from 1-dimensional harmonic liquid (solid curve) predicted by eq. (2.39). After Axe (1980). To make the broadening of the peaks visible in the plot the uncertainty in the Hg-Hg bond length is exaggerated as if $\sigma/d = 0.1$ but the actual value is only 0.031 at room temperature. This is so small that the broadening of the diffuse scattering sheets is not noticeable in the precession photograph fig. 3.1. For comparison the dotted curve representing the diffracted intensity (scaled down by a factor of 10) resulted from a finite chain of 10 atoms but with no uncertainty in the bond length is shown.

The dynamic structure factor obtained by Emery and Axe is rather complicated but can be simplified for small $\Delta Q = Q - Q_n$ to

$$S(Q, \omega) \sim \frac{K_n}{[(\Delta Q - \omega/c)^2 + K_n^2]} \frac{K_n}{[(\Delta Q + \omega/c)^2 + K_n^2]} \quad (2.42)$$

Note that there is no term proportional to $\delta(\omega)$ since no true elastic scattering is possible. In particular, when $\Delta Q = 0$,

$$S(Q, \omega) \sim \frac{K_1^2}{[(\omega/c)^2 + K_1^2]^2} \quad (2.43)$$

Since K_1 is very small, $S(Q, \omega)$ is very large only when ω is extremely close to zero. For larger values of ω , $S(Q, \omega) \rightarrow 0$. This implies that the diffuse scattering sheets arise from inelastic scattering with extremely small energy transfer.

The disordered Hg chains of the $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ compounds are often referred to as "1-dimensional liquid" because the chains do not have any long range ordering and their scattering is very much like that of liquid samples.

2.6 Crystal structure determination; practical considerations

Since the intensity of radiation is proportional to the square of the amplitude the magnitude of $F(\vec{s})$ can easily be measured on an arbitrary scale.

$$I(\vec{s}) \propto F^*(\vec{s})F(\vec{s})$$

$$\therefore |F(\vec{s})| \propto \sqrt{I(\vec{s})} \quad (2.44)$$

where $I(\vec{s})$ is the observed diffracted intensity in the direction

corresponding to the scattering vector \vec{s} .*

Note that eq. (2.44) alone is not enough to determine $F(\vec{s})$ since it does not contain any phase information. Crystallographers, therefore, have to use some indirect methods to deduce the phase of $F(\vec{s})$. The standard technique is to propose a model for $\rho(\vec{r})$, at least approximately, and then verify and improve the model by a least-squares refinement. The aim of the refinement is to improve the agreement between $|F(\vec{s})|_{\text{observed}}$ and $|F(\vec{s})|_{\text{calculated}}$ usually denoted by F_o and F_c respectively.

The model most commonly used by crystallographers is the "Independent Atom Model" (IAM). The model consists of spherical atoms (or ions) which are allowed to undergo harmonic oscillations, independently and anisotropically about their equilibrium positions.

In the IAM the electron density is not continuous but localized at the atomic sites. Eq. (2.18) is therefore more suitable than (2.20) for calculating $F(\vec{s})$. Since the time-averaged unit cells are identical to each other the summation needs only be done for one unit cell rather than the whole crystal. This scales down all the $F(\vec{s})$ by a common factor, i.e., 1/number of unit cells, and hence the proportionality (2.44) is not affected. Evaluating the thermal average in Eq. (1.18) is also easy for the independent harmonic oscillators. In the IAM, eq. (2.18) combined with (2.19) becomes (Woolfson, 1979)

$$F(\vec{s}) = \sum_{n=1}^N f_n(s) \langle \exp(2\pi i \vec{u}_n \cdot \vec{s}) \rangle \exp(2\pi i \vec{r}_n \cdot \vec{s})$$

* A number of corrections have to be applied to the measured diffracted intensities before using them in eq. (2.44) to get $|F(\vec{s})|$. These corrections are discussed in the following sections.

$$F(hkl) = \sum_{n=1}^N f_n(s) \exp(-2\pi^2 \cdot (\hat{u}_n \cdot \vec{s})^2) \exp(2\pi i \vec{r}_n \cdot \vec{s})$$

where N = number of atoms inside a unit cell and h, k, ℓ are the components of \vec{s} in unit of $\vec{a}^*, \vec{b}^*, \vec{c}^*$ axes.

In the last equation the first exponential factor is called temperature factor or Debye-Waller factor. For the independent harmonic oscillators of IAM

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\hat{u}_n \cdot \vec{s})^2 \rangle &= \vec{s}^T \hat{U}_n \vec{s} \\ &= \langle h^2 a^{*2} u_x^2 + k^2 b^{*2} u_y^2 + \ell^2 c^{*2} u_z^2 + 2hka^* b^* u_x u_y + \\ &\quad 2h\ell a^* c^* u_x u_z + 2k\ell b^* c^* u_y u_z \rangle \end{aligned}$$

where $\vec{s}^T = \vec{s}$ (transposed) and \hat{U}_n is a 3×3 matrix with the elements $U_{ij} = \langle u_i u_j \rangle$.

Therefore U_{11} , for example, gives the mean square displacement of the corresponding n^{th} atom in the direction of \vec{a} axis. Note that \hat{U}_n is symmetric and contains only six independent elements. In general, the thermal motion of the atom is anisotropic, i.e., $U_{11} \neq U_{22} \neq U_{33}$ and \hat{U}_n is called anisotropic temperature factor. But it is sometimes desirable to assume an isotropic motion of the atom (in order to reduce the number of adjustable parameters in the model, for example). For such an atom \hat{U}_n becomes an isotropic temperature factor $U_n \hat{I}_3$ for which U_n , a scalar, is the single adjustable thermal parameter and \hat{I}_3 is a 3×3 unit matrix.

The equation for $F(hkl)$ finally becomes,

$$F(hkl) = \sum_{n=1}^N f_n(s) \exp(-2\pi^2 \vec{s}^T \hat{U}_n \vec{s}) \exp(2\pi i \vec{r}_n \cdot \vec{s}) \quad (2.45)$$

Standard crystallographic programs use eq. (2.45) to compute the calculated structure factor F_C . The form factors are given in the International Tables for X ray crystallography (1974), Vol. IV, p. 72 for all atoms and most of the known ions. The agreement between F_0 and F_C is then improved by a least-squares refinement of r_n (positional parameters) and U_n (thermal parameters) which, in combination, are referred to as atomic parameters.

Success of a structure determination therefore depends on the following factors.

- (i) Accurate intensity measurements followed by a series of corrections to remove the systematic errors.
- (ii) An IAM which represents $\rho(\vec{r})$ to a good approximation so that it can be used as the initial model for the least-squares refinement.

The rest of this chapter is devoted to the discussion of the instruments, corrections and techniques used to meet the requirements of these factors.

2.7 Instruments to survey the reciprocal space

(i) Photographic methods; the precession camera

Photographic methods are particularly useful to survey the reciprocal space of crystal with serious disorder whose diffraction pattern consists of unusual features such as diffuse scattering regions or deformed Bragg peaks. These features can most conveniently be studied when they are mapped out on a photographic plate, a two-dimensional detector of low accuracy but very large sensitive area.

Although many different kinds of camera are available to

X ray crystallographers precession camera is perhaps the most convenient one to use since it gives a non-distorted view of a plane of reciprocal space. Construction and diffraction geometry of this camera are given in many crystallographic text books.

(ii) Four-circle X ray diffractometer

More accurate intensity measurements can be obtained from a diffractometer than from a camera at the expense of longer experimental time since, unlike the camera, the diffractometer examines only one point of reciprocal space at a time.

A four-circle diffractometer is shown schematically in fig. 2.3. The angle 2θ is the usual Bragg angle while ω , χ and ϕ are the three Euler angles determining the orientation of the crystal on the instrument. Any point of reciprocal space can be examined by setting these four angles to the appropriate positions.

The incident X ray beam is monochromatized by using a high quality pyrolytic graphite crystal. The diffracted beam from the sample is directly measured by a scintillation counter without an energy analyzer. The diffracted intensity at a point of reciprocal space is usually measured by performing a 2θ - ω scan across the point. The scan is immediately preceded and followed by a pair of background intensity measurements.*

The diffractometer can also be used for low temperature diffraction experiments. The low temperature apparatus used consists

* Consult operating manual of Nicolet P2₁ diffractometer and LT1 low temperature apparatus for more details.

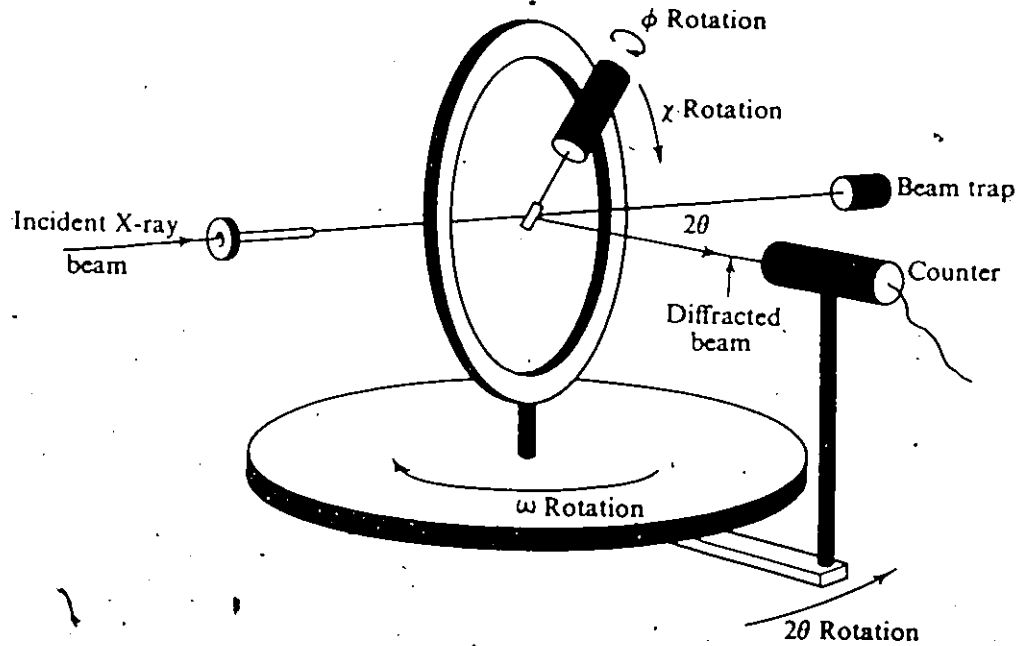


Figure 2.3

A four-circle X ray diffractometer. The angle 2θ is the usual Bragg angle while ω , ϕ and χ are the Euler angles determining the orientation of the crystal. (From Woolfson, 1979)

of a gas nozzle which blows regulated cold N_2 gas directly onto the crystal. Since the nozzle is firmly attached to the χ -circle its relative orientation to the crystal does not change throughout the experiment. The lowest temperature attainable by this apparatus is about 145 K but higher temperatures can be obtained by warming up the cold gas using a stream heater. The temperature cannot be monitored during the experiments but calibration of temperature against stream heater setting before the experiments indicated that the stability and reproducibility is within ± 3 K.*

(iii) Triple-axes neutron diffractometer

Fig. 2.4 shows a triple-axes diffractometer schematically. Both the monochromator for the incident beam and the energy analyzer for the diffracted beam are pyrolytic graphite crystals mounted on axes perpendicular to the plane of the instrument so that scattering angles at these crystals can be set to any desired values. The sample enclosed in an air-tight Al sample holder (see fig. 2.4) is mounted on a third axis which is parallel to the first two. Since the crystal can be rotated only about this axis (no χ circle) the diffraction is confined in the plane of the instrument and no region of reciprocal space outside this plane can be studied without remounting the sample with a different orientation.

For the low temperature experiments the sample holder is cooled by a close-cycle He refrigerator capable of stabilizing the

* Consult operating manual of Nicolet P2₁ diffractometer and LTK low temperature apparatus for more details.

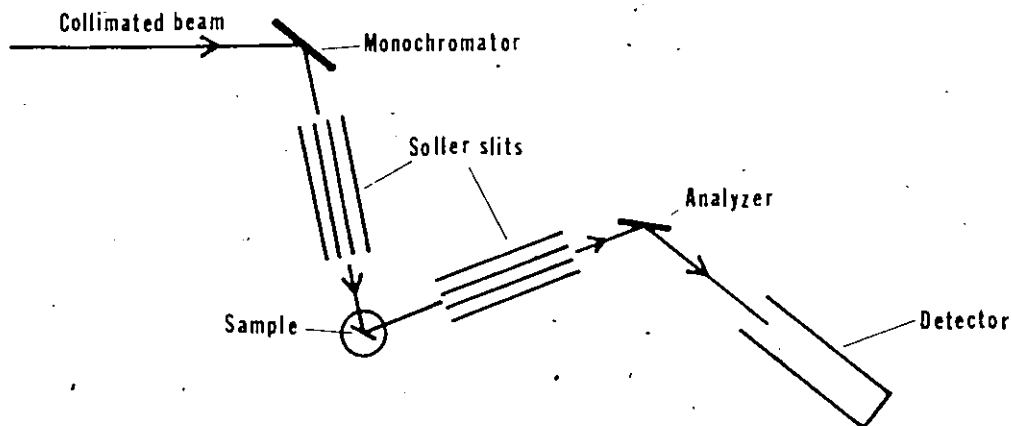


Figure 2.4(a)
Top view of a triple-axis neutron diffractometer.

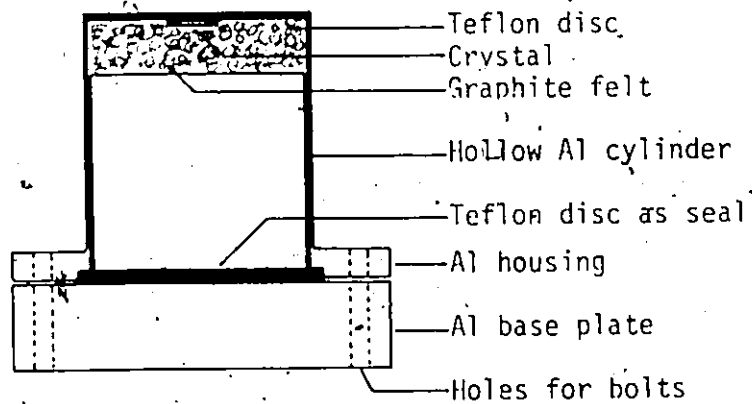


Figure 2.4(b)
Sample holder

temperature within ± 0.1 K in the range of 10 to 300 K. The temperature of the sample holder is continuously monitored throughout the experiment.*

2.8 Scaling the diffractometer-measured intensities

Because output power of the X ray source fluctuates over a period of ~ 1 hour the Bragg intensities measured by a diffractometer over a period of days should be scaled based on the systematic variations observed in a number of selected standard reflections. These reflections are measured periodically, say, every hour throughout the experiment.

Another reason to measure the standard reflections is to monitor the crystal alignment on the diffractometer. Any mechanical movement of the crystal inside the sample holder, for example, will result in a sudden decrease in the intensities of all the standard reflections.

2.9 The L_p correction

The Lorentz correction (L), is required since the time spent by the crystal in reflecting position differs from one Bragg reflection from another depending on the position in the reciprocal space. For a 4-circle diffractometer this correction is a function of 2θ alone.

(Nicolet P2₁ and P3 reference manuals).

$$L = \frac{1}{\sin 2\theta}$$

The polarization correction (p) is required for the following reason. A certain fraction of incident beam cannot take part in

* A triple-axes diffractometer and He refrigerator at Brookhaven National Laboratory were used for the neutron diffraction experiments. Reference manuals may be consulted for details.

scattering if its polarization vector \vec{E} happens to be in the direction of the diffracted beam. The effective incident beam intensity is thus reduced and hence the diffracted beam intensity decreases. Since this effect varies from one Bragg reflection to another the following correction is required (Nicolet reference manuals).

$$p = \left[f \frac{1 + \cos^2 2\theta_m \cdot \cos^2 2\theta_c}{1 + \cos^2 2\theta_m} + (1-f) \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta_m \cdot \cos^2 2\theta_c}{1 + \cos 2\theta_m} \right]$$

where $f = 0.5$ (depends on the mosaic size of monochromator)

$2\theta_m$ = monochromator angle = 12.160

$2\theta_c$ = usual 2θ angle at the sample crystal

2.10 Absorption correction

A correction to remove the systematic errors in the measured intensities caused by radiation absorption of the sample is necessary if it contains highly radiation absorbing elements such as Hg. The following techniques were used for the structure determinations reported in this thesis.

(i) Numerical integration method

For a crystal with linear absorption coefficient μ the fraction by which the diffracted intensity is reduced by absorption is (Woolfson, 1979)

$$A = \frac{1}{V} \int_{\text{crystal}} \exp\{-\mu(\tau+\tau')\} dv \quad (2.46)$$

where V = volume of the crystal

$\tau(\tau')$ = length of incident (diffracted) beam inside the crystal, where the scattering takes place at volume element dv .

The correction factor applied to the measured intensity is $A^* \approx A^{-1}$.

For a crystal of regular shape, e.g., a sphere with known radius R , the factor A^* becomes a function of 2θ and its values are tabulated in the International Tables for X ray Crystallography (1959), Vol. II, p. 302. But if the crystal has an arbitrary shape A^* depends also on the other diffractometer angles and it has to be calculated for each reflection by evaluating the integral (2.46) numerically. In this case the volume of the crystal is a polyhedron defined by a set of crystal planes whose orientations and distances from an arbitrarily chosen origin inside the crystal are specified.

(ii) DIFABS correction:

This method developed by Walker and Stuart (1983a) assumes that the absorption correction factor can be factorized into two factors, one representing an isotropic absorption as if the crystal were a perfect sphere and the other a slowly varying function in the reciprocal space, representing the anisotropic absorption due to the irregular shape of the crystal. The method is particularly useful if the crystal does not have well-defined faces and cannot be represented by a polyhedron. The absorption correction is applied as follows.

The measured intensities which have been scaled (sec. 2.8) and corrected by an L_p -correction (sec. 2.9) are subjected to the standard spherical absorption correction. The radius of the crystal R assumed

for this correction is the average radius. The resultant intensities are used to refine a model (IAM) in which the atoms are represented by isotropic temperature factors so that the yet uncorrected anisotropic absorption errors are not incorporated into the structure. Since the structure factors calculated from this model $|F_{150}|$ are not greatly affected by the anisotropic errors they can be treated as the best estimates of absorption-free structure factors. The program DIFABS (Walker and Stuart, 1983b) is run at this stage to construct a slowly varying correction function (a Fourier series) and apply it to the all measured structure factors.

2.11 Primary and secondary extinction

Primary extinction is the weakening of the diffracted X ray intensity caused by destructive interference between the original diffracted beam and the diffracted radiation arising from multiple scattering. Its effect is therefore serious for a large crystal with small mosaic spread where a large volume of crystalline material can be brought into a Bragg scattering condition enhancing the probability of multiple scattering. Darwin (1914) has shown that for a perfect crystal the diffracted beam intensity is greatly reduced and is equal to $\sqrt{F^*F}$ rather than F^*F where F is given by eq. (2.20). Since the crystals used for X ray structure determination are small and usually have considerable mosaic spread primary extinction is negligible.

Secondary extinction is the weakening of the diffracted beam due to the weaker incident radiation experienced by the layers of the crystal further from the source since part of the radiation has already

been scattered by the layers closer to the source. Its effect is usually seen if the crystal is in a strong scattering position. Instead of applying a correction to the measured structure factors an additional parameter g (Larson, 1967) representing this effect is introduced in the least-squares refinement and refined along with the parameters of the IAM.

2.12 Averaging equivalent reflections

Because of the Fourier transform relationship between $\rho(\vec{r})$ and $F(\vec{s})$ most of the crystal symmetry elements are reflected in the diffraction pattern. For a tetragonal crystal, for instance, any $hk\ell$ reflection is symmetry-related (or equivalent) to the $kh\ell$ reflection due to the symmetry between a and b axes.

In practice, the observed intensities of equivalent reflections are not equal to each other because of the anisotropic absorption effects. The agreement between absorption-corrected equivalent reflections is used as an indicator of the accuracy of absorption correction.

Equivalent reflections are averaged after the absorption correction (if necessary). The program used for this purpose is AVER (Ng, 1978) which computes weighted average of equivalent reflections using σ_c^{-2} as the weights where σ_c is the statistical counting error of $|F_o|$ directly related to the counting error in intensity calculated and recorded by the diffractometer. New σ_c for the averaged $|F_o|$ and its e.s.d. σ_A based on the spread of the equivalent reflections are also calculated. Generally $\sigma_A > \sigma_c$ since it reflects errors from all sources of error while the other represents only the counting statistical error.

Variation of σ_C vs. $|F_0|$ and σ_A vs. $|F_0|$ are shown in fig. 2.5 and 2.6.

As an overall agreement index the following function, the internal agreement factor between equivalent reflections, is also calculated.

$$R_{int} = \frac{\sum_h \sum_i |F_h| - |F_{h,i}|}{\sum_h \sum_i |F_{h,i}|}$$

where \sum_h and \sum_i represent summations over independent (non-equivalent) and equivalent reflections respectively. Note that a low value of R_{int} implies good agreement between the equivalent reflections.

2.13 Methods to deduce initial IAM from the measured intensities

(i) Patterson function

Patterson (1934) pointed out that the information on the relative positions of the atoms is contained in the observed Bragg intensities. He proved that the Fourier transform of the intensities (corrected for various systematic errors), $P(\vec{r})$, has peaks corresponding to all inter-atomic vectors of the structure. As an example, if a structure consists of two atoms, say, X and Y at \vec{r}_X and \vec{r}_Y of the unit cell the Patterson function will have peaks at $\vec{r}_X - \vec{r}_X$, $\vec{r}_X - \vec{r}_Y$, $\vec{r}_Y - \vec{r}_X$ and $\vec{r}_Y - \vec{r}_Y$. Since the first and the last vectors are null-vectors these two peaks will appear superimposed at the origin but the other peaks will remain resolved indicating the orientation of X-Y bond, a useful hint in postulating the initial model.

The Patterson function can always be calculated once the intensities are measured since the phase of $I = F^*F$ is always zero.

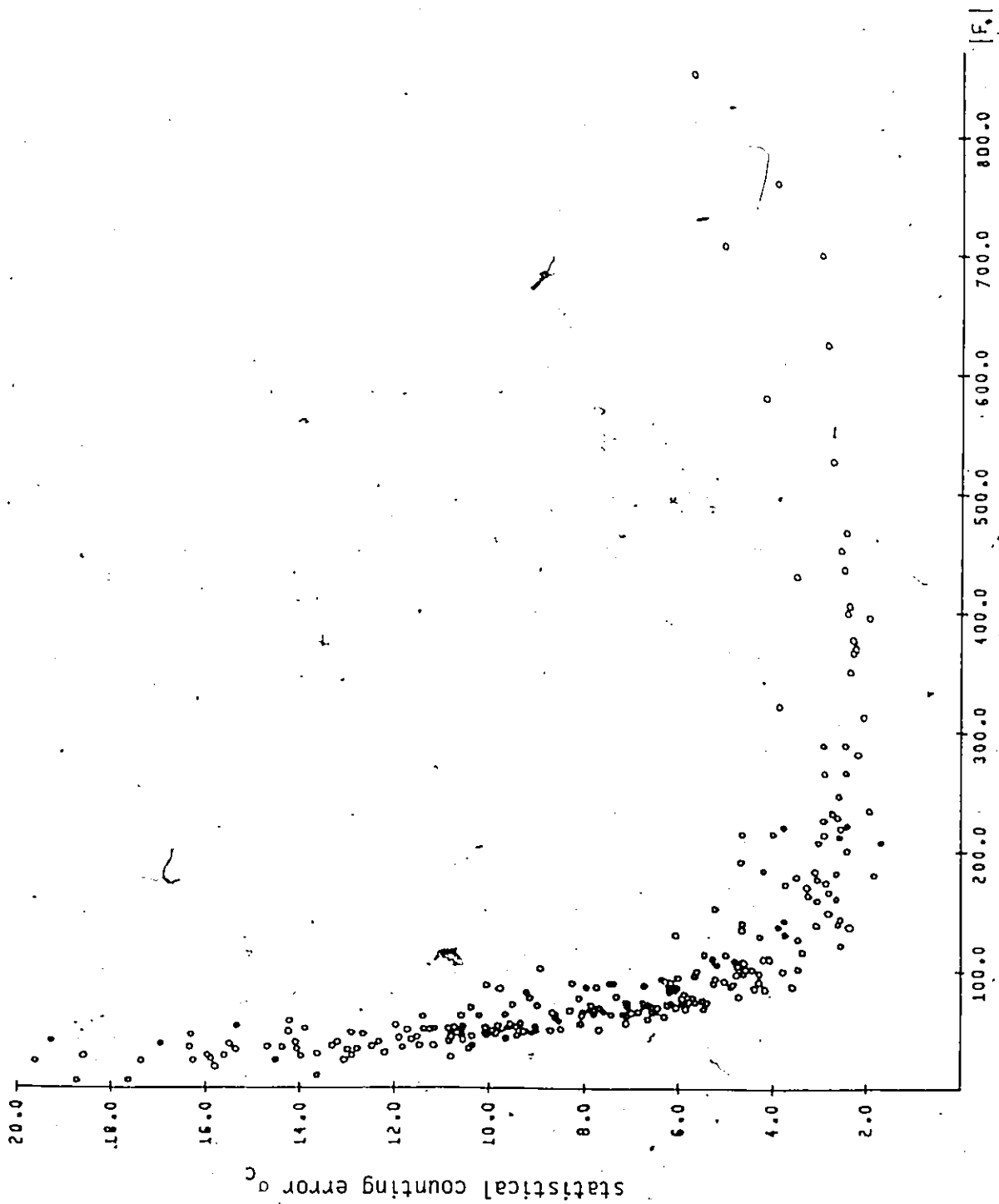


Figure 2.5 Variation of statistical counting error ϵ_c with the magnitude of observed structure factor $|F_o|$.

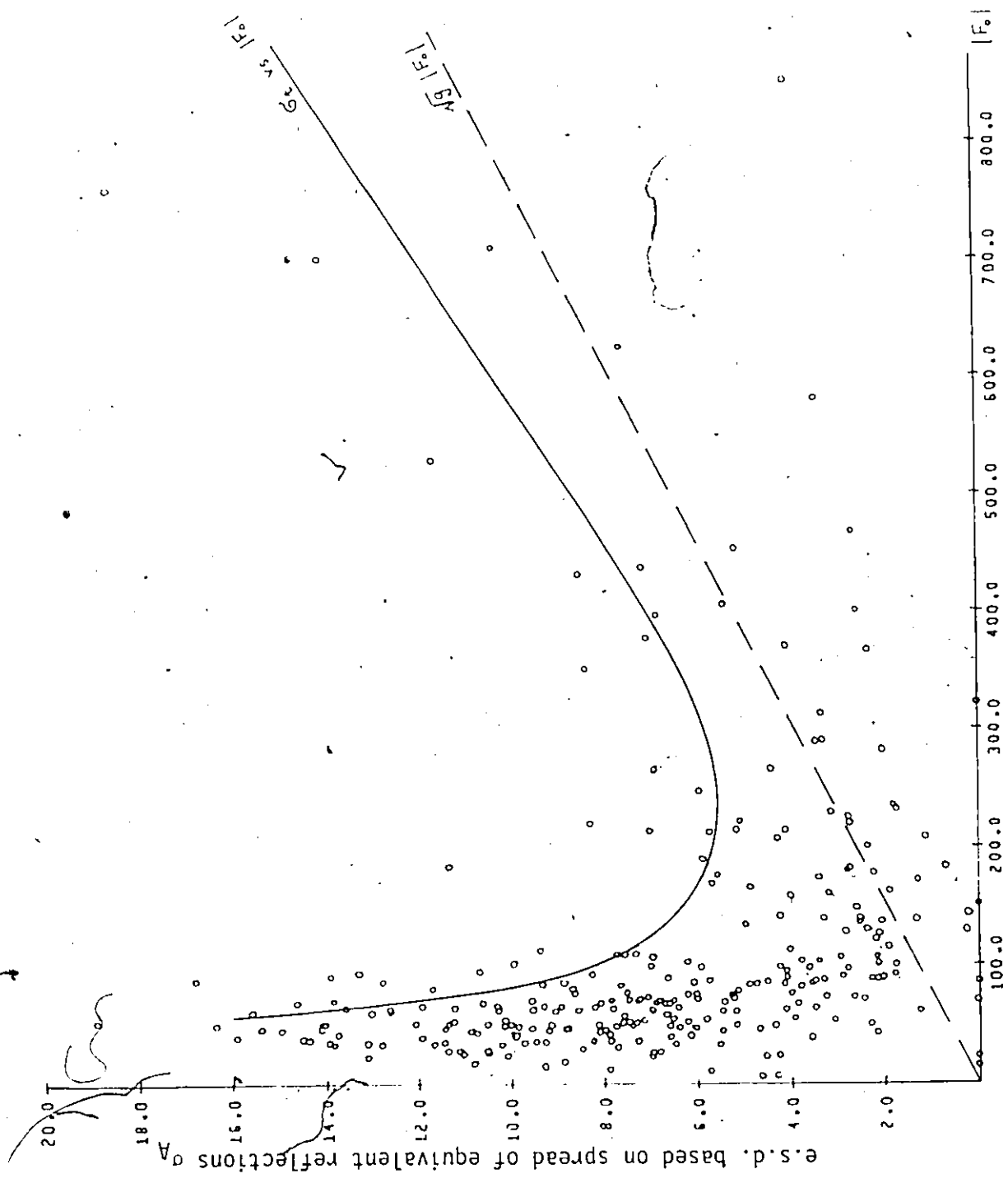


Figure 2.6 Variation of σ_A vs. $|F_0|$ (the points). The solid curve and the dashed line of slope \sqrt{g} are used to establish a weighting scheme required for least-squares refinement described in sec. 2.14.

However, for a complicated structure with many atoms one might find it difficult (sometimes impossible) to interpret the Patterson function since it contains too many peaks. The aim is therefore to locate only the heaviest atoms of the structure which produce the strong Patterson peaks and then use other suitable methods to locate the lighter atoms.

(ii) Direct methods

One of the properties of the electron density distribution of the crystal $\rho(\vec{r})$ is that it is a positive quantity at every point of the unit cell. By using this property as a constraint it is possible to assign trial phases to a small number of accurately measured Bragg reflections based on the inequality relationships between the magnitudes of the structure factors (Woolfson, 1963). The phase assignment is not unique and a number of trial solutions are usually obtained by this method.

The solutions are displayed as E-maps which are the Fourier transforms of the normalized structure factors $E(hk\ell)$, a quantity directly proportional to $F(hk\ell)$ but without the reduction in magnitude produced by the small form factor values at large 2θ angles.

$$E(hk\ell) = \frac{F(hk\ell)}{\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N f_i^2(2\theta) \right\}^{1/2}}$$

The crystallographer has then to decide which of the E-maps shows the most chemically plausible arrangement of the atoms. As with the Patterson function, only the heaviest atoms of the structure are usually visible on the E-maps.

(iii) Difference synthesis

This technique is used to search for the lighter atoms once the heavy atoms of the structure have been located. The difference map is obtained by Fourier transforming the quantity $(|F_0| - |F'_c|)e^{i\psi'}$ where ψ' is the phase of the structure factor F'_c calculated by using the already found heavy atoms. Since the missing atoms are responsible for the difference between $|F_0|$ and $|F'_c|$, the map shows peaks approximately at those atomic sites.

The reliability of the map progressively improves as more and more atoms are located and added into the partial model used to calculate F'_c . When all the atoms have been included the difference map should ideally show no peaks. Any significant features seen on the map at this stage usually indicate that the model is incapable of representing the actual electron density of the crystal. For example, significant residual electron density is often seen in the bonding regions of the completed model (an IAM) since the model does not have any adjustable parameter to represent the bonding electron density.

2.14 Least-squares refinement

Since F_c of eq. (2.45) does not relate linearly to the parameters of the IAM a non-linear least-squares refinement is required to refine the model. Detail theory is given in many crystallographic text books (e.g., Woolfson, 1979) and highly efficient computer programs are available for this purpose. The programs used to refine the structures reported in this thesis are CUDLS (Stephens, 1964) and SHELX (Sheldrick, 1976).

The program CUDLS minimizes the following function using full-matrix refinement.*

$$\delta_{\min} = \sum_{\text{all reflections}} w(|F_O| - k|F_C|)^2$$

where w is the weight given to a reflection depending on its reliability. If σ_t represents the total standard deviation of $|F_O|$ due to all sources of error

$$w = \sigma_t^{-2}$$

is a suitable weighting scheme (Stout and Jensen, 1968). In CUDLS, σ_t is calculated as

$$\sigma_t = (\sigma_c^2 + g|F_O|^2)^{1/2}$$

where σ_c is the statistical counting error of averaged $|F_O|$ calculated by the program AVER (see sec. 2:7). The second term represents the errors from other sources such as slight crystal misalignment which can be shown to be approximately linear with $|F_O|$ (Grant et al., 1969). Fig. 2.6 shows a typical variation of σ_t vs. $|F_O|$. For large $|F_O|$ values, $\sigma_c \rightarrow 0$ and

$$\sigma_t = \sqrt{g}|F_O|$$

where \sqrt{g} is the slope of the straight line shown in the figure.

A number of methods have been suggested to estimate the slope (e.g. see Stout and Jensen, 1968). In this thesis the parameter is chosen so that a best fit is obtained between the straight line $\sqrt{g}|F_O|$

* The coefficient k of $|F_C|$ is called the overall scale factor. It is required as an adjustable parameter since the diffractometer-measured $|F_O|$ are still on an arbitrary scale.

and the variation of σ_A (e.s.d. of $|F_O|$ based on the spread of equivalent reflections) against $|F_O|$ as shown in fig. 2.6.

As the indicators of agreement between $|F_O|$ and $|F_C|$ of the refined IAM the program computes the following functions. (All reflections are included in the summations)

$$R_w = \left[\frac{\sum w(|F_O| - |F_C|)^2}{\sum w F_O^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$R = \frac{\sum ||F_O| - |F_C||}{\sum |F_O|}$$

e.s.d. of observations of unit weight $\sigma_1 = \left[\frac{\sum w(|F_O| - |F_C|)^2}{N_R - N_V} \right]^{1/2}$

where N_R = number of reflections

and N_V = number of parameters varied during the refinement.

Obviously, the lower the R_w and R the better the agreement. The expectation value of σ_1 is 1 since $(|F_O| - |F_C|)^2$ should approximately be $\sigma_t^2 = w^{-1}$. The value of $\sigma_1 \gg 1$ suggests that the model is incapable of representing actual electron density. When $\sigma_1 \ll 1$ it usually implies that the weighting parameter \sqrt{g} has been over-estimated.

The program SHELX is similar to CUDLS except in the weighting scheme which has the form

$$w = k/(\sigma_c^2 + gF^2)$$

where k is a parameter to be determined after each cycle of refinement.

(g is estimated as in CUDLS). When the new set of structure factors has been calculated after the refinement k is determined by fitting

$(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$ to $(\sigma_c^2 + gF^2)$. Since the two quantities should be approximately equal, the expectation value of k is 1; i.e., the parameter k plays the role of σ_1 of CUDLS. For this reason σ_1 is not calculated by SHELX.

CHAPTER III

STRUCTURES OF $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ (M = As, Sb, Nb, Ta) COMPOUNDS

3.1 The independent atom model for structure determination of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ Compounds

As described in sec. 1.3 the diffraction pattern of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ compounds consists of two incommensurate components, one being series of sheets of diffuse scattering in the tetragonal \underline{a}^* and \underline{b}^* directions and the other a lattice of Bragg reflections with the symmetry and systematic absences of the space group $I4_1/amd$ (see fig. 3.1). The sheets arise entirely from the Hg chains running along the two equivalent tetragonal axes while the Bragg reflections are mostly from the MF_6 host lattice. Since the sheets do not coincide with the Bragg peaks their intensity is not included in the measured Bragg reflections. However, there are certain Bragg reflections which contain contributions from the chains for the following reason. The position of the chains with respect to the host lattice is determined and commensurate with the host lattice spacing because the chains occupy the tunnels formed by the lattice. The \underline{a} chains, for instance, have y and z coordinates determined by the lattice and give a Bragg scattering contribution to the $0k\ell$ peaks. As the result, the measured intensities in this plane are proportional to $|F_{\text{host}} + F_{\text{chain}}|^2$. Note that the infinite U_{11}

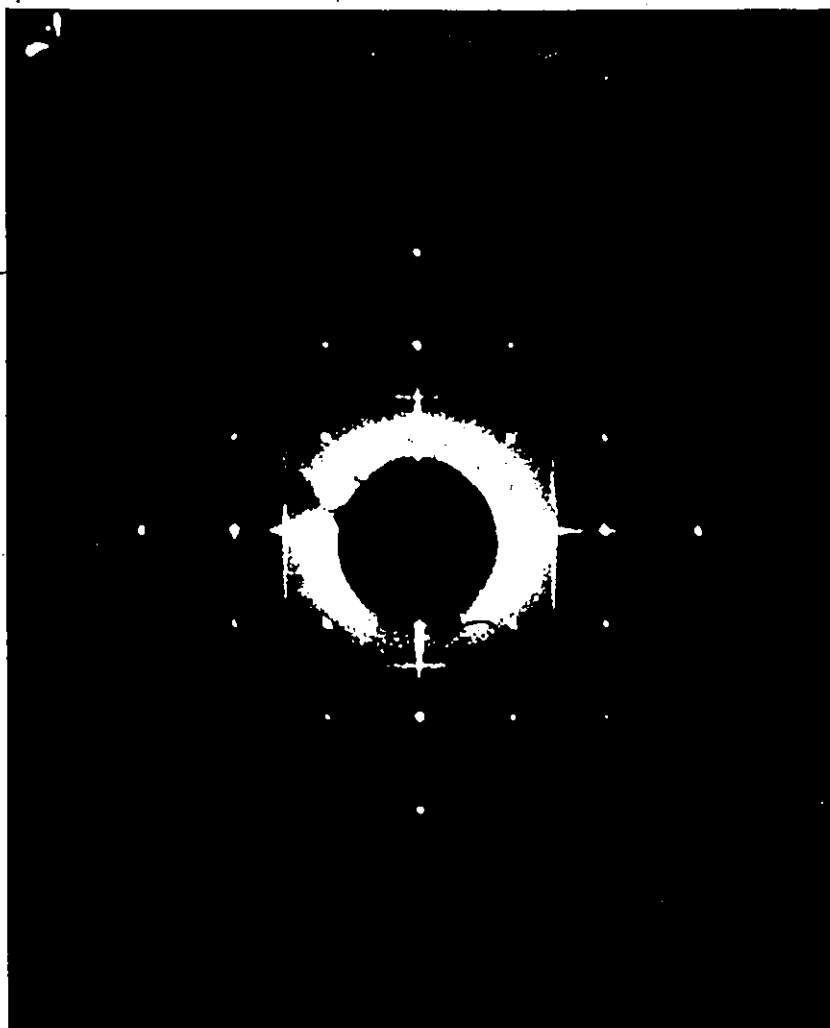


Figure 3.1.

The $hk0$ precession photograph of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ showing well-defined Bragg reflections from the ordered host lattice and diffuse scattering sheets perpendicular to a^* and b^* axes (can be seen as lines) from the disordered mercury chains.

term of the Debye-Waller factor does not quench the chain contribution to the plane with $h=0$, since $h^2 U_{11}$ is finite (see eq. 2.45).

It is obvious that one needs a special (and rather unusual) model to represent the electron density of the crystal $\bar{\rho}(\vec{r})$ in computing F_c . All standard crystallographic computer programs assume that the unit cells are identical. One must model the chains in a way so that they contribute only to the $0kl$ reflections and no other.

Brown, et al. (1974) modelled the chains by a closely spaced array of partial Hg atoms (16 per cell length)*. From such a chain the first non-zero contribution after the $h=0$ layer is on the $h=16$ layer ($2\theta > 95^\circ$ for $\text{MoK}\alpha$ radiation). Since the reflections with $h > 10$ have never been included in the refinements the chain contribution is effectively restricted only to the $0kl$ plane. The partial occupancy of the atoms was held fixed throughout the refinement at the value corresponding to the actual linear density, i.e., $3-\delta/|\vec{a}|$.

With $h \leq 10$ it is possible to detect any periodic structure of the chains commensurate with the host lattice that have wavelengths $\geq \vec{a}/10$. The undulation of the chains described in sec. 1.3 is such a structure reported by Schultz et al. (1978).

3.2 General procedure for structure determination

For X ray structure determination $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ crystals were selected inside an ultra-dry dry-box equipped with a microscope. It was desirable to use spherical crystals in order to simplify the

* The rest of the model representing the host lattice is a standard independent atom model.

absorption correction but attempts to grind the crystals failed. Either the atmosphere of the dry-box or the crystal grinder, was not completely moisture-free so that the crystals decomposed during grinding. Crystals with well-defined faces were therefore selected wherever possible and were inserted into glass capillaries of diameter 0.2 or 0.3 mm. Before sealing off the capillaries the crystals were pushed by using a glass fibre in order to wedge them against the tapering inside wall. This was the only means to achieve mechanical stability as the crystals were highly hygroscopic and no glue could be used.

The crystals were first examined on a precession camera to confirm that they were of good quality and isostructural with $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$. The spacing between the diffuse scattering sheets on the photographs was measured to calculate the Hg-Hg distance within a chain.

Bragg intensity measurements were performed on a Nicolet P2₁ four-circle diffractometer, either at room temperature or at a lower temperature* using the standard LTI unit supplied by the manufacturer. More information about the diffractometer and the low temperature apparatus is provided in sec. 2.7. The intensities were measured in two groups, data set (I) and (II). The former was used as usual in the least-squares refinement while the latter, chosen to include 14 complete sets of equivalent (symmetry-related) reflections, was used to improve the accuracy of absorption correction as follows.

* The temperature was low enough so that the chains were in the long range order phase described in sec. 1.5. The order-disorder phase transition temperature is 120K for $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ (Hasting et al., 1977) but it is 186K and 193K respectively for $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ and $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$.

To apply an absorption correction by using numerical integration method described in sec. 2.10 it was necessary to know the orientations and distances of the crystal faces from an arbitrarily chosen origin inside the crystal. These measurements were made on a STOE two-circle optical goniometer. Because of the low magnification of the microscope attached to the goniometer the distance measurements were not very accurate. Any error in the distance measurements will result in poorer agreement between the absorption-corrected equivalent reflections. This effect is dramatic especially for data set II since it contains only strong low-2 θ reflections for which absorption is the major source of error. The distances were therefore varied within the range of their experimental uncertainties to minimize the internal agreement factor R_{int} of data set II after application of the absorption correction.* (Definition of R_{int} is given in sec. 2.12. A lower R_{int} represents better agreement between equivalent reflections).

The absorption correction thus obtained was applied to both data sets I and II. Other corrections applied at this stage were scaling of the measured intensities based on the fluctuations of the standard reflections (sec. 2.8) and the L_p -correction (sec. 2.9). The two data sets were then combined and the intensities were converted into magnitudes of observed structure factors $|F_o|$.

The $|F_o|$ of equivalent reflections were averaged as described in sec. 2.12 and both data sets I and II were included in the averaging.

* Orientation of crystal faces and distances used for the absorption correction in each structure determination are given in Appendix I.

It was possible to calculate the estimated standard deviation σ_A of each average based on the agreement between the equivalent reflections. Since up to four equivalent reflections were included in the averaging for most of the reflections, σ_A could be assumed to be an estimate of total uncertainty in the average $|F_0|$. The parameter g of the weighting scheme used in the least-squares structure refinement was then chosen so that $\sigma_t = [\sigma_c^2 + g|F_0|^2]^{1/2}$ was approximately equal to σ_A . (Also see sec. 2.14)

The model to be refined by a least-squares refinement has been described in sec. 3.1. During refinement the partial Hg atoms representing the chains were allowed to move in the z-direction so that the small undulations of the chains could be determined. The initial parameters used in the refinements were those reported by Brown et al. (1974) for $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$. A new feature of the present refinement was that in the final rounds U_{22} of Hg atoms (temperature factor along the chain since the chain refined is a b chain) was held fixed but U_{11} and U_{33} were allowed to vary separately.

The secondary extinction parameter g (Larson, 1967) was also refined in the final rounds. During the last cycle of refinement all parameters were refined and a difference map was calculated.

The magnitudes of the observed and calculated structure factors have been tabulated and deposited with McMaster University (Tun, 1984).

Table 3.1 summarizes details of the general procedure described above. Each of the next three sections discusses structure determination of the individual chain compounds with $M = \text{Sb}, \text{Nb}$ and Ta . In each case the general procedure was followed unless otherwise stated.

Table 3.1

Summary of general procedure for structure determination
of Hg_3PF_6 compounds

The following parameters were common to all structure determinations.

Bragg intensity measurements:

Diffractometer: Nicolet P2₁

Graphite monochromated $\text{MoK}\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71069 \text{ \AA}$

Lattice constants determined from 15 well-centered reflections

Scan procedure: 2θ - ω scan

Scan angle: 2° + angle between $\text{K}\alpha_1$ and $\text{K}\alpha_2$ peaks

Background measuring time/scan time = 1

Data set (I)

Maximum $2\theta = 55^\circ$

$0 \leq h, k \leq 10, 16 \leq l \leq 16$

Data set (II)

$-3 \leq h, k, l \leq 3$

Number of reflections measured: 144

Number of unique reflections: 14

Absorption correction (numerical integration method)

Program: ABSORB

Number of grid points for integration: $10 \times 10 \times 10$

Averaging:

Program: AVER

Laue group: $4/mmm$

Table 3.1 (continued)

Least-squares refinement:

Program: CUDLS

Initial parameters: refined parameter of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$

Scattering factors: neutral atoms from International Tables for X ray
Crystallography (1974)

Weighting scheme: $w = [\sigma^2(\text{counting}) + gF_0^2]^{-1}$

3.3 Structure of Hg_3SbF_6 at 293K and 173K

The samples were produced at McMaster University by Dr. K. Morgan. A crystal with well-defined faces (sample 1) was used for the room temperature (293K) structure determination. Data set II was used to establish the absorption correction but not included in the averaging. The least-squares refinement was therefore entirely based on data set I. Since the absorption effects were corrected accurately a reliable room temperature structure was obtained. Details of the structure determination are summarized in Table 3.2 while the refined atomic parameters are given in Table 3.3. The bond lengths and the important distances depicted in Fig. 3.2 and Fig. 3.3 are listed in Table 3.4.

Sample 1 was lost during an attempt to measure the Bragg intensities at low temperature. Hence, a different crystal (sample 2) was used for this experiment. It was concave on one side but the other sides had well-defined faces and the absorption correction obtained for this crystal was not very accurate. Structure refinement was based only on data set I. To permit comparisons between the low temperature and room temperature structures sample 2 was also used for a room temperature refinement but, because of the poorer absorption correction, the structure was not as accurate as that from sample 1. However, since the two structures from sample 2 suffer from the same absorption errors it is better to compare these rather than compare the sample 1 room temperature structure with the sample 2 low temperature structure. Because of the limited accuracy of the structure factors only isotropic temperature factors were used on the Hg atoms in the least-squares refinement. Details of these structure determinations, the refined

Table 3.2

Summary of structure determination of Hg₃₋₅MF₆ compounds

	Hg ₃₋₅ SbF ₆ ; 293K Sample 1	Hg ₃₋₅ SbF ₆ ; 293K Sample 2	Hg ₃₋₅ SbF ₆ ; 173K Sample 2	Hg ₃₋₅ HbF ₆ ; 293K	Hg ₃₋₅ TaF ₆ ; 293K	Hg ₃₋₅ TaF ₆ ; 150K
Crystallographic composition parameter δ	0.10(2)	0.134(1)	0.119(3)	0.116(4)	0.142(1)	
Lattice parameter a (Å)	7.711(2)	7.709(2)	7.692(1)	7.711(1)	7.634(1)	
Volume (Å ³)	12.641(2)	12.639(3)	12.558(1)	12.714(2)	12.610(2)	
Calculated density* (Mgm ⁻³)	7.22(4)	7.35.9(2)	7.50.2(2)	7.56.0(2)	7.34.9(2)	
Reflections used to determine a and c	10° < 2θ < 29°	10° < 2θ < 52°	10° < 2θ < 28°	6° < 2θ < 26°	9° < 2θ < 27°	
Variable scan speed (deg min ⁻¹)	4.0 - 29.3	2.0 - 29.3	2.0 - 29.3	3.0 - 29.3	3.0 - 20.0	
Standard reflections	015, 024	015, 024	015, 024	420, 008	420, 008	55 08
e.s.d. of standard reflections (%)	1.9, 2.1	2.3, 1.8	1.1, 1.5	1.7, 1.7	2.0, 1.2	
No. of standard reflection measurements	21	25	25	25	21	
Data set (I): No. of reflections measured	925	933	933	935	912	
No. of unique reflections	252	253	252	254	246	
No. of unobserved reflections measured	504	455	358	221	142	
Linear absorption coefficient μ (mm ⁻¹)	63.9	63.9	61	4.9	76.4	
Maximum absorption correction; reflection	30.31; 011	430.11; 002	300.90; 101	141.13; 011	182.76; 011	
Minimum absorption correction; reflection	11.67; 097	16.63; 4,1,15	16.68; 5,1,14	2.175; 200	2.175; 200	
Internal agreement factor R_{int}^{data} ; data set before absorption correction	0.146; I	not computed	not computed	0.181; I+II	(see 5)	
Internal agreement factor after absorption correction	0.096; II	0.173; II	0.187; II	0.189; II		
Weighting parameter w	0.119; I	0.166; I+II	0.190; I	0.052; I+II	0.075; I	
	0.037; II	0.101; II	0.119; II	0.023; II		
	0.0135	0.0560	0.1100	0.0180	0.0425	

Table 3.2 (continued)

	Hg _{3-δ} Sbf ₆ : 293K Sample 1	Hg _{3-δ} Sbf ₆ : 293K Sample 2	Hg _{3-δ} Sbf ₆ : 293K Sample 2	Hg _{3-δ} Sbf ₆ : 293K Sample 2	Hg _{3-δ} Faf ₆ : 293K Sample 2	Hg _{3-δ} Faf ₆ : 150K Sample 2
Final R _w [†] (all reflections)	0.033	0.063	0.071	0.033	0.029	0.045
Final R [†] (all reflections)	0.040	0.057	0.050	0.031	0.025	0.039
s.d. of an observation of unit weight [†]	1.24	0.89	0.62	1.83	1.24	1.03
Maximum shift/error in final cycle	0.34	0.36	0.54	0.29	0.13	0.11
Average shift/error in final cycle [†]	0.09	0.03	0.14	0.04	0.04	0.02
Secondary extinction correction g (x10 ⁷)	1.2(2)	1.0(5)	2.4(7)	0.3(2)	1.4(2)	3.8(6)
Number of variables refined	25	21	21	25	25	25
Residual electron density: maximum (eÅ ⁻³)	+1.7	+1.5	+2.8	+0.7	+2.0	+6.3
-: minimum	-1.5	-1.6	-3.0	-1.1	-1.0	-1.9

* Ignoring anion deficiency reported by Schultz et al. (1978).

** See definition in Sec. 2.12.

† See definition in Sec. 2.14.

†† Standard spherical absorption correction. It is a function of 2θ only and R_{int} is not affected by the correction.

‡ The crystal orientation remained unchanged during the room temperature and low temperature experiments so that it was not necessary to check the validity of absorption correction by computing R_{int} before the correction. Data set II was not needed since the same absorption correction was used.

§§ Reflections with I < 3σ_I.

Table 3.3

Refined atomic parameters of Hg_{3-ε}MF₆ compounds

	Hg _{3-δ} SbF ₆ ; 293K sample 1	Hg _{3-δ} SbF ₆ ; 293K sample 2	Hg _{3-δ} SbF ₆ ; 173K sample 2	Hg _{3-δ} HbF ₆ ; 293K	Hg _{3-δ} TaF ₆ ; 293K	Hg _{3-ε} TaF ₆ ; 150K
Hg(1) [†] x	0	0	0	0	0	0
y	1/32	1/32	1/32	1/32	1/32	1/32
z	0.0000(10)	-0.0010(10)	-0.0013(5)	-0.0011(6)	-0.0007(5)	-0.0016(4)
Hg(2) [†] x	0	0	0	0	0	0
y	3/32	3/32	3/32	3/32	3/32	3/32
z	-0.0003(8)	-0.0006(8)	-0.0003(4)	-0.0008(5)	-0.0009(4)	-0.0010(4)
Hg(3) [†] x	0	0	0	0	0	0
y	5/32	5/32	5/32	5/32	5/32	5/32
z	0.0013(6)	0.0019(6)	0.0015(4)	0.0009(4)	0.0014(4)	0.0010(3)
Hg(4) [†] x	0	0	0	0	0	0
y	7/32	7/32	7/32	7/32	7/32	7/32
z	0.0029(3)	0.0025(4)	0.0028(3)	0.0020(2)	0.0023(2)	0.0024(2)
M x	0	0	0	0	0	0
y	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4
z	3/8	3/8	3/8	3/8	3/8	3/8

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Table 3.3 (continued)

	Hg _{3-δ} AsF ₆ * room temperature	Hg _{3-δ} SbF ₆ ; 293K sample 1	Hg _{3-δ} SbF ₆ ; 293K sample 2	Hg _{3-δ} SbF ₆ ; 173K sample 2	Hg _{3-δ} HfF ₆ ; 293K	Hg _{3-δ} TaF ₆ ; 293K	Hg _{3-δ} TaF ₆ ; 150K
F(1)	x	0	0	0	0	0	0
	y	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4
	z	0.2377(2)	0.2291(9)	0.2267(12)	0.2272(6)	0.2268(9)	0.2253(11)
F(2)	x	0.6611(3)	0.672(2)	0.673(2)	0.673(1)	0.673(1)	0.675(1)
	y	x+½	x+½	x+½	x+½	x+½	x+½
	z	7/8	7/8	7/8	7/8	7/8	7/8
Thermal Parameters (Å ² x 10 ³)							
Hg(1)	U ₁₁ ^{\$}	(See **)	49(3)	29(1)	66(2)	57(1)	23(1)
	U ₂₂		51		61	56	24
	U ₃₃		54(3)		57(2)	57(2)	25(2)
	U ₁₂		0		0	0	0
	U ₁₃		0		0	0	0
	U ₂₃		0		0	0	0
Hg(2)	U ₁₁ ^{\$}		57(5)	28(1)	60(3)	56(2)	24(2)
	U ₂₂		50		59	55	24
	U ₃₃		47(4)		57(3)	55(2)	24(2)
	U ₁₂		0		0	0	0
	U ₁₃		0		0	0	0
	U ₂₃		0		0	0	0

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Table 3.3 (continued)

	Hg _{3-δ} AsF ₆ * room temperature	Hg _{3-δ} SbF ₆ ; 293K sample 1	Hg _{3-δ} SbF ₆ ; 293K sample 2	Hg _{3-δ} SbF ₆ ; 173K sample 2	Hg _{3-δ} NbF ₆ ; 293K	Hg _{3-δ} TaF ₆ ; 293K	Hg _{3-δ} TaF ₆ ; 150K
Hg(3) ^S U ₁₁		47(4)	51(1)	26(1)	62(3)	57(2)	23(2)
U ₂₂		48			56	53	23
U ₃₃		45(4)			53(2)	49(2)	23(2)
U ₁₂		0			0	0	0
U ₁₃		0			0	0	0
U ₂₃		0			0	0	0
Hg(4) ^S U ₁₁		52(3)	50(1)	26(1)	64(2)	57(1)	25(1)
U ₂₂		47			56	52	22
U ₃₃		43(2)			49(1)	47(1)	19(1)
U ₁₂		0			0	0	0
U ₁₃		0			0	0	0
U ₂₃		0			0	0	0
U ₁₁	32(1)	31(2)	33(2)	16(2)	45(1)	34(1)	13(1)
U ₂₂	U ₁₁	U ₁₁	U ₁₁	U ₁₁	U ₁₁	U ₁₁	U ₁₁
U ₃₃	22(1)	21(1)	25(1)	11(1)	29(1)	25(1)	12(1)
U ₁₂	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
U ₁₃	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
U ₂₃	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 3.3 (continued)

	Hg _{3-δ} AsF ₆ [*] room temperature	Hg _{3-δ} SbF ₆ ; 293K sample 1	Hg _{3-δ} SbF ₆ ; 293K sample 2	Hg _{3-δ} SbF ₆ ; 173K sample 2	Hg _{3-δ} NbF ₆ ; 293K	Hg _{3-δ} TaF ₆ ; 293K	Hg _{3-δ} TaF ₆ ; 150K
F(1) U ₁₁	72(2)	58(1)	45(11)	43(11)	86(9)	56(7)	15(7)
U ₂₂	121(3)	150(18)	108(18)	36(10)	153(13)	15(14)	74(13)
U ₃₃	24(1)	15(6)	36(8)	19(7)	27(4)	30(6)	15(6)
U ₁₂	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
U ₁₃	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
U ₂₃	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F(2) U ₁₁	48(1)	45(8)	46(7)	27(6)	58(5)	50(4)	19(4)
U ₂₂	U ₁₁	U ₁₁	U ₁₁	U ₁₁	U ₁₁	U ₁₁	U ₁₁
U ₃₃	79(2)	80(7)	78(9)	35(6)	89(5)	89(6)	29(4)
U ₁₂	-13(1)	-14(5)	-7(5)	-4(4)	-13(3)	-11(3)	-5(3)
U ₁₃	-U ₂₃	-U ₂₃	-U ₂₃	-U ₂₃	-U ₂₃	-U ₂₃	-U ₂₃
U ₂₃	7(1)	-3(9)	-4(10)	7(8)	2(6)	5(7)	3(6)

* Structure refined by Schultz et al. (1978) by using neutron diffraction.

† The incommensurate chains are represented by 4 closely spaced Hg atoms with a partial occupancy corresponding to the actual linear density.

‡ U_{iso} if isotropic temperature factor was used.

** 5 independent Hg atoms instead of 4 were used by Schultz et al. (1978).

Table 3.4
Bond lengths and important distances (Å) in Hg₃₋₆M₆ compounds

	Hg ₃₋₆ AsF ₆ * room temperature	Hg ₃₋₆ SbF ₆ ; 293K sample 1	Hg ₃₋₆ SbF ₆ ; 293K sample 2	Hg ₃₋₆ SbF ₆ ; 173K sample 2	Hg ₃₋₆ HbF ₆ ; 293K	Hg ₃₋₆ TaF ₆ ; 293K	Hg ₃₋₆ TaF ₆ ; 150K
δ	0.178(6)	$\delta = 0.10(2)$	$\delta = 0.134(1)$	$\delta = 0.119(3)$	$\delta = 0.116(4)$	$\delta = 0.116(4)$	$\delta = 0.142(1)$
a	7.534(2)	7.711(2)	7.655(1)	7.692(1)	7.711(1)	7.711(1)	7.634(1)
c	12.395(8)	12.641(2)	12.558(1)	12.679(2)	12.714(2)	12.714(2)	12.610(2)
$d_{\text{Hg-Hg}}$ **	2.670(5)	2.66(2)	2.671(1)	2.670(3)	2.674(4)	2.674(4)	2.671(1)
$3-\delta = a/d_{\text{Hg-Hg}}$	2.822(6)	2.90(2)	2.866(1)	2.881(3)	2.884(4)	2.884(4)	2.858(1)
u_0^\dagger	0.07(1)	0.037(4)	0.035(4)	0.026(3)	0.030(3)	0.030(3)	0.030(3)
M-F(1) (x2)	1.702(2)	1.84(1)	1.86(2)	1.874(8)	1.88(1)	1.88(1)	1.89(1)
M-F(2) (x4)	1.720(2)	1.89(1)	1.87(1)	1.885(6)	1.884(6)	1.884(6)	1.893(8)
chain-chain**	3.24(2)	3.23(1)	3.210(8)	3.222(7)	3.239(6)	3.239(6)	3.213(6)
F(1)-chain ^S (x1)	2.87(1)	2.86(1)	2.88(1)	2.86(1)	2.86(1)	2.86(1)	2.81(1)
F(2)-chain ^S (x2)	2.981(5)	2.98(1)	2.98(1)	2.971(4)	2.983(4)	2.983(4)	2.937(5)

* From Schultz et al. (1978) except a , c and $d_{\text{Hg-Hg}}$ from Pouget et al. (1978).

** Room temperature values were calculated from the spacing between the diffuse scattering sheets on precession photographs. Low temperature values were determined by the diffractometer using at least 4 well-centered narrow diffraction peaks arising from the ordered Hg chains.

† Maximum displacement of the chain from its mean position. For the chain with $z=0$ (see fig. 3.2) u_0 is the z coordinate of the chain at $y=1/2$.

‡ The closest contact distance between the two neighbouring perpendicular chains which is greater than $c/4$ by $2u_0$. (see fig. 3.2)

S Shortest distance to the neighbouring chain. (see fig. 3.2 and 3.3)

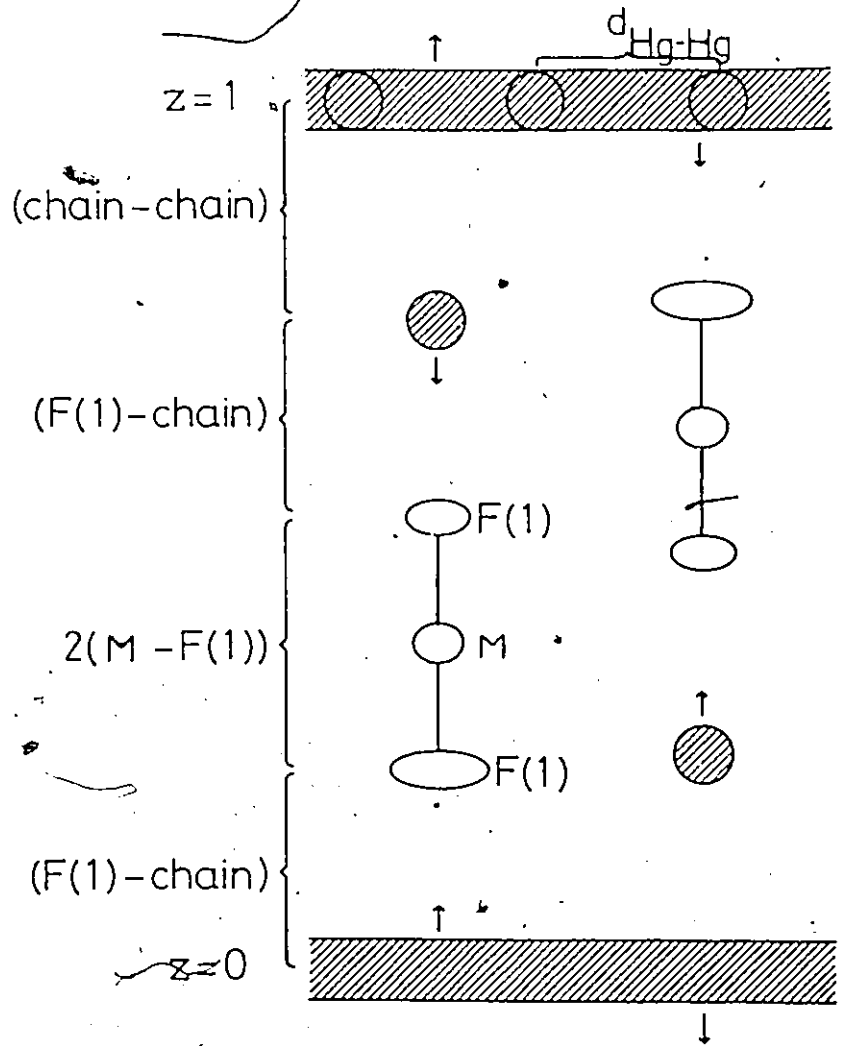


Figure 3.2

Arrangement of atoms in the $x=0$ plane. The shaded sections represent Hg chains seen end on (circles) or side on (bars). The undulation of the chains is too small to show on this scale but the maximum displacement, u_0 , takes place in the directions indicated by the arrows.

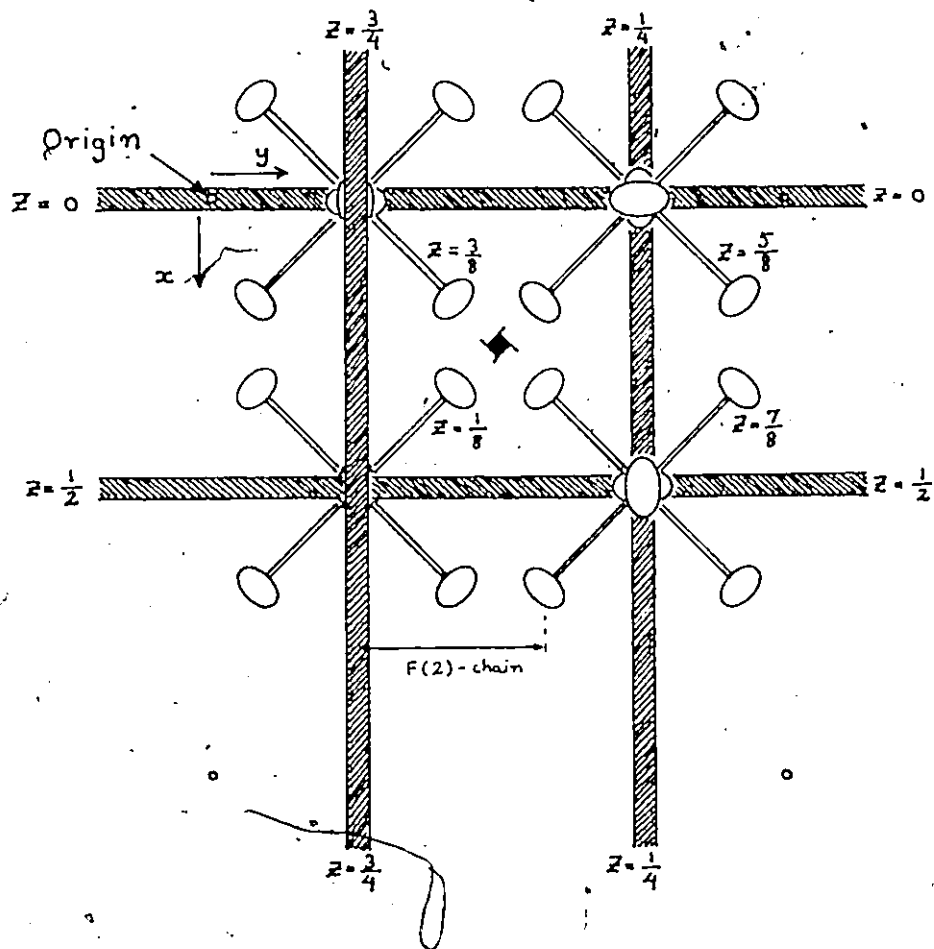


Figure 3.3

The $a-b$ projection of the $\text{Hg}_{3-6}\text{MF}_6$ structure. The shaded regions represent the Hg chains.

atomic parameters and the bond lengths are listed respectively in Tables 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4.

3.4 Structure of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{NbF}_6$ at 293K

Crystals prepared at McMaster University by Dr. P. Ummat were used for the X ray investigation. Since the crystals were small (about 0.1 - 0.2 mm) they could not be wedged securely inside the capillaries causing sample movement during the intensity measurements. This problem was extremely serious at low temperatures and no low temperature measurements could be made for this reason.

The small size of the crystals made the numerical integration absorption correction unsuitable since it was impossible to make sufficiently accurate measurements of the crystal size. An approximately spherical crystal with diameter of 0.1 mm was therefore used to measure the Bragg intensities which were then corrected by using the standard spherical absorption correction described in sec. 2.10. Since the internal agreement factor R_{int} of data set II was only 0.056 the spherical absorption was all that was needed. See table 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 for details of structure determination and the resultant structure.

3.5 Structure of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$ at 293K and 150K

A crystal with well-defined faces produced by Dr. P. Ummat was used for the intensity measurements both at 293K and 153K. Data set II was only measured at 293K as it was only necessary to establish the absorption correction at one temperature. Details of structure determination, refined atomic parameters and bond lengths and other distances are given in Tables 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4, respectively.

3.6 Discussion

In Table 3.4 the chain compounds are arranged in the order of increasing size of MF_6 ions. The ionic size variation can be seen in both M-F(1) and M-F(2) bond lengths. For the AsF_6 and SbF_6 (293K) ions M-F(1) is slightly shorter than M-F(2) but the difference is insignificant in the other cases. Brown et al. (1982) attributed this difference to the different environments of the F atoms, F(1) has a single neighbouring chain at 2.87 Å while F(2) has two such chains at 2.98 Å.

The table also shows that the other interatomic distances which do not involve the M atom (i.e., d_{Hg-Hg} , chain-chain, F(1)-chain, F(2)-chain) are constant in all the compounds at room temperature.

The undulation of the chains is observed in every compound. It is largest in the case of smallest AsF_6 ion but decreases for the larger ions. Fig. 3.4 shows the chain undulation observed in the room temperature structures.

None of the room temperature d_{Hg-Hg} distances differ significantly from 2.671 Å, the value found at lower temperatures in both $Hg_{3-\delta}SbF_6$ and $Hg_{3-\delta}TaF_6$ indicating no observable thermal expansion of the chains.* Since zero expansion is a characteristic of a harmonic potential (Kittel, 1976), the ordered lattice formed by the chains below the phase transition temperature T_c must be harmonic.† The temperature-independent bond length is in accordance with the inverse relation known to exist between the bond valence and the thermal

* Lack of thermal expansion of the chains in $Hg_{3-\delta}AsF_6$ was noted by Pouget et al. (1978) who measured $d_{Hg-Hg} = 2.670(5)$ Å over the temperature range of 300 - 10 K.

† Emery-Axe theory (1978) discussed in sec. 2.5 treats the chains above T_c as 1-dimensional harmonic liquid.

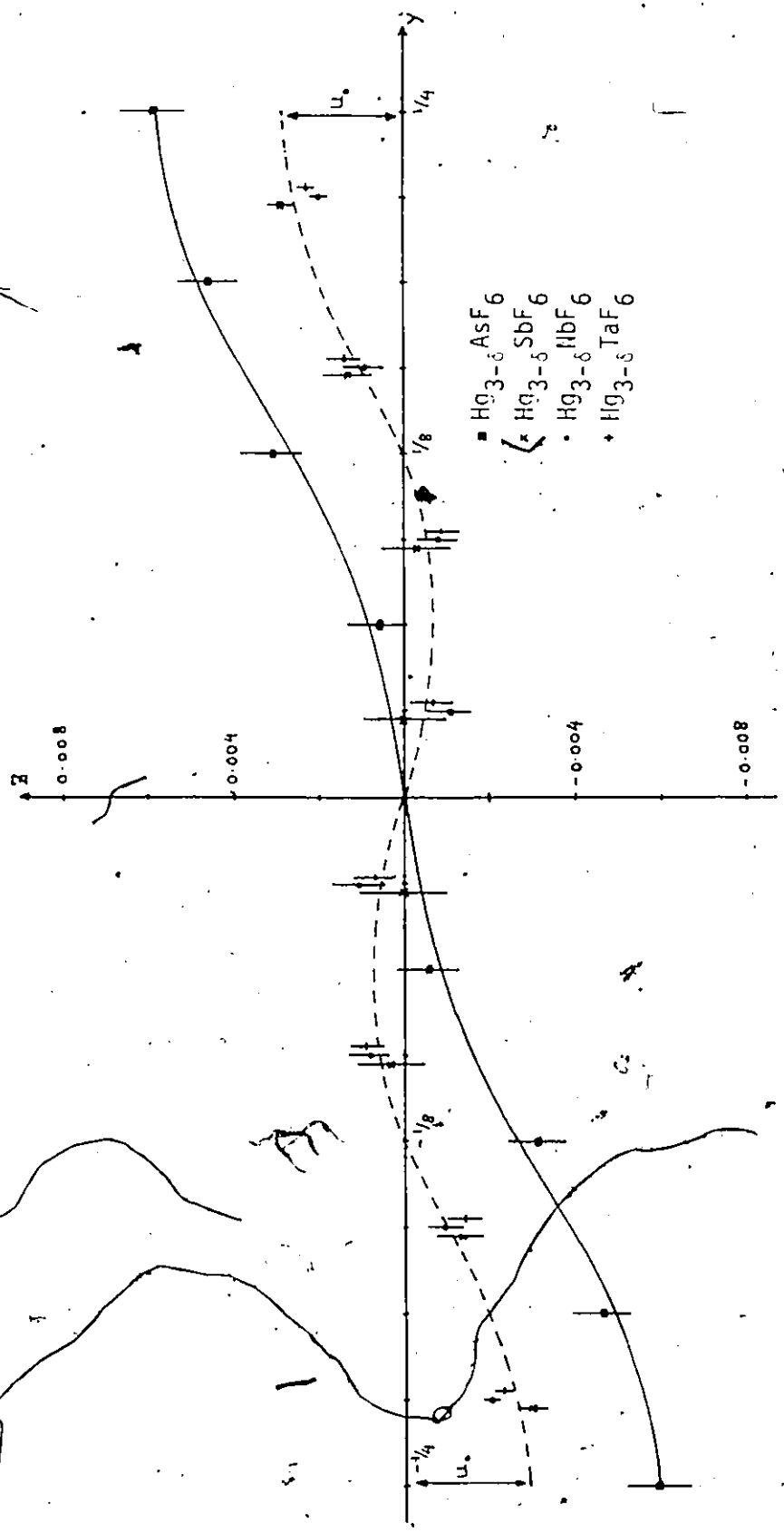


Figure 3.4

Undulation of Hg chains in room temperature structures of $Hg_{3-\delta}MF_6$. Atomic coordinates for $Hg_{3-\delta}AsF_6$ were taken from Schultz et al. (1978).

expansion coefficient of a bond (Khan, 1976). The Hg-Hg bonds are strong bonds with a high bond valence of 0.77 (Brown, Gillespie, Morgan, Tun, Ummat, submitted to Inorg. Chem.) and are expected to have very small thermal expansion.

The host lattice whose ions are linked by bonds of relatively low valence contracts significantly with temperature. The effect can be seen in low temperature structures of $\text{Hg}_{3-6}\text{SbF}_6$ and $\text{Hg}_{3-6}\text{TaF}_6$ listed in Table 3.4. Among the interatomic distances the contraction is most noticeable in the F-chain distances and chain-chain distance which are the weakest interactions of the structure. The M-F bond lengths (bond valence = $\frac{5}{6} = 0.83$) do not change significantly. No stress is exerted on the chains by the host lattice contraction because, as argued by Sacco and Sokoloff (1978), the two components are completely decoupled and the chains are rigid enough to flow almost freely along the tunnels of the host lattice. This leads to the phenomenon of Hg extrusion from the lattice at low temperatures (Datars et al., 1978).

The anisotropic temperature factors U_{11} and U_{33} of the Hg atoms listed in Table 3.3 measure the extent of the lateral vibrations of the chains directed along the b axis. None of the compounds show significant variation of U_{11} along the chain indicating that the lateral vibration in the a-b plane is uniform. However, U_{33} which measures the chain vibration in the c direction does vary and becomes a minimum at the points where the chain is clamped by the neighbouring perpendicular chain and F(1) atom (see Fig. 3.2).

The thermal parameters of the Nb atoms show a small anisotropy with $U_{11} > U_{33}$ (see Table 3.3). The anisotropy is the largest in the case of $\text{Hg}_{3-6}\text{NbF}_6$ but this is probably an artifact of the simple

spherical absorption correction which leads to larger than usual U_{11} values for all the atoms.

A much larger anisotropy is observed in F(1) and F(2). The U_{22}^i of F(1), i.e., the mean-square thermal motion of F(1) parallel to the nearest chain is ~ 3 times larger than U_{11} (see fig. 3.2) while U_{33} of F(2) is ~ 2 times larger than the corresponding U_{11} . Tun and Brown (1982) explained this unusually large anisotropy as follows. Since the chains are incommensurate with the host lattice each F(1) atom has a different arrangement of nearest Hg atoms which in general are not symmetrical about the M-F(1) bond. This asymmetric arrangement induces a static disorder of F(1) in the direction of the chain leading to a static librational disorder of the rigid MF_6 ion and also the apparently large U_{33} of equatorial F(2) atoms. The argument, however, is not supported by the low temperature thermal parameters of Table 3.3. Since the chains remain incommensurate with the host lattice even at low temperatures, according to this argument only a small decrease is expected in U_{22} of F(1). Its dramatic decrease which is approximately proportional to $k_B T$ suggests that the large anisotropy is due to a real thermal motion of the atoms rather than a static disorder.

CHAPTER IV

DENSITY FLUCTUATIONS OF THE CHAINS OF $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ COMPOUNDS AND THE FREEZING OF THE 1-DIMENSIONAL LIQUID

4.1 Introduction

In sec. 2.5, it was pointed out that the room temperature behaviour of the chains of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ compounds can be explained by a model in which each chain is assumed to be an isolated harmonic chain, i.e., the neighbouring atoms of a chain interact with a harmonic potential but do not interact with the nearby chains, either parallel or perpendicular, or with the host lattice. The chains are completely (or almost completely) disordered with respect to each other and hence the room temperature phase is called the disorder phase or D-phase.

In the D-phase each chain is an independent 1-dimensional system. As in the other 1-dimensional systems, the chains do not have a long range internal order in spite of a good short range order resulting from the stiff Hg-Hg bonds. The X ray or neutron diffraction from the 1-dimensional chains is typical of that from a liquid sample and each chain behaves like a 1-dimensional liquid (Spal et al., 1980; also see fig. 2.2).

4.2 Prediction of low temperature phase(s)

What happens to the chains when the sample is cooled to lower temperatures? One might expect a Peierls transition because of the

large flat Fermi surfaces at $\pm k_F$. The transition will occur if the energy gained by introducing a new periodicity with the wavevector $2k_F$ is larger than the energy required to distort the Hg-Hg bonds of the chains. Since these bonds are very stiff it is unlikely that the chains will undergo a Peierls transition even at a very low temperature.

For a disordered system one generally expects to observe an increase in ordering at lower temperatures because of the lower entropy. Development of an infinite long range order within a single chain can be precluded since, as shown in sec. 2.5, the chains will never have a long range order as long as their dimensionality is not higher than one. In order to increase the dimensionality each chain must order with its surroundings, either with the host lattice or the nearby chains, and become a part of an ordered lattice of higher dimension.

Sacco and Sokoloff (1978) have demonstrated that the chains in $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ crystals can flow almost freely through the host lattice. The most possible ordering process is therefore the one which involves displacement of the chains in their channels. Since the Hg-Hg bonds are associated with a high bond valence the bond length is expected to be (almost) temperature-independent (Khan, 1976). There are three possibilities of ordering between a chain and its surroundings.

- (i) chain-host lattice ordering
- (ii) ordering between parallel chains
- (iii) ordering between perpendicular chains

The rest of this section is devoted to examining the above possibilities. A theorem which will prove useful for the discussion is Axe's Theorem (Axe, 1980).

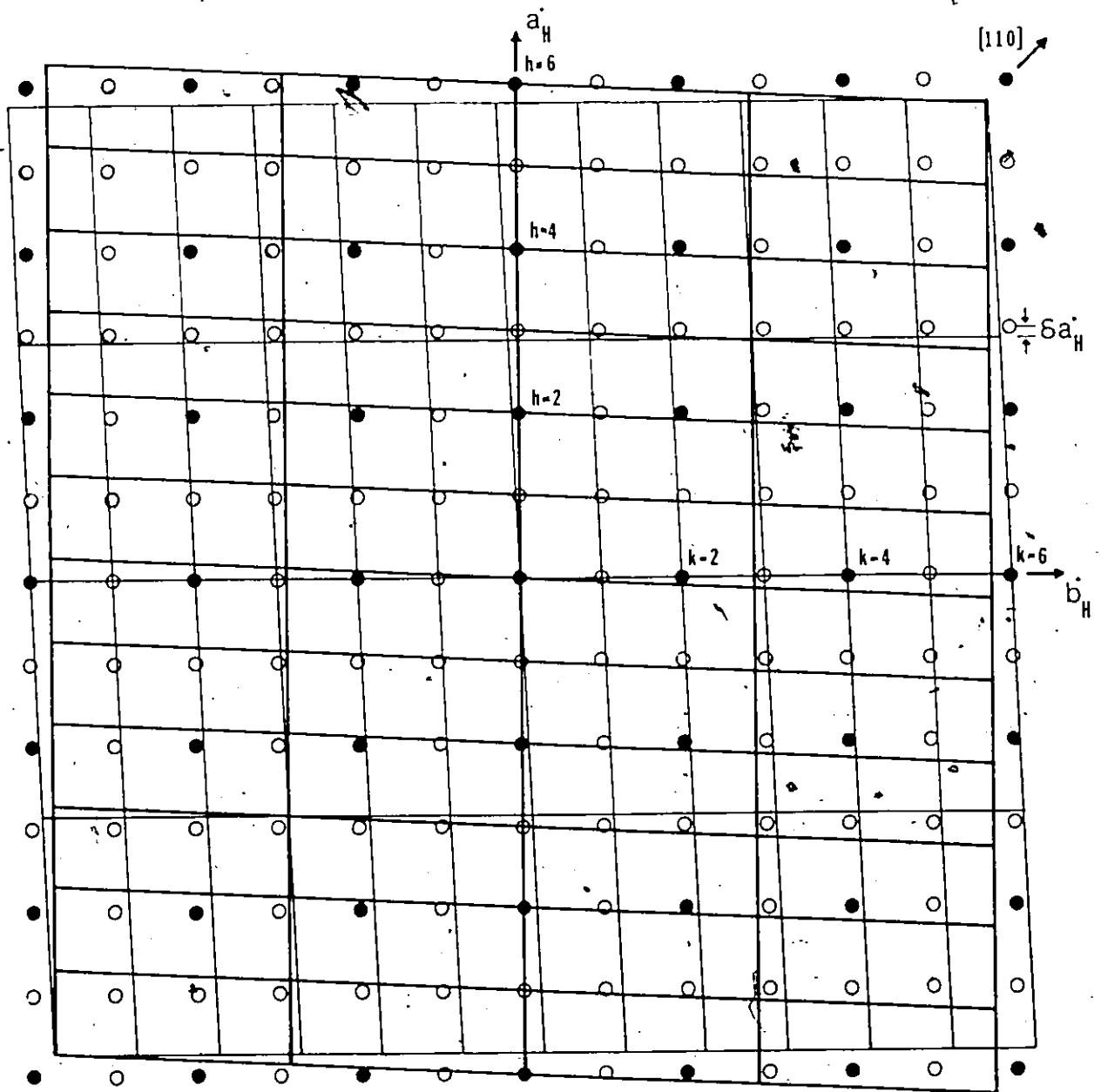


Figure 4.1

The a^*-b^* plane of the reciprocal space of $\text{Hg}_{3-n}\text{MF}_6$ structure. The circles represent well-defined reciprocal lattice points (black = observed, white = systematically absent) while the lattices shown by the lines arise from two sets of ordered Hg chains coupled coherently according to Axe's Theorem (light lattice from a chains and dark lattice from b chains).

Axe's Theorem: Two (or more) interpenetrating sublattices are coupled coherently only when they share at least one set of reciprocal lattice points.*

This theorem is the "Fourier transform" of the principle which states that two sublattices can couple coherently only if they are commensurate at least in one common direction.

(i) chain-host lattice ordering

Fig. 4.1 depicts the $hk0$ plane of the reciprocal space. It is similar to the precession photograph shown in Fig. 3.1, but the systematically absent reflections are also included. The closest host reciprocal lattice points to the first order Hg sheet ($n=1$) are the $3k0$ reflections. If these reflections could be moved onto the sheet the required ordering would be achieved since the chains could then arrange themselves to form an Hg unit cell of $\vec{a} = \vec{a}_{\text{Hg-Hg}} = \frac{1}{3}\vec{a}_H$, $\vec{b} = \vec{b}_H$ and $\vec{c} = \vec{c}_H$. This however does not happen because the $3k0$ reflections move further from the sheet when the sample is cooled. Is it possible to achieve ordering by warming up the crystal? The required expansion of the host lattice is $\frac{\delta}{3} \times 100\%$ or $\sim 5\%$. Because of the size of this

* "Ordering" and "coherent coupling" are not the same and are used in this chapter with the following meanings.

Two (or more) lattices are said to be ordered if they share all reciprocal lattice points, i.e., they combine into a one single lattice which is described by a single unit cell.

Two (or more) lattices are said to be coupled coherently if they share only some of the reciprocal lattice points.

Both ordering and coherent coupling are associated with a lowering of the total energy but the former is a special case of the latter.

expansion one may safely ignore the possibility of ordering between the host lattice and the chains at any temperature.

(ii) Ordering between parallel chains

According to Axe's Theorem the parallel ordering is possible, since it will produce reciprocal lattice points in the planes of the diffuse scattering sheets which are common to all the parallel chains. This ordering would be favoured if the temperature is low enough so that the parallel chain interaction is $\sim k_B T$. Each chain has four nearest parallel chains ($\sim 7.4 \text{ \AA}$ apart) and two second-nearest parallel chains ($\sim 7.6 \text{ \AA}$ apart). Separations of $> 7 \text{ \AA}$ are too large for any kind of direct interaction except a pure Coulomb interaction which would be heavily screened by the host lattice. However, an indirect interaction through small local distortions of the host lattice is a possibility.

Any parallel chain ordering will result in replacing the diffuse scattering sheets by Bragg peaks. It is not possible to predict the exact position of the peaks without knowing details of the interaction but they must appear in the planes of the corresponding sheets since $d_{\text{Hg-Hg}}$ remains unchanged on cooling. For example, an orthorhombic unit cell with $\vec{a} = d_{\text{Hg-Hg}}$, $\vec{b} = b_H$, $\vec{c} = c_H$ will produce peaks at $n(3-\delta)\vec{a}_H^*$, $k\vec{b}_H^*$, $l\vec{c}_H^*$. A change in the unit cell angles will be reflected by a displacement of the peaks in the \vec{b}_H^* or \vec{c}_H^* direction but they will remain on the $n(3-\delta)\vec{a}_H^*$ planes.

(iii) Ordering between perpendicular chains

The interaction between perpendicular chains at their points of closest approach is probably strong because of the short contact

distance (3.2 Å) which is comparable to the distances found in metallic mercury. As in the case of parallel chains, indirect interactions through small local distortions of the host lattice are also possible.

However, the positions of the crossings of the chains have the host lattice spacings and will always be incommensurate with the Hg-Hg distance in the chain. A full perpendicular chain ordering is therefore prevented by the same factor which prevents the chain-host lattice ordering.

This obstruction to the ordering does not necessarily rule out the possibility of establishing coherent coupling between the perpendicular chains. According to Axe's Theorem the a chains and b chains can couple coherently if they arrange themselves to produce reciprocal lattice points at the intersections of the sheets. The resulting lattices are indicated by the light and the dark lines shown in Fig.

4.1. The ordered a chains and b chains are coupled by sharing reciprocal lattice points at $n(3-\delta)\bar{a}_H^*$, $n(3-\delta)\bar{b}_H^*$, lc_H^* . The crystal may have another domain in which the chains are coupled by sharing $n(3-\delta)\bar{a}_H^*$, $-n(3-\delta)\bar{b}_H^*$, c_H^* reciprocal lattice points.

Although Axe's Theorem predicts that both the parallel ordering and the perpendicular coherent coupling are possible it does not provide any clue to which ordering mechanism would be dominant at a given temperature since the details of the chain interactions are unknown. For this matter, one would have to resort to experimental investigations.

4.3 Early low temperature neutron scattering experiments on $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$

The low temperature ordering of the Hg chains was first studied by Hastings et al., (1977). They observed both parallel ordering and perpendicular coupling between the chains. More detailed results and interpretation are provided by the same authors in a later publication (Pouget et al., 1978). Fig. 4.2(a) and (b) are the reproduction of two diagrams reported in that paper.

The first diagram shows the intensity distribution along the line $(3-\delta, \eta, 0)$, i.e., the intersection between the first diffuse scattering sheet and the a^*b^* -plane. The room temperature scan gave almost a uniform intensity distribution.* When the temperature was lowered broad peaks gradually appeared at $\eta = \pm 0.4$. Since they appeared at a general position rather than at the intersection of the sheets Pouget et al. identified them as arising from parallel chain ordering. The peaks grew in intensity as the temperature was decreased but remained broad. They reached a maximum intensity at $T = 125$ K and then suddenly dropped (see Fig. 4.2(b)). At 120 K they had dropped by more than a factor of 2.

Over this same temperature range a new set of peaks appeared at $\eta = 1 \pm \delta$. The position of the peaks at the sheet intersections shows that they resulted from the perpendicular chain coupling predicted by the Axe's Theorem. The peaks were narrow even at $T = 125$ K and no critical scattering could be observed meaning that the ordered regions

* The scan in fact shows a small intensity modulation which presumably will disappear at higher temperatures. For convenience in this thesis, the room temperature phase will be treated as if it is completely disordered.

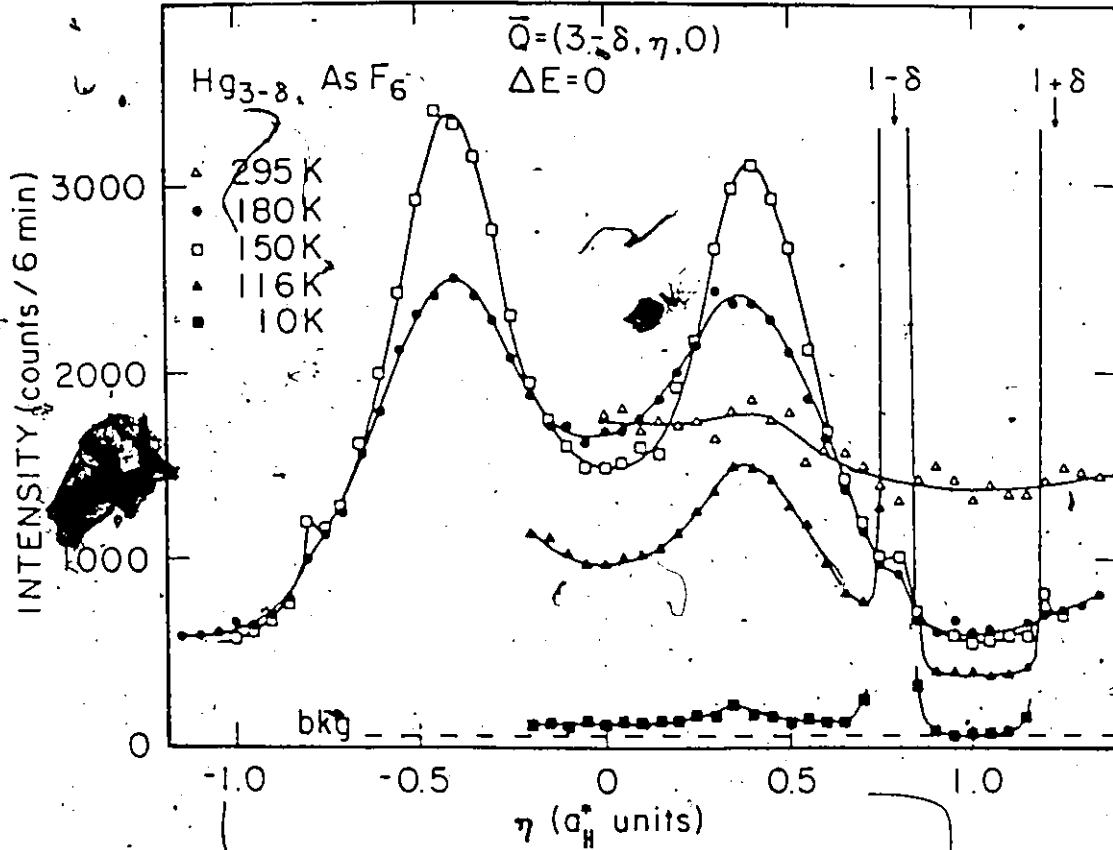


Figure 4.2(a)

The $(3-\delta, \eta, 0)$ scan of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ at various temperatures. (After Pouget et al., 1978). The broad peaks observed at $T > 120\text{K}$ signal development of a short range order between parallel chains (S-phase) while the narrow peaks at $T < 120\text{K}$ represent a long range ordered phase (L²phase).

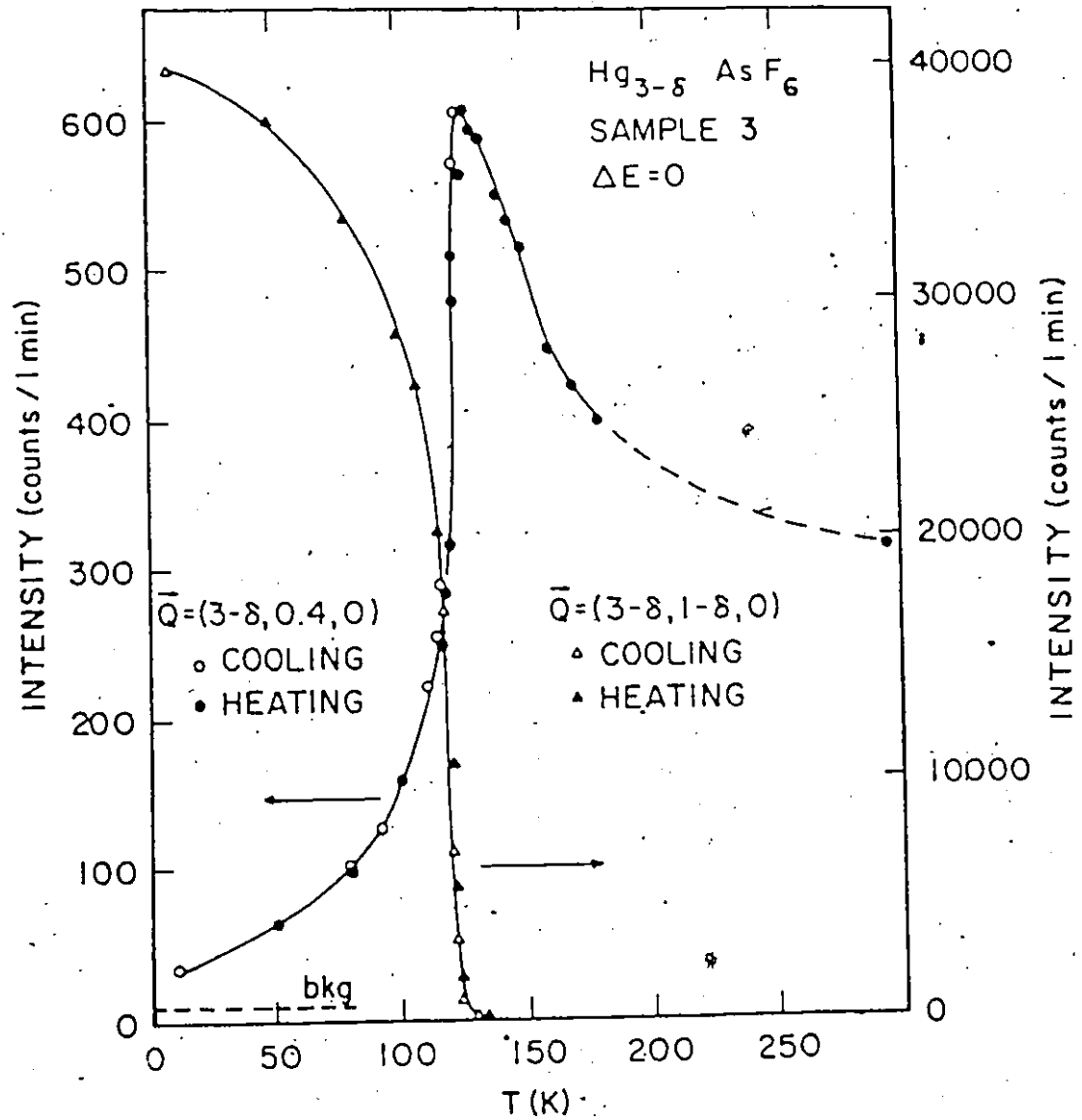


Figure 4.2(b)

Intensity variation of the broad peaks (circles) and the narrow peaks (triangles) with temperature (Pouget et al., 1978). The phase transition temperature T_c for $Hg_{3-\delta}AsF_6$ is taken to be 120K.

must have grown very quickly to macroscopic sizes. At 120 K the intensity of the narrow peaks is already higher than that of the broad peaks and this temperature is taken as the phase transition temperature,

T_c .

The broadness of the peaks observed at $T > 120$ K indicates that the ordering between the parallel chains is poor and extends only over short distances. For this reason this phase of $Hg_{3-\delta}AsF_6$ is called the short range order phase or S-phase. The D-phase and S-phase are not separated by a phase boundary. The former is merely the extreme case of the latter with a vanishingly small ordering between the parallel chains.

The narrowness of the peaks at $T < 120$ K is characteristic of ordering over very large distances. The corresponding phase is therefore called the long range order phase or L-phase.

This thesis describes work on the S-phase (sec. 4.4) and the L-phase (sec. 4.5) of $Hg_{3-\delta}SbF_6$ and $Hg_{3-\delta}TaF_6$. To make the discussion complete the corresponding phase of $Hg_{3-\delta}AsF_6$ studied by Pouget et al. (1978) is reviewed at the beginning of each section before describing the work on the new compounds. No study has been made for $Hg_{3-\delta}NbF_6$ because the crystals were too small and could not be fixed inside the capillaries especially at low temperatures.

4.4 The S-phase

(i) Studies on $Hg_{3-\delta}AsF_6$

Pouget et al. observed broad S-phase peaks of $Hg_{3-\delta}AsF_6$ at $3-\delta, \pm 0.4, 0$ (Fig. 4.2(a)). On the $\ell=1$ layer similarly broad peaks were observed but at $3-\delta, \pm 0.6, 1$. Although these peaks attain a

maximum intensity at $T = 125$ K no intensity modulation was observed on the second order diffuse scattering sheets even at that temperature. The authors explained this diffraction pattern by assuming two domains of partially ordered parallel chains. One such domain is shown in Fig. 4.3. The chains at $y = 0$ ($z = 0$ and 1) and $y = \frac{1}{2}$ ($z = \frac{1}{2}$) are ordered so that the unit cell defined by the Hg atoms is body-centered monoclinic while the chains at $y = 1$ ($z = 0$ and 1) are shifted with respect to these at $y = 0$ by about $0.6 d_{\text{Hg}}$ giving the diffraction peak at $(3-\delta, +0.4, 0)$. The peak at $(3-\delta, -0.6, 0)$ is systematically absent because of body-centering. In order to explain the broadening of the peaks on the first diffuse scattering sheet Pouget et al. could not simply assume that the ordered regions are small since this would give broad peaks with similar width on all the higher order sheets (see sec. 2.4). The absence of the peaks on the second order sheet was explained by introducing an uncertainty ϵ in the displacement of the chains at $y = 1$. This uncertainty which is associated with an uncertainty in the unit cell angle γ broadens the diffraction peaks and, as shown in Fig. 4.3, the higher the order of the reflection the broader the peak ($|\vec{q}|$ -dependent broadening). If the uncertainty in γ is in the right range all the peaks on the second order sheet will be sufficiently broad as to be unresolved while those on the first order sheet are still narrow enough to be resolved. The S-phase peaks shown in Fig. 4.2(a) have a width (FWHM; full-width at half-maximum) of about $0.4\vec{a}_H^*$ corresponding to an uncertainty in the relative position of the chains ϵ of about $\pm 0.2 d_{\text{Hg-Hg}}$.

In the other domain the shift of the $y = 1$ chains is about

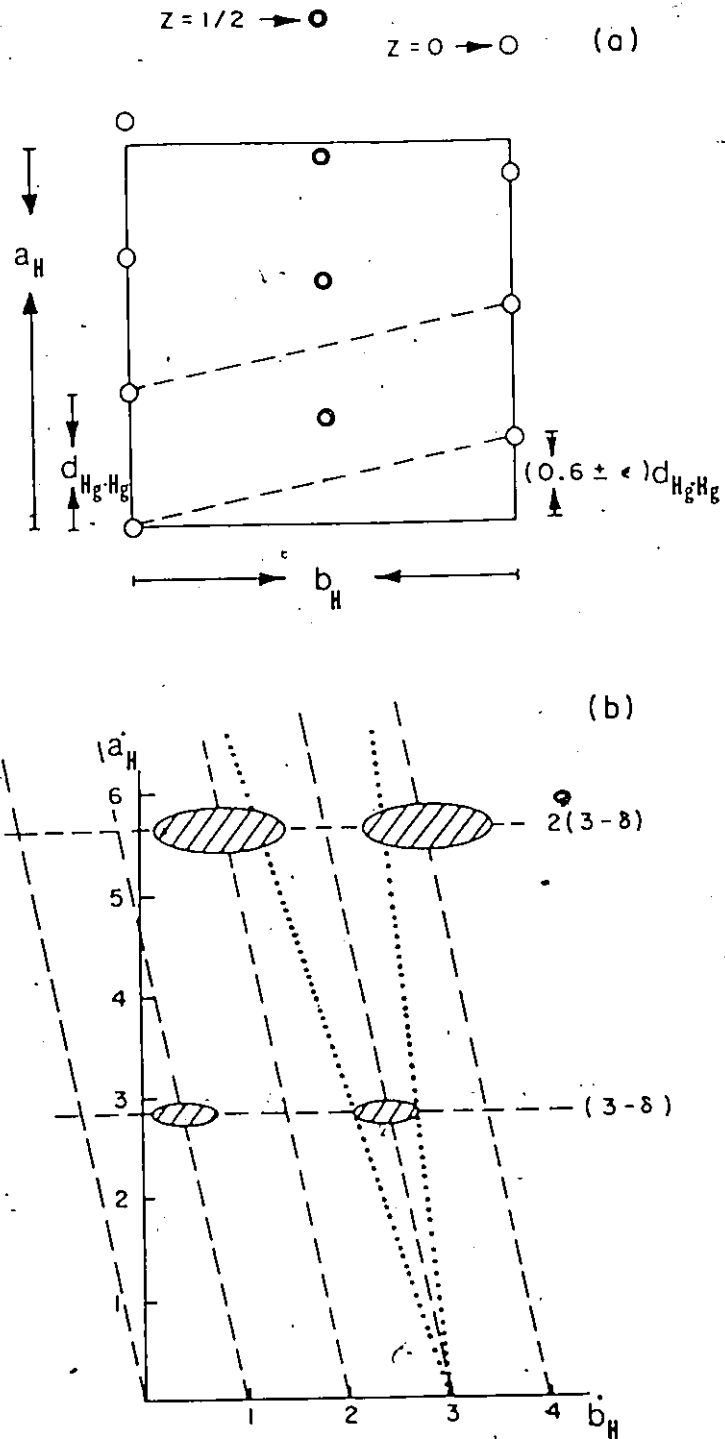


Figure 4.3

Arrangement of the chains in the S-phase of $Hg_{3-\delta}AsF_6$ (a) and the corresponding diffraction pattern (b). The S-phase peaks broadened by the $|\vec{q}|$ dependent broadening are represented by the shaded areas.

-0.6 \AA_H producing the diffraction peak at $(3-\delta, -0.4, 0)$. The peak at $(3-\delta, 0.6, 0)$ is again systematically absent due to the body-centering of the cell. Fig. 4.2(a) shows approximately equal S-phase peaks from the two domains over the whole range of temperature indicating that the relative volumes of the domains remain approximately equal. The growth of the peaks as the temperature is lowered must be interpreted as the result of more of the crystal being in the S-phase but the value of c does not decrease with temperature as indicated by the constant width of the peaks.

(ii) Studies on $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ and $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$

The S-phase of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ was initially studied by using neutron diffraction but no intensity modulation that could be interpreted as an S-phase was found (Axe, Brown, Shirane and Tun, unpublished). The L-phase transition temperature T_c was measured to be 186 ± 1 K during this experiment. However, when the intensity distribution of the first order diffuse scattering sheet above T_c was re-examined in an X ray diffraction experiment using a very low scan speed, a weak S-phase was found* (see Fig. 4.4). Like the case of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$, the broad peaks are centered at $(3-\delta, \pm 0.4, 0)$ but have a much weaker amplitude and larger width while no peak is visible on the second order sheet. The arrangement of the parallel chains of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ must therefore also be as shown in Fig. 4.3 but with a larger uncertainty c in the relative positions of the chains. The value of c corresponding to the observed

* Diffractometers and low temperature apparatus used for both X ray and neutron diffraction experiments are described in sec. 2.7.

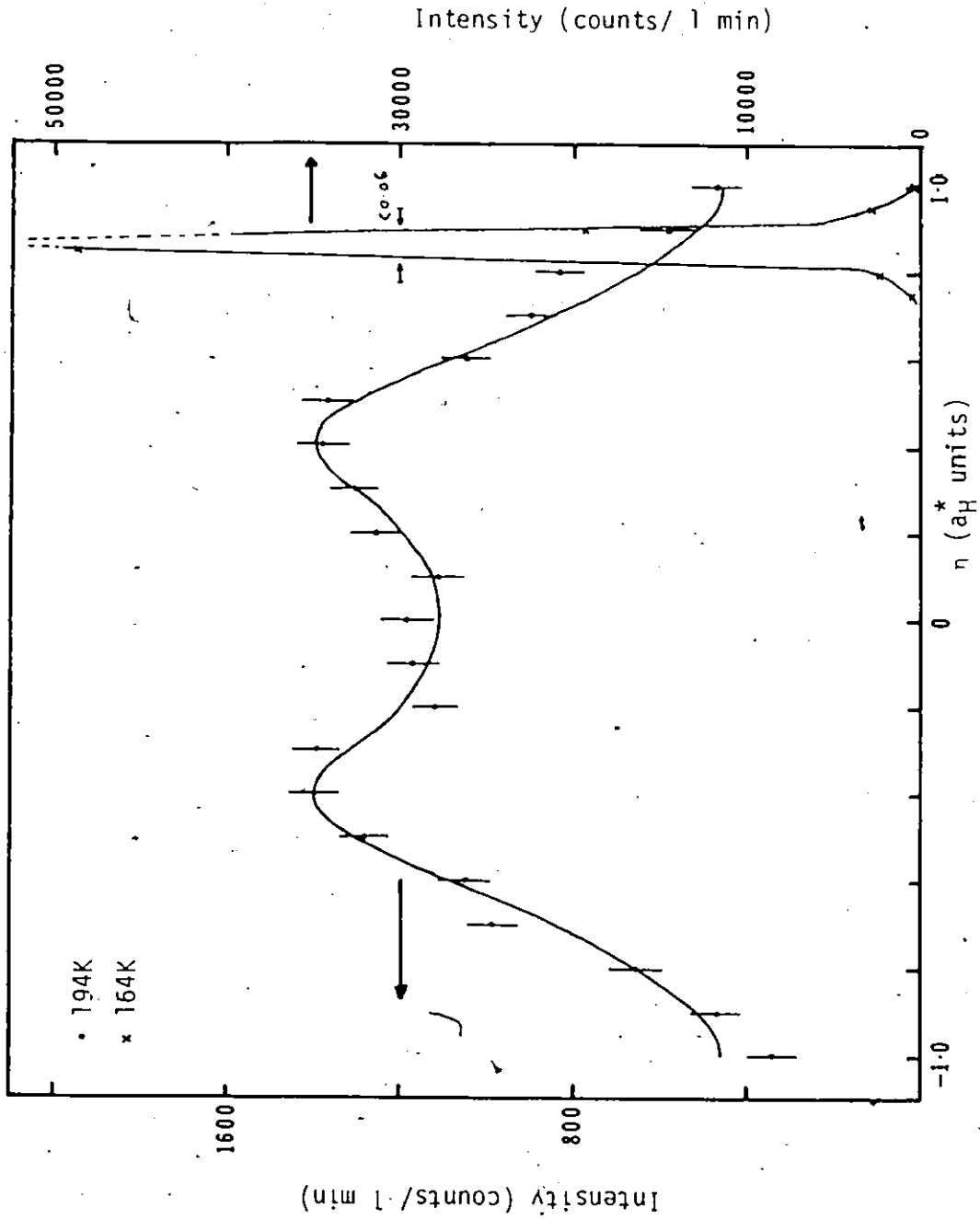


Figure 4.4 The (3- δ , n , 0) scan of $\text{Hg}_{3-x}\text{Sb}_x\text{F}_6$.

width (FWHM $\approx 0.6 a_H^*$) is about $\pm 0.3 d_{\text{Hg-Hg}}$.

No neutron diffraction experiment can be done on $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$ since the crystals are too small. This material was therefore studied by X ray diffraction and the L-phase transition temperature T_C was found to be 193 ± 3 K. The S-phase above T_C is weak and shows a different ordering from the previous cases (see Fig. 4.5). The $3-\delta, n, 0$ scan has peaks at $n = 0$ and 2 in the scan range of -0.25 to $+2.25$. On the $\ell = 1$ layer a peak centered at $n = 1$ was found in the same scan range. As in the previous cases no peak was found on the second order sheet. This diffraction pattern is consistent with an A-face centered orthorhombic cell as shown in Fig. 4.6. Only one domain of ordered parallel chains is required in this case but the possibility of having two domains with γ angle slightly deviated from 90° cannot be excluded. Since the width (FWHM) of the S-phase peaks is $\sim 1.0 a_H^*$ the uncertainty ϵ in the relative position of the Hg chains is about $\pm 0.5 d_{\text{Hg-Hg}}$.

4.5 The L-phase

(i) Studies on $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$

Pouget et al. (1978) observed sharp L-phase peaks of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ at $T \ll 120$ K not only on the plane of the first order diffuse scattering sheet but also on the planes corresponding to the higher order sheets. However, the growth of the peaks was not uniform. When the temperature was just under 120 K only the first order peaks (i.e., peaks on the first order diffuse scattering sheet) were visible indicating that the evolution of the L-phase was initiated by development of a pure sinusoidal fluctuation in the mean atomic density of the chains. This fluctuation had a wavevector whose x-component was Q_1 defined by eq. (2.40). The

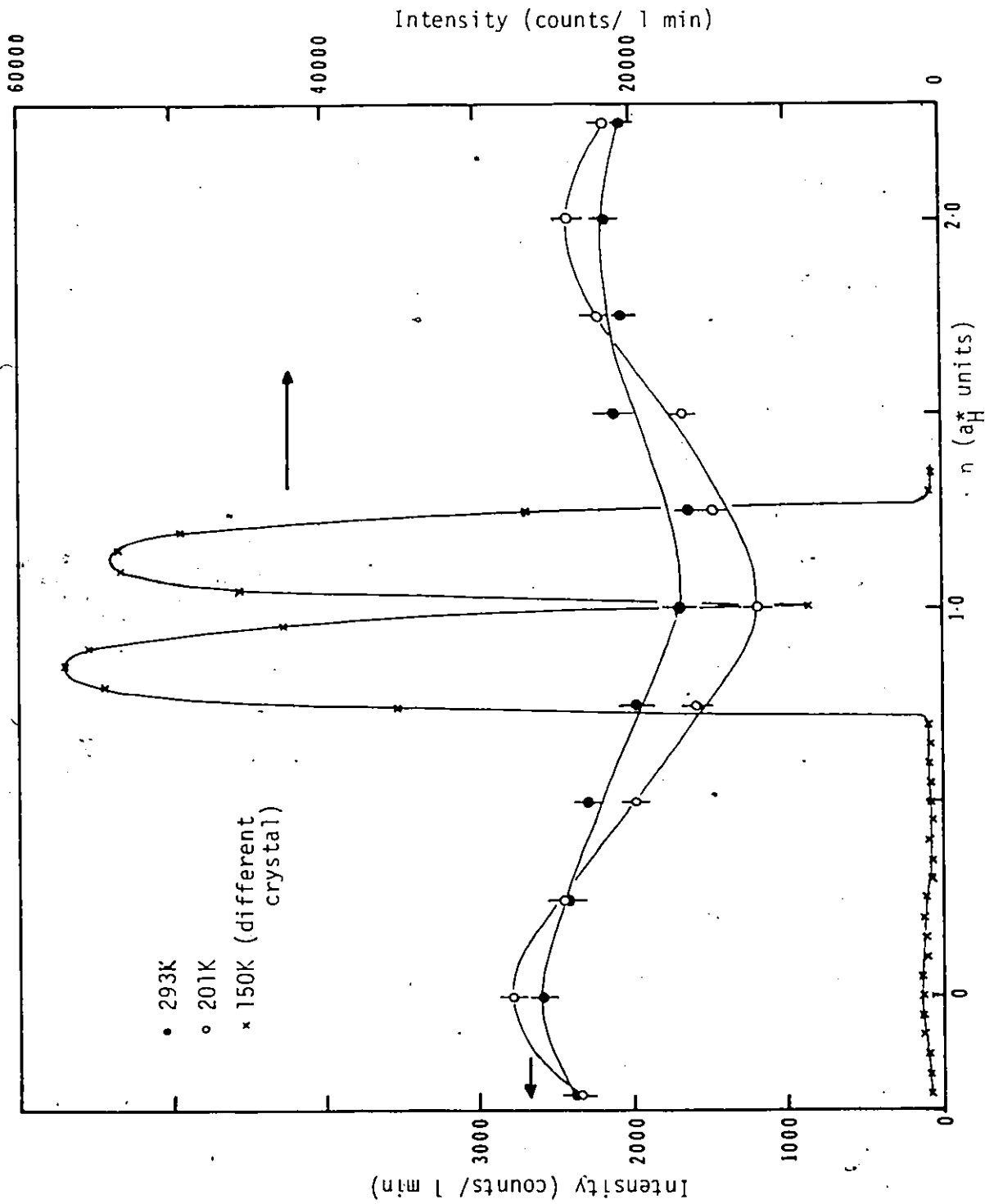


Figure 4.5 The $(3-\delta, n, 0)$ scan of $Hg_{3-\delta}TaF_6$. Note that the intensity modulation in S-phase is different from the previous cases.

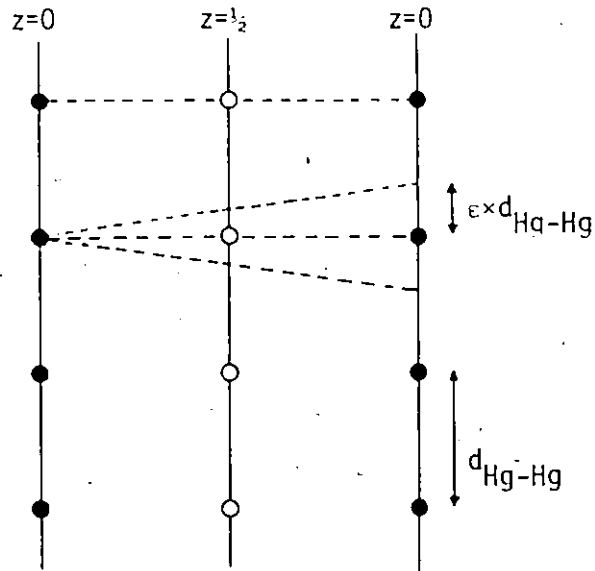


Figure 4.6

Arrangement of the chains in the S-phase of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$. The chains partially order to form an A-face centered monoclinic lattice.

higher order peaks grew only when fluctuations having wavevectors with the x-components Q_2, Q_3, \dots set in one after another at lower temperatures. As $T \rightarrow 0$, fully developed peaks could be seen at $n(3-\delta), k \pm n\delta, \ell$ points where $n + k + \ell = \text{even integer}$.

Pouget et al. pointed out that the above diffraction pattern is consistent with the two domains of the crystal predicted by Axe's Theorem if the mutually perpendicular chains couple coherently (see sec. 4.2). In the first domain $n(3-\delta), n(3-\delta), \ell$ reciprocal lattice points are shared between the two sets of the chains. The situation is depicted in Fig. 4.1 while the corresponding unit cells formed by the Hg atoms are shown in Fig. 4.7. Note that (130) planes of the a-chain Hg cell are parallel to and have the same spacing as (310) planes of the b-chain Hg cell and both are perpendicular to the [110] direction of the host lattice. In order to find out the relative position of the (130) planes of one unit cell with respect to the (310) planes of the other, Pouget et al. measured intensity at the common reciprocal lattice points. The peak at $(3-\delta), (3-\delta), 0$ was found to be absent while the peak at $(6-2\delta), (6-2\delta), 0$ was four times stronger than the other reflections with similar 2θ angle. This indicates that the planes of the two unit cells are out of phase for the first reflection but in phase for the second, causing its amplitude to double and intensity to increase by a factor of four. Such arrangement of the planes is shown in Fig. 4.8.

(ii) Studies on $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ and $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$

The L-phase of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ has been studied by using both neutron and X ray diffraction. In the neutron diffraction experiment the

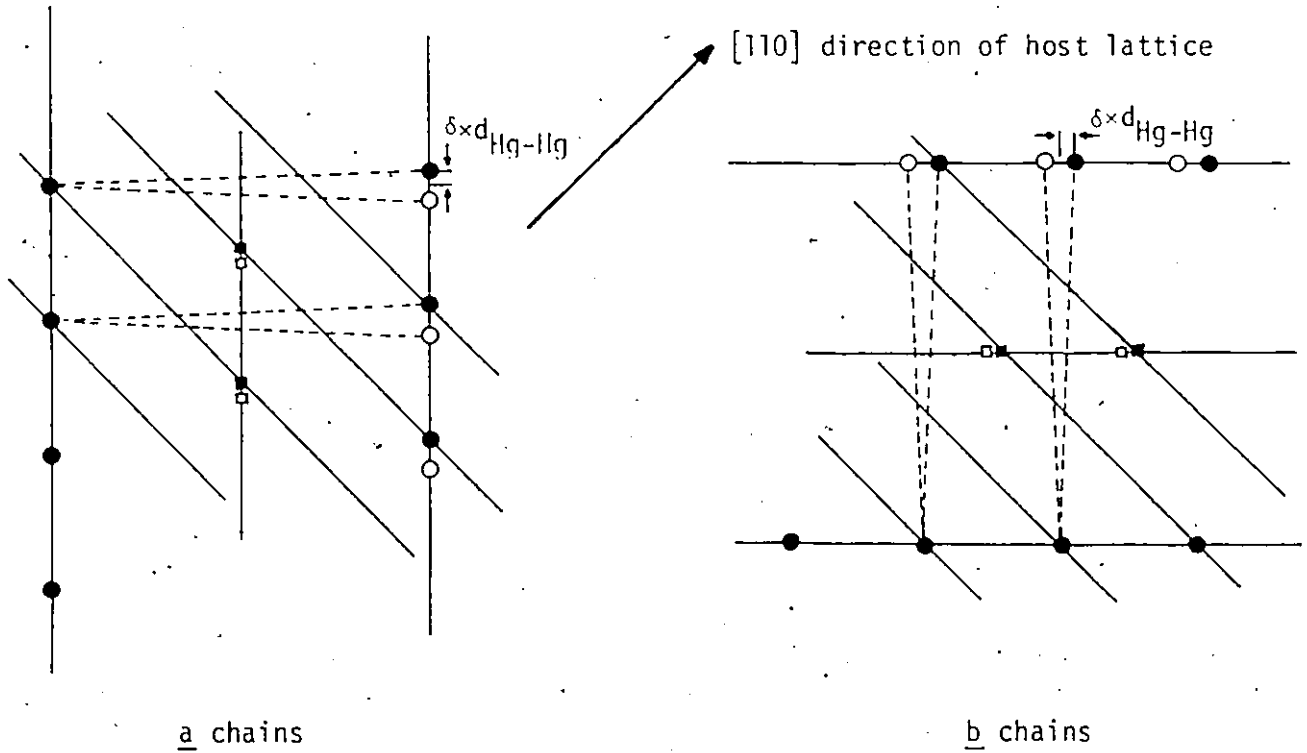


Figure 4.7

Ordered chains in the L-phase. The black atoms represent one domain while the white ones represent the other. Note that both the (310) planes of the a chains (consider only the black atoms) and the (130) planes of the b chains are perpendicular to the host lattice [110] direction, i.e., the two sets of ordered chains are coupled coherently by sharing reciprocal lattice points in that direction.

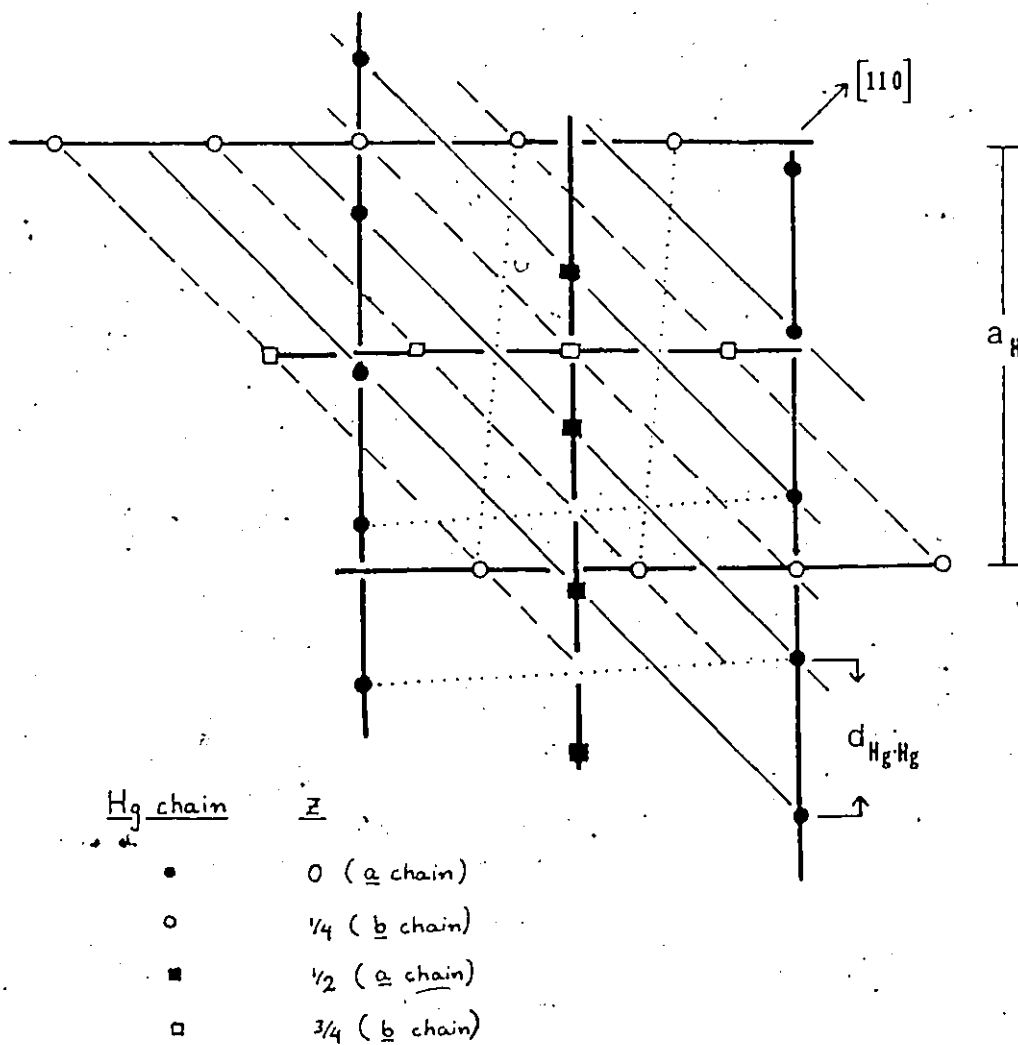


Figure 4.8

Relative position of the (310) Bragg planes of the ordered a chains (light solid lines) with respect to the (130) Bragg planes of the ordered b chains (dashed lines). The monoclinic unit cells defined by the Hg atoms are indicated by the dotted lines.

intensities of the first order peaks and the second order peaks were examined at various temperatures ranging from T_c (186 K) to 10 K. As in the case of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$, the ordering was initiated by the development of a pure sinusoidal fluctuation with the wavevector Q_1 (the x-component) and only the first order peaks were visible at T close to 186 K. The intensity of $(3-\delta)$, $(1-\delta)$, 0 peak was found always equal to that of $(3-\delta)$, $(1+\delta)$, 0 peak suggesting that the amount of crystal ordered in the L-phase is always equally divided between the two domains.

Fig. 4.4 obtained from an X ray diffraction experiment shows a short scan about the peak $3-\delta$, $1-\delta$, 0 at $T = 164$ K. The width (FWHM) of the peak is about $0.06 a_H^*$ or 0.008 \AA^{-1} .[†] Fig. 4.9 shows a scan across the same peak but in the c_H^* direction and the width is less than $0.10 c_H^*$, the size of a step of the scan, or 0.008 \AA^{-1} indicating that the ordering in the c -direction is at least as good as in the a - b plane. Intensities of $(3-\delta)$, $(3-\delta)$, 0 peak and $(6-2\delta)$, $(6-2\delta)$, 0 peak were also measured and, like the case of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$, the former was found to be absent while the latter was four times stronger than the near-by reflections. The relative arrangement of the a -chain Hg cell and the b -chain Hg cell must be as shown in Fig. 4.8.

L-phase studies of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$ have been carried out only by X ray diffraction experiment because of the small size of the crystal and the phase could only be studied in the neighbourhood of T_c (193 K).^{*} As in the previous two compounds, only the first order peaks were visible

[†] Resolution of the diffractometer is smaller than a step in the scan which is $0.05 a_H^*$.

^{*} The lowest temperature available on the X ray diffractometer is 145 K. See sec. 2.7 for details.

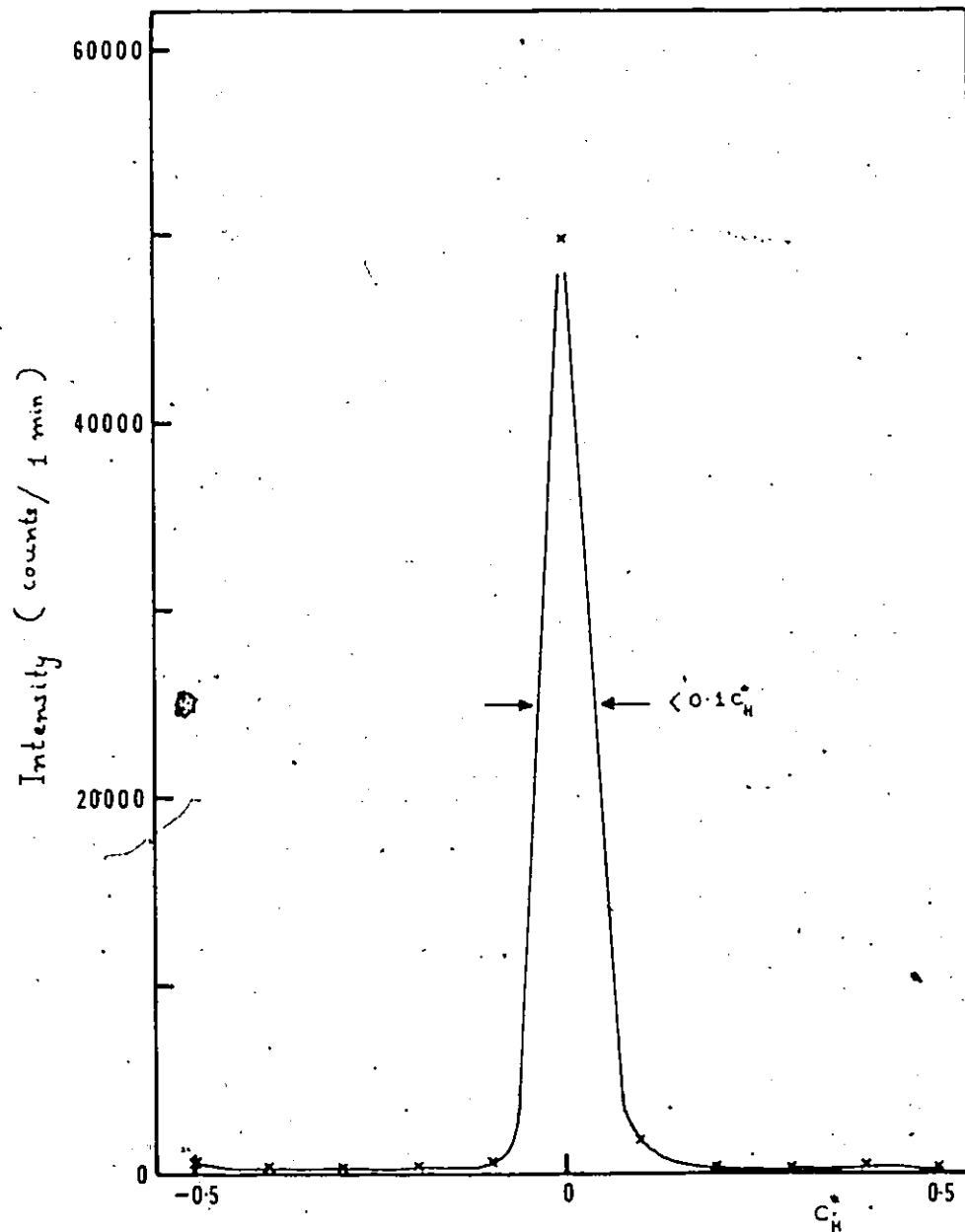


Figure 4.9

Scan across the L-phase peak of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ in the c^* direction.

at $T < 193$ K but higher order peaks grew at lower temperatures. The arrangement of the chains must also be identical to the previous cases since an identical diffraction pattern was observed. Fig. 4.5 and 4.10 show scans across the L-phase peaks. The noticeably wide peaks of Fig. 4.5 could be due to the highly anisotropic shape of the crystal which was a flat plate of the dimension $0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.01$ mm.

4.6 Emery-Axe order parameter theory

Emery and Axe have proposed a mean field theory in order to explain the evolution of the L-phase in the $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ compounds (Emery and Axe, 1978; Axe, 1980). According to the experiments described in the previous section, the phase transition into the L-phase is triggered by the development of a pure sinusoidal wave in the mean atomic density of the chains. The amplitude of this fluctuation, η_1 , is employed as the order parameter in the theory.

The mean atomic density of a single chain is denoted by $\langle \rho_x(x) \rangle$ where $\rho_x(x) = \sum_{\alpha} \delta(x-x_{\alpha})$ and the summation is over the whole chain.* The Fourier transform is,

$$\langle \rho_x(Q) \rangle = \int dx \langle \rho_x(x) \rangle e^{iQx} \quad (4.1)$$

When the chain does not have a long range order $\langle \rho_x(x) \rangle$ is a constant function of x .

$$\therefore \langle \rho_x(Q) \rangle = \delta(Q) \quad (4.2)$$

In the L-phase, $\langle \rho_x(x) \rangle$ shows fluctuations with amplitudes η_1, η_2, \dots and wavevectors Q_1, Q_2, \dots . In general $\langle \rho_x(Q) \rangle$ is a

* In this section all the vectors, both in real space and reciprocal space, are written without an arrow since they are always along the direction of the chain.

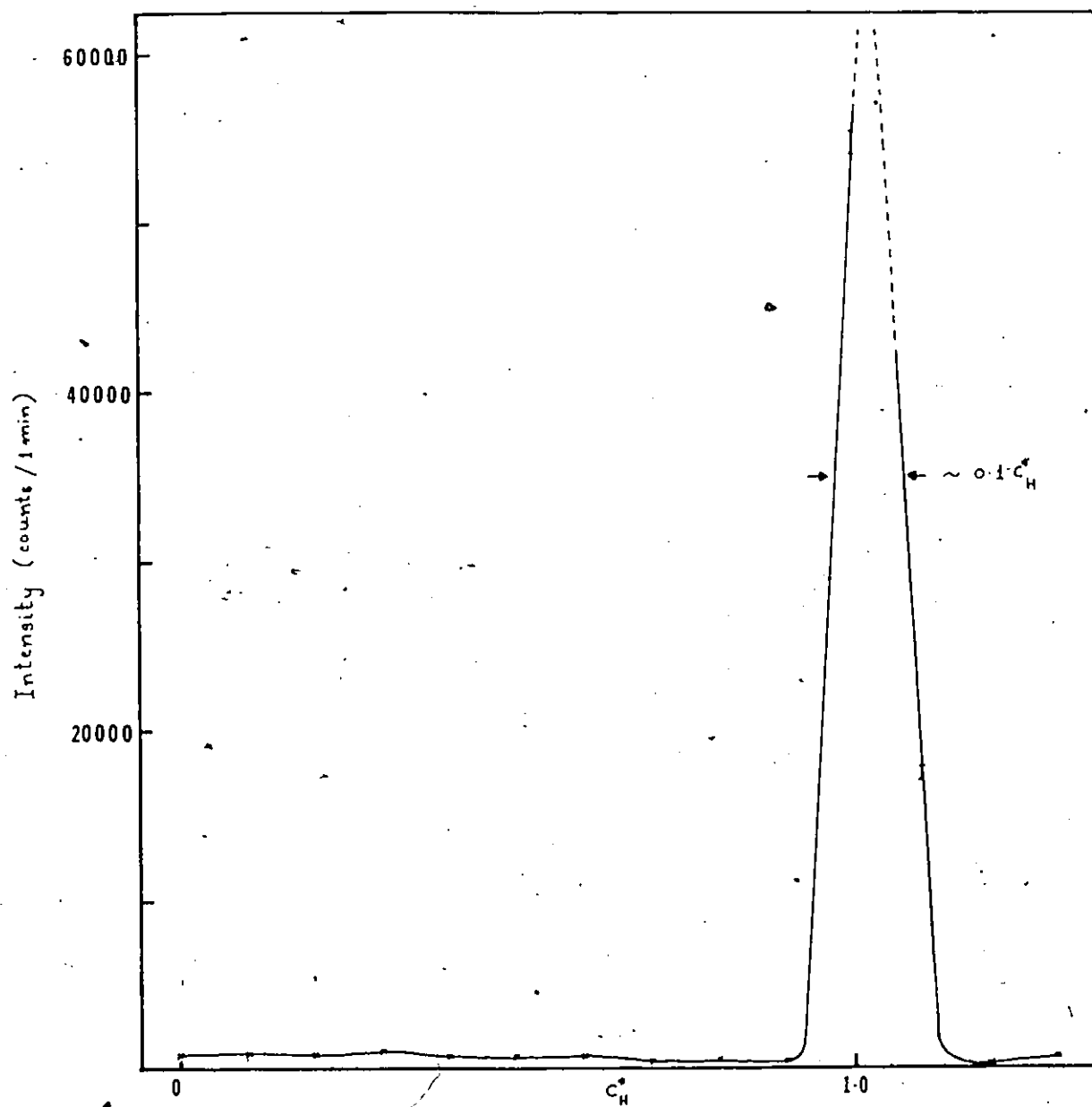


Figure 4.10

Scan across the L-phase peak of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$ in the c^* direction.

complex number but for a suitable choice of origin it can be made real. For the first sinusoidal wave

$$\eta_1 = \langle \rho_x(Q_1) \rangle \quad (4.3)$$

The interaction Hamiltonian for ordering can be constructed as follows. For an isolated chain with harmonic potential between nearest, neighbours, the Hamiltonian is

$$H_0 = \sum_{\alpha} \left\{ \frac{p_{\alpha}^2}{2m} + \frac{K}{2} (u_{\alpha+1} - u_{\alpha})^2 \right\} \quad (4.4)$$

where

$$K = mc^2/d_{\text{Hg-Hg}}^2$$

See sec. 2.5 for the definition of other parameters in eq. (4.4). When the chain is ordered with respect to its neighbouring chains the isolated chain Hamiltonian H_0 is perturbed by an interaction potential. Emery and Axe assumed that each chain experiences a (commensurate) mean field $\bar{V}(x)$ produced by its neighbouring chains. The perturbation is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} H' &= \int dx \bar{V}(x) \rho_x(x) \\ &= \int dQ \bar{V}(Q) \rho_x(Q) \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

When $T \sim T_c$, the only non-zero Fourier component of $\bar{V}(x)$ is $\bar{V}(Q_1)$. Hence,

$$H'(\eta_1) = \bar{V}(Q_1) \rho_x(Q_1) \quad (4.6)$$

The magnitude of the mean field $\bar{V}(Q_1)$ itself depends on the order parameter η_1 since the field is produced by the similar density fluctuations in the neighbouring chains whose amplitudes are also given

by n_1 . Therefore

$$\bar{V}(Q_1) = n_1 h(Q_1) \quad (4.7)$$

where the potential h represents the total interaction of the chain in question to its parallel and perpendicular neighbouring chains. It is not necessary to know the details of the potential h , since it can be eliminated in terms of the phase transition temperature T_C .*

The atomic density $\rho_x(Q_m)$ can be expressed as

$$\rho_x(Q_m) = \int dx \rho_x(x) e^{iQ_m x} \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots) \quad (4.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{\alpha} \cos(Q_m x_{\alpha}) \\ &= \sum_{\alpha} \cos(Q_m u_{\alpha}) \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

By combining eq. (4.4), (4.6), (4.7) and (4.9), the total energy $H = H_0 + H'$ can be obtained.

$$H = \sum_{\alpha} \left\{ \frac{p_{\alpha}^2}{2m} + \frac{K}{2} (u_{\alpha+1} - u_{\alpha})^2 + n_1 h \cos Q_1 u_{\alpha} \right\} \quad (4.10)$$

Because of the stiff Hg-Hg bonds, the displacement u_{α} is a slowly varying function of x . Therefore, $u_{\alpha+1} - u_{\alpha}$ can be approximated as,

$$u_{\alpha+1} - u_{\alpha} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot d_{\text{Hg-Hg}} \quad (4.11)$$

* Such a relation can be derived by applying the linear response theory to the problem of interaction between the mean field and the chains at above T_C and considering the divergence of fluctuation scattering as $T \rightarrow T_C$. See eq. (14b) of Axe, 1980. (Note a misprint in Axe's paper; the sentence after eq. (14b) should read "... setting the denominator of (11) to zero ...").

When eq. (4.11) is substituted into (4.10), the P.E. part of the total Hamiltonian (i.e., the second and the third term of eq. (4.10)) becomes the classical sine-Gordon potential. The following ensemble average is to be calculated by using this potential.

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_m &= \langle \rho_X(Q_m) \rangle = \int_{\alpha} \cos(Q_m u_m) \\ &= \int_{\alpha} \int du_1 \dots du_N \cos(Q_m u_m) e^{-\beta(\text{P.E.})} \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

For a sine-Gordon potential this integral has been solved exactly by Gupta and Sutherland (1976). Emery and Axe followed the same approach and obtained the amplitudes of the first three sinusoidal waves η_1 , η_2 and η_3 . The three parameters, normalized to 1 at $T \rightarrow 0$ K, are shown in Fig. 4.11. Since the parameters $\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3, \dots$ are the amplitudes of the fluctuations in the mean atomic density of the chains, (by definition) the growth of the intensities of the corresponding L-phase peaks is expected to vary as η_n^2 vs. T and this can be tested by an experiment.

4.7 Testing the Emery-Axe order parameter theory

Emery-Axe order parameter theory can be tested by measuring the intensity of various L-phase peaks at different temperatures below T_c . Experiments have been completed on $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ and $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ by using neutron diffraction.* A preliminary X ray diffraction experiment has also been carried out on $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$. Each of these experiments will be discussed separately in this section.

* A project carried out by Brown and Tun (McMaster University) in collaboration with Axe and Shirane (Brookhaven National Laboratory).

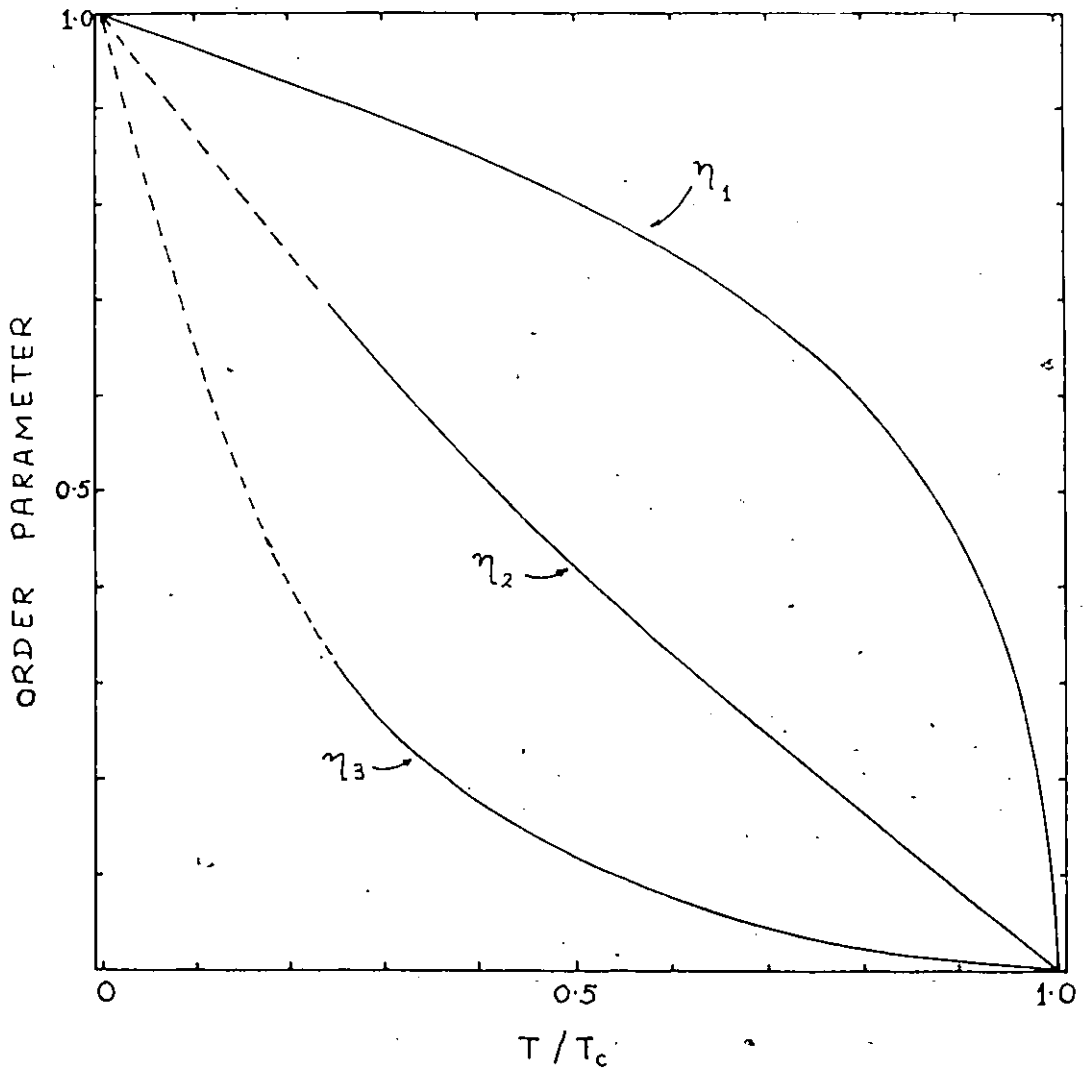


Figure 4.11

The predicted variation of η_1 , η_2 and η_3 with temperature. (Taken from Axe, 1980).

(i) Neutron diffraction experiment on $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$

The experiment was carried out by using a triple axis diffractometer at the Brookhaven High-flux Reactor (see sec. 2.7 for details). The crystal, mounted in an aluminium sample holder, was arranged so that the c axis was perpendicular to the plane of the instrument. The approximate dimension of the crystal was $15 \times 12 \times 0.8$ mm.

The monochromator and the analyzer of the diffractometer were set to select neutrons with $k = 2\pi/\lambda = 2.670 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$. The a^* and b^* axes were located by centering on the 400 and 040 host lattice reflections at $T = 125$ K. Intensities of these reflections were maximized by adjusting the arcs of the goniometer. Readjustment of the arcs was not necessary as no sign of crystal movement was seen throughout the experiment. The positions of the L-phase peaks were calculated by using the host lattice unit cell and the previously measured Hg-Hg bond length of 2.670 \AA .

The intensities of the $(3-\delta)_-, \pm(1-\delta), 0$ and $(6-2\delta)_-, \mp 2\delta, 0^+$ peaks were measured at 15 different temperatures ≤ 125 K. The peaks (especially the second order peaks) were barely visible for two higher temperature measurements (125 K and 120 K) but became clearly visible at lower temperatures. It was therefore possible to monitor and update the centering on the peaks by doing alternate scans in the a^* and b^* directions. The scan range was always kept large enough so that the background intensity was recorded for at least 3 steps on either side of the peak. Since the hysteresis of the peaks is known to be small (~ 1.5 K; Pouget (1978)) no attempt was made to measure the intensities in a warming cycle.

Note that \pm pairs belong to different domains.

The background corrected intensity of the $(3-\delta)$, $(1-\delta)$, 0 and $(3-\delta)$, $-(1-\delta)$, 0 peaks were added to remove any error which might be caused by the redistribution of domain population as the temperature was lowered.* The sums were then normalized to 1 at the extrapolated temperature $T = 0$ K. The intensity of $(6-2\delta)$, $-2\delta, 0$ and $(6-2\delta)$, $2\delta, 0$ peaks were treated similarly.

Fig. 4.12 (a and b) compares the experimental results to the predicted variation η_m^2 . The theory clearly predicts a slower growth of the peaks. In fact, the figure shows that the intensities of both first order and second order peaks vary as η rather than η^2 .

(ii) Neutron diffraction experiment on $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$

The experimental procedure was similar to the previous experiment but a smaller sample ($2 \times 2 \times 0.3$ mm) was used. The variations of the first order and the second order peaks with T are shown in Fig. 4.13. Unlike the case of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$, the agreement between the theory and the experimental results is good.

(iii) X ray diffraction experiment on $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$

The four-circle diffractometer and the cold N_2 gas low temperature apparatus described in sec. 2.7 were used for this experiment and the sample had dimensions of $0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.01$ mm. Calibration of temperature against the stream heater was done before the X ray intensity measurements were made and the uncertainty in temperature for a given heater setting was found to be ± 3 K. The crystal was centered using 15 host

* No evidence of redistribution was observed, however. The two domains were equally developed at all the temperatures.

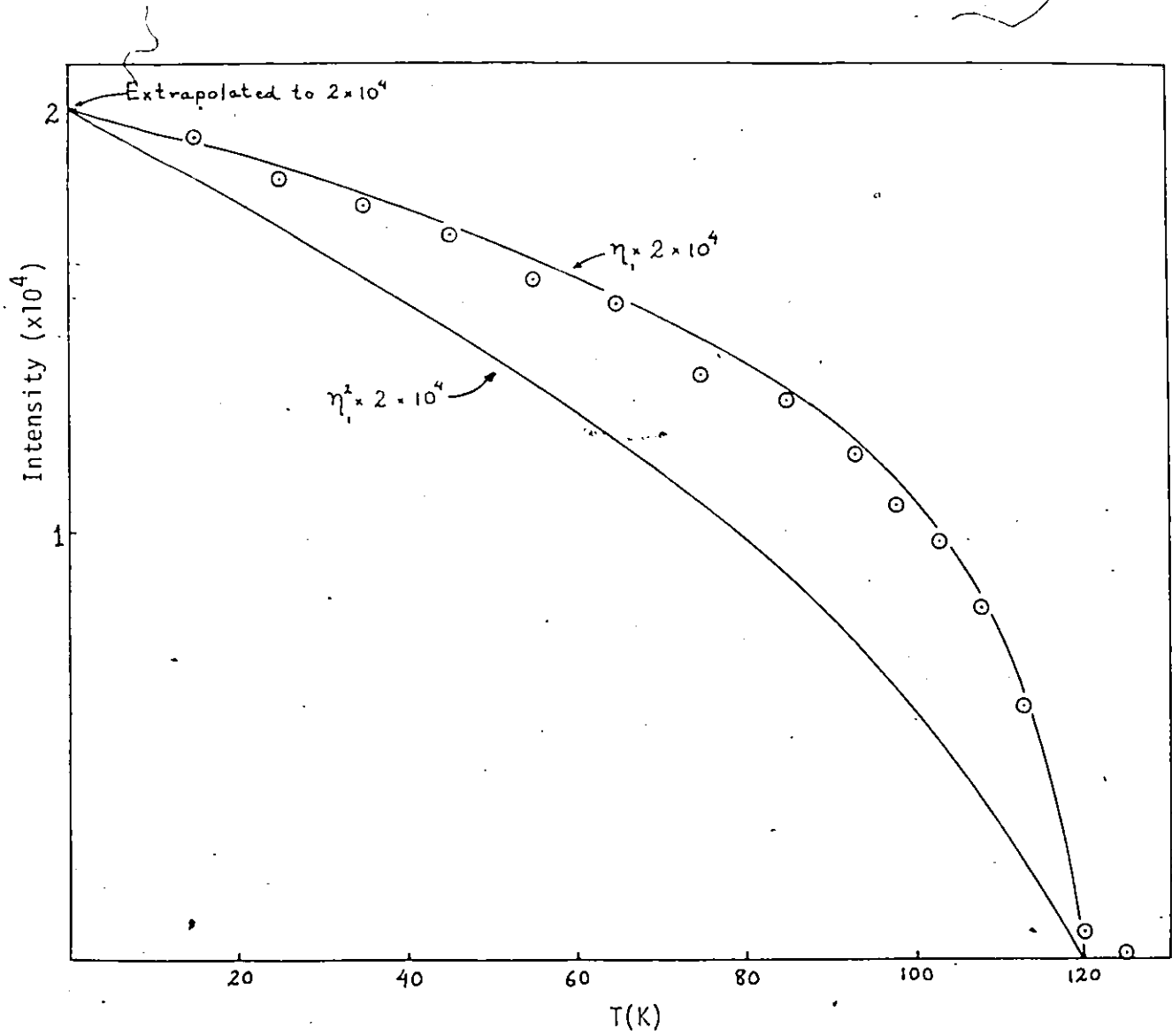


Figure 4.12(a)

Observed variation of the intensity of $n=1$ L-phase peak with temperature in $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$. Note that the observed variation is closer to η_1 vs. T rather than η_1^2 vs. T .

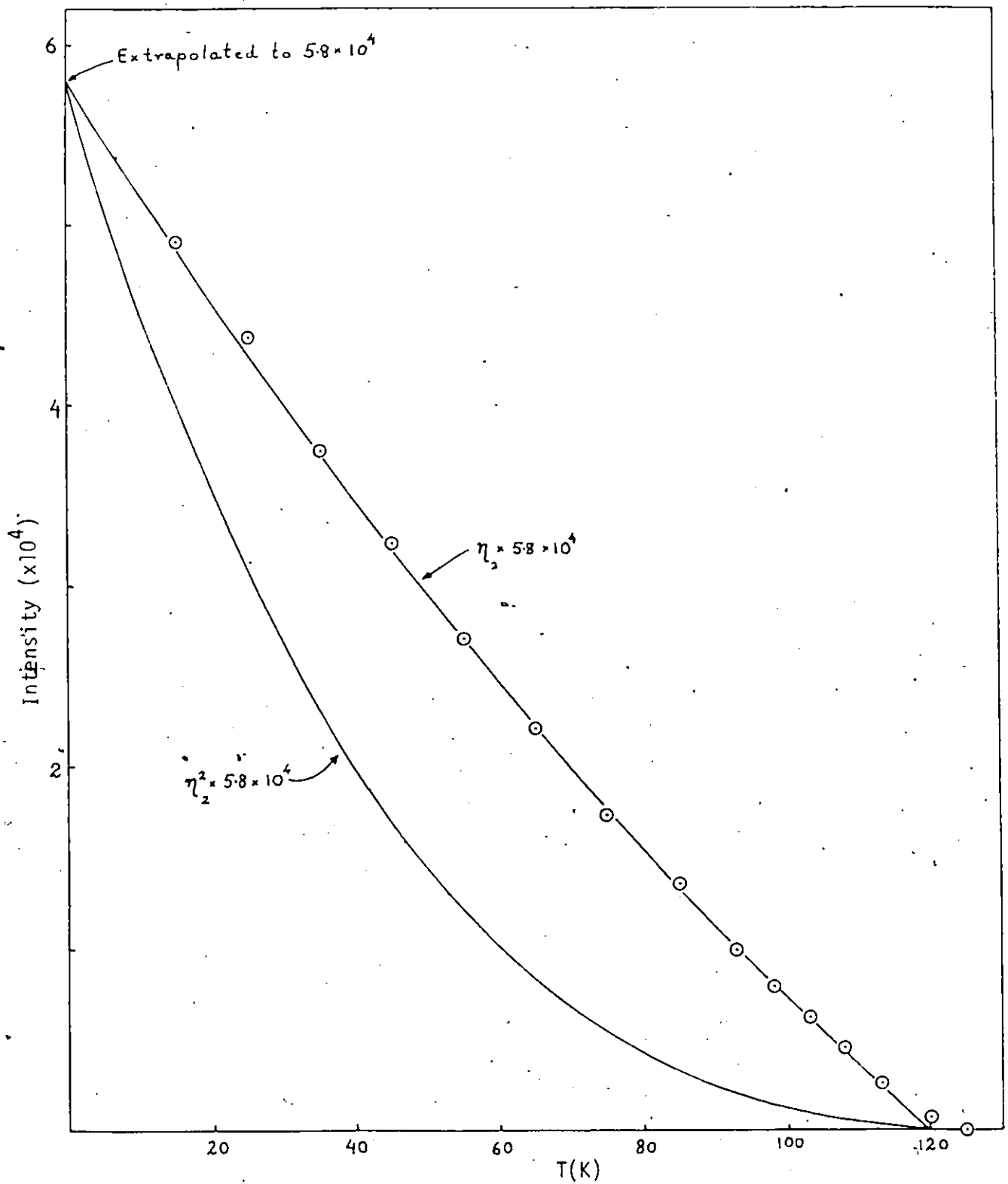


Figure 4.12(b)

Observed variation of the intensity of $n=2$ L-phase peak with temperature in $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$. Again, the variation is closer to η_2 vs. T . Number of counts plotted on the y-axis for the $n=2$ peak is higher than that for the $n=1$ peak because of longer counting time.

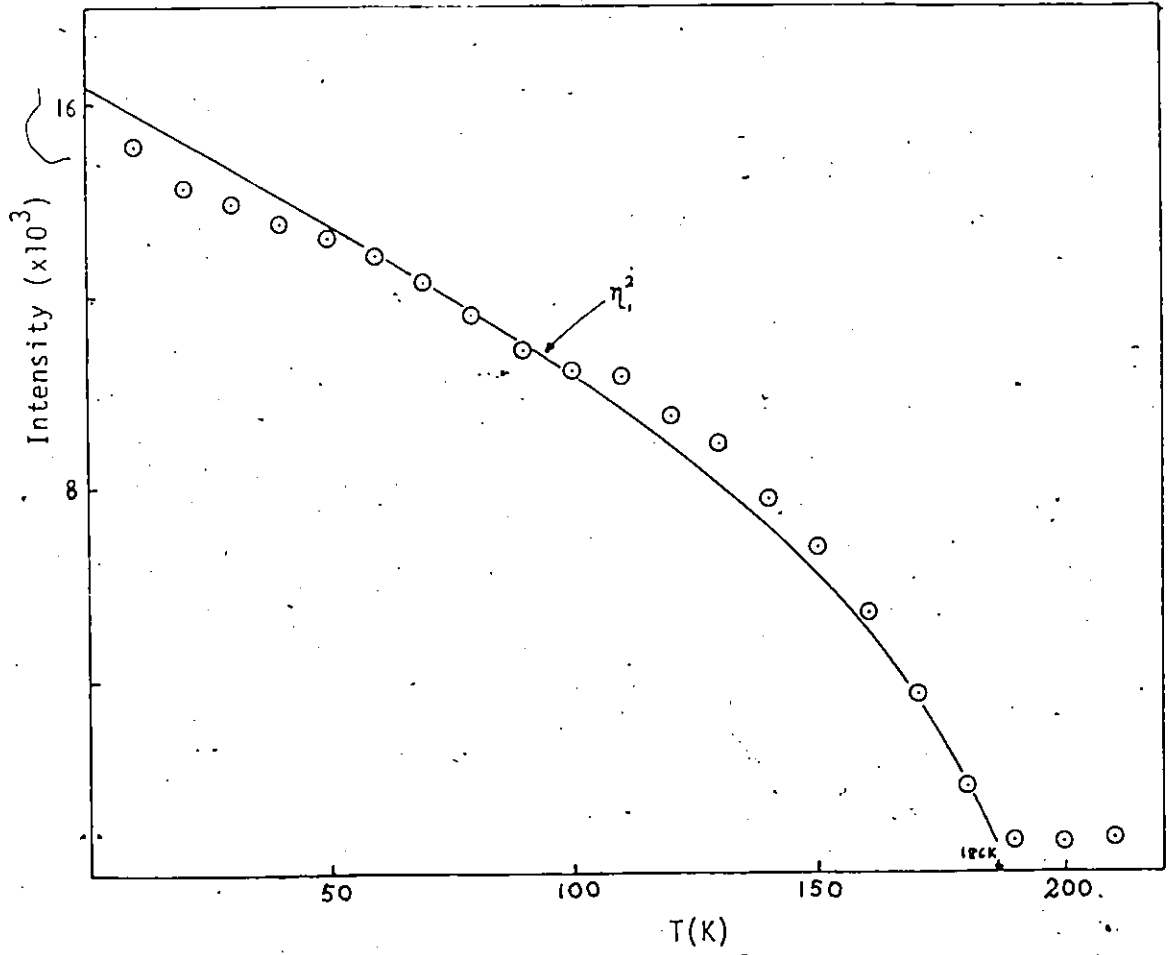


Figure 4.13(a)

Observed variation of the intensity of $n=1$ L-phase peak with temperature in $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$.

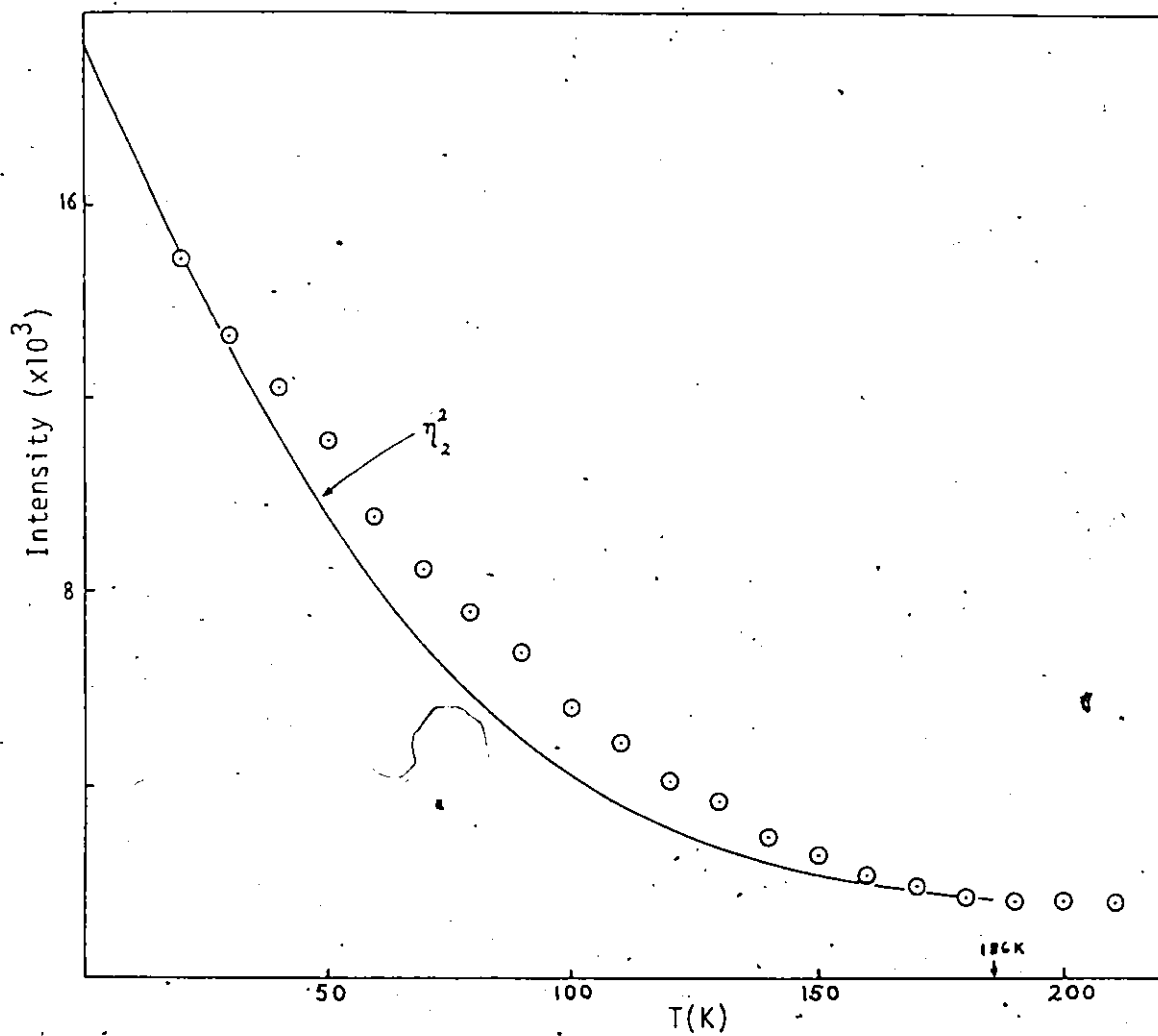


Figure 4.13(b)

Observed variation of the intensity of n=2 L-phase peak in $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$.

lattice reflections and the position of the $(3-\delta)$, $(1-\delta)$, 0 peak was calculated using the Hg-Hg distance of 2.671 Å. Crystal centering was repeated and the position of the Hg peak recalculated whenever the temperature was changed.

The peak intensity was measured at 5 different temperatures (between 150 K and 182 K) during a warming cycle. The results plotted in Fig. 4.14 show that the variation of intensity with temperature is closer to the variation of η_1 rather than η_1^2 .

4.8 Discussion

The chain ordering is weak at room temperature in all $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ compounds indicating that the interchain interactions are very much less than 300 K (300 K is equivalent to 0.026 eV). However, the different S-phases observed in the three materials studied ($\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$, $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ and $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$) suggest that the details of these interactions are not the same. Studying the S-phases provides an insight into the parallel chain interactions.

Fig. 4.15 shows the arrangement of nearest and second nearest neighbour parallel chains in the three compounds studied. Since the third nearest neighbour parallel chains are about 12.6 Å apart, the parallel chain ordering is probably influenced only by the nearest neighbour interaction (v_1) and the second nearest neighbour interaction (v_2). The arrangement of the atoms will be determined by the sign (+ for repulsive, - for attractive) and the relative strength of v_1 and v_2 .

For the case of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$, v_1 and v_2 have been determined by

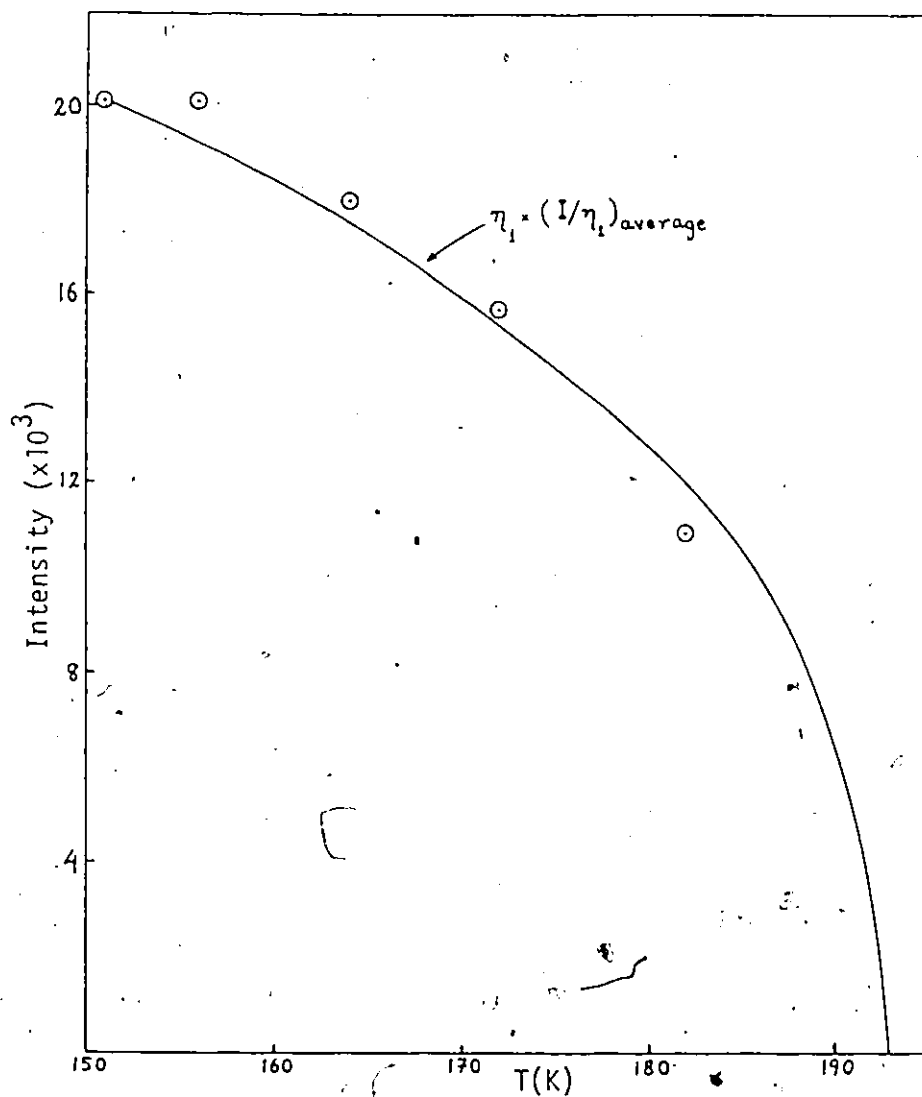
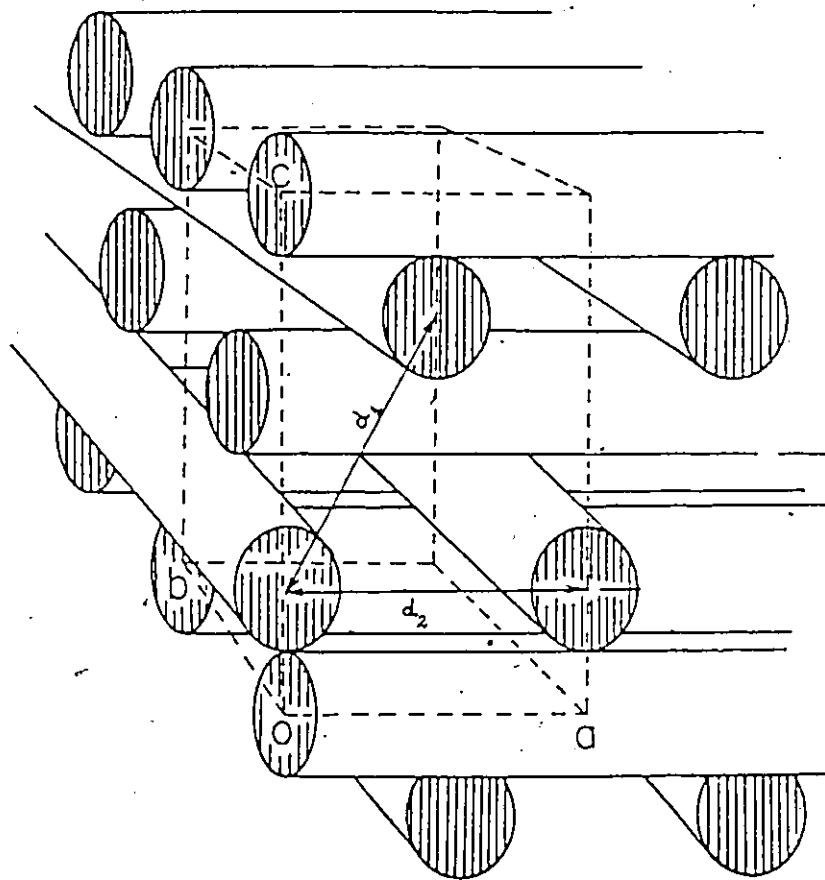


Figure 4.14

Observed variation of the intensity of n=1 L-phase peak in $\text{Hg}_{3-6}\text{TaF}_6$. Also in this case the variation is close to η_1 vs. T.



	$\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$	$\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$	$\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{NbF}_6$	$\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$
d_1	7.253	7.404	7.415	7.435
d_2	7.534	7.711	7.692	7.711

Figure 4.15

Arrangement of the parallel chains and the nearest neighbour distances in $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ compounds. Taken from Brown et al. (1982).

Emery and Axe (1978) using intensity fluctuations observed in the S-phase. The values they obtained are $v_2 = -2v_1 = 0.14$ K. The negative value of v_1 indicates that the interaction is not a Coulomb (bare or screened) interaction. The authors suggested that interactions through the host lattice might be important.

Attractive interchain interactions can be seen also in $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$. Since the Hg atoms partially order to form an A-face centered lattice which minimizes the distance between the Hg atoms from different chains, both v_1 and v_2 must be attractive.

Although the S-phases are different the L-phases of the three materials studied are identical. It is partially because this is the only solution allowed by Axe's Theorem but there are certain features of the L-phase which are not required by the theorem but are seen in all three compounds. For instance, the z-coordinate of the L-phase peaks are not required to be at $0, 1, 2 \dots c_H^*$ but sharp peaks centered at $z = 0$ are seen in the c^* direction scans shown in Fig. 4.9 and 4.10.

The Emery-Axe order parameter theory does not depend on the details of the interchain interactions. It is therefore expected to work in all the compounds but when the theory was tested disagreements were seen in $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ and $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$ since the intensities of L-phase peaks vary as η_n rather than η_n^2 with temperature. Ignoring the less reliable X ray diffraction experiment on $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$, two explanations can be given for the disagreement observed in the case of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$.

- (i) The perfect agreement between the intensities and η_n rather than η_n^2 suggests that the disagreement is caused by a strong primary extinction (see sec. 2.11). The

large size of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ crystal used in the experiment is consistent with this explanation.

- (ii) Another explanation is provided by Emery and Axe (1978). It is possible that the disagreement is due to the strong S-phase of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ which is not included in the formulation of the order parameter theory. The authors claim that they have worked out a theory (unpublished) in which the competition between the parallel chain ordering (divergence of S-phase) and the perpendicular chain coupling (the observed L-phase) is considered and this theory predicts faster growth of the L-phase peaks and a lower L-phase transition temperature. The low value of T_c observed in $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ is in agreement with this explanation.

However, none of these arguments can explain the disagreement observed in $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$. The crystal used in this experiment was small so that a serious primary extinction cannot be expected. On the other hand, T_c for this material is high, 193 ± 3 K, even higher than that of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$. If the results of the experiment on $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$ are assumed to be reliable then a different explanation is required for the observed disagreements.

CHAPTER V

AN ALTERNATIVE STRUCTURE FOR THE STOICHIOMETRY Hg_3MF_6

5.1 Introduction

When the infinite chain compounds $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{NbF}_6$ and $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$ were prepared, it was found that the golden crystals were not the ultimate end-products of the reaction if the liquid SO_2 was not removed from the reaction vessel. Under the liquid, the golden crystals slowly transformed over a few hours into silvery plates which were apparently softer than the golden crystals and looked very much like small pieces of crumpled aluminium foil.

The silvery crystals were isolated and studied by X ray diffraction as described below. They were found to have a similar composition to the golden ones, i.e., Hg_3NbF_6 and Hg_3TaF_6 , but with a different structure.

5.2 Structure determination of Hg_3NbF_6

Crystals of Hg_3NbF_6 were prepared by Dr. K. Morgan at McMaster University. The ultra-dry dry-box was used to select the flattest crystals and seal them in glass capillaries of 0.2 or 0.3 mm diameter. Dimensions of a typical crystal were 0.3x0.2x0.05 mm. Because of the softness of the crystals they could not be firmly wedged inside the capillaries.

The poor quality of the crystals restricted the X ray studies to photographic methods. Precession photographs of the zeroth layer reciprocal plane parallel to the flat face clearly showed hexagonal symmetry but the peaks were deformed into arcs of about 6° (see Fig. 5.1).^{*} The arcs suggested an orientational disorder of the crystal domains in the hexagonal a-b plane of approximately $\pm 3^\circ$. The reflections seen on the photographs can be classified into three groups as follows.

(i) Strong peaks:

These peaks, indicated by dark arcs in Fig. 5.2, are much stronger than other peaks with similar 2θ . They form a prominent reciprocal sublattice corresponding to a hexagonal unit cell with $\underline{a} = 2.90(1) \text{ \AA}$.

(ii) Weak peaks:

These barely visible peaks of the photograph are represented by light arcs in Fig. 5.2. They, in combination with the strong peaks, form a reciprocal superlattice corresponding to a hexagonal unit cell with $\underline{a} = 5.02(1) \text{ \AA}$. Note that this hexagonal lattice is rotated from the sublattice of the strong peaks by 30° . When the peaks are indexed in terms of the cell of the reciprocal superlattice, the strong peaks have $2h+k = 3n$ (n is an integer). This condition has also been found on the first layer ($\ell=1$) precession photographs. It was observed that the intensity ratio between

^{*} One sample showed two hexagonal domains one of which was rotated by 30° from the other.



Figure 5.1

The hk0 precession photograph of Hg₃NbF₆.

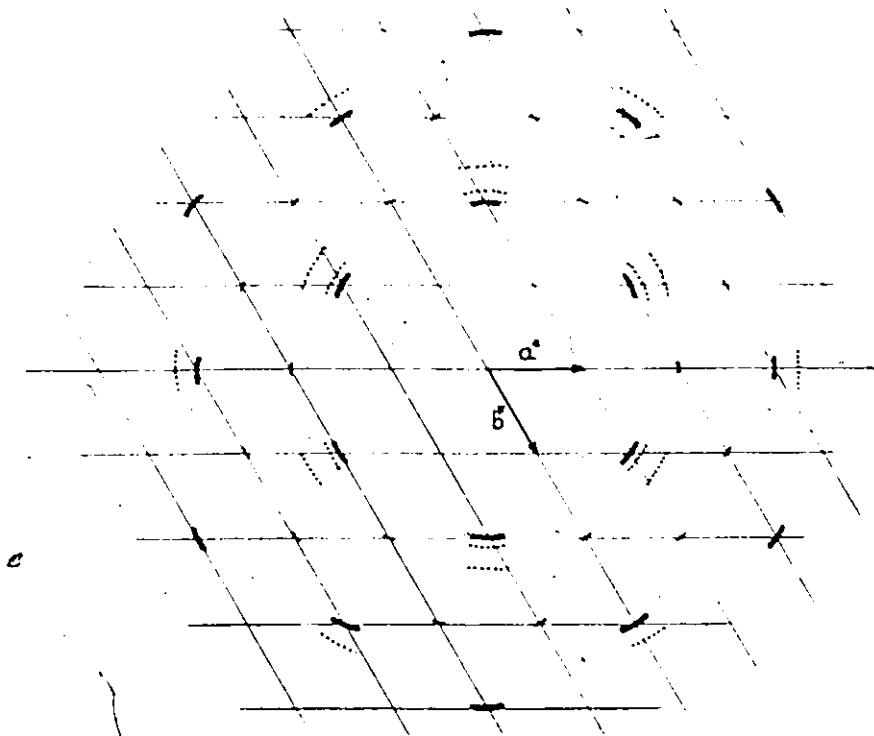


Figure 5.2

Classification of the Bragg reflections seen in the precession photograph of Fig. 5.1 as (i) strong peaks (dark arcs), (ii) weak peaks (light arcs) and (iii) extra peaks (dotted arcs). The first and the second are truly the $hk0$ reflections and fit into a hexagonal lattice but not the third which are the tails of higher order reflections deformed into large arcs by orientational disorder about axes in the a - b plane.

the sublattice reflections and the superlattice reflections varies from sample to sample. In two out of five samples examined the superlattice reflections were completely absent.

(iii) Extra peaks:

There are some peaks which do not fit either of the lattices of (i) and (ii). They are indicated by dotted arcs in Fig. 5.2 and arise from the large orientational disorder about axes lying in the a-b plane. This disorder causes the tails of the reflections from the nearby higher layers to be visible on the $hk0$ precession photograph.

For instance, Fig. 5.3 depicts the appearance of an hkl reflection in the photograph since the arc spread out by the disorder is large enough to intersect the $hk0$ plane.

Photographs of the $h0l$ projection showed few reflections for $|l| > 1$ except for a complete series of weak $00l$ reflections corresponding to the c axis length of $7.68(7) \text{ \AA}$. Since the radiation absorption was extremely serious in this projection for a thin flat crystal it was expected that only the strongest reflections would be visible. The reflections were deformed into large arcs with a 20° apex indicating that the orientational disorder about axes in the a-b plane is about $\pm 10^\circ$. The size of the arcs varies from sample to sample since it depends not only on the orientational disorder but also on the extent to which the sample is crumpled.

The observed diffraction pattern is consistent with the model shown in Fig. 5.4 (also see Fig. 5.5). The model consists of layers of

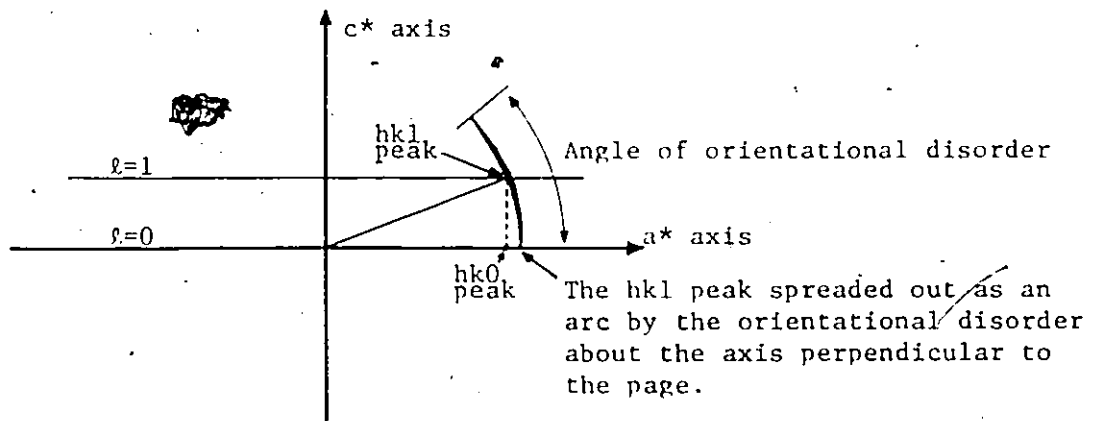


Figure 5.3

An hkl reflection will appear as an extra peak on the $hk0$ precession photograph if the angle of orientational disorder about the axis perpendicular to the page is larger than $\tan^{-1}(s_{001}/s_{hkl})$ where s_{hkl} is the magnitude of the scattering vector \vec{s}_{hkl} .

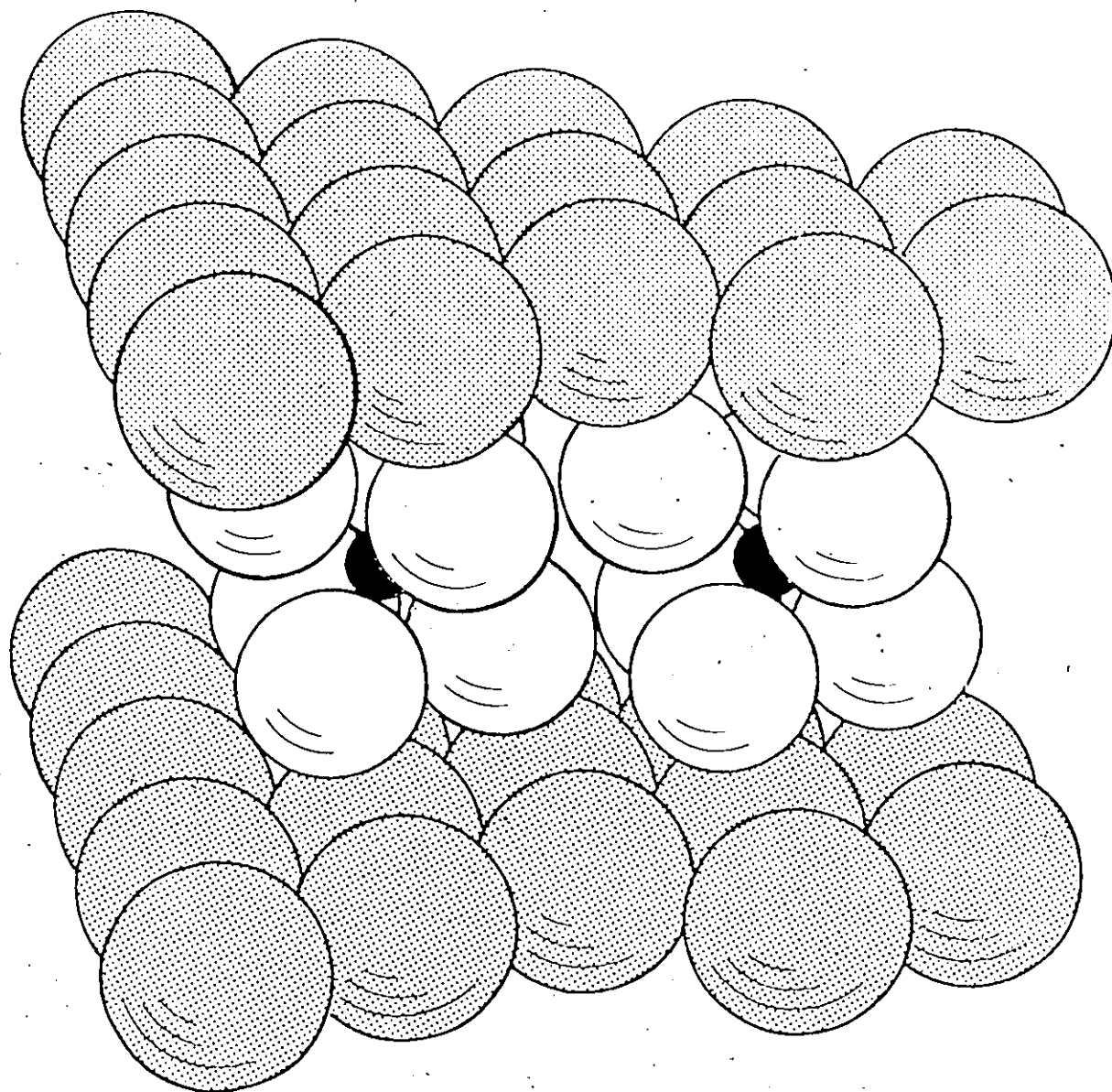


Figure 5.4

Proposed model of Hg_3NbF_6 . The Hg, F and Nb are represented by grey, white and black atoms respectively.

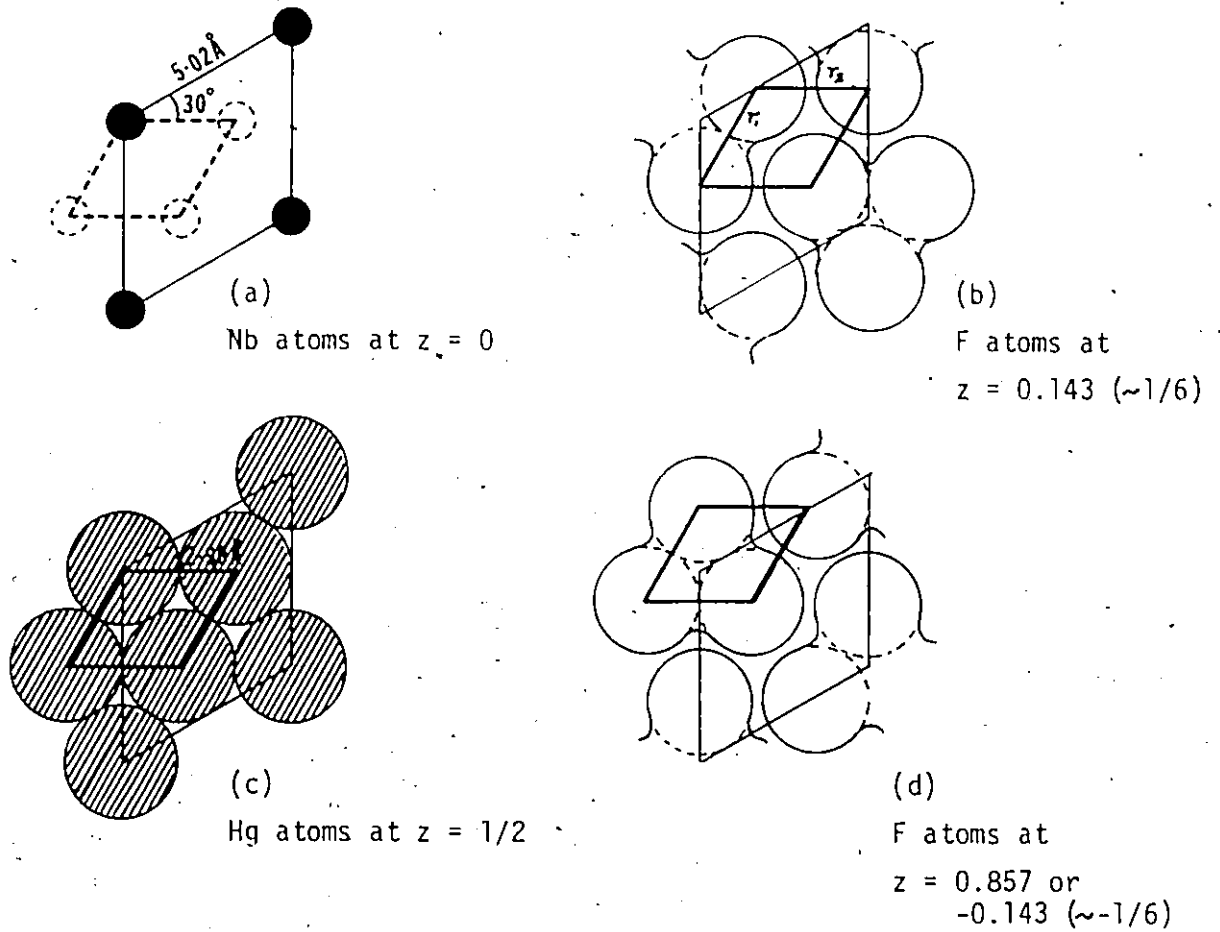


Figure 5.5

The proposed model (Fig. 5.4) shown in various atomic layers. Note that the sublattice of Hg in (c) is 30° rotated from the unit cell defined by the Nb atoms in (a). In some samples the Nb atoms may as well occupy the sites shown as \circ .

hexagonally close-packed Hg atoms which are separated by layers of hexagonally close-packed NbF_6 octahedra. The space group of the model is $P\bar{3}1m$ and the hexagonal lattice parameters are $a = 5.02(1)$, $c = 7.68(7)$ Å. In this model all the atoms except F are located at fixed special positions (see Table 5.1). The position of the F atoms was calculated by assuming a regular octahedron with an Nb-F bond length of 1.90 Å as observed in various NbF_6 ions. For this Nb-F bond length, the distance between the F atom and its neighbouring Hg atoms is about 3.2 Å, a distance comparable to those seen in other Hg compounds. Note that the calculated x coordinate of F is close to 1/3 and could indeed be that value if the NbF_6 ion were slightly larger. In such a case the F atoms, like the Hg atoms, would form an exact hexagonal close-packed layer, with an interlayer distance and orientation the same as in the Hg layers (compare Fig. 5.5(b) and (d) to (c)).

Fig. 5.5(c) shows that the intralayer Hg-Hg bond length is $a/\sqrt{3} = 5.02/\sqrt{3} = 2.90$ Å and the Hg sublattice is 30° rotated from the unit cell defined by the Nb atoms. Diffraction from the Hg atoms therefore results only in the strong sublattice peaks. Also the F atoms contribute mostly to the sublattice peaks since their intralayer arrangement is almost identical to that of the Hg atoms. Therefore, apart from the small contribution from the F atoms as a result of their not being exactly at 1/3, the weak superlattice reflections arise entirely from the Nb atoms.

This model predicts a high intensity ratio between the sublattice and superlattice peaks, namely $(3f_{\text{Hg}} + 6f_{\text{F}} + f_{\text{Nb}})^2 : f_{\text{Nb}}^2 = 67$ where f_x represents the scattering factor of atom X. Such a large ratio explains the apparent difference in intensities of the strong peaks and the weak

Table 5.1

Proposed model for Hg_3NbF_6

Hg_3NbF_6 , $M_r = 808.67$, trigonal, space group $P\bar{3}1m$,

$z = 1$, $a = 5.02(1)$, $c = 7.68(7)$ Å, $D_x = 8.0(1)$ Mg m^{-3}

Atomic coordinates:

atom	site	x	y	z
Hg(1)	1b	0	0	1/2
Hg(2)	2d	1/3	2/3	1/2
Nb	1a*	0	0	0
F	6k	0.309 [†]	0	0.143 [†]

* In some samples the Nb atom is disordered over the 3 sites 1a and 2c (1/3, 2/3, 0; 2/3, 1/3, 0).

† Calculated assuming an undistorted NbF_6 octahedron with Nb-F = 1.90 Å.

peaks seen in the precession photograph (Fig. 5.1). The absence of superlattice peaks as found in some samples indicates that the Nb atoms randomly occupy different positions in different layers, i.e., the position of the Nb atom in the n^{th} layer is not necessarily $0,0,n$ but might be $\frac{2}{3},\frac{1}{3},n$ or $\frac{1}{3},\frac{2}{3},n$ (see Fig. 5.5(a)). This occupational disorder is equivalent to having $\frac{1}{3}$ of a Nb atom at each of the positions and since the dimension and the orientation of such a Nb layer are identical to those of the Hg layer diffraction from Nb results only in the sublattice peaks, causing the total absence of the superlattice reflections.

5.3 Structure of Hg_3TaF_6

When the crystals of the $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$ chain compound are prepared and the crystals are left under the SO_2 solution for a few hours they also transform into silver platelets. The $hk0$ precession photographs of these crystals are essentially identical to those of Hg_3NbF_6 layer compounds suggesting that the materials are isostructural. Because of the extremely poor quality of the crystals no photograph of the $h0l$ projection was taken but the c axis length could be estimated from the position of the hkl extra peaks seen on the $hk0$ photographs. The lattice parameters thus obtained, $a = 5.03(1)$ and $c = 7.4(4)$ Å, are indistinguishable from those of Hg_3NbF_6 . Because of the poor quality of these crystals no further work could be done on them.

5.4 Discussion

The proposed structure for the layer compounds Hg_3MF_6 ($M = \text{Nb, Ta}$) is consistent with the morphology of the soft thin crystals whose metallic luster arises from the sheets of metallicly bonded Hg

atoms. Since the location of F atom is close to $\frac{1}{3}, 0, \frac{1}{6}$ the structure can be approximately described as a cubic close-packed array of Hg and F atoms arranged with hexagonal sheets of Hg atoms separating two similar sheets of F atoms and $\frac{1}{3}$ of the octahedral cavities between the F sheets occupied by the M atoms.

In most compounds Hg shows strong tendency to form straight bonds. For instance, $\text{Hg}_3(\text{AsF}_6)_2$ and $\text{Hg}_4(\text{AsF}_6)_2$ consist of essentially straight Hg_3^{2+} and Hg_4^{2+} ions (Cutforth, Davies, Dean, Gillespie, Ireland, Uminat, 1973 and Cutforth et al., 1983). As in the limiting case, the Hg atoms of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ (M = As, Sb, Nb, Ta) compounds form infinite straight chains (Brown et al., 1974). The Hg_3MF_6 layer compounds are unusual since the Hg atoms are bonded into sheets rather than chains. The Hg-Hg bond length observed in the sheets, 2.90 Å, is larger than that in the chains, 2.671 Å. The formal charge on Hg atoms, however, is very similar in the two cases since it is $+\frac{1}{3}$ for the sheets and $+1/(3-\delta)$ for the chains. The bond length difference can be attributed to the difference in coordination, each Hg atom in the sheets forms six bonds to its nearest Hg neighbours while in the chains these are only two such bonds.

Sheets of Hg atoms have been found in the graphite intercalate. KHgC_4 (Lagrange, Makrini, Herold, 1983). The Hg-Hg distance observed in this intercalate is the same as in the Hg_3MF_6 compounds, i.e., 2.90 Å, but each Hg atom in the intercalate has only three Hg neighbours instead of six and a formal charge of zero instead of $+\frac{1}{3}$.

The layer Hg_3MF_6 compounds and the chain $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ compounds may be considered as different structures of essentially the same stoichiometry. The packing is more condensed in the layer compounds as suggested by

the calculated densities. The density of Hg_3MF_6 is $8.0(1) \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ while it is only $6.95(1) \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ for $\text{Hg}_{3-6}\text{NbF}_6$. Such a large density difference and the completely different arrangement of the atoms between the two structures indicate that the transformation of the chain compounds to layer compounds under liquid SO_2 is a reconstructive transition.

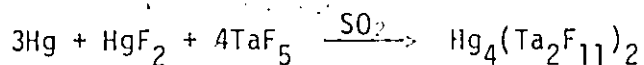
Attempts have been made to prepare the layer compounds Hg_3AsF_6 and Hg_3SbF_6 by leaving the corresponding chain compounds under liquid SO_2 for an extended period but no transformation has been observed.

CHAPTER VI

MERCURY IN HIGHER OXIDATION STATES

6.1 Introduction

The structures of two compounds, one with Hg_4^{2+} ion and the other with Hg_3^{2+} ion, which were discovered during attempts to prepare the new infinite chain compounds are reported in this chapter. The formation of the first compound, $\text{Hg}_4(\text{Ta}_2\text{F}_{11})_2$, was observed in the following stoichiometric reaction.



The crystals usually grow as small black needles on the surface of liquid Hg.

The second compound, $\text{Hg}_3(\text{NbF}_5)_2\text{SO}_4$, is always formed along with the silvery platelet crystals of Hg_3NbF_6 (layer structure) if the reaction is left undisturbed for an extended period (about two months).

Crystals of these compounds have been isolated and subjected to X ray structure determination as described in the following sections.

6.2 Structure determination of $\text{Hg}_4(\text{Ta}_2\text{F}_{11})_2$

The crystals of $\text{Hg}_4(\text{Ta}_2\text{F}_{11})_2$ prepared by Dr. P.K. Unmat at McMaster University were mounted in glass capillaries of 0.3 mm diameter. Since these crystals do not have well-defined faces an approximately spherical crystal was chosen for X ray studies so that

the measured Bragg intensities could be corrected by using the DIFABS absorption correction described in sec. 2.10. The precession photographs showed symmetry and systematic absences characteristic of the monoclinic space group $I2/c$ or Ic . The non-standard I -setting was chosen in order to make the monoclinic angle β close to 90° .

The initial phase determination was done by using the direct method routines (sec. 2.13) of program SHELX (Sheldrick, 1976). The space group was assumed to be centrosymmetric $I2/c$. Seven solutions plotted as E-maps were found but only the first solution showed a sensible arrangement of the Hg and Ta atoms. A difference map based on this partial model clearly revealed the F atoms around the Ta atoms and the anion was identified as $(Ta_2F_{11})^{1-}$. Refer to Tables 6.1 and 6.2 for details of the structure determination. The refined structure is illustrated in Fig. 6.1. The final atomic parameters are listed in Table 6.3 while the important bond lengths and angles are given in Table 6.4.

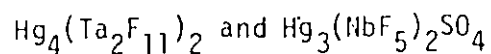
The magnitudes of the observed and calculated structure factors have been tabulated and deposited with McMaster University (Tun, 1984).

6.3 Structure determination of $Hg_3(NbF_5)_2SO_4$

The crystals prepared by Dr. K. Morgan at McMaster University were mounted in sealed glass capillaries of diameter 0.2 mm. The symmetry and systematic absences observed on the precession photographs were consistent with the orthorhombic space group $Fdd2$. The procedure for structure determination was identical to that of $Hg_4(Ta_2F_{11})_2$ except in the phase determination. Instead of using direct methods

Table 6.1

Common parameters for the structure determination of



Bragg intensity measurements:

Diffractometer: Nicolet P3

Graphite monochromated MoK α radiation, $\lambda = 0.71069 \text{ \AA}$

Lattice constants determined from 15 well-centered reflections

Scan procedure: 2θ - ω scan

Scan angle: $\sqrt{2}^\circ$ + angle between K α_1 and K α_2 peaks

Background measuring time/scan time = 1

Absorption correction:

Program: DIFABS

Averaging:

Program: AVER

Least-squares refinement:

Program: SHELX

Scattering factors: neutral atoms from International Tables for X ray
Crystallography (1974)

Weighting scheme: $w = [\sigma^2(\text{counting}) + gF_0^2]^{-1}$

Table 6.2

Summary of structure determination of $\text{Hg}_4(\text{Ta}_2\text{F}_{11})_2$ and $\text{Hg}_3(\text{NbF}_5)_2\text{SO}_4$

Compound	$\text{Hg}_4(\text{Ta}_2\text{F}_{11})_2$	$\text{Hg}_3(\text{NbF}_5)_2\text{SO}_4$
Space group	I2/c (monoclinic; origin on $\bar{1}$ on glide plane c)	Fdd2 (orthorhombic origin on 2)
Lattice parameter \bar{a} (Å)	18.556(8)	18.068(6)
\bar{b}	7.528(3)	15.734(5)
\bar{c}	14.714(8)	9.176(4)
β (deg)	91.72(4)	
Volume (Å ³)	2054(2)	2609(2)
Formulae/unit cell	4	8
Calculated density (Mg m ⁻³)	6.285(5)	5.467(4)
Reflections used to determine lattice parameters	24° < 2θ < 30°	18° < 2θ < 47°
Variable scan speed (deg min ⁻¹)	2.0 - 20.0	4.0 - 29.3
Standard reflections	040; 408	10,0,2; 0,10,2
e.s.d. of standard reflections (%)	2.1; 1.5	1.3; 1.2
No. of standard reflection measurements*	62	63
Maximum 2θ	55°	55°
Range of indices	0 ≤ h ≤ 25 -10 ≤ k ≤ 10 0 ≤ l ≤ 20	0 ≤ h ≤ 23 -20 ≤ k ≤ 20 -11 ≤ l ≤ 11
No. of reflections measured	2394	2974
No. of unique reflections	1248	1515
No. of unobserved reflections measured (I < 3σ _I)	767	551
Linear absorption coefficient μ (mm ⁻¹)	52.9	37.9

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Table 6.2 (continued)

μR value for spherical absorption correction	6.9	4.3
R^{\dagger} of model used to calculate $ F_{iso} $	0.109	0.139
Reflections used to construct Fourier series	1743	2676
Maximum DIFABS absorption correction factor	0.934	1.496
Minimum DIFABS absorption correction factor	0.481	0.702
Internal agreement factor:		
R_{int}^{\S} (before DIFABS)	0.070	0.084
R_{int}^{\S} (after DIFABS)	0.043	0.036
Weighting parameter g (see sec. 2.14)	0.0004	0.00035
k (see sec. 2.14)	0.7791	0.9077
Final R_w (all reflections)	0.049	0.045
Final R^{\dagger} (all reflections)	0.056	0.048
Maximum shift/error in final cycle	0.089	0.071
Averaged shift/error in final cycle	0.022	0.014
Secondary extinction correction g ($\times 10^5$)	3(1)	3(1)
No. of variables refined	137	92
Residual electron density:**		
maximum ($e\text{\AA}^{-3}$)	+1.2	+3.6
minimum ($e\text{\AA}^{-3}$)	-1.4	-6.1

* No systematic variation in the standard reflections were observed.

\dagger See definition in sec. 2.14.

\S See definition in sec. 2.12.

** See the text for location. If not mentioned the peak does not coincide with any atomic or bonding region.

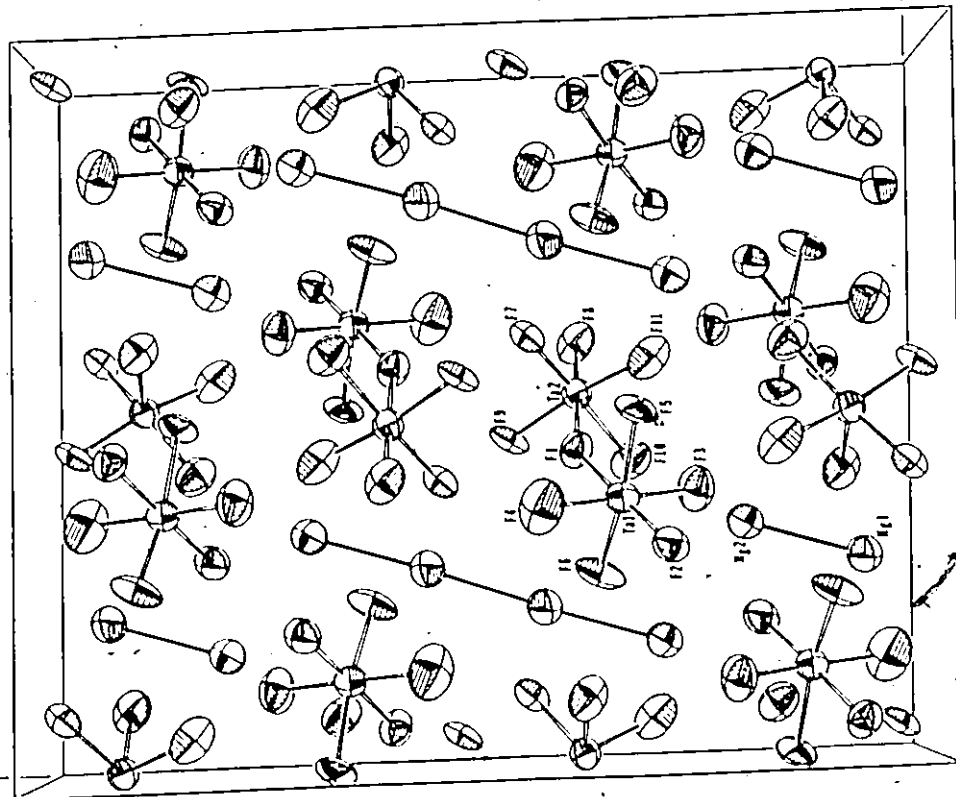
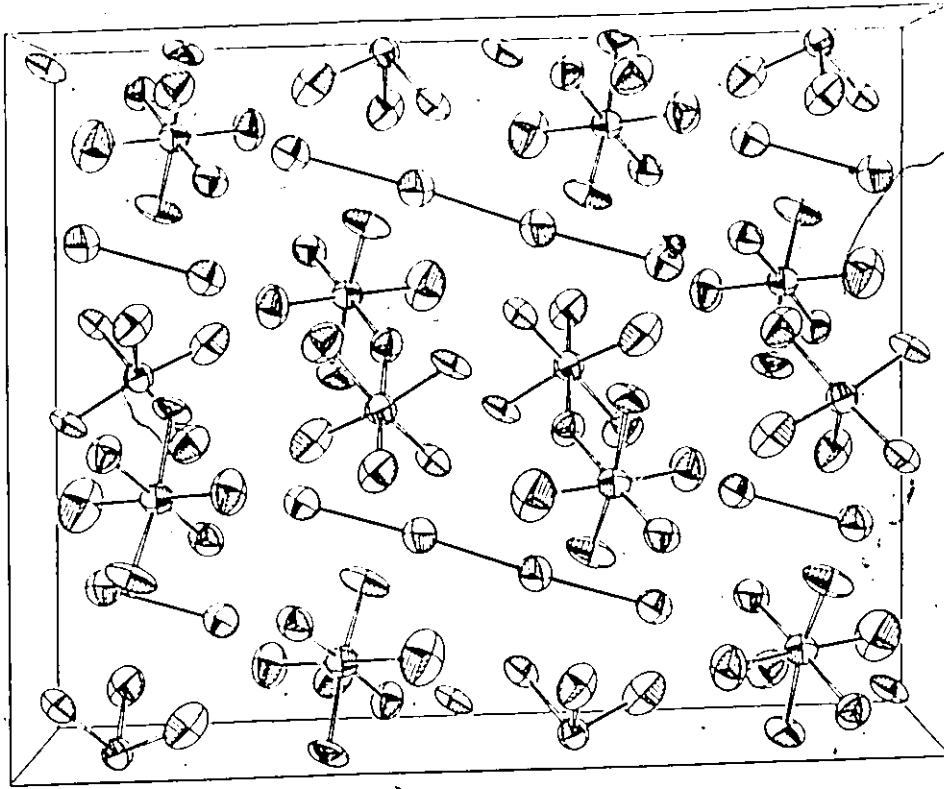


Figure 6.1 Refined model of $Hg_4(Ta_2F_{11})_2$

Table 6.3

Refined atomic parameters of $Hg_4(Ta_2F_{11})_2$ ($\times 10^4$ for positional parameters of Hg and Ta; $\times 10^3$ for positional parameters of F and temperature factors (\AA^2) of all the atoms)

	x	y	z	U_{11}	U_{22}	U_{33}	U_{12}	U_{13}	U_{23}
Hg(1)	664(1)	2669(2)	2799(1)	63(1)	68(1)	60(1)	-1(1)	5(1)	-2(1)
Hg(2)	2031(1)	2625(2)	3324(1)	58(1)	72(1)	65(1)	-7(1)	4(1)	-2(1)
Ta(1)	3510(1)	7290(1)	3673(1)	48(1)	43(1)	42(1)	0(1)	1(1)	1(1)
Ta(2)	3947(1)	3057(1)	5224(1)	43(1)	43(1)	45(1)	-3(1)	2(1)	1(1)
F(1)	398(1)	522(2)	438(1)	49(11)	59(8)	61(14)	-2(8)	-6(14)	20(9)
F(2)	303(1)	906(2)	302(1)	58(13)	54(8)	53(14)	15(8)	8(16)	2(9)
F(3)	268(1)	591(2)	378(2)	53(14)	70(10)	93(22)	-16(10)	-1(20)	11(12)
F(4)	440(1)	835(3)	358(2)	82(20)	91(13)	127(30)	-23(14)	-12(28)	40(17)
F(5)	337(1)	816(3)	486(1)	75(17)	89(12)	37(14)	30(13)	17(19)	-22(11)
F(6)	374(2)	593(2)	266(2)	111(23)	50(8)	46(15)	11(12)	35(23)	-10(10)
F(7)	451(1)	449(2)	601(1)	54(13)	56(9)	49(14)	-4(9)	18(17)	-2(9)
F(8)	393(1)	114(2)	601(2)	68(15)	67(9)	82(19)	-31(10)	-16(18)	25(11)
F(9)	472(1)	225(2)	461(1)	70(17)	65(9)	41(13)	10(10)	29(18)	-3(10)
F(10)	332(1)	214(2)	426(2)	75(16)	67(9)	72(17)	-13(10)	-15(18)	5(10)
F(11)	315(1)	425(2)	566(2)	81(18)	84(12)	86(21)	0(12)	-27(21)	-8(12)

Table 6.4

Important bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) in $\text{Hg}_4(\text{Ta}_2\text{F}_{11})_2$.

Values given in brackets are the corresponding values observed in $\text{Hg}_4(\text{AsF}_6)_2$.

Hg(1) - Hg(2)	2.630(2)	[2.620(2)]	
Hg(1) - Hg(1)	2.593(2)	[2.588(2)]	
Hg(2) ... Hg(2)	3.033(2)	[2.985(3)]	
Ta(1) - F(1)	2.05(2)	Ta(2) - F(1)	2.05(2)
Ta(1) - F(2)	1.86(2)	Ta(2) - F(7)	1.88(2)
Ta(1) - F(3)	1.88(2)	Ta(2) - F(8)	1.86(2)
Ta(1) - F(4)	1.84(3)	Ta(2) - F(9)	1.83(2)
Ta(1) - F(5)	1.89(2)	Ta(2) - F(10)	1.94(2)
Ta(1) - F(6)	1.86(2)	Ta(2) - F(11)	1.86(2)
Hg(2) - F(10)	2.74(2)	Hg(1) - F(7)	2.99(2)
Hg(2) - F(11)	2.97(2)	Hg(1) - F(9)	3.23(2)
Hg(2) - F(5)	2.82(2)	Hg(1) - F(6)	3.01(2)
Hg(2) - F(2)	3.18(2)	Hg(1) - F(8)	3.22(2)
Hg(2) - F(3)	2.82(2)		
Hg(2) - Hg(1) - Hg(1)	177.2(1)	[177.3(1)]	
Hg(1) - Hg(2) ... Hg(2)	109.7(1)	[124.2(1)]	
Ta(1) - F(1) - Ta(2)	153(1)	F(1) - Ta(2) - F(7)	83.4(7)
F(1) - Ta(1) - F(2)	176.2(7)	F(1) - Ta(2) - F(8)	178.1(7)
F(1) - Ta(1) - F(3)	82.9(8)	F(1) - Ta(2) - F(9)	85.5(8)
F(1) - Ta(1) - F(4)	89.7(9)	F(1) - Ta(2) - F(10)	82.5(7)
F(1) - Ta(1) - F(5)	82.1(8)	F(1) - Ta(2) - F(11)	82.5(8)
F(1) - Ta(1) - F(6)	83.2(8)	F(7) - Ta(2) - F(8)	94.8(8)
F(2) - Ta(1) - F(3)	93.4(8)	F(7) - Ta(2) - F(9)	93.6(9)
F(2) - Ta(1) - F(4)	94(1)	F(7) - Ta(2) - F(10)	165.4(7)
F(2) - Ta(1) - F(5)	98.9(9)	F(7) - Ta(2) - F(11)	86.9(9)
F(2) - Ta(1) - F(6)	95.7(9)	F(8) - Ta(2) - F(9)	94.7(9)
F(3) - Ta(1) - F(4)	171.9(9)	F(8) - Ta(2) - F(10)	99.4(8)
F(3) - Ta(1) - F(5)	88(1)	F(8) - Ta(2) - F(11)	87.4(9)
F(3) - Ta(1) - F(6)	89(1)	F(9) - Ta(2) - F(10)	89(1)
F(4) - Ta(1) - F(5)	94(1)	F(9) - Ta(2) - F(11)	167.8(9)
F(4) - Ta(1) - F(6)	87(1)	F(10) - Ta(2) - F(11)	88(1)
F(5) - Ta(1) - F(6)	165.3(9)	Hg(1) - Hg(2) - F(10)	165.1(5)
Hg(1) - Hg(2) - F(11)	92.1(5)	Hg(1) - Hg(2) - F(5)	90.0(5)
Hg(1) - Hg(2) - F(2)	78.0(4)	Hg(1) - Hg(2) - F(3)	117.3(4)

heavy atoms (Hg) were located by solving a Patterson map (sec. 2.13) which suggested that either three or four heavy atoms separated by ~ 2.56 Å were almost in a straight line. Both Hg_3^{2+} and Hg_4^{2+} ions were tested but only the model with Hg_3^{2+} gave a good agreement between the observed and calculated structure factors. The lighter atoms (Nb, F, S, O) were located using difference syntheses.

Details of the structure determination are summarized in Table 6.1 and 6.2. The difference map calculated at the end of the refinement showed a maximum residual peak of $+3.6 \text{ eÅ}^{-3}$, 0.9 Å away from the atom Hg2 in the c direction while the minimum peak, -6.1 Å^{-3} , was found on the 2-fold axis, 0.9 Å away from the atom Hg1. The resultant structure is illustrated in Fig. 6.2.

The refined atomic parameters and bond lengths and angles are given respectively in Table 6.5 and 6.6. A list of the magnitudes of the observed and calculated structure factors have been deposited with McMaster University (Tun, 1984).

6.4 Discussion

$\text{Hg}_4(\text{Ta}_2\text{F}_{11})_2$ contains essentially the same Hg_4^{2+} ion as $\text{Hg}_4(\text{AsF}_6)_2$ reported by Cutforth et al. (1983). In both compounds the ions are almost linear (see Table 6.4) and have interionic distances between the terminal atoms of the neighbouring ions ($\text{Hg}(2) \dots \text{Hg}(2)$ about 3.0 Å) which are comparable to the shortest bond lengths observed in the solid Hg, 2.99 Å in α -Hg (Barrett, 1957) and 2.83 Å in β -Hg (Atoji et al. 1959).

The internal geometry of the Hg_3^{2+} ion is not exactly the same in all known compounds. The significant difference occurs in the Hg-Hg-Hg

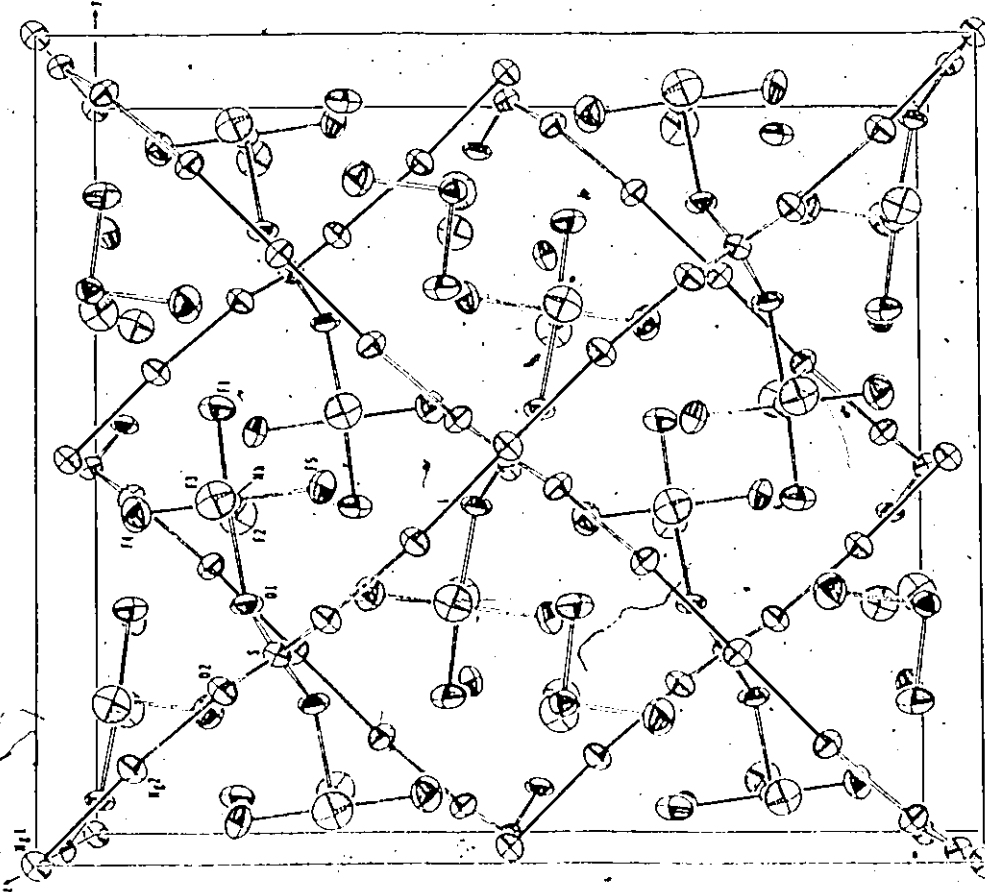
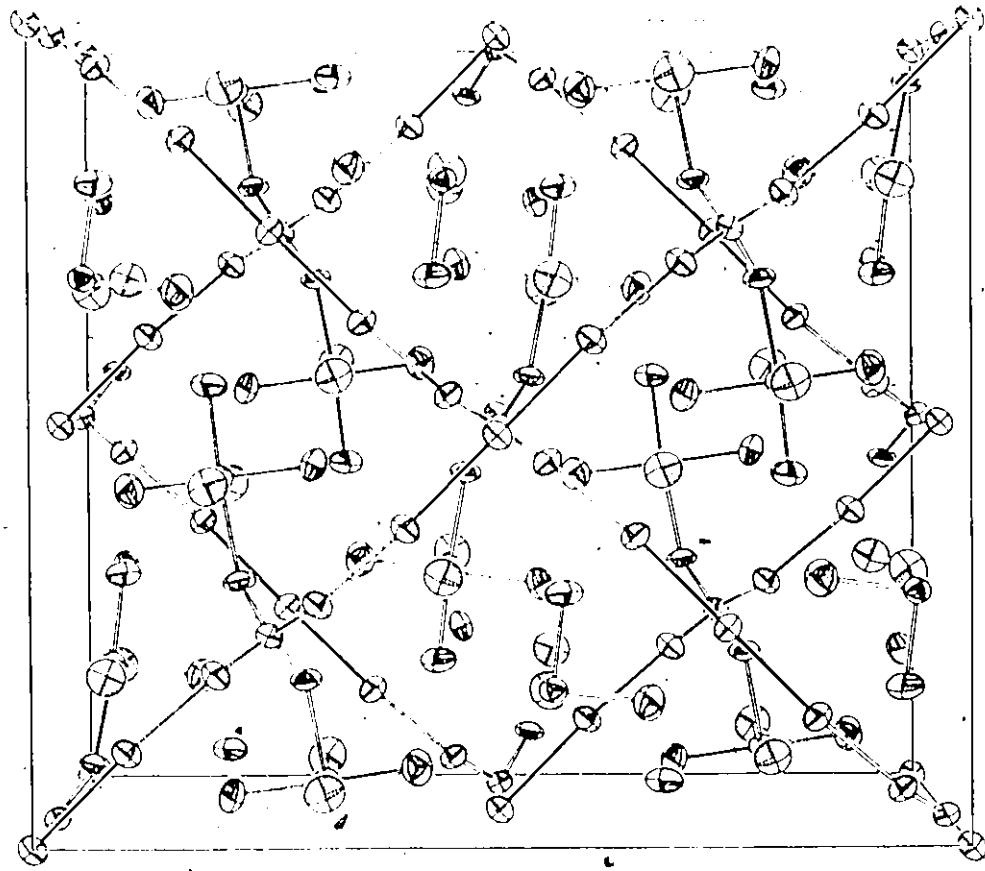


Figure 6.2 Refined model $\text{Hg}_3(\text{HbF}_5)_2\text{SO}_4$

Table 6.5

Refined atomic parameters of $\text{Hg}_3(\text{NbF}_5)_2\text{SO}_4$ $(\times 10^4)$ for positional parameters and $A \times 10^3$ for temperature factors

	x	y	z	U_{11}	U_{22}	U_{33}	U_{12}	U_{13}	U_{23}
Hg(1)	0	0	0	32(1)	33(1)	34(1)	-6(1)	0	0
Hg(2)	994(1)	1146(1)	9672(1)	35(1)	33(1)	36(1)	-8(1)	-3(1)	3(1)
Nb	1927(1)	4409(1)	7436(2)	31(1)	26(1)	28(1)	1(1)	-2(1)	3(1)
S	1/4	1/4	8536(7)	30(3)	25(3)	29(3)	-3(2)	0	0
F(1)	1809(7)	5570(7)	7277(18)	58(7)	27(6)	61(9)	-3(5)	-1(8)	6(7)
F(2)	1959(8)	4263(10)	5428(15)	60(9)	63(9)	39(7)	6(7)	4(6)	9(7)
F(3)	1885(8)	4379(9)	9482(16)	63(8)	58(9)	37(7)	3(7)	4(6)	-6(7)
F(4)	911(6)	4250(9)	7352(17)	39(6)	54(8)	57(9)	-2(6)	11(7)	11(7)
F(5)	2961(6)	4567(8)	7532(18)	29(5)	48(7)	71(9)	7(5)	-13(7)	7(7)
O(1)	2139(8)	3118(8)	7551(18)	43(7)	18(6)	49(9)	4(5)	-12(7)	4(6)
O(2)	1954(7)	2073(8)	9441(15)	34(7)	32(7)	33(8)	-9(5)	4(6)	-3(6)

Table 6.6

Important bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) in $\text{Hg}_3(\text{NbF}_5)_2\text{SO}_4$.

Values given in brackets are the corresponding values observed in

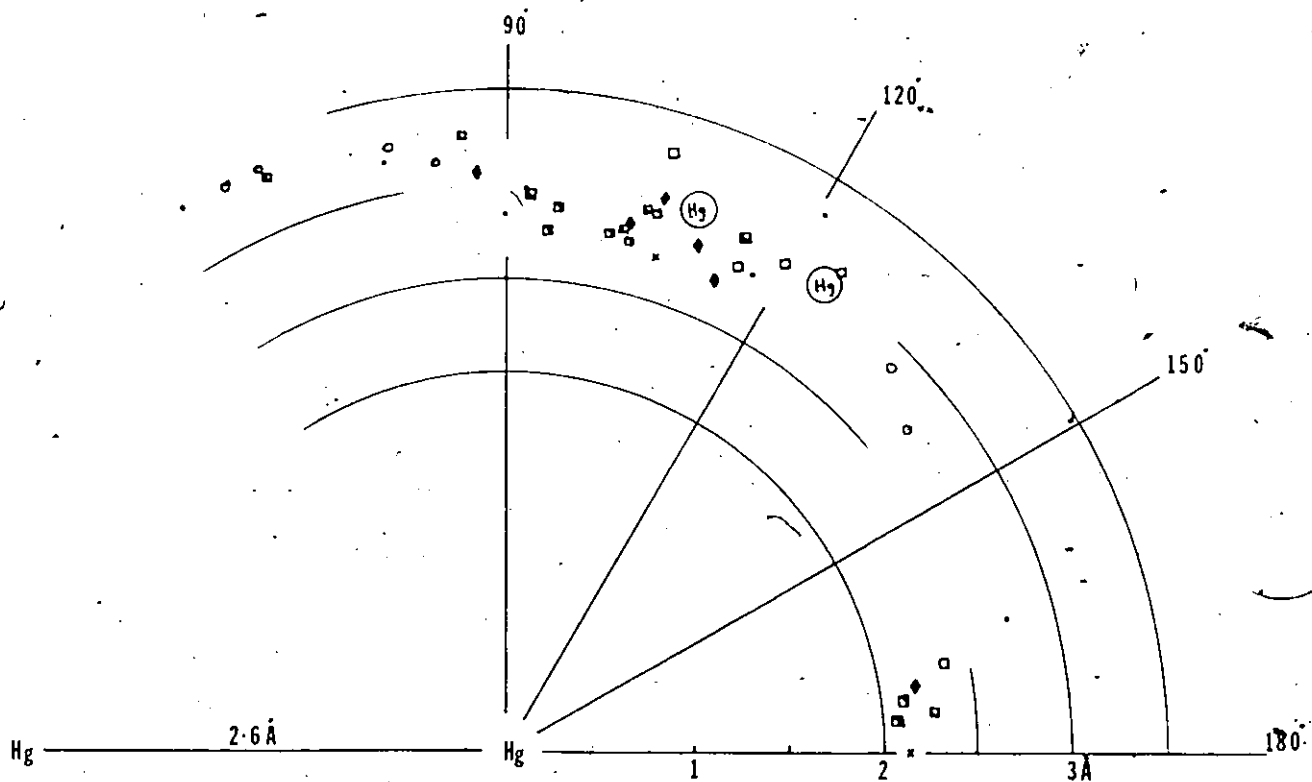
$\text{Hg}_3(\text{AlCl}_4)_2$ and $\text{Hg}_3(\text{AsF}_6)_2$.

Hg(1) - Hg(2) (x2)	2.562(1)	[2.56; 2.552(5)]	
S - O(1) (x2)	1.48(2)	S - O(2) (x2)	1.46(1)
Nb - O(1)	2.07(1)	Nb - F(1)	1.84(1)
Nb - F(2)	1.86(1)	Nb - F(3)	1.88(1)
Nb - F(4)	1.85(1)	Nb - F(5)	1.89(1)
Hg(2) - O(2)	2.28(1)	Hg(2) - F'(5)	2.99(1)
Hg(2) - F(3)	2.81(1)	Hg(2) - F(2)	3.25(1)
Hg(2) - F(5)	2.95(1)	Hg(1) - F(4)	2.96(1)
Hg(2) - F(1)	2.95(2)	Hg(1) - O(2)	3.05(1)
Hg(2) - Hg(1) - Hg(2)	166.5(1)	[174.42(4); 180]	
O(1) - S - O(1)	105(1)	O(2) - S - O(2)	110(†)
O(1) - S - O(2)	110.6(9)		
Nb - O(1) - S	139(2)	Hg(2) - O(2) - S	150(3)
O(1) - Nb - F(1)	175.7(8)	O(1) - Nb - F(2)	85.6(8)
O(1) - Nb - F(3)	86.1(8)	O(1) - Nb - F(4)	93.0(7)
O(1) - Nb - F(5)	86.8(7)	F(1) - Nb - F(2)	92.7(9)
F(1) - Nb - F(3)	95.7(8)	F(1) - Nb - F(4)	91.0(7)
F(1) - Nb - F(5)	89.3(8)	F(2) - Nb - F(3)	171.4(8)
F(2) - Nb - F(4)	88.5(8)	F(2) - Nb - F(5)	91.8(9)
F(3) - Nb - F(4)	89.9(9)	F(3) - Nb - F(5)	89.8(8)
F(4) - Nb - F(5)	179.6(6)		
Hg(1) - Hg(2) - O(2)	174.8(3)	Hg(1) - Hg(2) - F(1)	92.2(3)
Hg(1) - Hg(2) - F(3)	102.8(5)	Hg(1) - Hg(2) - F'(5)	145.0(3)
Hg(1) - Hg(2) - F(5)	105.0(4)	Hg(1) - Hg(2) - F(2)	85.8(4)

angle. The Hg_3^{2+} in $\text{Hg}_3(\text{AsF}_6)_2$ is the straightest, since the central Hg atom is located on a center of symmetry and the ion is required to be linear. $\text{Hg}_3(\text{AlCl}_4)_2$ features a slightly bent Hg_3^{2+} ion (Hg-Hg-Hg = 174.42(4), Ellison et al., 1972) while that of $\text{Hg}_3(\text{NbF}_5)_2\text{SO}_4$ is even more bent with an Hg-Hg-Hg angle of 166.5(1). The case of the last compound is unusual also because each Hg_3^{2+} ion is linked to another Hg_3^{2+} ion by the SO_4^{2-} ion residing on a neighbouring two fold axis. The Hg(2)-O bond (2.28 Å) is the shortest bond formed by the terminal Hg(2) atom to the nearby X atoms (X being either O or F).

There is a correlation between the Hg-X bond length and the Hg-Hg-X angle. The correlation can be seen in the environments of all the polyatomic Hg cations as illustrated in the polar diagram of Fig. 6.3 where all the known Hg_4^{2+} and Hg_3^{2+} compounds and two representative Hg_2^{2+} compounds are included. Hg-Cl distances have been reduced by 0.45 Å (Source: Pauling, 1960, pp. 514), the difference between the ionic radii of F and Cl, but no correction has been applied to the Hg-O bonds. The diagram indicates that the bonding between the terminal Hg atom and the X atoms is directional since the Hg-X bonds with large Hg-Hg-X angles (close to 180°) are generally shorter than those with smaller angles.

For comparison, the short Hg...Hg interionic distances observed in both Hg_4^{2+} compounds are also shown on the diagram. Although the ionic radius for Hg is larger than for F, the Hg...Hg distances are comparable to the lengths of those Hg-F bonds that have a similar Hg-Hg-X angle.



- ◊ $\text{Hg}_4(\text{AsF}_6)_2$ Cutforth et al.(1983)
- $\text{Hg}_4(\text{Ta}_2\text{F}_{11})_2$
- ◻ $\text{Hg}_3(\text{AlCl}_4)_2$ Ellison et al.(1972)
- ◻ $\text{Hg}_3(\text{AsF}_6)_2$ Cutforth, Davies, Dean, Gillespie, Ireland, Ummat(1973)
- ◻ $\text{Hg}_3(\text{NbF}_5)_2\text{SO}_4$
- × Hg_2F_2 Dorm (1971)
- ♦ $\text{Hg}_2\text{SiF}_6 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ Dorm (1971)

Figure 6.3

Correlation between Hg-X bond length (X = O, F, Cl) and Hg-Hg-X angle. The Hg-Cl distances have been reduced by 0.45 Å, the difference between the ionic radii of Cl and F. For comparison the short inter-ionic Hg...Hg distances seen in the Hg_4^{2+} compounds are also shown.

CHAPTER VII

CONCLUSIONS

7.1 Structural analysis on the chain and the layer compounds

It was pointed out in Chapter III that although the known $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ (M = As, Sb, Nb, Ta) compounds are very similar to each other, small but significant differences can be seen by comparing their room temperature structures. Differences occur, for instance, in the tetragonal lattice parameters a and c , the crystallographic composition parameter δ and the undulation of the chains u_0 . Among the bond lengths and other interatomic distances, the principle difference occurs in the M-F bond lengths while the other distances, $d_{\text{Hg-Hg}}$, (F-chain) and (chain-chain), remain unchanged from one compound to another (see Table 3.4).

Interrelation between the various parameters and the bond lengths can best be expressed in terms of the following equations which can be derived from Fig. 3.2 and 3.3.

From Fig. 3.2 it can be seen that

$$c = 2[\text{F(1)-chain}] + 2[\text{M-F(1)}] + (\text{chain-chain}) \quad (7.1)$$

where $(\text{chain-chain}) = \frac{c}{4} + 2u_0$ (7.2)

and from Fig. 3.3

$$a = 2\{[F(2)\text{-chain}]^2 - (c/8)^2\}^{1/2} + \sqrt{2}[M\text{-}F(2)] \quad (7.3)$$

The composition parameter δ is related to the lattice parameter a as

$$3-\delta = a/d_{\text{Hg-Hg}} \quad (7.4)$$

From Table 3.4 the following distances, the same in all the known compounds, are obtained.

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\text{Hg-Hg}} &= 2.67 \text{ \AA} \\ F(1)\text{-chain} &= 2.86 \\ F(2)\text{-chain} &= 2.98 \\ \text{chain-chain} &= 3.23 \end{aligned} \quad (7.5)$$

Substituting these values into eq. (7.1-7.4) gives predictions for a , c , u_0 and δ for any chain compound once the M-F bond lengths are known. Table 7.1 lists the predicted and, where known, the observed values of these four parameters for the compounds with $M = \text{P, As, Sb, Nb, Ta, Bi}$. The small values of δ and u_0 expected in $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{BiF}_6$ suggest that it might exist as a stoichiometric compound with almost straight Hg chains.

Similar arguments can be applied to the case of the Hg_3MF_6 layer compounds reported in Chapter V. In this structure the metallicly bonded Hg atoms in the hexagonal sheets are located at fixed special positions so that the hexagonal lattice parameter a is completely determined by the $d_{\text{Hg-Hg}}$ distance within the sheet. From Fig. 5.5(c),

$$a = \sqrt{3}d_{\text{Hg-Hg}} \quad (7.6)$$

Table 7.]

Predicted [and observed] parameters for $Hg_{3-\delta}MF_6$ compounds.

For the unknown compounds M-F bond lengths are assumed to be the values of the corresponding known MF_6 ions.

	$Hg_{3-\delta}PF_6$	$Hg_{3-\delta}AsF_6$	$Hg_{3-\delta}SbF_6$	$Hg_{3-\delta}NbF_6$	$Hg_{3-\delta}TaF_6$	$Hg_{3-\delta}BiF_6$
M-F(1) (Å)	1.57	[1.70]	[1.84]	[1.87]	[1.88]	1.98
M-F(2) (Å)	1.61	[1.72]	[1.88]	[1.89]	[1.88]	1.98
a (Å)	7.41	7.53 [7.534(7)]	7.72 [7.711(2)]	7.72 [7.692(1)]	7.70 [7.711(1)]	7.85
c (Å)	12.09	12.35 [12.395(8)]	12.63 [12.641(2)]	12.69 [12.679(2)]	12.71 [12.714(2)]	12.91
u_o (Å)	0.104	0.071 [0.07(1)]	0.036 [0.037(4)]	0.029 [0.026(3)]	0.026 [0.030(3)]	0.009
δ	0.22	0.18 [0.178(6)]	0.11 [0.10(2)]	0.11 [0.119(3)]	0.12 [0.116(4)]	0.06

In both existing compounds $d_{\text{Hg-Hg}}$ bond length is found to be 2.90 Å. Since the Hg atoms are in the same oxidation state, it is reasonable to suppose that this bond length does not vary for different MF_6 ions. All compounds which crystallize in the Hg_3MF_6 structure are therefore expected to have the same a axis length, namely $2.90 \times \sqrt{3} = 5.02$ Å. The M atoms located at the hexagonal lattice points would then be separated by 5.02 Å in each layer. This leaves only M-F bond length and F-M-F angles as unknown parameters to determine the exact positions of F atoms.

The ideal structure is the one in which the F atoms form a hexagonal sheet of 2.90 Å spacing without introducing any distortion in the MF_6 ions. As an indicator of how close the F sheet is to this ideal arrangement a parameter ξ can be defined as follows.

$$\xi = \frac{\text{closest F-F distance bonded to different M atoms}}{\text{closest F-F distance bonded to same M atom}}$$

$$= \frac{r_2}{r_1} \quad (7.7)$$

(The distances r_1 and r_2 are shown in Fig. 5.5(b)).

For the ideal hexagonal arrangement $\xi = 1$.

Table 7.2 lists the values of ξ for Hg_3NbF_6 , Hg_3TaF_6 and various hypothetical compounds calculated by assuming typical values of known M-F bond lengths and setting all F-M-F angles = 90° . In the first three entries ξ is larger than the value corresponding to Hg_3NbF_6 and Hg_3TaF_6 which might be the reason why layer structures of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{AsF}_6$ and $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ have not been observed. The table suggests an upper threshold value of ξ for layer compound formation between 1.12 and 1.17. On the other

Table 7.2

Value of ϵ calculated for the known and hypothetical Hg_3MF_6 compounds assuming a distortion-free MF_6 ion

Compound	M-F bond length (Å)	ϵ
Hg_3PF_6	1.60	1.44
Hg_3AsF_6	1.70	1.32
Hg_3SbF_6	1.85	1.17
Hg_3NbF_6	1.90	1.12
Hg_3TaF_6	1.90	1.12
Hg_3BiF_6	1.98	1.05

Ideal M-F bond length = 2.05 Å

hand, the unknown Hg_3BiF_6 might be expected to have a stable layer phase.

7.2 Geometry of polyatomic mercury ions in low oxidation states

The two compounds reported in Chapter VI, $\text{Hg}_4(\text{Ta}_2\text{F}_{11})_2$ and $\text{Hg}_3(\text{NbF}_5)_2\text{SO}_4$, contain Hg in higher oxidation states than the chain and the sheet compounds, i.e., $+\frac{1}{2}$ and $+\frac{2}{3}$ respectively. The former compound shows the tendency of Hg ions to link together into infinite zigzag chains while the latter does not show such a tendency. These observations are in good agreement with the structures of $\text{Hg}_4(\text{AsF}_6)_2$, $\text{Hg}_3(\text{AlCl}_4)_2$ and $\text{Hg}_3(\text{AsF}_6)_2$ (Cutforth et al. (1983); Ellison et al. (1972); Cutforth, Davies, Dean, Gillespie; Ireland, Ummat (1973)). Many compounds containing the Hg_2^{2+} are known, e.g., Hg_2X_2 (X = F, Cl, Br, I). They feature Hg in a higher oxidation state than $+\frac{2}{3}$ and also do not exhibit any tendency to link into infinite chains (Dorm, 1971). On the other end, the elemental solid Hg with an oxidation state of zero crystallizes in two phases with three dimensional Hg linkages.

Table 7.3 lists compounds with Hg in various oxidation states. The table shows that the internal Hg-Hg bonds of the polyatomic ion gets shorter with increasing oxidation state. A systematic trend in the geometry of Hg atoms can also be seen in the table.

The oxidation states of Hg in these compounds given in Table 7.3 can be written in the series

$$\frac{2}{\infty}, \frac{2}{6}, \frac{2}{6-2\delta}, \frac{2}{4}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{2}, \frac{2}{1}$$

The missing member of the series is Hg_5^{2+} ion. This ion was not observed in the series of reactions between elemental Hg and AsF_5

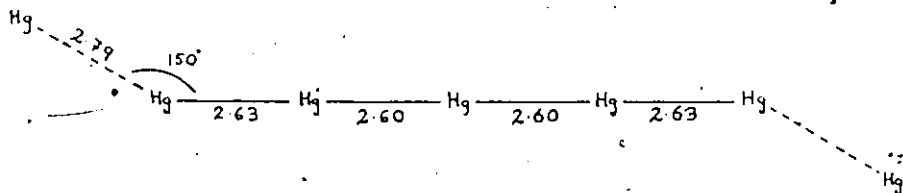
Table 7.3

The Hg-Hg distances and geometry of Hg observed in various oxidation states.

The distances which may represent significant interactions are given in brackets.

Material	Oxidation State	Hg-Hg distance (Å)	Geometry of Hg
α -solid Hg	0	2.99(x6)	3-dimensional structure
β -solid Hg	0	2.83(x2), 3.16(x8)	
Hg ₃ MF ₆ (M = Nb, Ta)	1/3	2.90(x6)	2-dimensional infinite sheets
Hg ₃₋₆ MF ₆ (M = As, Sb, Nb, Ta)	> 1/3	2.671(x2)	1-dimensional straight chains
Hg ₄ (AsF ₆) ₂	1/2	2.588, 2.620(x2), [2.985]	Non-uniform zigzag chains
Hg ₄ (Ta ₂ F ₁₁) ₂	1/2	2.593, 2.630(x2), [3.033]	
Hg ₃ (AlCl ₄) ₂	2/3	2.551, 2.562	Terminal Hg atoms
Hg ₃ (AsF ₆) ₂	2/3	2.552(x2)	covalently bonded to central atom but no short interionic distances
Hg ₃ (NbF ₅) ₂ SO ₄	2/3	2.562(x2)	
Hg ₂ F ₂	1	2.507 (Dorm, 1971)	Each Hg atom covalently bonded to nearest Hg atom but Hg-F bonds have partial ionic character
HgF ₂	2		Isolated ion

under SO_2 and may not be stable with respect to the chain compounds. However if the Hg_5^{2+} ion is ever prepared it is expected to be almost linear with the structure shown in the following diagram



where the Hg-Hg distances predicted are according to the trend seen in Table 7.3.

Another trend seen in Table 7.3 is that the Hg-Hg bonding becomes more and more directional as the oxidation state of the atom increases. In the lowest oxidation state, i.e., zero, Hg forms metallic Hg-Hg bonds in all three directions (α -Hg and β -Hg) but as the oxidation state increases to +1/3 the metallic Hg-Hg bonds occur only in two-dimensional layers while bonding to the atoms outside the layers (i.e., bonding to the six nearest F atoms about 3.2 Å away) becomes that of ionic character. When the oxidation state further increases the dimensionality of the Hg-Hg bonding is reduced to one, leading to the formation of infinite chains of the $\text{Hg}_{3-6}\text{MF}_6$ compounds. In these chains each Hg atom forms two metallic Hg-Hg bonds of equal strength along the chain direction but the interaction in the other directions is ionic. The anisotropy of the Hg-Hg bonding increases as the oxidation state increases to +1/2 (Hg_4^{2+} compounds) for, in this case, the terminal Hg atoms form a strong bond towards the central atom but the interionic

interaction with the terminal atom of the nearby Hg_4^{2+} ion is weak. At this point the continuous path for electronic conduction is broken and the materials, although containing metal atoms, become insulators and lose their metallic luster. The internal bonds of the Hg_4^{2+} ion should more appropriately be called covalent rather than metallic since the electronic charges are localized within each ion as explained in Sec. 1.1. The trend continues for oxidation state of +2/3 (Hg_3^{2+} compounds) where the Hg_3^{2+} ions are well-separated from each other and no short inter-ionic distances can be found. Although the central atom of the Hg_3^{2+} ion still forms Hg-Hg bonds of equal strength in two opposite directions the terminal atoms form only one such bond. As the oxidation state increases to +1 each Hg atom forms only one Hg-Hg bond with its nearest neighbour. The example given in Table 7.3, Hg_2F_2 , consists of Hg-Hg bonds of covalent character (2.51 Å) while the other bonds, namely Hg-F bonds, have partial ionic character as suggested by the bond length of 2.14 Å (Dorn, 1971). In the extreme case of oxidation state +2, Hg-Hg bonding does not occur at all. Hg_2F_2 listed in Table 7.3 as an example represents complete electronic transfer from Hg to F and the material is a simple ionic insulator.

APPENDIX I

DETAILS OF ABSORPTION CORRECTION

This appendix provides detailed information on the numerical integration absorption corrections used for some of the structure determinations of $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{MF}_6$ compounds reported in Chapter III. The corrections were applied using the program ABSORB, a routine of XRAY76 edited by Stewart (1976). Table A.1 summarizes the input parameters to program ABSORB and wherever five entries separated by semi-colons are given they correspond respectively to the structure determination of the (i) $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ (sample 1) at 293K, (ii) $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ (sample 2) at 293K, (iii) $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ (sample 2) at 173K, (iv) $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$ at 293K and (v) $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$ at 150K.

Table A.1

Input parameters to ABSORB

Linear absorption coefficient μ : 63.9; 63.9, 64.8; 74.9; 76.4 mm^{-1}

Radiation wavelength λ : 0.71069 Å

Number of grid points for integration: 10x10x10

Primary orientation reflection hkl : 200; 200; 200; 200; 200
 χ : 68.47; 281.38; 279.07; 0.37; 0.11
 ϕ : 21.05; 52.50; 49.73; 293.61; 294.22

Secondary orientation reflection hkl : 002; 002; 002; 008; 008
 χ : 21.05; 11.40; 9.06; 1.50; 0.72
 ϕ : 213.80; 48.90; 50.82; 203.58; 204.18

The following tables list the orientation and distances of the crystal faces from an arbitrarily chosen origin inside the crystal. The room temperature and low temperature orientations are slightly different (in tables A.3 and A.4) because of small crystal movements during cooling. Only the room temperature orientations were measured as described in Sec. 3.2. The low temperature orientations were deduced from the difference between the crystal orientation matrices printed by the diffractometer. The distances (d) were adjusted to minimize the internal agreement factor R_{int} between the equivalent reflections of data set II.

Table A:2

Crystal face orientations and distances for $\text{Hg}_{3-6}\text{SbF}_6$ (sample 1)

$\chi(293\text{K})$	$\phi(293\text{K})$	$d(\text{mm}) \times 10^3$ measured	$d(\text{mm}) \times 10^3$ adjusted
217.4	30.1	48±10	45
195.0	153.6	32	34
196.2	242.6	81	81
187.3	271.7	65	63
173.6	213.5	39	37
174.4	95.4	48	48
167.1	332.3	26	27
144.0	210.1	55	52
101.4	58.4	65	58

Table A.3

Crystal face orientations and distances for $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{SbF}_6$ (sample 2)

$\chi(293\text{K})$	$\phi(293\text{K})$	$\chi(173\text{K})$	$\phi(173\text{K})$	$d(\text{nm}) \times 10^3$ measured	$d(\text{nm}) \times 10^3$ adjusted
12.2	51.6	10.1	53.3	45 ± 15	32.3
354.2	57.8	352.0	59.3	52 ± 15	38.7
353.5	288.5	355.3	290.0	97 ± 10	96.8
6.8	229.9	8.9	231.4	65 ± 10	51.6
16.6	228.1	18.6	229.4	65 ± 10	64.5
22.8	226.0	25.0	268.1	90 ± 10	90.3
22.8	140.9	22.0	141.7	81 ± 10	80.6
355.4	157.9	355.2	159.7	68 ± 10	67.7
87.8	251.8	90.0	0.0	97 ± 10	100.0
272.2	71.8	270.0	0.0	65 ± 10	64.5

Table A.4

Crystal face orientations and distances for $\text{Hg}_{3-\delta}\text{TaF}_6$

$\chi(293\text{K})$	$\phi(293\text{K})$	$\chi(150\text{K})$	$\phi(150\text{K})$	$d(\text{mm}) \times 10^3$ measured	$d(\text{mm}) \times 10^3$ adjusted
178.4	25.1	179.2	25.7	5±10	5.2
181.6	205.1	180.8	205.7	5	5.2
180.0	115.1	180.2	115.7	97	96.8
180.0	295.1	179.8	295.7	97	96.8
90.0	0.0	90.8	43.3	97	96.8
270.0	0.0	269.2	223.3	97	96.8

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TABLES #1.

This report contains magnitudes of observed and calculated structure factors for refined models described in the Ph.D.

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H	K	L	F0	FC	SIG	H	K	L	F0	FC	SIG	H	K	L	F0	FC	SIG
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	4	4774	4837	72	6	12	342+	113	72	1	6	1	7	33	
0	0	0	8	5743	5946	86	7	15	715	688	32	6	6	1	5	36	
0	0	0	12	1440	1487	33	7	3	1562	1588	27	1	6	6	5	36	
0	0	0	16	1441	1442	36	7	5	1428	1459	26	1	6	6	4	76	
0	1	1	3	4717	4734	66	7	7	490	399	40	1	6	6	4	40	
0	1	1	5	4208	4214	60	7	9	317+	356	61	1	6	6	4	20	
0	1	1	7	1392	1341	24	7	11	755	744	35	1	6	6	3	72	
0	1	1	9	1094	1066	26	8	0	1281	1302	36	1	6	6	2	24	
0	1	1	11	1953	1966	31	8	2	862	817	30	1	6	6	4	6	
0	1	1	13	1395	1432	27	8	2	419+	422	31	1	6	6	6	14	
0	1	1	15	334+	294	65	8	6	641	654	33	1	6	6	8	6	
0	2	2	0	5123	5003	74	8	8	917	894	33	1	6	6	10	6	
0	2	2	2	5557	3518	51	9	1	721	763	36	1	6	6	11	3	
0	2	2	4	6672	2606	38	9	3	661	713	38	1	6	6	13	3	
0	2	2	6	5546	2575	37	9	5	326+	232	36	1	6	6	15	3	
0	2	2	8	3052	3543	44	0	7	679	711	67	1	6	6	17	3	
0	2	2	10	4400	1459	27	1	9	1787	1740	31	1	6	6	19	3	
0	2	2	12	558	489	41	1	11	1946	1931	32	1	6	6	21	3	
0	2	2	14	701	689	33	1	13	510	528	31	1	6	6	23	3	
0	2	2	16	902	867	33	1	15	868	835	42	1	6	6	25	3	
0	3	3	0	2739	2691	40	1	17	1213	1183	20	1	6	6	27	3	
0	3	3	2	3339	3160	45	1	19	584	654	25	1	6	6	29	3	
0	3	3	4	4466	2924	33	1	21	679	705	33	1	6	6	31	3	
0	3	3	6	1490	1476	22	1	23	848	793	25	1	6	6	33	3	
0	3	3	8	83	1126	26	1	25	692	617	33	1	6	6	35	3	
0	3	3	10	1517	1515	28	1	27	548	544	42	1	6	6	37	3	
0	3	3	12	3335+	1173	29	1	29	484	455	48	1	6	6	39	3	
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0	3	3	26	4427+	282	54	1	43	620	663	43	1	6	6	53	3	
0	3	3	28	581	581	55	1	45	919	938	20	1	6	6	55	3	
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0	3	3	46	444	1523	27	1	63	1068	1061	25	1	6	6	73	3	
0	3	3	48	554	494	40	1	65	239+	495	75	1	6	6	75	3	
0	3	3	50	1187	1187	24	1	67	479+	228	54	1	6	6	77	3	
0	3	3	52	754	754	34	1	69	221+	222	86	1	6	6	79	3	
0	3	3	54	734	734	34	1	71	507	504	55	1	6	6	81	3	



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H	K	L	FO	FC	SIG	H	K	L	FO	FC	SIG	H	K	L	FO	FC	SIG
2	6	6	284+	6	72	3	5	12	226+	15	96	4	7	1	459	370	44
2	6	8	510	541	40	3	6	11	319+	362	61	4	7	3	330+	350	59
2	6	10	0+	16	148	3	6	6	43+	271	118	4	7	5	470	345	45
2	6	12	412+	350	58	3	6	5	218+	261	87	4	7	7	418+	315	48
2	7	1	408+	392	42	3	6	7	510	309	48	4	7	9	341+	249	64
2	7	3	330+	365	52	3	6	9	303+	304	67	4	8	0	408+	485	68
2	7	5	471	391	42	3	6	11	182+	262	107	4	8	2	0+	2	145
2	7	7	421	342	52	3	6	2	499	494	37	4	8	4	458+	408	48
2	7	9	316+	250	62	3	6	4	201+	3	82	4	8	6	183+	35	105
2	7	11	345+	240	63	3	6	6	435+	487	51	4	8	1	358+	235	64
2	8	0	594	572	50	3	6	8	302+	14	71	4	8	3	437	234	56
2	8	2	0+	12	143	3	6	10	468+	317	60	4	8	5	629	696	41
2	8	4	434+	461	46	3	6	11	455+	409	43	4	8	7	591	622	70
2	8	6	291+	4	69	3	6	13	295+	362	63	4	8	9	455+	401	50
2	8	8	562+	416	42	3	6	15	331+	314	61	4	8	11	488	506	37
2	8	10	349+	302	71	3	6	17	410+	299	67	4	8	13	367+	413	48
2	8	12	220+	296	103	3	6	19	410+	426	54	4	8	15	468	388	45
2	9	1	321+	286	66	3	6	21	157+	1	109	4	8	17	451+	378	44
2	9	3	1662	1674	28	4	4	0	1017	1027	37	4	8	19	361+	311	63
2	9	5	1480	1513	32	4	4	2	761	744	38	4	8	21	513	489	39
2	9	7	594	626	56	4	4	4	573	670	52	4	8	23	220+	22	94
2	9	9	594	612	66	4	4	6	263+	471	129	4	8	25	437	428	52
2	9	11	935	943	21	4	4	8	454	472	37	4	8	27	166+	2	107
2	9	13	772	726	24	4	4	10	392+	469	45	4	8	29	260+	239	73
2	9	15	651	666	30	4	4	12	492	411	44	4	8	31	260+	218	34
2	9	17	598	655	36	4	4	14	490	410	38	4	8	33	306+	209	67
2	9	19	638	545	39	4	4	16	335+	322	57	4	8	35	577	574	68
2	9	21	433	398	58	4	4	18	416+	267	65	4	8	37	569	566	54
2	9	23	330+	319	71	4	4	20	599	42	62	4	8	39	471+	397	54
2	9	25	567	571	30	4	4	22	239+	5	69	4	8	41	459	307	53
2	9	27	38+	14	126	4	4	24	416	494	48	4	8	43	311+	246	66
2	9	29	670	660	31	4	4	26	123+	4	5	4	8	45	311+	246	66
2	9	31	193+	91	91	4	4	28	362+	444	54	4	8	47	252+	236	83
2	9	33	222+	379	86	4	4	30	31+	4	79	4	8	49	349+	224	103
2	9	35	222+	379	86	4	4	32	31+	3	79	4	8	51	357+	282	80

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H	K	L	FO	FC	SIG	H	K	L	FO	FC	SIG	H	K	L	FO	FC	SIG
0	0	4	4620	494	0	0	7	1	1125	1039	125	1	6	7	689	78	
0	0	8	6383	682	0	0	7	3	2099	2189	231	1	6	9	615	71	
0	0	12	2497	244	0	0	7	5	1993	792	219	1	6	11	522	66	
0	0	16	2497	268	0	0	7	7	832	683	95	1	6	12	750	66	
0	1	1	2076	268	0	0	7	9	677	795	79	1	6	2	252	85	
0	1	3	4506	544	0	0	7	11	1266	1333	140	1	6	4	832	67	
0	1	5	4311	472	0	0	8	0	1971	2026	118	1	6	6	333	100	
0	1	9	1560	168	0	0	8	2	1370	1402	151	1	6	8	233	82	
0	1	11	1331	147	0	0	8	4	911	874	103	1	6	10	422	62	
0	1	13	2574	274	0	0	8	6	1554	1173	128	1	6	11	557	67	
0	1	15	2006	219	0	0	8	8	1412	1517	156	1	6	13	444	61	
0	2	0	657	85	0	0	8	10	879	805	101	1	6	15	422	62	
0	2	2	4742	576	0	0	9	1	1361	1334	151	1	6	17	444	69	
0	2	4	3541	427	0	0	9	3	1235	1283	137	1	6	19	418	62	
0	2	6	2762	316	0	0	9	5	1855	1732	205	1	6	21	537	76	
0	2	8	3335	353	0	0	10	6	2243	2053	248	1	6	23	337	77	
0	2	10	1940	214	0	0	10	8	678	637	87	1	6	25	531	72	
0	2	12	550	103	0	0	11	9	1049	1055	119	1	6	27	255	288	
0	2	14	1149	134	0	0	11	11	1374	1207	151	1	6	29	466	162	
0	2	16	2777	326	0	0	11	13	674	656	79	1	6	31	905	107	
0	2	18	3285	326	0	0	11	15	787	739	91	1	6	33	1630	179	
0	2	20	1889	189	0	0	11	17	889	864	103	1	6	35	1112	123	
0	2	22	3134	326	0	0	11	19	706	665	87	1	6	37	1079	119	
0	2	24	1889	189	0	0	11	21	669	633	81	1	6	39	1138	126	
0	2	26	1506	151	0	0	11	23	499	496	67	1	6	41	875	120	
0	2	28	2038	217	0	0	11	25	295	327	68	1	6	43	591	82	
0	2	30	1637	163	0	0	11	27	874	846	97	1	6	45	545	68	
0	2	32	684	87	0	0	11	29	212	266	66	1	6	47	349	68	
0	2	34	4193	420	0	0	11	31	1379	1337	152	1	6	49	1788	197	
0	2	36	2862	296	0	0	11	33	266	26	82	1	6	51	190	68	
0	2	38	3333	333	0	0	11	35	446	403	64	1	6	53	1105	122	
0	2	40	2862	296	0	0	11	37	235	195	127	1	6	55	292	17	
0	2	42	3333	333	0	0	11	39	335	844	94	1	6	57	1134	109	
0	2	44	2862	296	0	0	11	41	52	1011	116	1	6	59	69	56	
0	2	46	3333	333	0	0	11	43	625	636	72	1	6	61	727	749	
0	2	48	2862	296	0	0	11	45	738	679	85	1	6	63	229	26	
0	2	50	3333	333	0	0	11	47	757	752	87	1	6	65	714	714	
0	2	52	2862	296	0	0	11	49	599	659	73	1	6	67	470	486	
0	2	54	3333	333	0	0	11	51	531	534	66	1	6	69	669	623	
0	2	56	2862	296	0	0	11	53	425	421	62	1	6	71	637	543	
0	2	58	3333	333	0	0	11	55	1197	1203	132	1	6	73	459	406	
0	2	60	2862	296	0	0	11	57	111	82	99	1	6	75	398	391	
0	2	62	3333	333	0	0	11	59	1296	1299	143	1	6	77	534	484	
0	2	64	2862	296	0	0	11	61	36	651	71	1	6	79	344	908	
0	2	66	3333	333	0	0	11	63	80	51	76	1	6	81	231	34	
0	2	68	2862	296	0	0	11	65	308	113	82	1	6	83	310	542	
0	2	70	3333	333	0	0	11	67	707	723	82	1	6	85	246	46	
0	2	72	2862	296	0	0	11	69	895	916	100	1	6	87	585	674	
0	2	74	3333	333	0	0	11	71	664	710	78	1	6	89	213	23	
0	2	76	2862	296	0	0	11	73	630	675	76	1	6	91	496	495	

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H	K	L	F0	FC	SIG	H	K	L	F0	FC	SIG	H	K	L	F0	FC	SIG
2	7	1	553	553	68	3	6	3	315+	304	64	4	7	1	557	543	68
2	7	3	469	478	63	3	6	5	359+	327	56	4	7	3	337	416	55
2	7	5	474	494	65	3	6	7	360+	387	58	4	7	5	438	429	62
2	7	7	514	488	66	3	6	9	455	368	62	4	7	7	508	476	65
2	7	9	350+	359	68	3	6	11	439+	325	55	4	7	9	436	380	67
2	7	11	423+	387	65	3	6	12	651	637	77	4	7	11	750	716	89
2	8	0	325+	884	97	3	6	4	223+	41	41	4	8	0	281+	10	60
2	8	2	217+	34	88	3	6	6	728	730	83	4	8	2	552	586	53
2	8	4	623+	630	75	3	6	8	261+	16	92	4	8	4	276+	2	69
2	8	6	325+	38	86	3	6	10	438	404	64	4	8	6	431	421	61
2	8	8	663	667	80	3	6	11	492	600	64	4	8	8	874	916	99
2	8	10	663	466	71	3	6	13	492	510	70	4	8	10	832	877	100
2	9	0	506	441	67	3	6	15	492	496	63	4	9	0	630	616	85
2	9	2	491	464	67	3	6	17	507	471	66	4	9	2	653	679	75
2	9	4	190	179	10	3	6	19	552	659	77	4	9	4	550	546	66
2	9	6	188	186	2	3	6	21	163+	19	83	4	9	6	550	570	67
2	9	8	792	796	95	3	6	23	134	128	7	4	9	8	503	605	71
2	10	0	960	946	109	3	6	24	891	878	101	4	9	10	480	427	64
2	10	2	1151	1088	127	3	6	26	861	860	99	4	9	12	606	658	72
2	10	4	823	793	92	3	6	28	763	679	93	4	9	14	261+	19	69
2	10	6	806	760	90	3	6	30	635	657	73	4	9	16	652	652	76
2	10	8	833	834	94	3	6	32	407	434	57	4	9	18	143+	5	90
2	10	10	641	665	76	3	6	34	546	541	65	4	9	20	353+	358	60
2	11	0	564	569	72	3	6	36	618	593	73	4	9	22	239+	294	71
2	11	2	514	437	71	3	6	38	471	421	64	4	9	24	274+	325	64
2	11	4	755	637	86	3	6	40	271+	322	78	4	9	26	917	918	108
2	11	6	171+	38	65	3	6	42	825	817	94	4	9	28	728	750	86
2	11	8	903	811	90	3	6	44	148+	2	78	4	9	30	532	678	84
2	11	10	265+	101	71	3	6	46	560	599	67	4	9	32	447	462	63
2	11	12	333+	427	67	3	6	48	265+	14	57	4	9	34	371+	372	57
2	11	14	64+	65	82	3	6	50	587	603	71	4	9	36	362+	392	58
2	11	16	10+	453	68	3	6	52	264+	4	85	4	9	38			

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H	K	L	F _O	F _C	SIG	H	K	L	F _O	F _C	SIG
0	0	7	6152	6162	100	0	0	6	1653	1673	228
0	0	9	4110	4211	114	0	0	9	1795	1418	258
0	1	11	3724	3881	122	0	1	11	962	2744	133
0	1	13	3138	2811	145	0	1	13	622	2991	100
0	1	17	1217	1098	158	0	1	17	100	2822	117
0	1	19	1100	999	138	0	1	19	261	2777	159
0	1	21	699	666	350	0	1	21	194	1554	200
0	1	23	600	599	355	0	1	23	155	2077	200
0	1	25	500	500	329	0	1	25	100	1754	200
0	1	27	399	399	297	0	1	27	99	1554	200
0	1	29	318	318	137	0	1	29	50	1177	200
0	1	31	244	244	280	0	1	31	50	1177	200
0	1	33	180	180	105	0	1	33	38	811	200
0	1	35	126	126	126	0	1	35	30	600	200
0	1	37	88	88	105	0	1	37	27	500	200
0	1	39	66	66	105	0	1	39	27	400	200
0	1	41	50	50	620	0	1	41	20	300	200
0	1	43	33	33	186	0	1	43	17	200	200
0	1	45	20	20	544	0	1	45	14	100	200
0	1	47	11	11	144	0	1	47	11	99	200
0	1	49	6	6	299	0	1	49	9	99	200
0	1	51	3	3	178	0	1	51	8	77	200
0	1	53	2	2	158	0	1	53	7	66	200
0	1	55	1	1	114	0	1	55	6	55	200
0	1	57	0	0	176	0	1	57	5	44	200
0	1	59	0	0	195	0	1	59	4	33	200
0	1	61	0	0	105	0	1	61	3	22	200
0	1	63	0	0	64	0	1	63	2	11	200
0	1	65	0	0	55	0	1	65	1	9	200
0	1	67	0	0	44	0	1	67	0	8	200
0	1	69	0	0	33	0	1	69	0	7	200
0	1	71	0	0	22	0	1	71	0	6	200
0	1	73	0	0	11	0	1	73	0	5	200
0	1	75	0	0	0	0	1	75	0	4	200
0	1	77	0	0	0	0	1	77	0	3	200
0	1	79	0	0	0	0	1	79	0	2	200
0	1	81	0	0	0	0	1	81	0	1	200
0	1	83	0	0	0	0	1	83	0	0	200
0	1	85	0	0	0	0	1	85	0	0	200
0	1	87	0	0	0	0	1	87	0	0	200
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0	1	101	0	0	0	0	1	101	0	0	200
0	1	103	0	0	0	0	1	103	0	0	200
0	1	105	0	0	0	0	1	105	0	0	200
0	1	107	0	0	0	0	1	107	0	0	200
0	1	109	0	0	0	0	1	109	0	0	200
0	1	111	0	0	0	0	1	111	0	0	200
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0	1	295	0	0	0	0	1	295	0	0	200
0	1	297	0	0	0	0	1	297			

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H	K	L	F _O	F _C	SIG.	H	K	L	F _O	F _C	SIG.
0	0	4	38	40	798	0	0	0	19	15	4
0	0	6	29	30	428	0	0	2	8	8	3
0	0	8	96	97	227	0	0	4	22	22	3
0	0	10	60	61	10	10	0	8	8	8	3
0	0	12	48	49	227	0	0	10	10	10	3
0	0	14	36	37	10	0	0	12	12	12	3
0	0	16	24	25	201	0	0	14	14	14	3
0	0	18	12	13	88	0	0	16	16	16	3
0	0	20	0	1	227	0	0	18	18	18	3
0	0	22	0	1	10	0	0	20	20	20	3
0	0	24	0	1	201	0	0	22	22	22	3
0	0	26	0	1	88	0	0	24	24	24	3
0	0	28	0	1	227	0	0	26	26	26	3
0	0	30	0	1	10	0	0	28	28	28	3
0	0	32	0	1	201	0	0	30	30	30	3
0	0	34	0	1	88	0	0	32	32	32	3
0	0	36	0	1	227	0	0	34	34	34	3
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0	0	52	0	1	227	0	0	50	50	50	3
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0	0	56	0	1	201	0	0	54	54	54	3
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0	0	72	0	1	201	0	0	70	70	70	3
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0	0	76	0	1	227	0	0	74	74	74	3
0	0	78	0	1	10	0	0	76	76	76	3
0	0	80	0	1	201	0	0	78	78	78	3
0	0	82	0	1	88	0	0	80	80	80	3
0	0	84	0	1	227	0	0	82	82	82	3
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0	0	88	0	1	201	0	0	86	86	86	3
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0	0	92	0	1	227	0	0	90	90	90	3
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0	0	98	0	1	88	0	0	96	96	96	3
0	0	100	0	1	227	0	0	98	98	98	3
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0	0	104	0	1	201	0	0	102	102	102	3
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0	0	114	0	1	88	0	0	112	112	112	3
0	0	116	0	1	227	0	0	114	114	114	3
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0	0	120	0	1	201	0	0	118	118	118	3
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0	0	128	0	1	201	0	0	126	126	126	3
0	0	130	0	1	88	0	0	128	128	128	3
0	0	132	0	1	227	0	0	130	130	130	3
0	0	134	0	1	10	0	0	132	132	132	3
0	0	136	0	1	201	0	0	134	134	134	3
0	0	138	0	1	88	0	0	136	136	136	3
0	0	140	0	1	227	0	0	138	138	138	3
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0	0	154	0	1	88	0	0	152	152	152	3
0	0	156	0	1	227	0	0	154	154	154	3
0	0	158	0	1	10	0	0	156	156	156	3
0	0	160	0	1	201	0	0	158	158	158	3
0	0	162	0	1	88	0	0	160	160	160	3
0	0	164	0	1	227	0	0	162	162	162	3
0	0	166	0	1	10	0	0	164	164	164	3
0	0	168	0	1	201	0	0	166	166	166	3
0	0	170	0	1	88	0	0	168	168	168	3
0	0	172	0	1	227	0	0	170	170	170	3
0	0	174	0	1	10	0	0	172	172	172	3
0	0	176	0	1	201	0	0	174	174	174	3
0	0	178	0	1	88	0	0	176	176	176	3
0	0	180	0	1	227	0	0	178	178	178	3
0	0	182	0	1	10	0	0	180	180	180	3
0	0	184	0	1	201	0	0	182	182	182	3
0	0	186	0	1	88	0	0	184	184	184	3
0	0	188	0	1	227	0	0	186	186	186	3
0	0	190	0	1	10	0	0	188	188	188	3
0	0	192	0	1	201	0	0	190	190	190	3
0	0	194	0	1	88	0	0	192	192	192	3
0	0	196	0	1	227	0	0	194	194	194	3
0	0	198	0	1	10	0	0	196	196	196	3
0	0	200	0	1	201	0	0	198	198	198	3
0	0	202	0	1	88	0	0	200	200	200	3
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0	0	208	0	1	201	0	0	206	206	206	3
0	0	210	0	1	88	0	0	208	208	208	3
0	0	212	0	1	227	0	0	210	210	210	3
0	0	214	0	1	10	0	0	212	212	212	3
0	0	216	0	1	201	0	0	214	214	214	3
0	0	218	0	1	88	0	0	216	216	216	3
0	0	220	0	1	227	0	0	218	218	218	3
0	0	222	0	1	10	0	0	220	220	220	3
0	0	224	0	1	201	0	0	222	222	222	3
0	0	226	0	1	88	0	0	224	224	224	3
0	0	228	0	1	227	0	0	226	226	226	3
0	0	230	0	1	10	0	0	228	228	228	3
0	0	232	0	1	201	0	0	230	230	230	3
0	0	234	0	1	88	0	0	232	232	232	3
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0	0	238	0	1	10	0	0	236	236	236	3
0	0	240	0	1	201	0	0	238	238	238	3
0	0	242	0	1	88	0	0	240	240	240	3
0	0	244	0	1	227	0	0	242	242	242	3
0	0	246	0	1	10	0	0	244	244	244	3
0	0	248	0	1	201	0	0	246	246	246	3
0	0	250	0	1	88	0	0	248	248	248	3
0	0	252	0	1	227	0	0	250	250	250	3
0	0	254	0	1	10	0	0	252	252	252	3
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0	0	258	0	1	88	0	0	256	256	256	3
0	0	260	0	1	227	0	0	258	258	258	3
0	0	262	0	1	10	0	0	260	260	260	3
0	0	264	0	1	201	0	0	262	262	262	3
0	0	266	0	1	88	0	0	264	264	264	3
0	0	268	0	1	227	0	0	266	266	266	3
0	0	270	0	1	10	0	0	268	268	268	3
0	0	272	0	1	201	0	0	270	270	270	3
0	0	274	0	1	88	0	0	272	272	272	3
0	0	276	0	1	227	0	0	274	274	274	3
0	0	278	0	1	10	0	0	276	276	276	3
0	0	280	0	1	201	0	0	278	278	278	3
0	0	282	0	1	88	0	0	280	280	280	3
0	0	284	0	1	227	0	0	282	282	282	3
0	0	286	0	1	10	0	0	284	284	284	3
0	0	288	0	1	201	0	0	286			

TABLE 5. OBSERVED AND CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTORS FOR Hg₃-STAF6
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H	K	L	FO	FC	SIG	H	K	L	FO	FC	SIG
1	1	1	1636	12042	230	6	1	1	3873	4138	370
1	1	1	9323	92227	244	7	1	2	8224	8054	167
1	1	1	8073	7945	310	7	2	4	1139+	1322	53
1	1	1	6661	6512	269	7	6	8	7427	7529	75
1	1	1	4063	3930	296	7	8	8	3551+	61	18
1	1	1	21631	20899	395	7	10	10	4655	5037	26
1	1	1	961+	237	335	8	1	1	5724	5751	59
1	1	1	15556	15232	285	8	4	4	4845	5143	79
1	1	1	1269+	46	447	8	7	7	4672	4613	75
1	1	1	13100	13232	255	8	9	9	4266	4153	77
1	1	1	19220+	403	868	8	2	2	5798	5853	164
1	1	1	8164	8034	266	8	4	4	1352	1417	91
1	1	1	1606+	545	777	8	6	6	1518	1491	91
1	1	1	9927	9555	186	8	8	8	1219	1194	66
1	1	1	8556	8215	164	8	10	10	9988	10067	236
1	1	1	8694	8767	175	8	1	1	9822	9831	42
1	1	1	7342	7953	178	8	3	3	8096	7833	22
1	1	1	5741	5722	214	8	5	5	6936	6797	162
1	1	1	523	5230	285	8	7	7	7087	6933	88
1	1	1	4782	4967	229	8	9	9	6688	6513	22
1	1	1	11155	11091	219	8	11	11	4977	5133	66
1	1	1	8848	8963	675	8	1	1	3993	4199	46
1	1	1	129+	28	178	8	3	3	957	949	20
1	1	1	8456	8328	763	8	5	5	8089	8151	68
1	1	1	1587+	201	601	8	7	7	486+	110	67
1	1	1	5823	5598	259	8	9	9	6925	6933	178
1	1	1	6570	6410	143	8	11	11	5699	5611	58
1	1	1	6068	5925	148	8	1	1	569	566	145
1	1	1	5851	5974	159	8	3	3	5351	5253	88
1	1	1	5551	5383	186	8	5	5	5046	5062	56
1	1	1	3730	4063	288	8	7	7	4843	4650	181
1	1	1	4285	3741	299	8	9	9	3688	3723	263
1	1	1	1211+	203	390	8	11	11	7018	6778	189
1	1	1	7103	7061	167	8	1	1	1170	1114	483
1	1	1	277+	27	777	8	3	3	999+	994	164
1	1	1	6224	5942	211	8	5	5	560+	38	689
1	1	1	4504	4159	184	8	7	7	3588	3497	197
1	1	1	4049	4005	219	8	9	9	3005	3020	56
1	1	1	8405	8276	189	8	11	11	8868	8974	217
1	1	1	4527	4390	162	8	1	1	999	989	206
1	1	1	23816	22311	412	8	3	3	6999	6297	274
1	1	1	19665	20044	368	8	5	5	6993	6792	153
1	1	1	8166	8665	115	8	7	7	6213	6203	151
1	1	1	13493	1345	337	8	9	9	6283	6207	159
1	1	1	11177	10963	247	8	11	11	5777	5506	75
1	1	1	8855	966	258	8	1	1	4221	4214	233
1	1	1	8971	9503	186	8	3	3	7071	7077	435
1	1	1	7284	7631	206	8	5	5	6111	6071	173
1	1	1	11334	6231	304	8	7	7	4866	4232	66
1	1	1	10622	1059	486	8	9	9	5516	5539	77
1	1	1	10993+	1149	345	8	11	11	3333	3239	22
1	1	1	3345+	3302	203	8	1	1	8144	8449	227
1	1	1	6735	6753	225	8	3	3	7777	7649	307
1	1	1	1538+	244	852	8	5	5	6222	5790	236
1	1	1	6287	6404	142	8	7	7	4555	4461	175
1	1	1	4411	5572	142	8	9	9	4027	3937	117
1	1	1	5095	5216	151	8	11	11	3888	3765	119
1	1	1	4952	5194	181	8	1	1	4101	4118	49
1	1	1	4771	4919	225	8	3	3	4562	4555	27
1	1	1				8	5	5	4258	3560	28

TABLE 6. OBSERVED AND CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTORS OF HG3-STA^{F6} AT 150K
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H	K	L	FO	FC	SIG	H	K	L	FO	FC	SIG	H	K	L	FO	FC	SIG	
2	6	12	876	875	45	3	6	1	930	877	42	6	10		37+	2	95	
2	7	11	1047	967	45	3	6	3	683	700	31	7	11		949	899	41	
2	7	5	879	850	45	3	6	3	632	675	30	7	13		835	803	37	
2	7	5	879	880	45	3	6	7	631	704	32	7	5		838	810	37	
2	7	7	830	862	45	3	6	9	713	701	37	7	7		938	793	37	
2	7	9	660	637	41	3	6	11	568	647	46	7	9		645	656	35	
2	8	11	110+	52	54	3	6	12	55	1195	53	8	11		1255	1196	55	
2	8	2	110+	82	51	3	6	14	185+	17	45	8	2		135+	32	62	
2	8	4	1180	1182	51	3	6	16	206+	1250	52	8	4		1380+	1042	45	
2	8	6	1363+	22	52	3	6	18	312+	12	49	8	6		1380+	13	104	
2	8	8	1363+	1084	57	3	6	10	774	799	41	8	8		739	32	34	
2	8	10	733	739	36	3	6	11	912	1007	41	8	10		1608	1591	69	
2	8	12	734	773	36	3	6	13	885	884	40	8	12		1398	1420	60	
2	9	1	1473	1389	36	3	6	15	770	814	36	8	1		1050	1072	51	
2	9	3	875	818	39	3	6	17	762	786	37	8	3		1111	1087	43	
2	9	5	255	248	110	3	6	19	1112	1114	48	8	5		970	944	42	
2	9	7	375	253	101	3	6	21	57+	8	84	8	7		959	951	42	
2	9	9	1363	1293	65	3	6	23	2019	1909	86	8	9		909	941	41	
2	9	11	1461	1408	63	3	6	25	1519	1473	65	8	11		723	743	36	
2	9	13	1461	1558	73	3	6	27	1370	1395	60	8	13		1131	1141	51	
2	9	15	1263	1266	54	3	6	29	1194	1066	66	8	15		37+	1141	27	60
2	9	17	1133	1198	49	3	6	31	1337	1067	48	8	17		1057	1086	47	
2	9	19	1153	1193	50	3	6	33	924	876	40	8	19		154+	25	61	
2	9	21	1051	1050	47	3	6	35	976	958	42	8	21		657	653	31	
2	9	23	1023	943	51	3	6	37	928	956	41	8	23		573	571	30	
2	9	25	1268	723	57	3	6	39	710	728	35	8	25		570	534	31	
2	9	27	1319	1224	44	3	6	41	637	636	42	8	27		1438	1426	65	
2	9	29	1340	87	44	3	6	43	1485	1393	64	8	29		1245	1256	48	
2	9	31	1355	56	44	3	6	45	0+	18	81	8	31		1034	1109	48	
2	9	33	229+	89	58	3	6	47	1183	1152	51	8	33		773	764	55	
2	9	35	863+	850	43	3	6	49	67+	16	71	8	35		638	683	32	
2	9	37	162+	82	122	3	6	51	1080	1085	47	8	37		578	682	33	

TABLE 7 . OBSERVED AND CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTORS FOR HG4 (TA 1112).
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H	K	L	FO	FC	SIG	H	K	L	FO	FC	SIG	H	K	L	FO	FC	SIG
2	4	0	0	777	29	2	4	0	634	621	23	11	4	1	1178	29	29
6	6	0	0	3963	31	6	6	0	222	148	40	11	4	1	483	33	33
8	8	0	0	1098	32	8	8	0	555	525	21	15	4	1	838	22	22
0	0	0	0	1995	46	0	0	0	684	938	23	17	4	1	291	26	26
1	1	0	0	798	28	10	6	0	582	593	20	19	4	1	36	46	46
11	12	0	0	777	28	12	6	0	181	156	38	21	4	1	292	22	22
14	14	0	0	1016	33	14	6	0	1057	1051	26	20	4	1	1129	23	23
16	16	0	0	348	56	16	6	0	52	38	75	22	4	1	1092	26	26
20	20	0	0	1256	46	18	6	0	341	340	23	24	4	1	1467	33	33
22	22	0	0	857	33	11	7	0	441	441	22	22	4	1	1292	30	30
24	24	0	0	621	11	11	7	0	676	634	21	10	4	1	1673	21	21
3	3	0	0	908	22	11	7	0	953	975	24	12	4	1	173	27	27
33	33	0	0	644	11	11	7	0	282	305	26	14	4	1	329	34	34
39	39	0	0	1017	22	11	7	0	176	174	41	16	4	1	221	26	26
4	4	0	0	479	22	11	7	0	140	165	40	18	4	1	385	20	20
46	46	0	0	762	33	11	7	0	469	455	18	20	4	1	236	23	23
5	5	0	0	54	8	11	8	0	263	237	23	1	4	1	748	22	22
59	59	0	0	866	22	11	8	0	312	296	25	3	4	1	367	33	33
6	6	0	0	582	55	11	8	0	359	377	23	5	4	1	490	22	22
66	66	0	0	67	6	11	8	0	386	377	21	7	4	1	631	20	20
68	68	0	0	243	8	11	8	0	466	454	19	9	4	1	357	25	25
7	7	0	0	145	8	11	8	0	161	161	38	11	4	1	949	24	24
73	73	0	0	94	12	11	8	0	192	33	56	13	4	1	174	29	29
77	77	0	0	80	1	11	8	0	374	329	19	15	4	1	763	21	21
8	8	0	0	493	18	11	8	0	132	84	45	17	4	1	77	26	26
83	83	0	0	267	8	11	8	0	616	565	18	19	4	1	65	33	33
88	88	0	0	1635	8	11	8	0	131	88	41	2	4	1	480	22	22
9	9	0	0	135	8	11	8	0	114	103	54	6	4	1	892	22	22
94	94	0	0	427	22	11	8	0	114	118	50	8	4	1	410	22	22
99	99	0	0	1410	33	11	8	0	517	511	18	10	4	1	233	25	25
0	0	0	0	300	6	11	8	0	405	402	27	11	4	1	317	24	24
06	06	0	0	22	6	11	8	0	106	103	4	12	4	1	205	22	22
07	07	0	0	936	4	11	8	0	208	216	48	14	4	1	82	21	21
08	08	0	0	362	11	11	8	0	161	162	29	16	4	1	263	21	21
09	09	0	0	1045	11	11	8	0	112	112	29	16	4	1	665	21	21
1	1	0	0	1727	11	11	8	0	497	531	25	3	4	1	494	19	19
11	11	0	0	1398	22	11	8	0	215	136	39	5	4	1	336	21	21
111	111	0	0	1394	22	11	8	0	141	66	20	2	4	1	239	20	20
113	113	0	0	216	22	11	8	0	218	187	27	11	4	1	510	18	18
114	114	0	0	212	4	11	8	0	188	188	46	13	4	1	94	24	24
115	115	0	0	948	22	11	8	0	248	285	27	13	4	1	244	24	24
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15	7	-1	459	347	72	10	4	0	1186	1229	33	1	1	1	294	294	60	
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19	7	-1	111	743	48	14	4	0	1416	1365	36	5	5	1	203	203	41	
21	7	-1	1041	1116	38	16	4	0	2975	3193	61	7	7	1	271	274	54	
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47	9	-1	293	323	36	12	6	0	886	317	34	11	11	1	231	270	58	
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15			555	555	48	10			886	10	886	21			5			100
17			199	199	55	6			24	6	24	21			5			79
3			1022	1022	45	10			429	10	429	11			5			45
5			999	999	41	12			533	12	533	13			5			41
7			1539	1539	39	14			455	14	455	15			5			39
9			915	915	38	16			779	16	779	11			5			38
11			1131	1131	36	18			976	18	976	13			5			36
13			1477	1477	37	20			1425	20	1425	15			5			37
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TABLE 8 . OBSERVED AND CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTORS FOR HG3(NRF5)2SO4
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