
Magnetic Refinement (Symmetry)

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Magnetic symmetry

- Axioms of group theory and the crystallographic point groups
- Magnetic point groups
- Magnetic space groups (commensurate structures)
- Irreducible representations

We will not consider incommensurate structures and superspace groups (not enough time!)

Axioms of group theory

Axiom #1: Closure by composition

- A group has a well defined binary operation known as composition, which is denoted by the symbol \circ
- For the matrix representation of symmetry operators, composition is matrix multiplication
- If two symmetry operators, say f and g , are in a group, their composition generates another operator of the group, h , and hence the group is closed by composition
- Composition is not necessarily commutative

Axioms of group theory

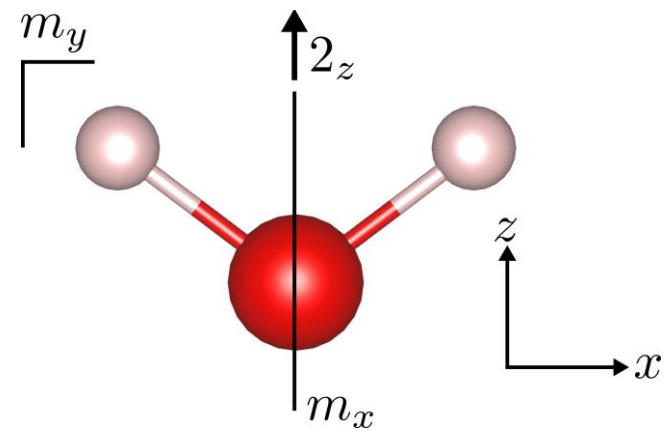
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Example: $\{1, 2_z, m_x, m_y\}$

$$2_z \circ m_x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \circ \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = m_y$$

$$m_x \circ m_y = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \circ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2_z$$

$$m_x \circ 1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \circ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = m_x$$



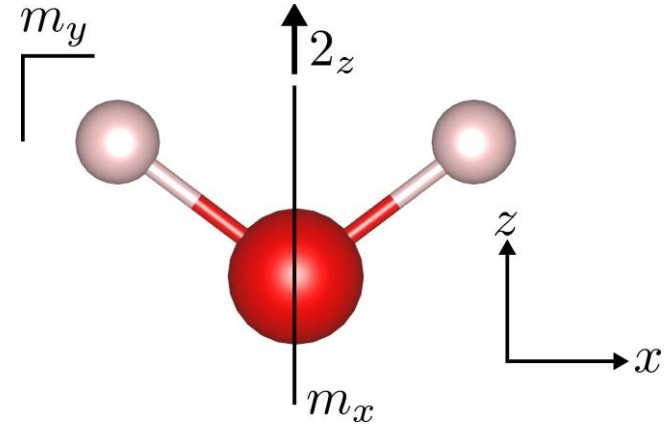
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Closure by composition summarised by a **group multiplication table**

	1	2_z	m_x	m_y
1	1	2_z	m_x	m_y
2_z	2_z	1	m_y	m_x
m_x	m_x	m_y	1	2_z
m_y	m_y	m_x	2_z	1



Axioms of group theory

Axiom #2: Associativity

Composition is **associative**. If f , g , and h belong to the same group

$$(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$$

Axiom #3: The identity operator

Every group must contain the identity operator, 1 (sometimes labelled 'E')

$$g \circ 1 = 1 \circ g = g$$

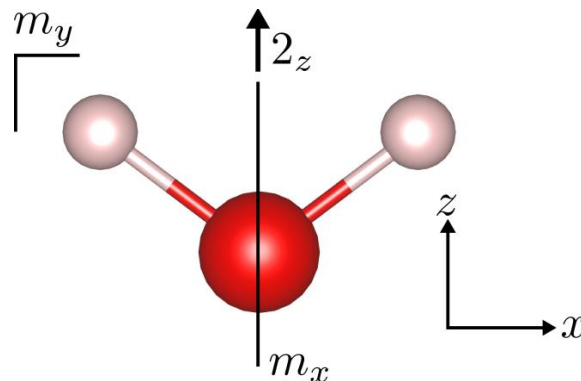
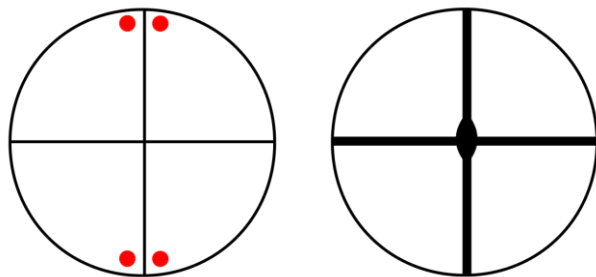
Axiom #4: Inverse operators

It follows from axiom 1 and axiom 3 that it must be possible to compose any operator, say f , with another operator, say g , and obtain 1

$$g = f^{-1}$$

Crystallographic point groups

- 'Crystallographic': dealing with symmetry operators for which Bravais lattices are invariant
- 'Point': dealing with symmetry operators that together leave at least one point in space invariant
- 'Groups': Sets of symmetry operators that satisfy the axioms of group theory
- There exists finite number of sets of rotation and rotoinversion operators with $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$, or 6 that satisfy the axioms of a group. These are the 32 crystallographic point groups
- Example: Point group $mm2 = \{1, 2_z, m_x, m_y\}$



Subgroups

$$H \leq G$$

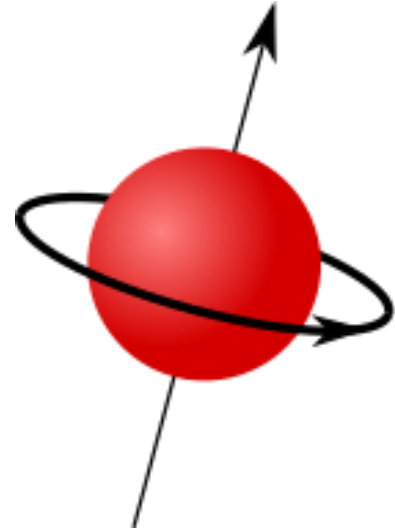
- A set of symmetry operators of a group that is also a group
- For example: $\{1\}$, $\{1, 2_z\}$, $\{1, m_x\}$, $\{1, m_y\}$, $\{1, 2_z, m_x, m_y\}$ are subgroups of $\{1, 2_z, m_x, m_y\}$
- N.B. A group is counted as a subgroup of itself!

Angular momentum

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_S = -g_S \frac{\mu_B}{\hbar} \mathbf{S}$$

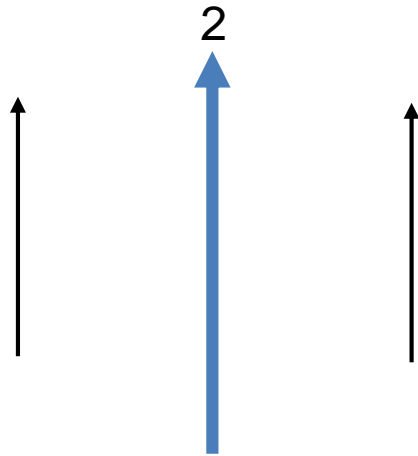
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Angular momentum transforms as a
time-odd axial vector

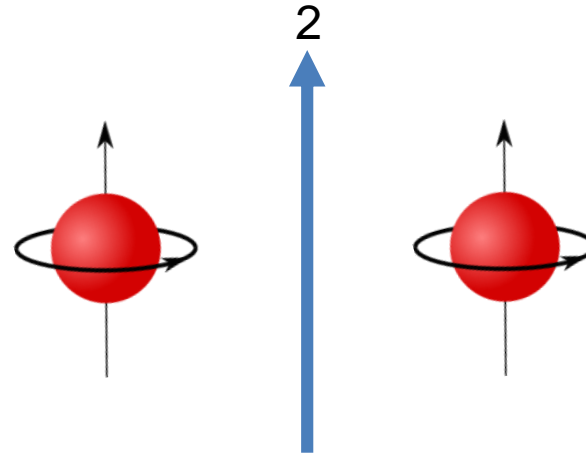


Angular momentum: rotation

Polar vector

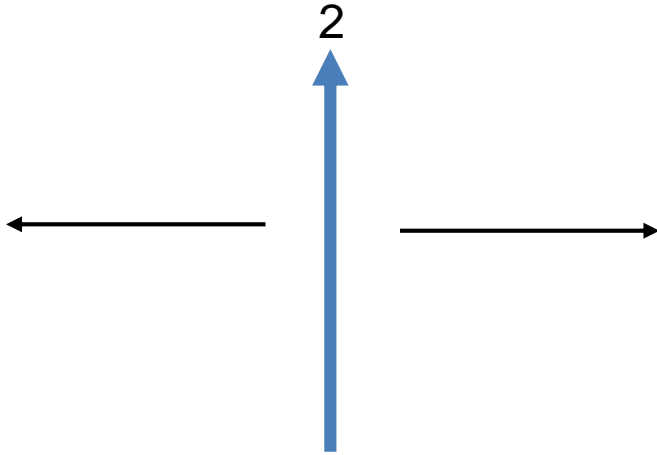


Time odd axial vector

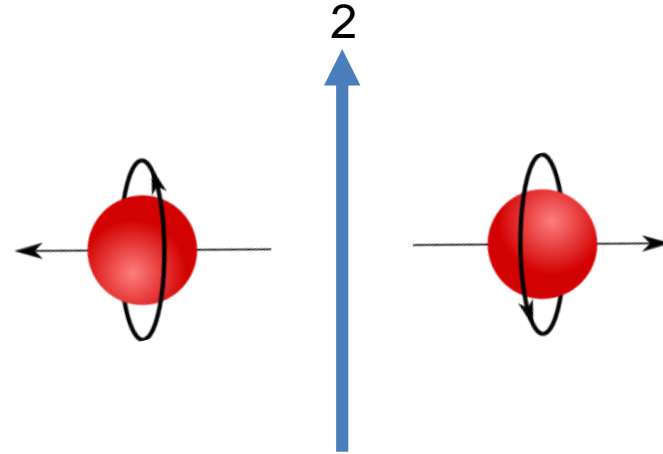


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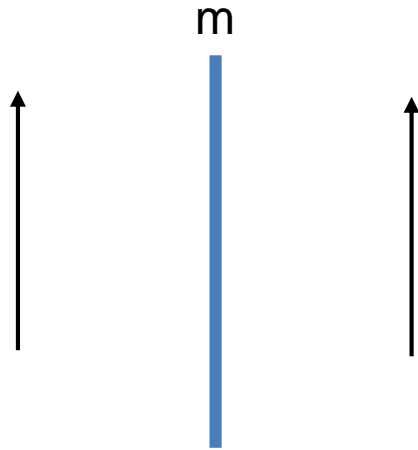


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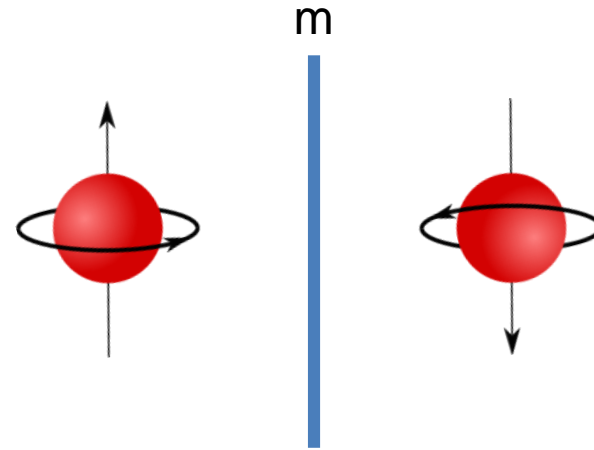


Angular momentum: mirror

Polar vector

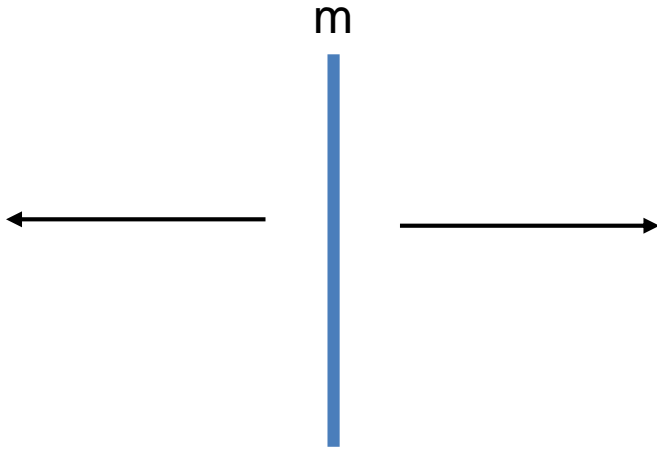


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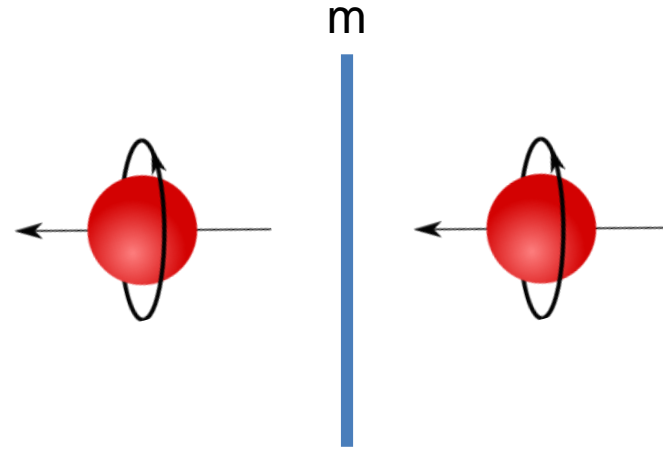


Angular momentum: mirror

Polar vector



Time odd axial vector



Angular momentum: time reversal

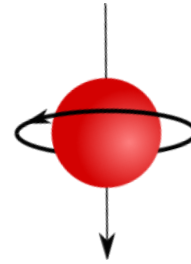
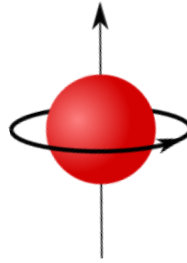
Polar vector

$1'$



Time odd axial vector

$1'$



Magnetic point groups

The time reversal group $I = \{1, 1'\}$

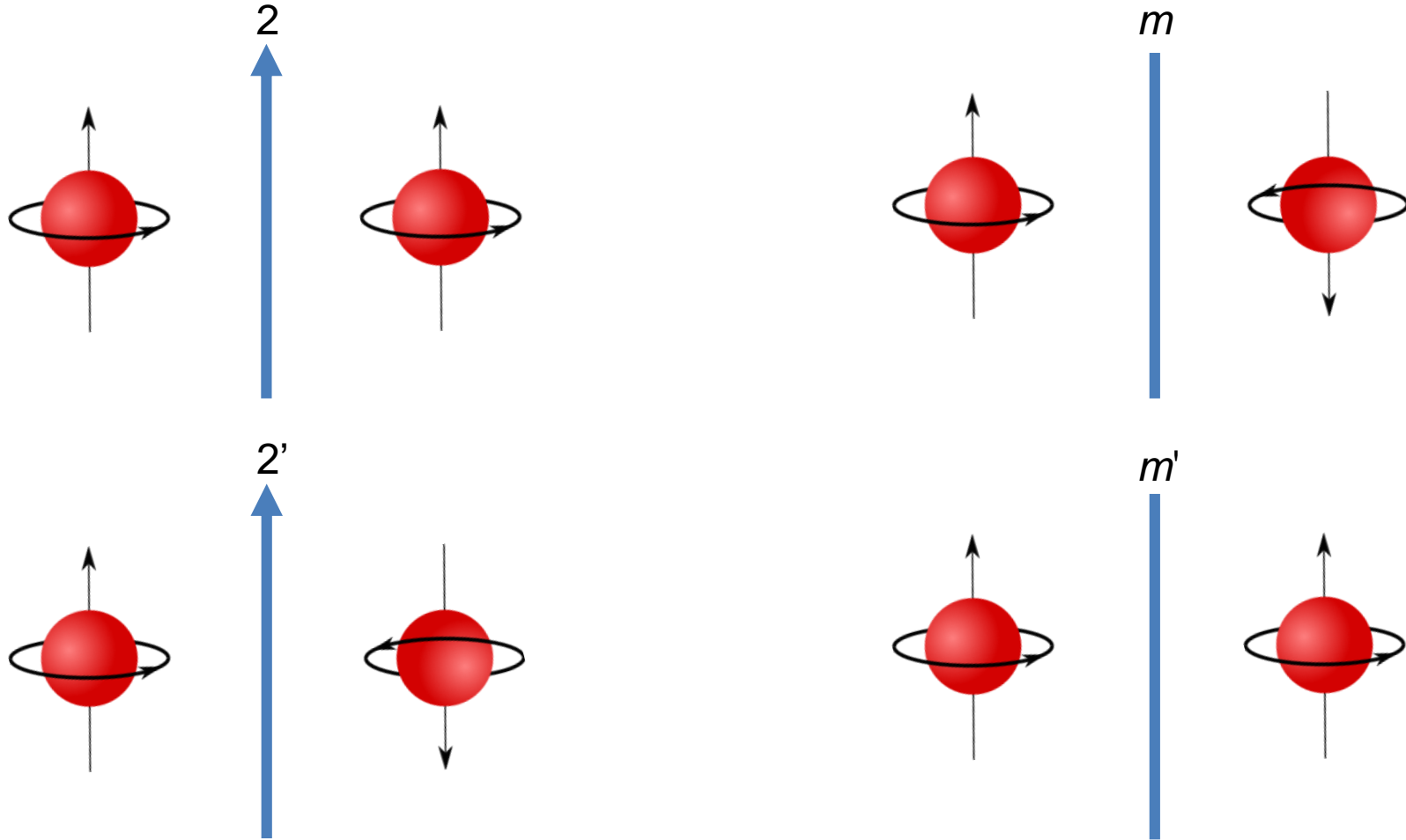
The magnetic point groups, M , are subgroups of the direct product of the crystallographic point groups, G , with the time reversal group, I .

$$M \leq G \times I$$

Lets take $G = \frac{2}{m} = \{1, 2, \bar{1}, m\}$

$$G \times I = \{1, 2, \bar{1}, m, 1', 2', \bar{1}', m'\}$$

Magnetic point groups



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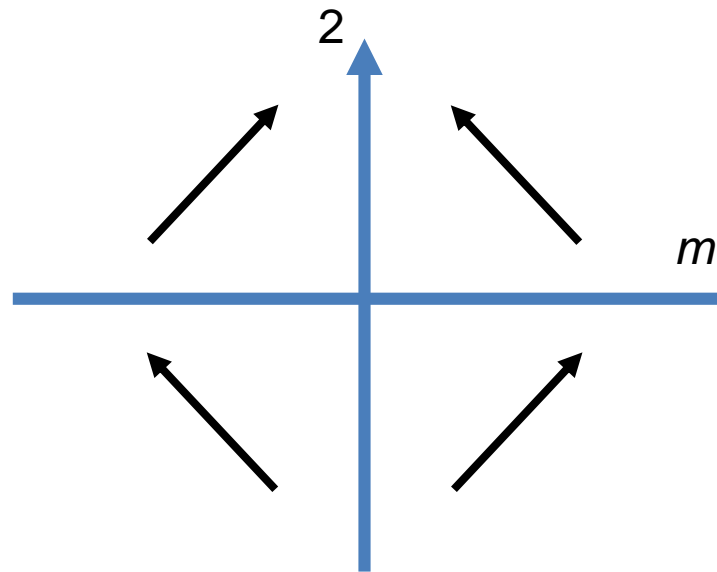
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Consider the magnetic point group $M = G$

$$M = \{1, 2, \bar{1}, m\}$$

$$\frac{2}{m}$$

- Same symmetry as G
- Allows magnetic order
- Called a **Type I** magnetic point group



Magnetic point groups

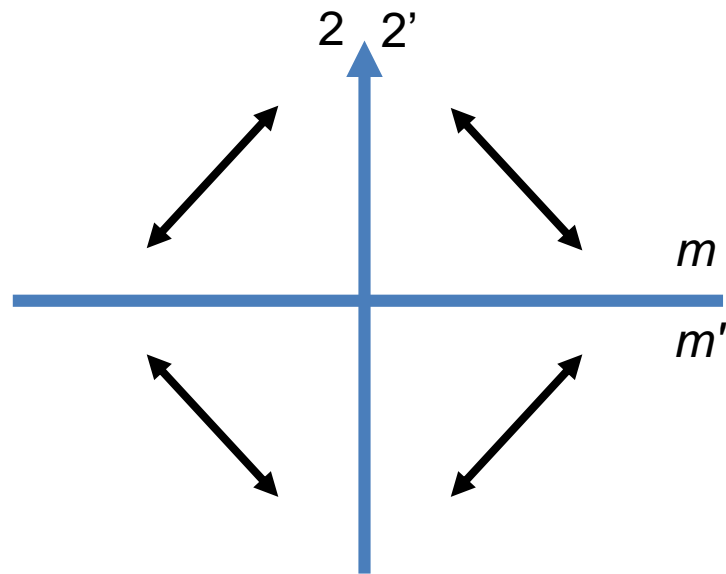
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$$\frac{2}{m} 1'$$

- This is the paramagnetic group or 'grey' group
- Does not allow magnetic order
- Called a **Type II** magnetic point group



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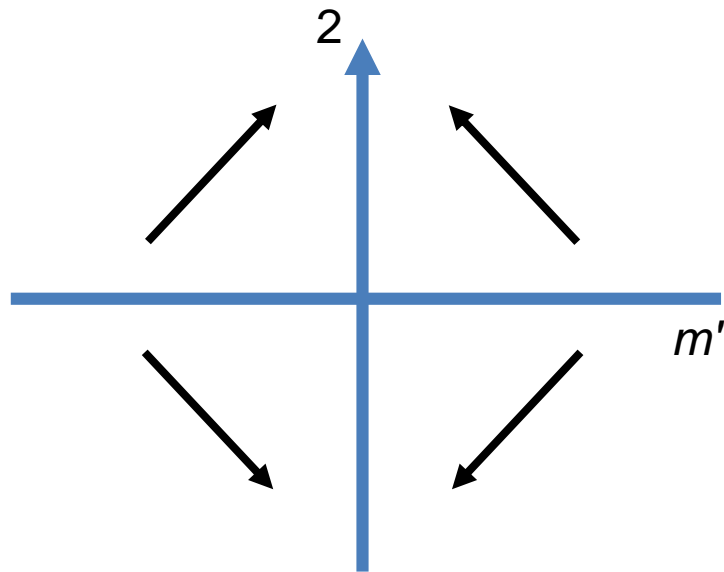
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 where H is a subgroup of G of order 2

$$H = \{1, 2\}$$

$$M = \{1, 2, \bar{1}', m'\}$$

$$\frac{2}{m'}$$

- Allows magnetic order
- Called a **Type III** magnetic point group



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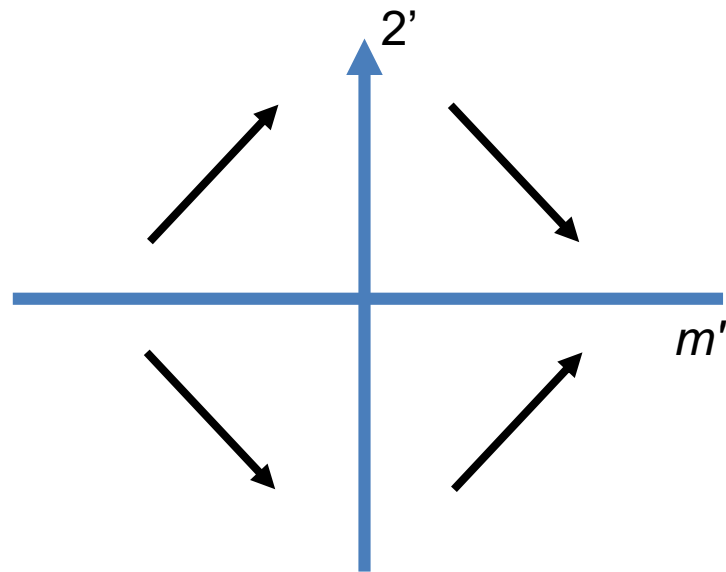
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$$\frac{2'}{m'}$$

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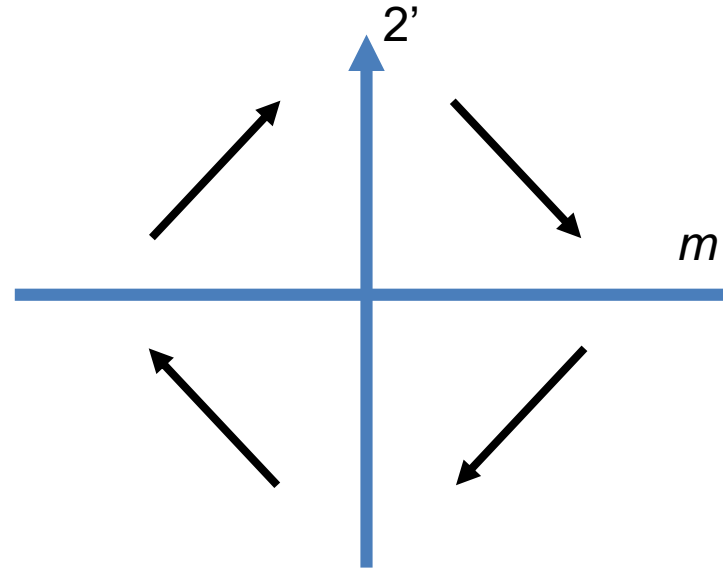
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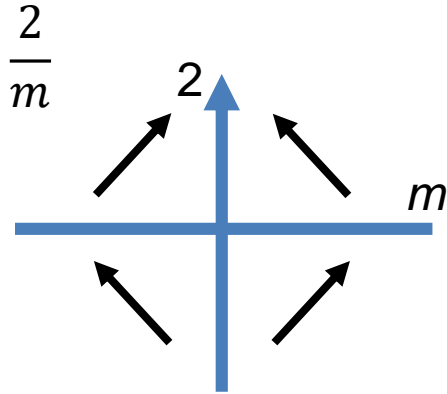
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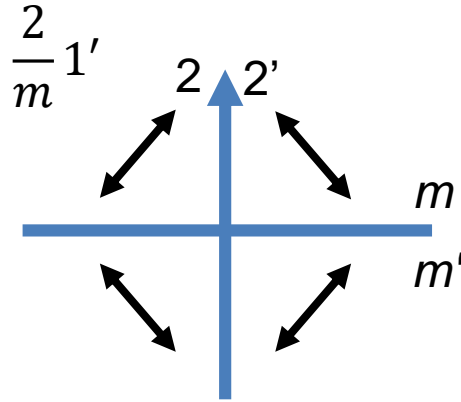
Magnetic point groups

$$G \times I = \{1, 2, \bar{1}, m, 1', 2', \bar{1}', m'\} \quad M \leq G \times I$$

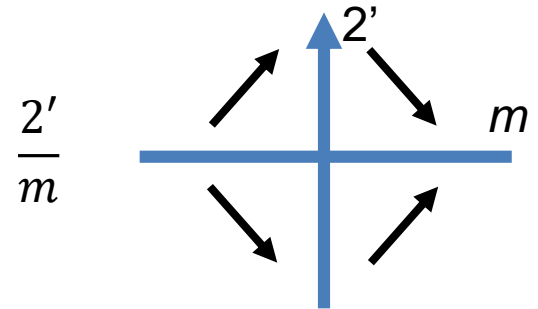
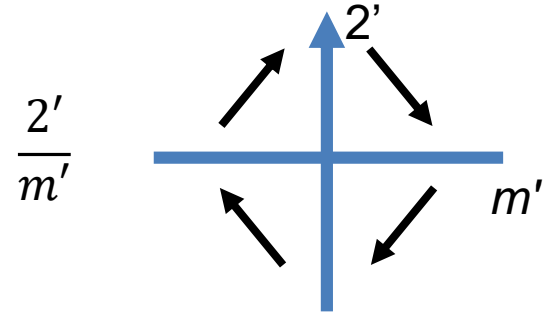
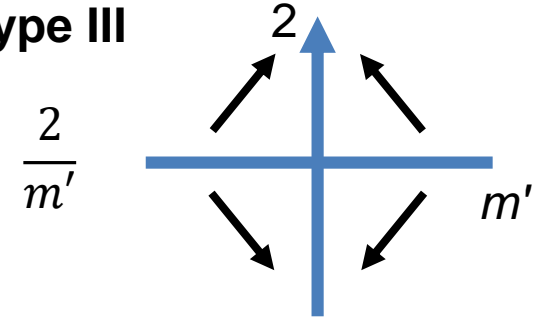
Type I



Type II



Type III



Magnetic point groups

32 Type I + 32 Type II + 58 Type III =
122 'magnetic' point groups

Cyan: ferromagnetic
Red: ferroelectric
Purple: both

Crystallographic point groups	Grey point groups	Magnetic point groups					
1	1'						
$\bar{1}$	$\bar{1}1'$	$\bar{1}'$					
2	21'	2'					
m	m1'	m'					
2/m	2/m1'	2'/m'	2/m'	2'/m			
222	2221'	2'2'2'					
mm2	mm21'	m'm'2'	2'm'm'				
mmm	mmm1'	mm'm'	m'm'm'	mmm'			
4	41'	4'					
$\bar{4}$	$\bar{4}1'$	$\bar{4}'$					
4/m	4/m1'	4'/m	4/m'	4'/m'			
422	4221'	4'22'	42'2'				
4mm	4mm1'	4'mm'	4m'm'				
$\bar{4}2m$	$\bar{4}2m1'$	$\bar{4}'2m'$	$\bar{4}'m2'$	$\bar{4}2'm'$			
4/mmm	4/mmm1'	4'/mmm'	4/mm'm'	4/m'm'm'	4/m'mm	4'/m'm'm	
3	31'						
$\bar{3}$	$\bar{3}1'$	$\bar{3}'$					
32	321'	32'					
3m	3m1'	3m'					
$\bar{3}m$	$\bar{3}m1'$	$\bar{3}m'$	$\bar{3}'m'$	$\bar{3}'m$			
6	61'	6'					
$\bar{6}$	$\bar{6}1'$	$\bar{6}'$					
6/m	6/m1'	6'/m'	6/m'	6'/m			
622	6221'	6'22'	62'2'				
6mm	6mm1'	6'mm'	6m'm'				
$\bar{6}m2$	$\bar{6}m21'$	$\bar{6}'2m'$	$\bar{6}'m2'$	$\bar{6}m'2'$			
6/mmm	6/mmm1'	6'/m'mm'	6/mm'm'	6/m'm'm'	6/m'mm	6'/m'm'm	
23	231'						
$m\bar{3}$	$m\bar{3}1'$	$m'\bar{3}'$					
432	4321'	4'32'					
43m	43m1'	4'3m'					
$m\bar{3}m$	$m\bar{3}m1'$	$m'\bar{3}m'$	$m'\bar{3}'m'$	$m'\bar{3}'m$			

Magnetic space groups

$$M \leq G \times I$$

Lets take $G = P \frac{2}{m} = \{1, 2, \bar{1}, m\} \times T_G$

$$M = G = P \frac{2}{m}.1$$

- This is the ‘colourless’ group
- Allows magnetic order
- Called a **Type I** magnetic space group

$$M = G \times I = P \frac{2}{m}.1'$$

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Case 1: H is a *Translationenglieiche* subgroup of G (one in which all translation symmetry is retained *i.e.* $T_H = T_G$) and hence the order of point group P_H is lower than that of P_G

- This is a black and white group with an ordinary Bravais lattice
- Allows magnetic order
- Called a **Type III** magnetic space group

$$P \frac{2'}{m}$$

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Magnetic space groups

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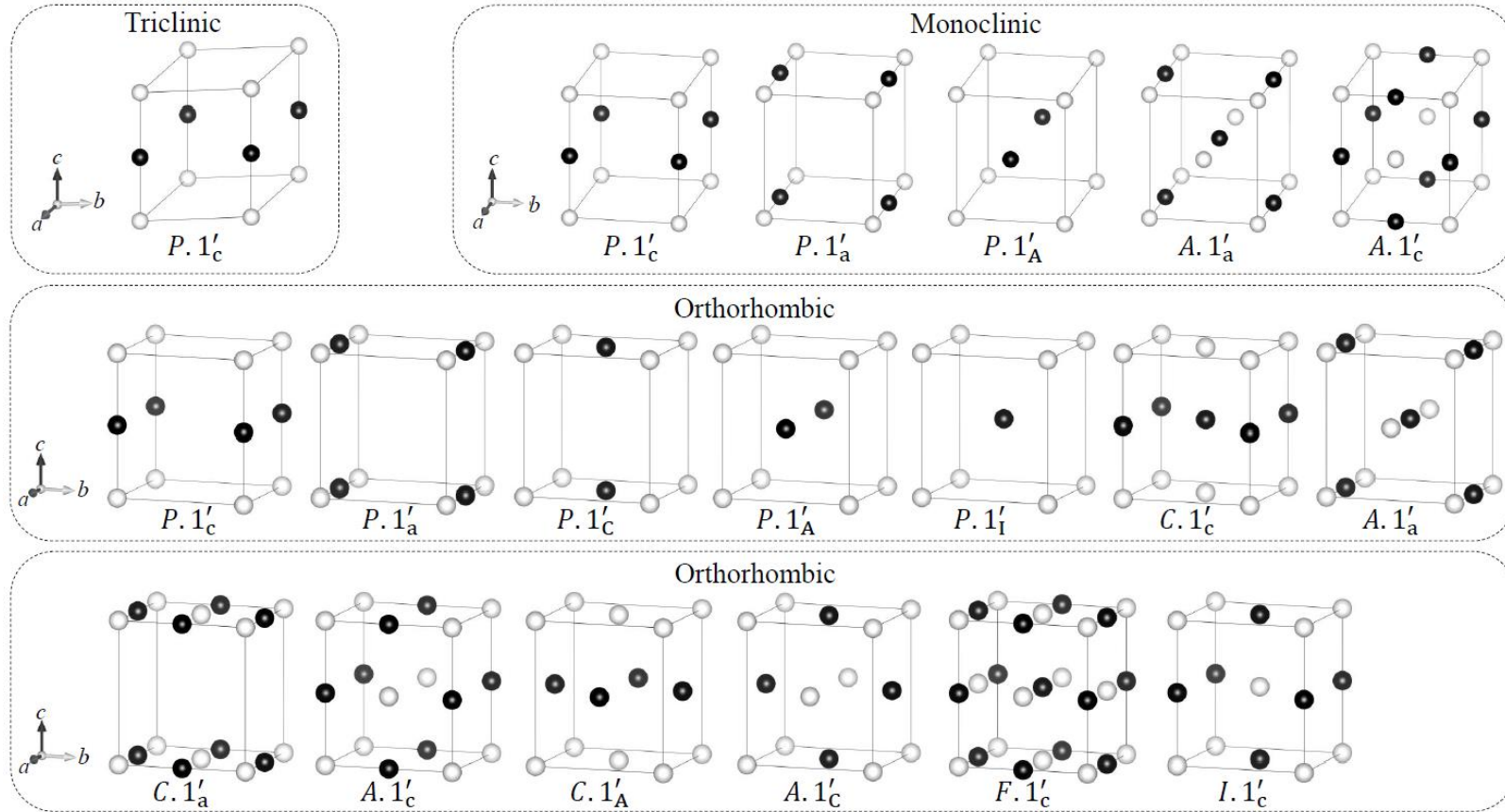
- This is a black and white group with a black and white Bravais lattice
- Allows magnetic order
- Called a **Type IV** magnetic space group

$$P \frac{2}{m} \cdot 1'_a$$

$$P \frac{2}{m} \cdot 1'_b$$

$$P \frac{2}{m} \cdot 1'_c$$

Magnetic space groups



Magnetic space groups

230 **Type I** + 230 **Type II** + 674 **Type III** + 517 **Type IV** = 1651 'magnetic' space groups

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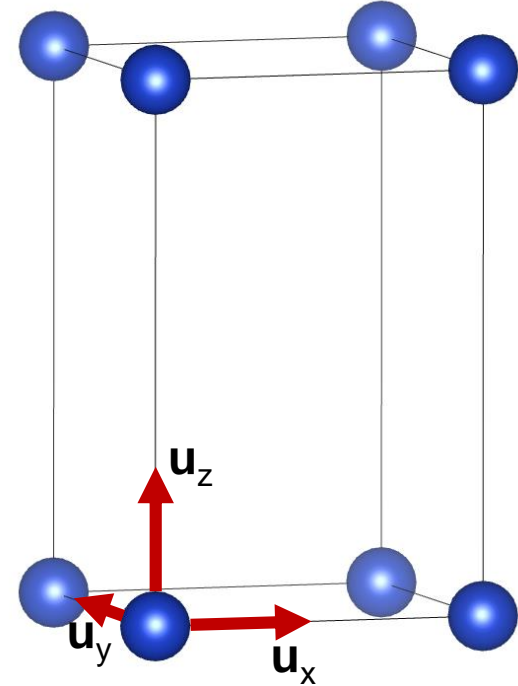


Landau theory

- The vast majority of paramagnetic to (anti)ferromagnetic phase transitions are second order (continuous)
- The Landau theory of second order phase transitions requires the primary magnetic order parameter to transform by a single **irreducible representation**...
- ... only condensation of a single normal mode can lead to a *continuous* change of the system.

Representations

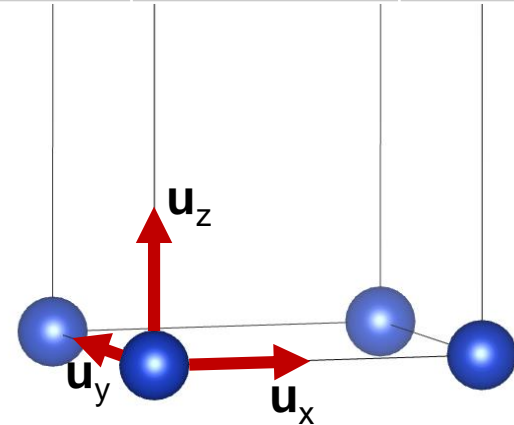
- Take a vector space $V_p = (\mathbf{u}_x, \mathbf{u}_y, \mathbf{u}_z)$, where \mathbf{u}_i describe **polar** distortions
- Assume displacements same in every unit cell (the following can be extended to $k \neq 0$)
- We will take space group $P4/m$ as an example



Representations

The set of matrices $M(g)$ is a **representation** of the group $P4/m$ on the vector space V_p

1	2_{001}	4^+_{001}	4^-_{001}	$\bar{1}$	m_{001}	$\bar{4}^+_{001}$	$\bar{4}^-_{001}$
$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$



Irreducible representations

Can we divide up the vector space V into smaller **irreducible** subspaces?

1	2_{001}	4^+_{001}	4^-_{001}	$\bar{1}$	m_{001}	$\bar{4}^+_{001}$	$\bar{4}^-_{001}$
$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{-1} & \boxed{0} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{0} & \boxed{-1} & 0 \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} & 0 \\ \boxed{-1} & \boxed{0} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{-1} & \boxed{0} & 0 \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{-1} \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} & 0 \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{-1} \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} & 0 \\ \boxed{-1} & \boxed{0} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{-1} \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{0} & \boxed{-1} & 0 \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{-1} \end{pmatrix}$

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$$B = P^{-1}AP, \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i & 0 \\ i & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Irreducible representations: Characters

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3	-1	1	1	-3	1	-1	-1
$\Gamma_3^- \oplus \Gamma_4^-$							
2	-2	0	0	-2	2	0	0
Γ_1^-							
1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1

Irreducible representations: Character table

	1	2 ₀₀₁	4 ⁺ ₀₀₁	4 ⁻ ₀₀₁	$\bar{1}$	m ₀₀₁	$\bar{4}^+$ ₀₀₁	$\bar{4}^-$ ₀₀₁
Γ_1^+	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Γ_1^-	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1
Γ_2^+	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1
Γ_2^-	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
$\Gamma_3^+ \oplus \Gamma_4^+$	2	-2	0	0	2	-2	0	0
$\Gamma_3^- \oplus \Gamma_4^-$	2	-2	0	0	-2	2	0	0

$$\Gamma_{V_p} = \Gamma_1^- + (\Gamma_3^- \oplus \Gamma_4^-)$$

Irreducible representations: Decomposition theorem

$$\Gamma_{V_p} = \sum_{ij} a_i^j \Gamma_i^j \quad a_i^j = \frac{1}{h} \sum_g \chi_{\Gamma_{V_p}}(g) \chi_{\Gamma_i^j}(g)$$

	1	2 ₀₀₁	4 ⁺ ₀₀₁	4 ⁻ ₀₀₁	$\bar{1}$	m ₀₀₁	$\bar{4}^+$ ₀₀₁	$\bar{4}^-$ ₀₀₁
Γ_{V_p}	3	-1	1	1	-3	1	-1	-1
Γ_1^+	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Γ_1^-	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1
Γ_2^+	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1
Γ_2^-	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
$\Gamma_3^+ \oplus \Gamma_4^+$	2	-2	0	0	2	-2	0	0
$\Gamma_3^- \oplus \Gamma_4^-$	2	-2	0	0	-2	2	0	0

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	1	2 ₀₀₁	4 ⁺ ₀₀₁	4 ⁻ ₀₀₁	$\bar{1}$	m ₀₀₁	$\bar{4}^+$ ₀₀₁	$\bar{4}^-$ ₀₀₁
Γ_{V_p}	3	-1	1	1	-3	1	-1	-1
Γ_1^+	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Γ_1^-	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1
Γ_2^+	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1
Γ_2^-	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
$\Gamma_3^+ \oplus \Gamma_4^+$	2	-2	0	0	2	-2	0	0
$\Gamma_3^- \oplus \Gamma_4^-$	2	-2	0	0	-2	2	0	0

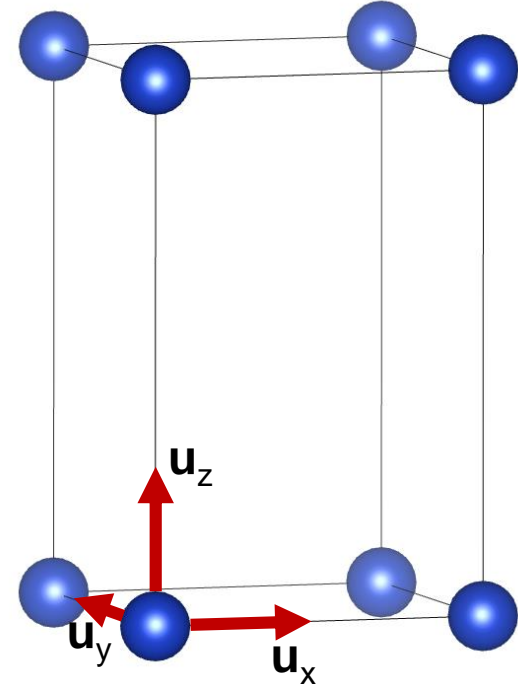
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	1	2 ₀₀₁	4 ⁺ ₀₀₁	4 ⁻ ₀₀₁	$\bar{1}$	m ₀₀₁	$\bar{4}^+$ ₀₀₁	$\bar{4}^-$ ₀₀₁
Γ_{V_p}	3	-1	1	1	-3	1	-1	-1
Γ_1^+	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Γ_1^-	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1
Γ_2^+	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1
Γ_2^-	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
$\Gamma_3^+ \oplus \Gamma_4^+$	2	-2	0	0	2	-2	0	0
$\Gamma_3^- \oplus \Gamma_4^-$	2	-2	0	0	-2	2	0	0

Representations

- Take a vector space $V_m = (\mathbf{u}_x, \mathbf{u}_y, \mathbf{u}_z)$, where \mathbf{u}_i describe **axial** distortions
- Assume displacements same in every unit cell (the following can be extended to $k \neq 0$)
- We will take space group $P4/m$ as an example
- This is a **model for ferromagnetism**



Representations

The set of matrices $M(g)$ is a **representation** of the group $P4/m$ on the vector space V_m

1	2_{001}	4^+_{001}	4^-_{001}	$\bar{1}$	m_{001}	$\bar{4}^+_{001}$	$\bar{4}^-_{001}$
$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

1	2_{001}	4^+_{001}	4^-_{001}	$\bar{1}$	m_{001}	$\bar{4}^+_{001}$	$\bar{4}^-_{001}$
$m\Gamma_3^+ \oplus m\Gamma_4^+$							
2	-2	0	0	2	-2	0	0
$m\Gamma_1^+$							
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Irreducible representations (character table)

	1	2 ₀₀₁	4 ⁺ ₀₀₁	4 ⁻ ₀₀₁	$\bar{1}$	m ₀₀₁	$\bar{4}^+$ ₀₀₁	$\bar{4}^-$ ₀₀₁
$m\Gamma_1^+$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$m\Gamma_1^-$	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1
$m\Gamma_2^+$	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1
$m\Gamma_2^-$	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
$m\Gamma_3^+ \oplus m\Gamma_4^+$	2	-2	0	0	2	-2	0	0
$m\Gamma_3^- \oplus m\Gamma_4^-$	2	-2	0	0	-2	2	0	0

$$\Gamma_{V_m} = \Gamma_1^+ + (\Gamma_3^+ \oplus \Gamma_4^+)$$

Irreducible representations (character table)

	1	2 ₀₀₁	4 ⁺ ₀₀₁	4 ⁻ ₀₀₁	$\bar{1}$	m ₀₀₁	$\bar{4}^+$ ₀₀₁	$\bar{4}^-$ ₀₀₁	
$m\Gamma_1^+$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$P4/m$
$m\Gamma_1^-$	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	$P4/m'$
$m\Gamma_2^+$	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	$P4'/m$
$m\Gamma_2^-$	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	$P4'/m'$
$m\Gamma_3^+ \oplus m\Gamma_4^+$	2	-2	0	0	2	-2	0	0	$P2'/m'$
$m\Gamma_3^- \oplus m\Gamma_4^-$	2	-2	0	0	-2	2	0	0	$P2'/m$

The number of **Type I** and **Type III** magnetic space groups derived from space group G are equal to the number of distinct 1-D IR's (Bertaut. Acta Cryst. A24, 217 (1968))

Irreducible representations (character table)

	1	2 ₀₀₁	4 ⁺ ₀₀₁	4 ⁻ ₀₀₁
$m\Gamma_1^+$	1	1	1	1
$m\Gamma_1^-$	1	1	1	1
$m\Gamma_2^+$	1	1	-1	-1
$m\Gamma_2^-$	1	1	-1	-1
$m\Gamma_3^+ \oplus m\Gamma_4^+$	2	-2	0	0
$m\Gamma_3^- \oplus m\Gamma_4^-$	2	-2	0	0

Cyan: ferromagnetic
Red: ferroelectric
Purple: both

Crystallographic point groups	Grey point groups	Magnetic point groups			
1	1'				
$\bar{1}$	$\bar{1}'$	$\bar{1}'$			
2	21'	2'			
m	m1'	m'			
2/m	2/m1'	2'/m'	2/m'	2'/m	
222	2221'	2'2'2'			
mm2	mm21'	m'm'2'	2'm'm'		
mmm	mmm1'	mm'm'	m'm'm'	mmm'	
4	41'	4'			
$\bar{4}$	$\bar{4}'$	$\bar{4}'$			
4/m	4/m1'	4'/m	4/m'	4'/m'	
422	4221'	4'22'	42'2'		
4mm	4mm1'	4'mm'	4m'm'		
$\bar{4}2m$	$\bar{4}2m1'$	$\bar{4}'2m'$	$\bar{4}'m'2'$	$\bar{4}2'm'$	
4/mmm	4/mmm1'	4'/mmm'	4/m'm'm'	4/m'm'm'	4'/m'm'm'
3	31'	3'			
$\bar{3}$	$\bar{3}'$	$\bar{3}'$			
32	321'	32'			
3m	3m1'	3m'			
$\bar{3}m$	$\bar{3}m1'$	$\bar{3}m'$	$\bar{3}'m'$	$\bar{3}m$	
6	61'	6'			
$\bar{6}$	$\bar{6}'$	$\bar{6}'$			
6/m	6/m1'	6'/m'	6/m'	6'/m	
622	6221'	6'22'	62'2'		
6mm	6mm1'	6'mm'	6m'm'		
$\bar{6}m2$	$\bar{6}m21'$	$\bar{6}'2m'$	$\bar{6}'m'2'$	$\bar{6}m'2'$	
6/mmm	6/mmm1'	6'/mmm'	6/m'm'm'	6/m'm'm'	6'/m'm'm'
23	231'				
$m\bar{3}$	$m\bar{3}1'$	$m\bar{3}'$			
432	4321'	4'32'			
43m	43m1'	4'3m'			
$m\bar{3}m$	$m\bar{3}m1'$	$m\bar{3}m'$	$m\bar{3}'m'$	$m\bar{3}'m$	

001
1
-1
-1
1
0
0

P4/m

P4/m'

P4'/m

P4'/m'

P2'/m'

P2'/m

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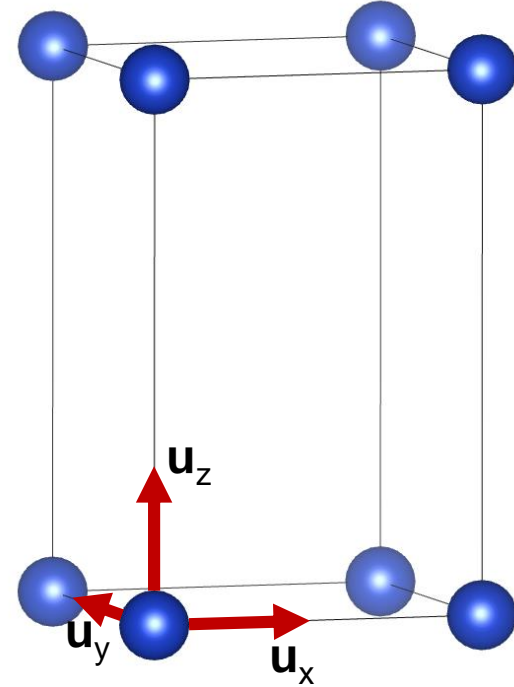
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Symmetry adapted modes

We began with the decomposition of the $P4/m$ representation in the basis of ferromagnetic modes and found

$$\Gamma_{V_m} = m\Gamma_1^+ + (m\Gamma_3^+ \oplus m\Gamma_4^+)$$

In general, symmetry adapted modes can be obtained from the representations using the projection operator



Symmetry adapted modes

 $m\Gamma_1^+$

$$P_j = \frac{d_j}{h} \sum_i \chi_j(g_i) g_i(V) \quad \phi = P_j V$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{8} \left(\chi_{m\Gamma_1^+}(1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \chi_{m\Gamma_1^+}(2_{001}) \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \chi_{m\Gamma_1^+}(4_{001}^+) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \chi_{m\Gamma_1^+}(4_{001}^-) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right. \\ & \left. + \chi_{m\Gamma_1^+}(\bar{1}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \chi_{m\Gamma_1^+}(m_{001}) \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \chi_{m\Gamma_1^+}(\bar{4}_{001}^+) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \chi_{m\Gamma_1^+}(\bar{4}_{001}^-) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_j V_m = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_x \\ \mathbf{u}_y \\ \mathbf{u}_z \end{pmatrix} \propto \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \mathbf{u}_z \end{pmatrix}$$

Symmetry adapted modes

$$m\Gamma_3^+ \oplus m\Gamma_4^+$$

$$P_j = \frac{d_j}{h} \sum_i \chi_j(g_i) g_i(V) \quad \phi = P_j V$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2}{8} \left(\chi_{m\Gamma_3^+ \oplus m\Gamma_4^+}(1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \chi_{m\Gamma_3^+ \oplus m\Gamma_4^+}(2_{001}) \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \chi_{m\Gamma_3^+ \oplus m\Gamma_4^+}(4_{001}^+) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right. \\ & + \chi_{m\Gamma_3^+ \oplus m\Gamma_4^+}(4_{001}^-) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \chi_{m\Gamma_3^+ \oplus m\Gamma_4^+}(\bar{1}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \chi_{m\Gamma_3^+ \oplus m\Gamma_4^+}(m_{001}) \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \left. + \chi_{m\Gamma_3^+ \oplus m\Gamma_4^+}(\bar{4}_{001}^+) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \chi_{m\Gamma_3^+ \oplus m\Gamma_4^+}(\bar{4}_{001}^-) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad P_j V_m = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_x \\ \mathbf{u}_y \\ \mathbf{u}_z \end{pmatrix} \propto \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_x \\ \mathbf{u}_y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Irreducible representations

- The Landau theory of second order phase transitions requires the primary magnetic order parameter to transform by a single **irreducible representation**
- An irreducible representation of a group is a set of matrices on a vector space, defined in a basis with no reducible vector subspaces
- Irreducible representation \Leftrightarrow symmetry adapted modes \Leftrightarrow magnetic space group
- The irreducible representations of the space groups, symmetry adapted modes, order parameters, and magnetic space groups have all been calculated for you!

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