

MEAM/MSE 507

Fundamentals of Materials

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Week 4, Lecture 3: Crystallographic notation (part 1)
Asynchronous

Bravais lattices in 2D

- Bravais lattice is an infinite array of discrete points generated by

$$\mathbf{R}_{lmn} = l\mathbf{a} + m\mathbf{b} + n\mathbf{c}$$

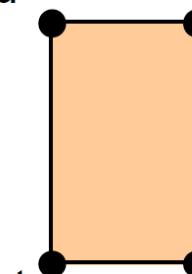
- Infinite number of space lattices can be formed by choosing \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , \mathbf{c} in 3d or \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} in 2d

- From any \mathbf{R}_{lmn} the lattice looks exactly the same

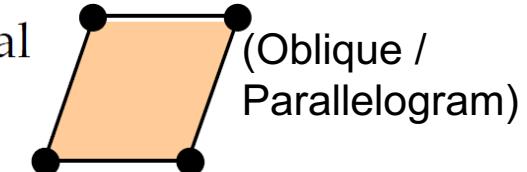
- Most lattices only have the symmetry $n=1$ or 2 , but we can choose \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , \mathbf{c} to get other symmetries

- These symmetries imply restriction on \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , \mathbf{c}

- Each set of restrictions → distinct lattice; a **Bravais lattice** is characterized by its symmetry operations

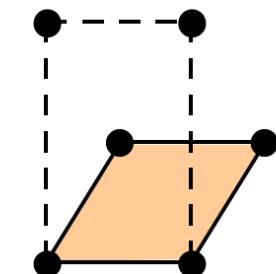


General

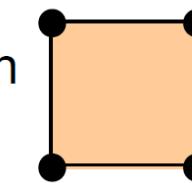


(Oblique /
Parallelogram)

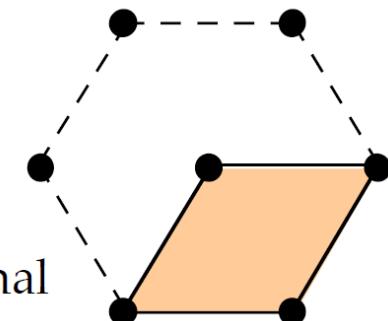
Rectangular



Centred
Rectangular



Square



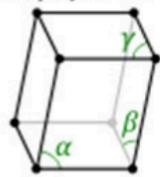
Hexagonal

2d: 4 restrictions → 5 lattices

Bravais lattices in 3D

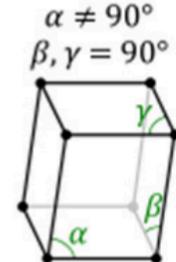
Triclinic

$\alpha, \beta, \gamma \neq 90^\circ$

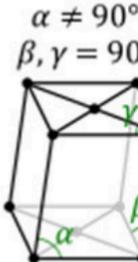


Monoclinic

$\alpha \neq 90^\circ$
 $\beta, \gamma = 90^\circ$

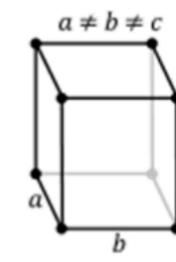


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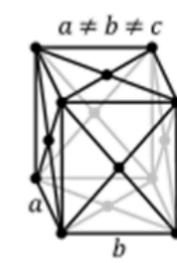
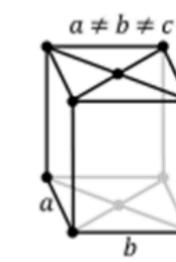


Orthorhombic

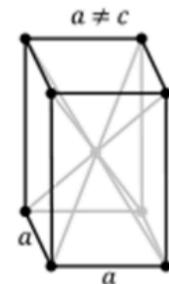
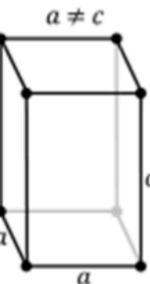
$a \neq b \neq c$



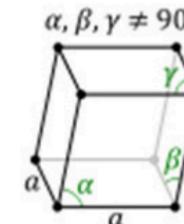
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Tetragonal



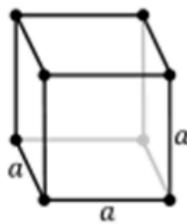
Trigonal/rhombohedral



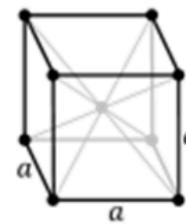
Hexagonal



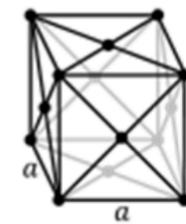
Cubic



**Simple
Cubic**



**Body
Centered
Cubic**



**Face
Centered
Cubic**

- **14 Bravais lattices in 3D**
- **7 crystal systems**

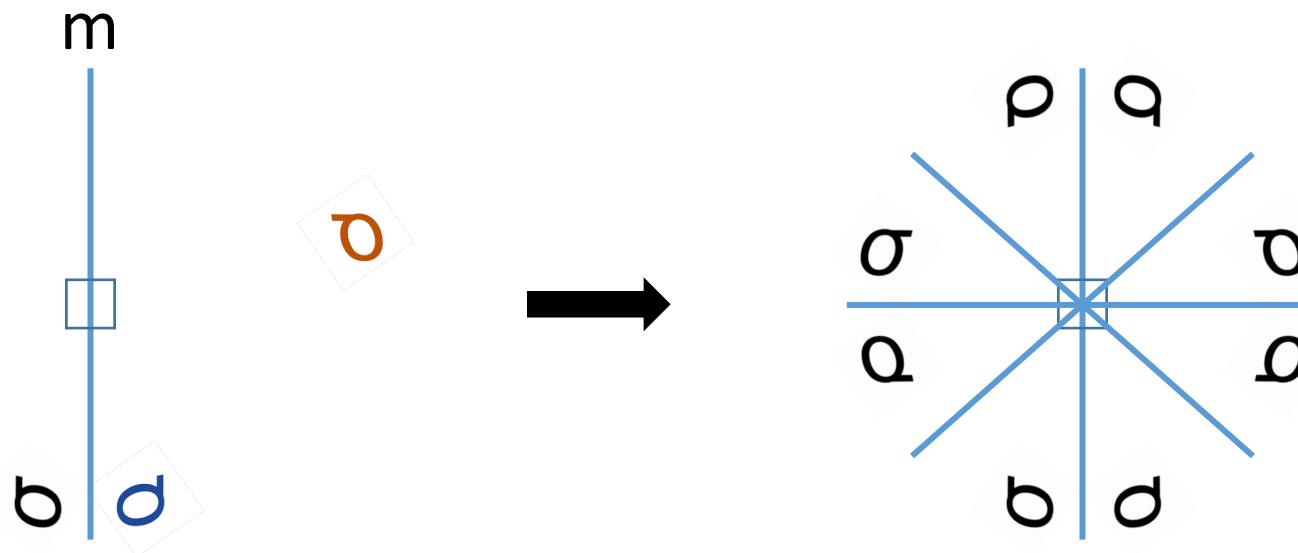
Point group notation

- Point groups describe symmetries with respect to specific points
- These do not involve translation operations

| | |
|------------------|--|
| X | Rotation by $2\pi/X$ |
| \overline{X} | Inversion axis – invert then rotation by $2\pi/X$ |
| X2 | Rotation by $2\pi/X$ + subsidiary 2-fold rotation axis perpendicular to the X-axis |
| $\overline{X}2$ | Rotary inversion by $2\pi/X$ + subsidiary 2-fold rotation axis perpendicular to the \overline{X} -axis |
| Xm | Rotation by $2\pi/X$ + a mirror containing the X-fold rotation axis |
| $\overline{X}m$ | Rotary inversion by $2\pi/X$ + a mirror containing the X-fold rotation axis |
| X/m | Rotation by $2\pi/X$ + a mirror perpendicular to the X-fold rotation axis |
| \overline{X}/m | Rotary inversion by $2\pi/X$ + a mirror perpendicular to the X-fold rotation axis |
| X/mm | Rotation by $2\pi/X$ + a mirror containing and a mirror perpendicular to the X-fold rotation axis |
| mm | 2 mutually orthogonal mirror planes |
| $\overline{X}2m$ | A mirror plane that contains \overline{X} and 2-fold rotation |

- Why the word “group”?

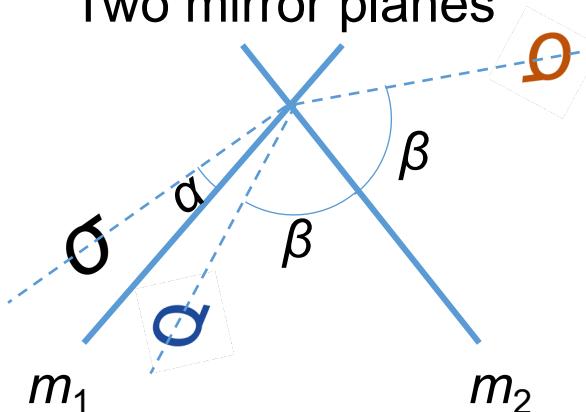
Point group example (2D)



- Notation: running list of independent symmetry elements
- **4mm**
- (Not 4mmmmmmmm or 4mmmm – only 2 kinds of mirrors)

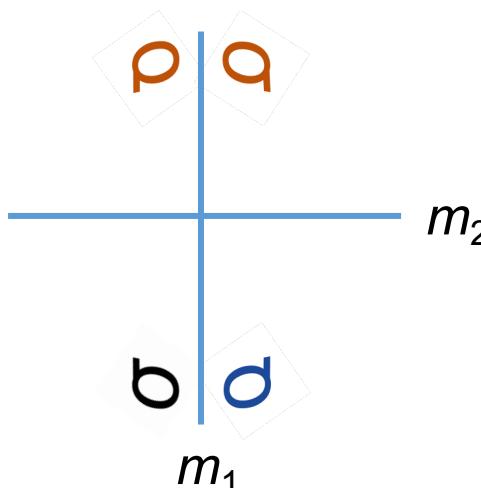
Combinations of operators

Two mirror planes



- Notice chirality L \rightarrow R \rightarrow L
- Two sequential reflections** via mirrors m_1 and m_2 , separated by an angle $\alpha+\beta$
- Equivalent to a single rotation** $A_{2(\alpha+\beta)}$
- These are members of a Group

Example (Group 2mm)



$$\text{E.g., } m_2 \cdot m_1 = A_\pi$$

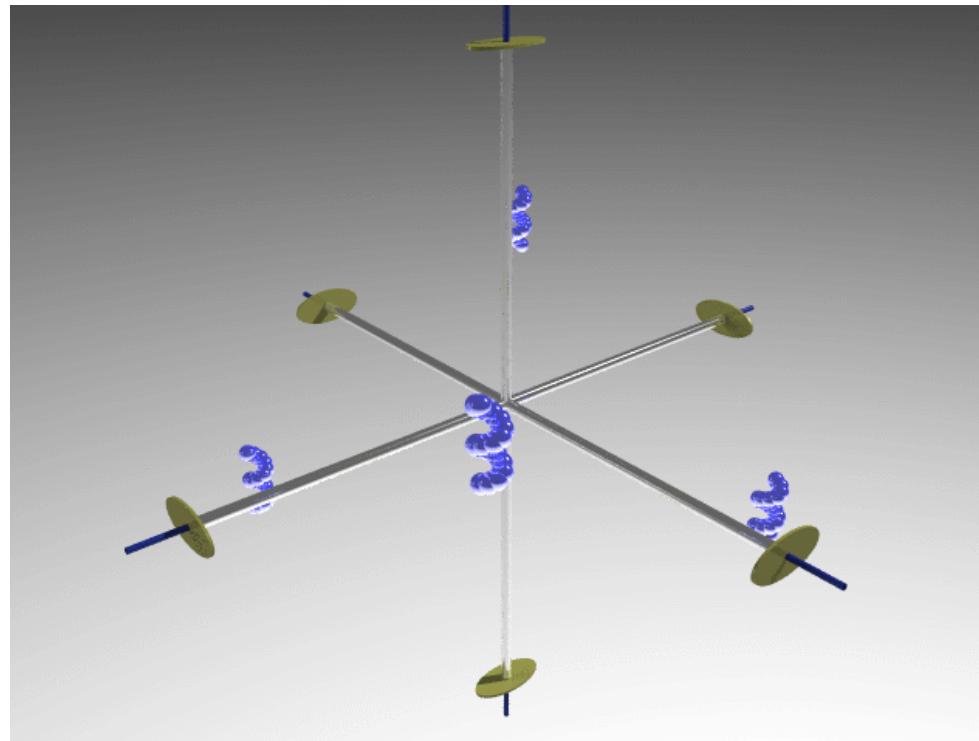
| | 1 | m_1 | m_2 | A_π |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 1 | m_1 | m_2 | A_π |
| m_1 | m_1 | 1 | A_π | m_2 |
| m_2 | m_2 | A_π | 1 | m_1 |
| A_π | A_π | m_2 | m_1 | 1 |

- Group of rank 4
- Notice also that there are 4 motifs....
- Tells you how to map any one of the motifs into all others (and itself)

Point groups in 3D

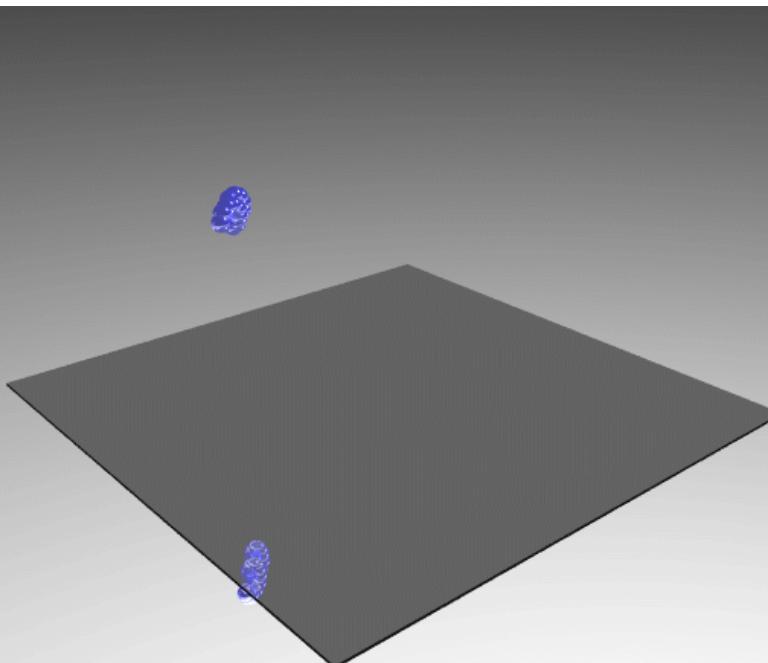
Rotation limitations are the same as in 2D (sometimes called “cyclic” symmetry and designated C_1 , C_2 , C_3 , C_4 , C_6)

E.g., Dihedral point group 222 (2-fold symmetries along x , y , and z directions, giving group members $\{1, 2_z, 2_y, 2_x\}$)

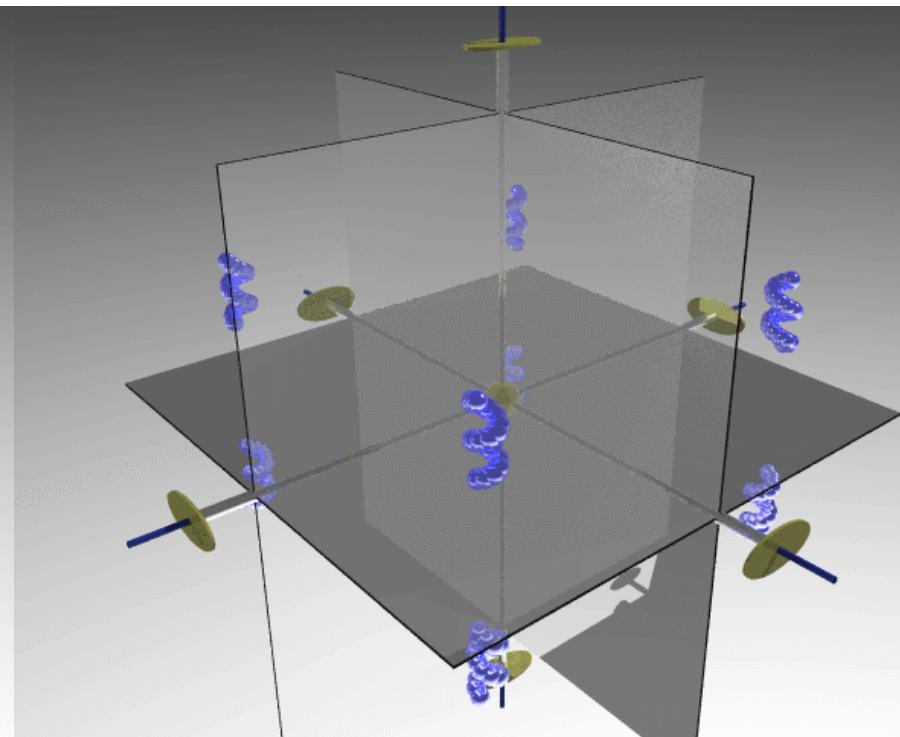


Point group notation

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mmm



See additional animations at:

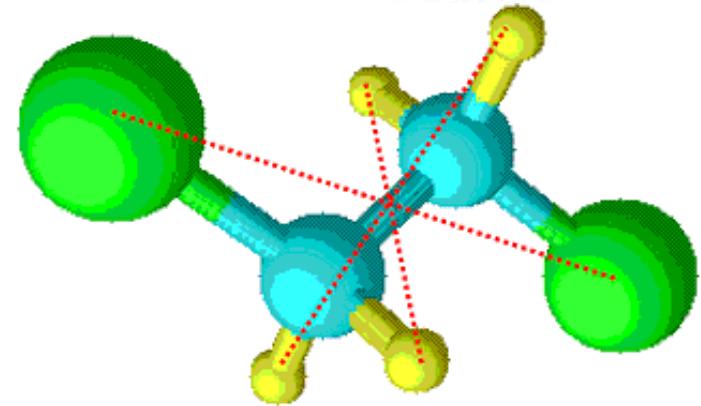
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Inversion (an additional operation in 3D)

Inversion

- Inversion (center of symmetry)
- Reflection of every point through the center, \bar{I}

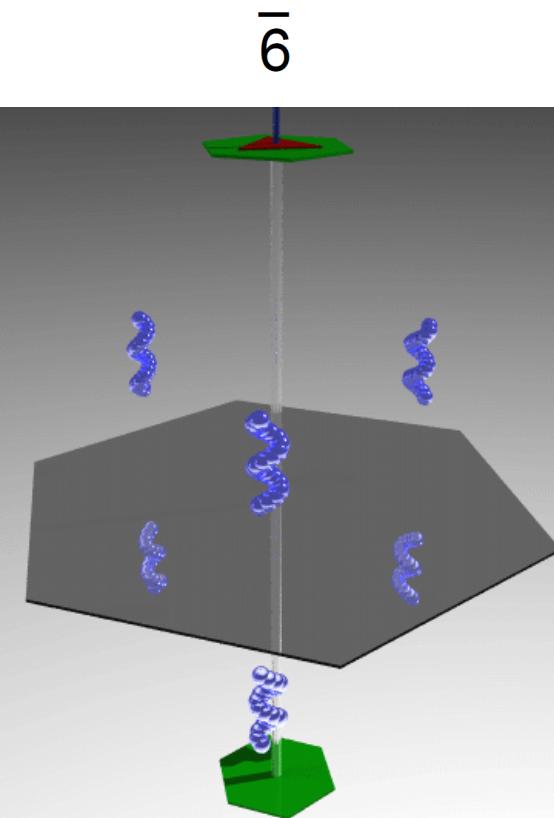
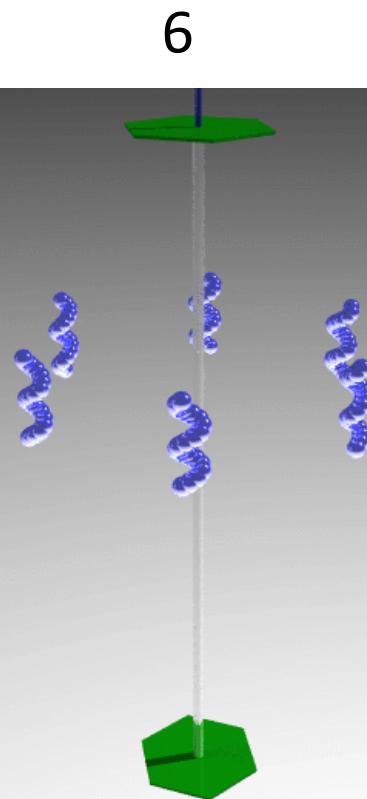
$$(x,y,z) \rightarrow (-x, -y, -z)$$



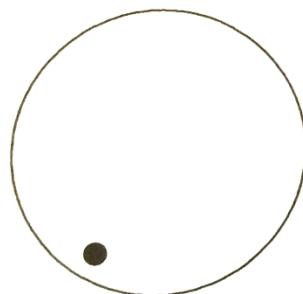
Rotary inversion

- Rotation by n-fold axis + inversion, \bar{n}
- Note, this does not imply that there is an n-fold rotation axis
- Also called improper rotation or rotary reflection depending on plane of inversion

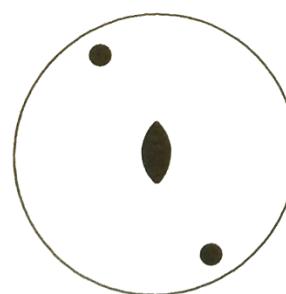
Point group notation



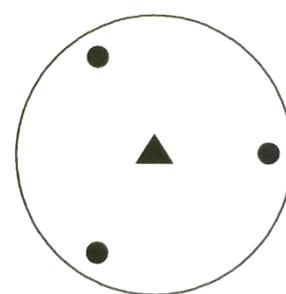
Stereographic projections



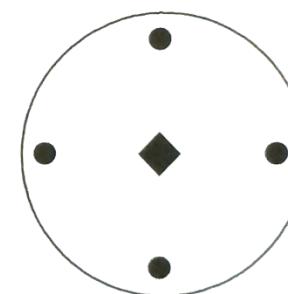
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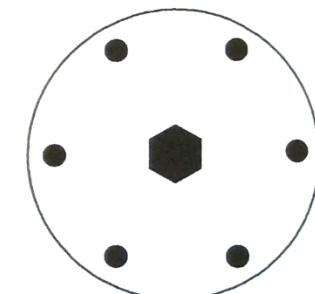
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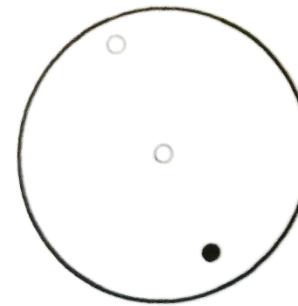
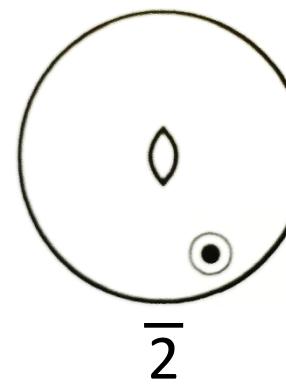
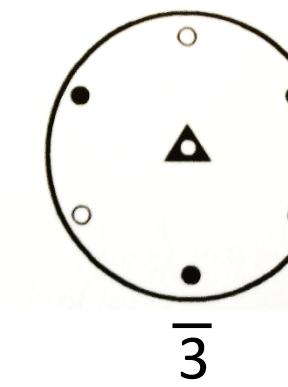
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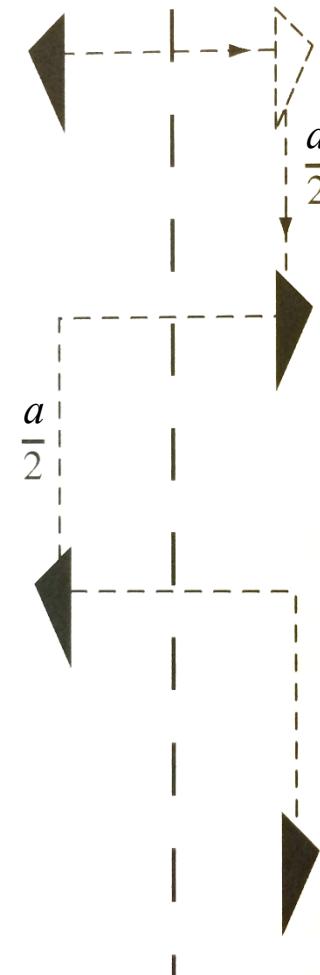
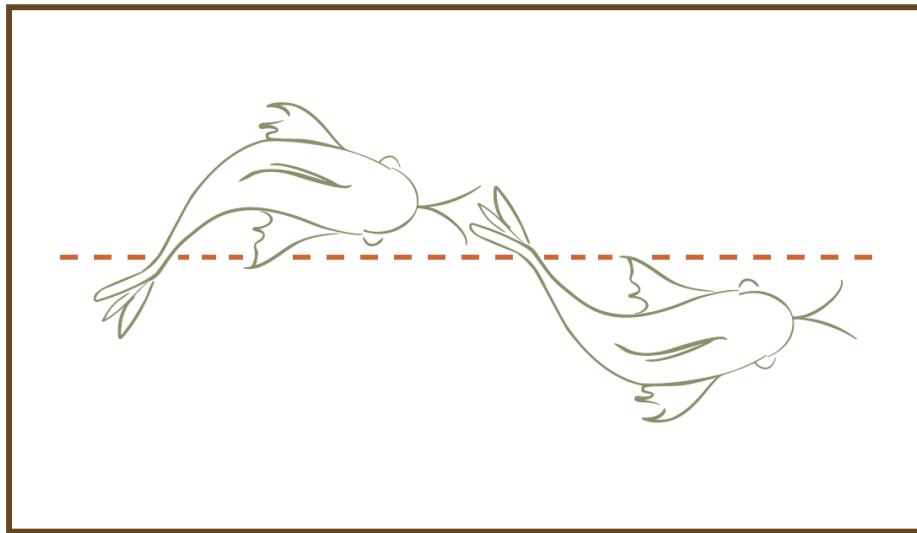
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 $\bar{1}$  $\bar{2}$  $\bar{3}$

- Represents top down view of 3D sphere projected onto 2D plane (our view is from the “North pole”)
- Black dot is projected in the northern hemisphere
- Circle is underneath, on the southern hemisphere

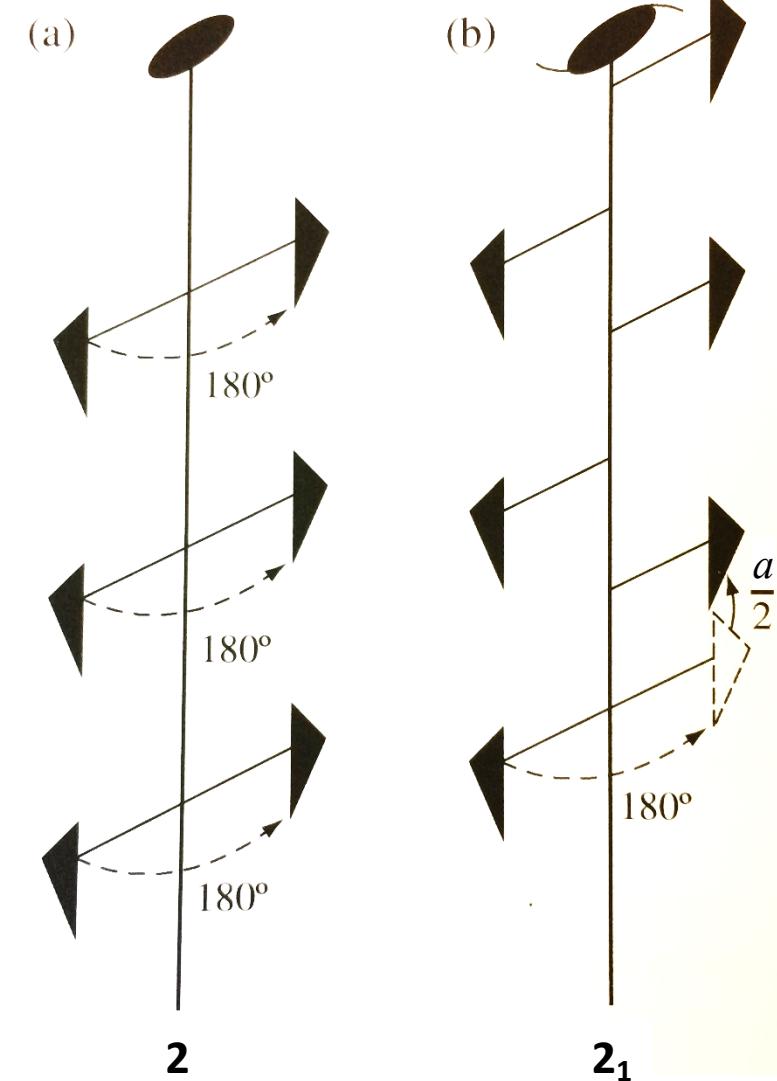
Glide (2D or 3D)

- Glide = Reflection + Translation
- Represented by a dashed line
- In a crystal with lattice parameter a , the translation is $a/2$
- In 2D, a glide operation is associated with a glide line
- In 3D, a glide operation is associated with a glide plane



Screw (3D only)

- Screw = Rotation + Translation
- In a crystal with lattice parameter a , the screw operation n_m is an n -fold rotation followed by a translation of $a(m/n)$
- E.g., 6_3 is a rotation of $2\pi/6$ and a translation of $(3/6)a$ or $a/2$.



Screw

| Name | Symbol | Graphical symbol | Right-handed screw translation along the axis in units of the lattice parameter |
|---------------|--------|---|---|
| Screw diad | 2_1 |  | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Screw triads | 3_1 |  | $\frac{1}{3}$ |
| | 3_2 |  | $\frac{2}{3}$ |
| Screw tetrads | 4_1 |  | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| | 4_2 |  | $\frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$ |
| | 4_3 |  | $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Screw hexads | 6_1 |  | $\frac{1}{6}$ |
| | 6_2 |  | $\frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$ |
| | 6_3 |  | $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$ |
| | 6_4 |  | $\frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$ |
| | 6_5 |  | $\frac{5}{6}$ |

Crystallography and Crystal Defects, Kelly & Knowles

