

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The final structure data for CoWO_4 are as follows: monoclinic system; space group $P2/c$; $a = 4.678 \pm 0.001 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 5.684 \pm 0.001 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 4.949 \pm 0.001 \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 90.04 \pm 0.03^\circ$; $V = 131.61 \text{ \AA}^3$; $D_m = 7.75 \pm 0.02 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ at 28°C , $D_x = 7.744 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ and $Z = 2$. The atomic coordinates and the thermal parameters are listed in Table 4.11.

5.1 Bond distances and bond angles

The bond distances and bond angles within 4 \AA limit, were calculated by DISTAN program. The bond distances in CoWO_4 structure are shown in Table 5.1.

Table 5.1 Bond distances and their standard deviations (\AA units) in CoWO_4 . Distances shorter than 4 \AA are listed.

Bond	Distance	s.d.
W- $2O_{II}$	1.814	.031
- $2O_I$	1.941	.023
- $2O_I$	2.059	.032

Table 5.1 (continued)

Bond	Distance	S.d.
W-2W	3.200	.005
-2O _{II}	3.289	.039
-2Co	3.520	.003
-2Co	3.522	.003
-2O _I	3.546	.024
-2Co	3.617	.009
-2O _{II}	3.727	.015
-2Co	3.745	.009
-2O _{II}	3.813	.040
Co-2O _{II}	2.091	.026
-2O _I	2.103	.029
-2O _{II}	2.108	.037
-2Co	3.098	.014
-2O _I	3.203	.034
-2O _{II}	3.410	.028
-2W	3.520	.003
-2W	3.522	.003
-2W	3.617	.009
-2O _I	3.730	.016
-2W	3.745	.009
-2O _I	3.836	.036

Table 5.1 (continued)

Bond	Distance	S.d.
Co-2O _{II}	3.959	.013
-2O _{II}	3.966	.020
O _I -W	1.941	.022
-W	2.059	.032
-Co	2.103	.029
-O _I	2.402	.039
-2O _I	2.700	.032
-O _I	2.700	.033
-O _{II}	2.706	.060
-O _{II}	2.830	.047
-O _{II}	2.876	.037
-O _I	2.942	.033
-O _{II}	3.000	.060
-O _{II}	3.059	.036
-O _{II}	3.094	.046
-O _I	3.192	.028
-Co	3.203	.034
-W	3.546	.024
-Co	3.730	.016
-O _I	3.763	.042
-Co	3.836	.036

Table 5.1 (continued)

Bond	Distance	S.d.
O _I -O _{II}	3.850	.045
-O _{II}	3.991	.044
O _{II} -W	1.814	.031
-Co	2.091	.025
-Co	2.108	.037
-O _{II}	2.698	.032
-O _I	2.706	.060
-O _{II}	2.823	.031
-O _I	2.830	.047
-2O _{II}	2.831	.044
-O _{II}	2.835	.050
-O _I	2.876	.036
-O _{II}	2.957	.048
-O _I	3.000	.060
-O _I	3.059	.035
-O _I	3.094	.046
-W	3.289	.038
-Co	3.410	.028
-W	3.727	.015
-W	3.813	.040
-O _I	3.850	.045

Table 5.1 (continued)

Bond	Distance	S.d.
O _{II} -Co	3.959	.013
-Co	3.966	.020
-O _I	3.991	.044

5.2 Discussion

By considering the arrangement of oxygen atoms in Fig. 5.1, it can be seen that the atoms in the second layer are above the hollows in the first layer. The atoms in the third and fourth layers are vertically above the atoms in the first and second layers respectively and so on. The sequence of layer stacking can be summarized as ABABAB... However, the arrangement is slightly distorted. Therefore, the structure of CoWO_4 is based on a distorted hexagonal close packing of oxygen atoms with Co and W atoms each occupying one-fourth of the octahedral holes. The CoO_6 and WO_6 octahedra are joined by corners and the similar octahedra of CoO_6 and WO_6 are joined by edges. The system of CoO_6 and WO_6 octahedra is shown in Fig. 5.2.

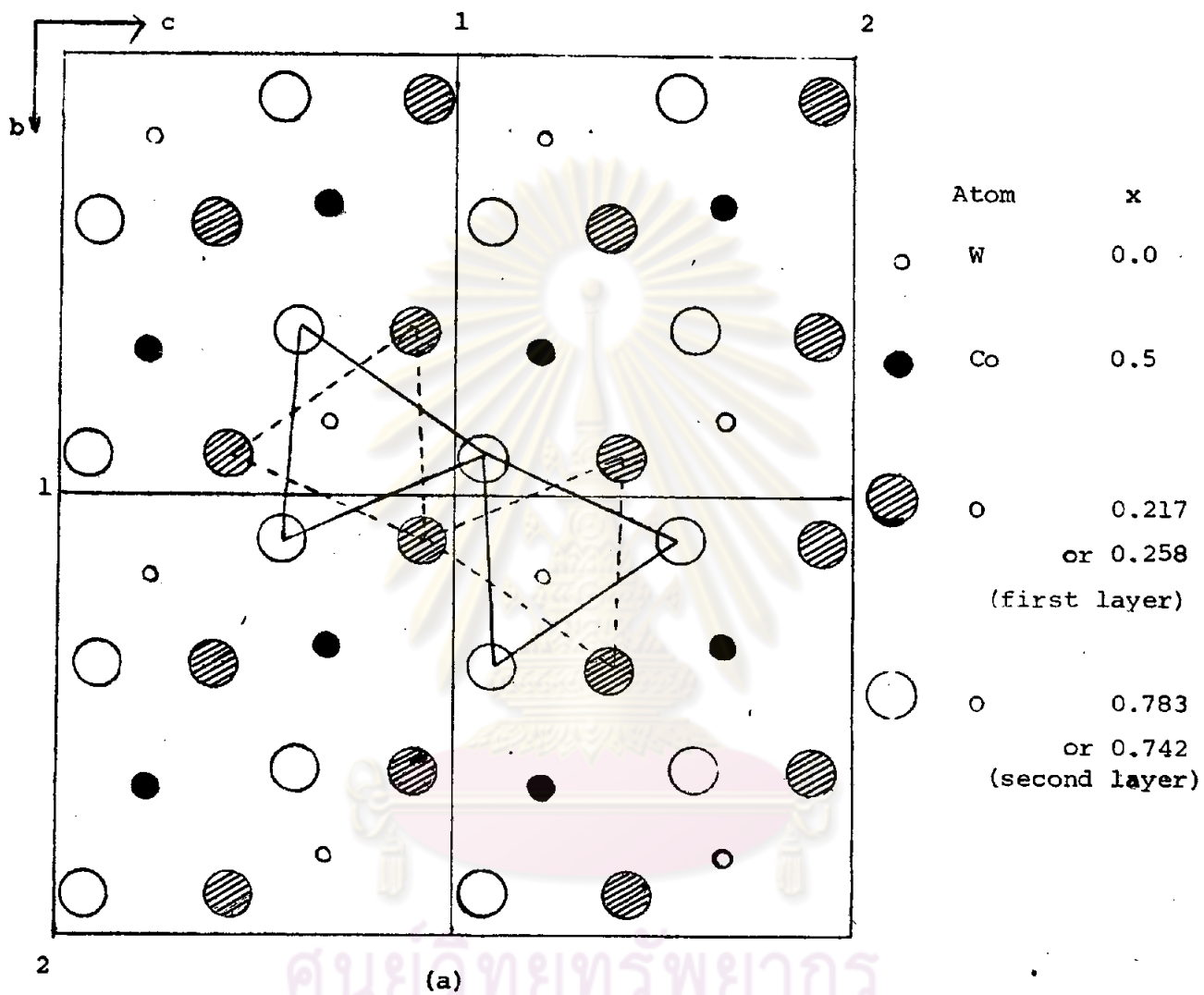
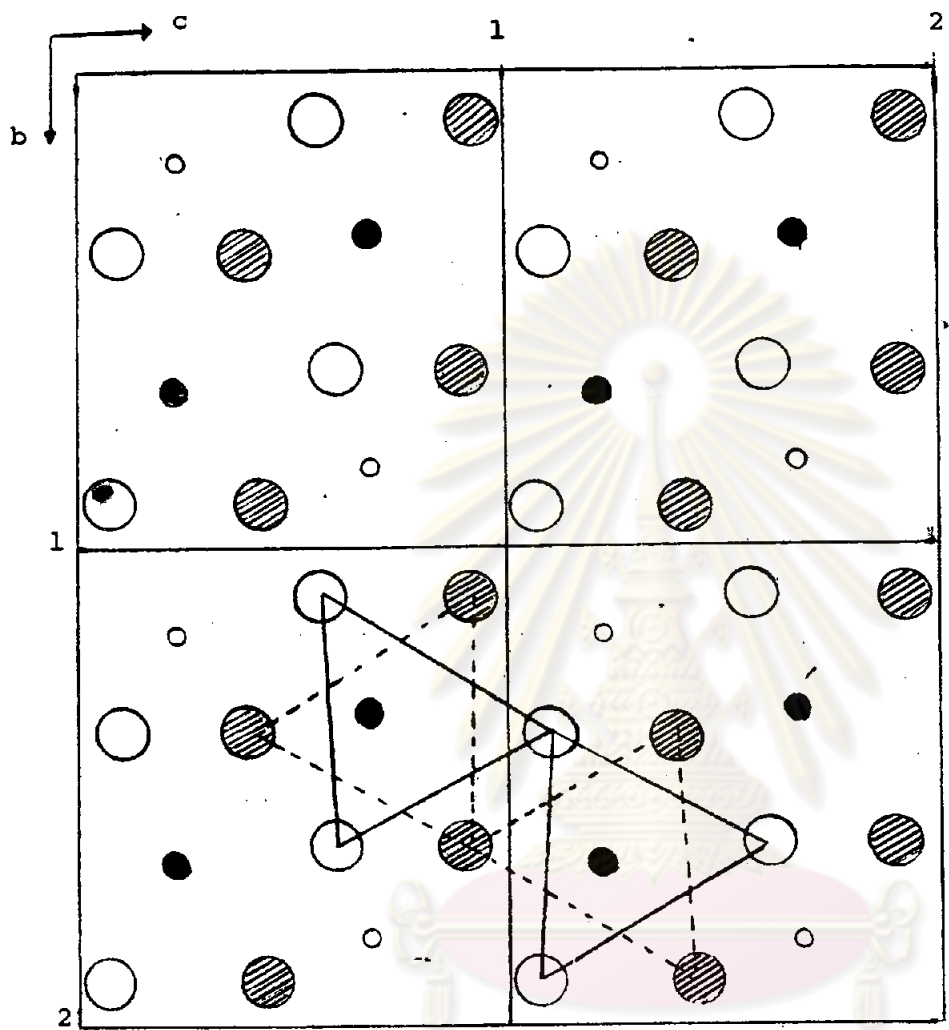


Fig. 5.1 The structure of CoWO_4 projected on (100)

(a) showing WO_6 octahedra.

(b) showing CoO_6 octahedra.



Atom	x
W	0.0
Co	0.5
O	0.217 or 0.258 (first layer)
O	0.783 or 0.742 (second layer)

(b)
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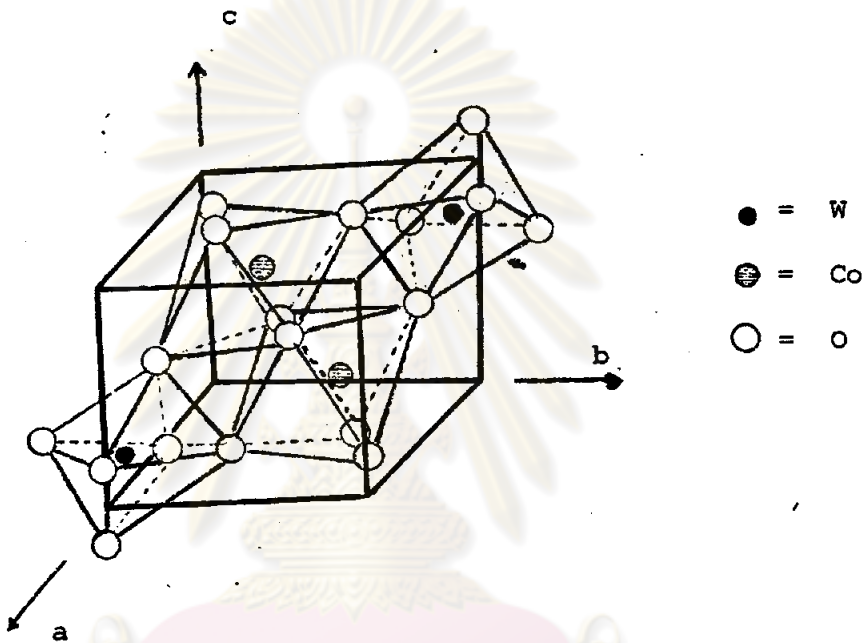
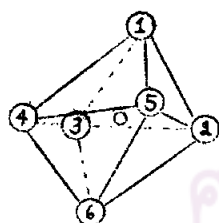


Fig. 5.2 CoO_6 and WO_6 octahedra in CoWO_4 .

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The tungsten atom is surrounded by six oxygen atoms (Fig. 5.3 (a)). The coordinates of these atoms are listed in Table 5.2(a). The cobalt atom is also surrounded by six oxygen atoms as shown in Fig. 5.3(b). The coordinates of these atoms are listed in Table 5.2(b). For the neighbours of an oxygen atom, in addition to being contact with six oxygen nearest neighbours in one distorted layer, it is in contact with three oxygen atoms in the layer above and three in the layer below along a , so that it has twelve nearest neighbours, i.e. a coordination number of twelve, as shown in Fig. 5.3(c). The coordinates of these atoms are listed in Table 5.2(c). Interatomic distances of atoms in Fig. 5.3 are given in Table 5.3. Interatomic angles are given in Table 5.4.



○ = W

○ = O

Fig. 5.3(a) The WO_6 octahedron in $CoWO_4$.

Table 5.2(a) The coordinates of atoms in Fig. 5.3(a).

Atom	x	y	z
W	0.0	0.1785	0.25
O ₁	-0.217	0.0947	0.570
O ₂	-0.258	0.3794	0.102
O ₃	-0.217	-0.0947	0.070
O ₄	0.217	-0.0947	0.430
O ₅	0.258	0.3794	0.398
O ₆	0.217	0.0947	-0.070

Table 5.2 (b) The coordinates of atoms in Fig. 5.3(b).

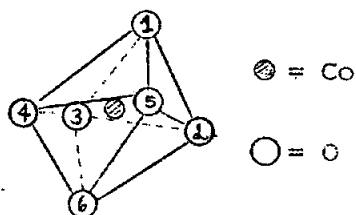


Fig. 5.3(b) The CoC_6 octahedron in CoWO_4 .

Atom	x	y	z
Co	0.5	0.6644	0.25
O ₁	0.742	0.6206	0.602
O ₂	0.217	0.9053	0.430
O ₃	0.258	0.3794	0.398
O ₄	0.742	0.3794	0.102
O ₅	0.783	0.9053	0.070
O ₆	0.258	0.6206	-0.102

Table 5.2(c) The coordinates of atoms in Fig. 5.3(c).

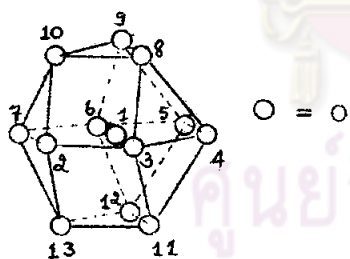


Fig. 5.3(c) The polyhedron of the twelve oxygen neighbours of an oxygen atom.

Atom	x	y	z
O ₁	0.742	0.3794	0.102
O ₂	0.742	0.6206	0.602
O ₃	0.783	0.9053	0.070
O ₄	0.742	0.6206	-0.398
O ₅	0.783	0.0947	-0.430
O ₆	0.783	-0.0947	0.070
O ₇	0.783	0.0947	0.570
O ₈	0.258	0.6206	-0.102
O ₉	0.217	0.0947	-0.070
O ₁₀	0.258	0.3794	0.398
O ₁₁	1.258	0.6206	-0.102
O ₁₂	1.217	0.0947	-0.070
O ₁₃	1.258	0.3794	0.398

Table 5.3(a) Interatomic distances of WO_6 octahedron, shorter than 4 \AA , in Fig. 5.3(a).

Bond	Distance, \AA	Bond	Distance, \AA	Bond	Distance, \AA
W - O ₁	1.9406	O ₁ - O ₂	2.8296	O ₂ - O ₆	2.8759
- O ₂	1.8140	- O ₃	2.6999	O ₃ - O ₄	2.7002
- O ₃	2.0590	- O ₄	2.4021	- O ₆	2.4021
- O ₄	2.0590	- O ₅	2.8759	O ₄ - O ₅	2.7057
- O ₅	1.8140	O ₂ - O ₃	2.7057	- O ₆	2.6999
- O ₆	1.9406	- O ₅	2.8227	O ₅ - O ₆	2.8296

Table 5.3(b) Interatomic distances of CoO_6 octahedron, shorter than 4 \AA in Fig. 5.3(b).

Bond	Distance, \AA	Bond	Distance, \AA	Bond	Distance, \AA
Co - O ₁	2.0912	O ₁ - O ₂	3.0593	O ₂ - O ₆	3.0944
- O ₂	2.1034	- O ₃	2.8345	O ₃ - O ₄	2.6976
- O ₃	2.1079	- O ₄	2.8311	- O ₆	2.8311
- O ₄	2.1079	- O ₅	3.0944	O ₄ - O ₅	3.0001
- O ₅	2.1034	O ₂ - O ₃	3.0001	- O ₆	2.8345
- O ₆	2.0912	- O ₅	3.1924	O ₅ - O ₆	3.0593

Table 5.3(c) Interatomic distances of distorted hexagonal close packing surrounded an oxygen atom in Fig. 5.3(c). Distances shorter than 4 Å are listed.

Bond	Distance, Å	Bond	Distance, Å	Bond	Distance, Å
O ₁ -O ₂	2.8311	O ₂ -O ₃	3.0944	O ₅ -O ₁₂	2.7002
-O ₃	3.0001	-O ₇	3.0001	O ₆ -O ₇	2.6999
-O ₄	2.8311	-O ₁₀	2.8345	-O ₉	2.9418
-O ₅	3.0944	-O ₁₃	2.9566	-O ₁₂	2.4021
-O ₆	2.7057	O ₃ -O ₄	2.8296	O ₇ -O ₁₀	3.0593
-O ₇	2.8296	-O ₈	3.0593	-O ₁₃	2.8759
-O ₈	2.8345	-O ₁₁	2.8759	O ₈ -O ₉	3.0001
-O ₉	3.0593	O ₄ -O ₅	3.0001	-O ₁₀	2.8311
-O ₁₀	2.6976	-O ₈	2.6976	O ₉ -O ₁₀	2.8296
-O ₁₁	2.9566	-O ₁₁	2.8227	O ₁₁ -O ₁₂	3.0001
-O ₁₂	2.8759	O ₅ -O ₆	2.6999	-O ₁₃	2.8311
-O ₁₃	2.8227	O ₉	3.1924	O ₁₂ -O ₁₃	2.9296

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Table 5.4(a) Interatomic angles of WO_6 octahedron in Fig. 5.3(a).

Bond	Angle	Bond	Angle	Bond	Angle
$O_1 - W - O_2$	97.75	$O_2 - O_1 - O_5$	59.30	$O_1 - O_4 - O_5$	68.23
O_3	84.86	$O_3 - O_1 - O_4$	63.59	$- O_6$	94.88
$- O_4$	73.76	$- O_5$	87.29	$O_3 - O_4 - O_5$	90.84
$- O_5$	99.93	$O_4 - O_1 - O_5$	60.90	$- O_6$	52.83
$- O_6$	151.69	$O_1 - O_2 - O_3$	58.34	$O_5 - O_4 - O_6$	63.13
$O_2 - W - O_3$	88.39	$- O_5$	61.17	$O_1 - O_5 - O_2$	59.53
$- O_4$	167.61	$- O_6$	82.54	$- O_4$	50.87
$- O_5$	102.16	$O_3 - O_2 - O_5$	88.27	$- O_6$	82.54
$- O_6$	99.93	$- O_6$	50.87	$O_2 - O_5 - O_4$	88.27
$O_3 - W - O_4$	81.95	$O_5 - O_2 - O_6$	59.53	$- O_6$	61.17
$- O_5$	167.61	$O_1 - O_3 - O_2$	63.13	$O_4 - O_5 - O_6$	58.34
$- O_6$	73.76	$- O_4$	52.83	$O_2 - O_6 - O_3$	60.90
$O_4 - W - O_5$	88.39	$- O_6$	94.88	$- O_4$	87.29
$- O_6$	84.86	$O_2 - O_3 - O_4$	90.34	$- O_5$	59.30
$O_5 - W - O_6$	97.75	$- O_6$	68.23	$O_3 - O_6 - O_4$	63.59
$O_2 - O_1 - O_3$	58.54	$O_4 - O_3 - O_6$	63.58	$- O_5$	94.43
$- O_4$	94.43	$O_1 - O_4 - O_3$	63.58	$O_4 - O_6 - O_5$	58.54

Table 5.4(b) Interatomic angles of CoO_6 octahedron in Fig. 5.3(b).

Bond	Angle	Bond	Angle	Bond	Angle
$\text{O}_1\text{-Co - O}_2$	93.66	$\text{O}_2\text{-O}_1\text{-O}_5$	62.50	$\text{O}_1\text{-O}_4\text{-O}_5$	64.02
- O_3	84.91	$\text{O}_3\text{-O}_1\text{-O}_4$	56.87	- O_6	94.30
- O_4	84.78	- O_5	90.00	$\text{O}_3\text{-O}_4\text{-O}_5$	94.73
- O_5	95.07	$\text{O}_4\text{-O}_1\text{-O}_5$	60.64	- O_6	61.50
- O_6	166.58	$\text{O}_1\text{-O}_2\text{-O}_3$	55.77	$\text{O}_5\text{-O}_4\text{-O}_6$	63.17
$\text{O}_2\text{-Co - O}_3$	90.86	- O_5	59.29	$\text{O}_1\text{-O}_5\text{-O}_2$	58.21
- O_4	170.39	- O_6	84.91	- O_4	55.33
- O_5	98.73	$\text{O}_3\text{-O}_2\text{-O}_5$	85.27	- O_6	84.91
- O_6	95.07	- O_6	55.33	$\text{O}_2\text{-O}_5\text{-O}_4$	85.27
$\text{O}_3\text{-Co - O}_4$	79.56	$\text{O}_5\text{-O}_2\text{-O}_6$	58.21	- O_6	59.29
- O_5	170.39	$\text{O}_1\text{-O}_3\text{-O}_2$	63.17	$\text{O}_4\text{-O}_5\text{-O}_6$	55.77
- O_6	84.78	- O_4	61.50	$\text{O}_2\text{-O}_6\text{-O}_3$	60.64
$\text{O}_4\text{-Co - O}_5$	90.86	- O_6	94.30	- O_4	90.00
- O_6	84.91	$\text{O}_2\text{-O}_3\text{-O}_4$	94.73	- O_5	62.50
$\text{O}_5\text{-Co - O}_6$	93.66	- O_6	64.02	$\text{O}_3\text{-O}_6\text{-O}_4$	56.87
$\text{O}_2\text{-O}_1\text{-O}_3$	61.06	$\text{O}_4\text{-O}_3\text{-O}_6$	61.63	- O_5	90.78
- O_4	90.78	$\text{O}_1\text{-O}_4\text{-O}_3$	61.63	$\text{O}_4\text{-O}_6\text{-O}_5$	61.06

Table 5.4(c) Interatomic angles of distorted hexagonal close packing of oxygen atoms surrounded an oxygen atom in Fig. 5.3(c).

Bond	Angle	Bond	Angle	Bond	Angle
$O_2-O_1-O_3$	64.02	$O_4-O_5-O_9$	85.27	$O_{10}-O_9-O_6$	87.49
- O_7	64.01	- O_{12}	90.76	- O_8	58.02
$O_3-O_1-O_4$	57.97	$O_6-O_5-O_9$	59.20	$O_2-O_{10}-O_7$	61.06
$O_4-O_1-O_5$	60.64	- O_{12}	52.83	- O_8	94.30
$O_5-O_1-O_6$	54.99	$O_5-O_6-O_9$	68.77	$O_9-O_{10}-O_7$	88.89
$O_6-O_1-O_7$	58.34	- O_{12}	63.59	- O_8	64.01
$O_3-O_2-O_{10}$	90.00	$O_7-O_6-O_9$	93.92	$O_3-O_{11}-O_4$	59.53
- O_{13}	84.32	- O_{12}	94.88	- O_{13}	90.78
$O_7-O_2-O_{10}$	63.17	$O_2-O_7-O_{10}$	55.77	$O_{12}-O_{11}-O_4$	88.44
- O_{13}	57.73	- O_{13}	60.38	- O_{13}	57.97
$O_2-O_3-O_8$	84.91	$O_6-O_7-O_{10}$	117.75	$O_5-O_{12}-O_6$	63.58
- O_{11}	90.42	- O_{13}	119.76	- O_{11}	90.76
$O_4-O_3-O_8$	54.36	$O_3-O_8-O_4$	58.48	$O_{13}-O_{12}-O_6$	94.43
- O_{11}	59.30	- O_{10}	90.73	- O_{11}	58.02
$O_3-O_4-O_8$	67.17	$O_9-O_8-O_4$	94.73	$O_2-O_{13}-O_7$	61.89
- O_{11}	61.17	- O_{10}	57.97	- O_{11}	94.19
$O_5-O_4-O_8$	94.73	$O_5-O_9-O_6$	52.03	$O_{12}-O_{13}-O_7$	82.54
- O_{11}	88.44	- O_8	85.27	- O_{11}	64.01

In the isomorphous series of small cations which includes NiWO_4 , CoWO_4 , MgWO_4 , MnWO_4 , FeWO_4 and ZnWO_4 , the structure of NiWO_4 has been determined by Keeling⁽²⁾. The structure of CoWO_4 determined in the present study is very similar to that of NiWO_4 . The compound CoWO_4 crystallizes with the same space group symmetry as NiWO_4 and the atoms are situated in the same type of crystallographic position. The structure of CoWO_4 and NiWO_4 are both based on a distorted hexagonal close packing of oxygen atoms with Co or Ni and W atoms each occupying one-fourth of the octahedral holes. The distances between a cobalt atom and six oxygen neighbours are nearly equal and also for nickel atom, but the octahedral group around a tungsten atom of both CoWO_4 and NiWO_4 is considerably distorted. The structure data for CoWO_4 and NiWO_4 are compared in Table 5.5.

The structure of CoWO_4 obtained thus confirms that the space group is $P2/c$ and the x coordinate of tungsten atom is 0.0. The individual temperature factors of oxygen atoms obtained from the least squares refinement were negative values. This effect can be ascribed to the influence of the absorption, since the crystal used for $hk0$ data was a flat needle-shaped but for absorption correction it was approximated to be cylinder. Furthermore, it is probably related to a systematic error in the intensity measurement. However, the full matrix least squares refinement converged satisfactorily and gave the R value of 0.09.

Table 5.5 Comparison of the structure data between CoWO_4 and NiWO_4 . Standard deviations are shown in parentheses.

Atom	x	y	z	$\frac{B}{\text{\AA}^2}$	a \AA	b \AA	c \AA	β degree
CoWO_4					4.678(1)	5.684(1)	4.949(1)	90.04(3)
Co	0.5	0.6644(23)	0.25	0.52(6)				
W	0.0	0.1785(7)	0.25	0.10(2)				
O _I	0.217(4)	0.9053(75)	0.430(5)	-0.35(15)				
O _{II}	0.258(6)	0.3794(83)	0.398(6)	-0.13(20)				
NiWO_4								
Ni	0.5	0.653	0.25	2.0	4.600(15)	5.66(2)	4.910(15)	90.08(8)
W	0.0	0.180	0.25	1.0				
O _I	0.22	0.11	0.96	1.0				
O _{II}	0.26	0.38	0.39	1.0				