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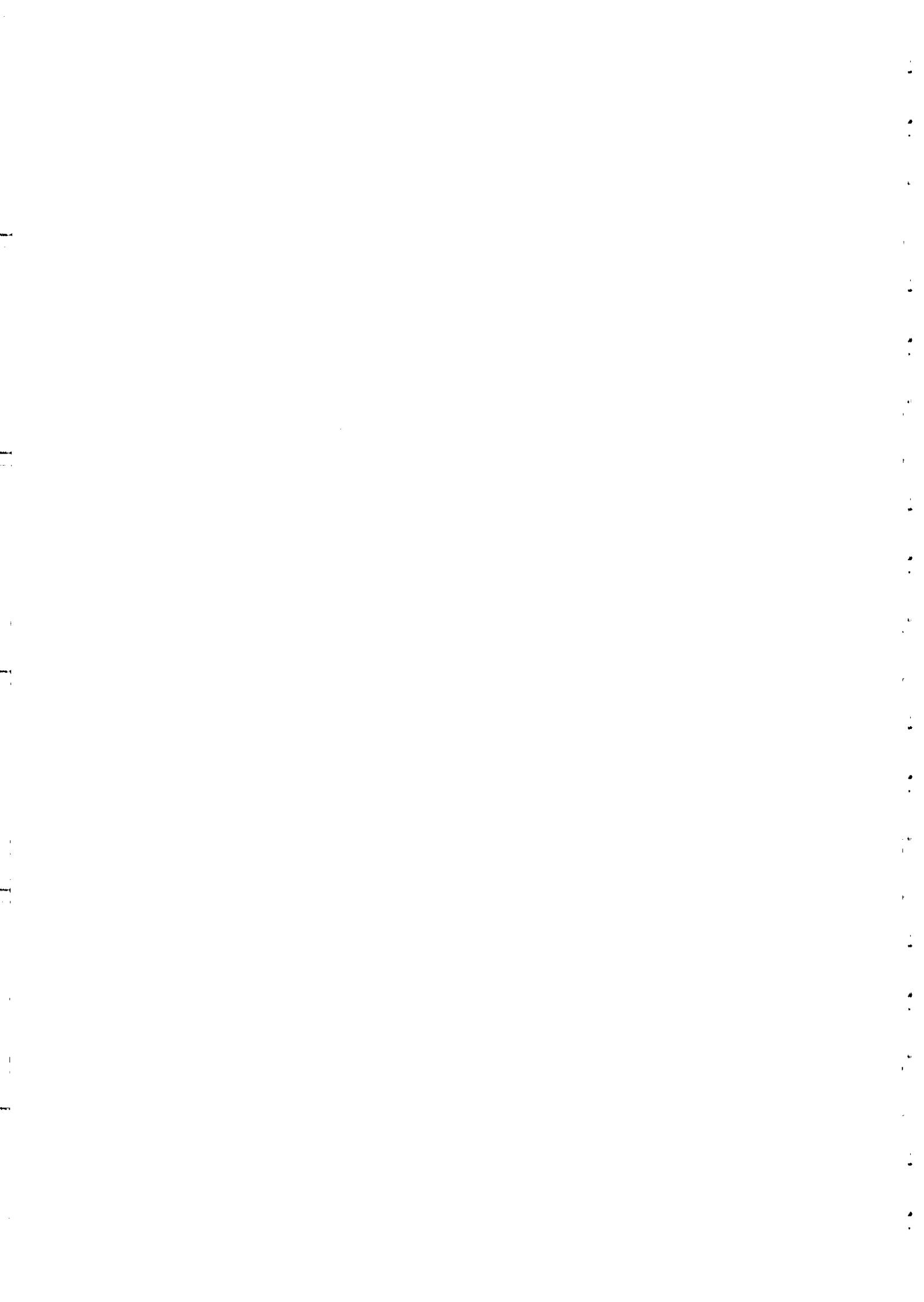
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### *Rietveld Analysis Tutorials*

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

This tutorial will show how the Rietveld method works, it will give some practical hints to the students so that they can start working with Rietveld analysis in their laboratories. Some examples will show the typical problems that they can face. FULLPROF [1], a program that is in the public domain will be used.

## 1.1 Files organization

The folder **ICTP\_2000** contains all the necessary files to work with these tutorials. It is divided into seven general folders:

- **xrd**,
- **nd**,
- **synchrotron**,
- **xrd+nd**,
- **fullprof**,
- **winplotr**,
- **zipfiles**

**xrd**, **nd**, **synchrotron**, **xrd+nd** folders contain all the necessary files to work with neutron diffraction (nd) and x-ray diffraction during the guided tutorials.

**fullprof \ docs** contains this document and Fullprof Manual.

## 1.2 File Description

Fullprof needs two input files:

- raw datafile **\*.DAT** containing the experimental data
- parameter file **\*.PCR** containing crystallographic and instrumental information.

Fullprof writes some output files:

- \*.OUT: main output file containing all control variables and refined parameters
- \*.PRF: observed and calculated profile
- \*.RPA: summary of refined parameters
- \*.SYM: list of symmetry operators
- \*.SUM: parameter list after last cycle, summary of the last parameters, their standard deviations and reliable factors
- \*.HKL: complete list of reflections of each phase

### 1.3 Folder Content

The folders **xrd**, **nd**, **synchrotron** and **xrd+nd** are divided into different folders with compound names. In each one there are two files, the data file and a text document with the necessary crystallographic data obtained from the “Inorganic Chemical Structure Database” (ICSD) [2].

The specific \*.PCR file for each compound should be made by the students, overwriting a file from any other compound.

Taking as an example the  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$  compound, the files are named in the following way:

- $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3x.\text{dat}$  is the data file (x stands for x-ray).

The parameter files or ”PCR” files are named as follows:

- $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3xi.\text{pcr}$  for the initial file (before refinement, with crystallographic parameters as taken from literature) and
- $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3xf.\text{pcr}$  for the final file (as obtained after refinement)

The “plot” files which will be generated during the refinement

- $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3x.\text{prf}$ . This \*.prf file is the ”Profile” file that will be read by WINPLOTR, and contain the experimental, calculated and difference plots.  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3xi.\text{prf}$  is the plot for the initial refinement (with crystallographic data as obtained from literature) and  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3xf.\text{prf}$  is the plot obtained after the structure has been completely refined.

Please, after you finish the refinements, compare both plots. Please, never use the ”i” files ( i.e.  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3xi.\text{pcr}$ ) and ”f” files ( $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3xf.\text{pcr}$ ) for refinements, these should be kept as backups.

## 2 GUIDED TUTORIAL

### 2.1 Starting a refinement

As a general rule, to start a refinement, first copy the initial PCR file with another name to save the original file without any change. Remember that when FULLPROF runs, it will overwrite the PCR file. I would recommend renaming it as the data file. As an example, let us continue with the  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$ . Using the files for this compound contained in the folder ICTP\_2000\synchrotron\Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, we copy the file Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3xi</sub>.pcr as Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3x</sub>.pcr.

Open the Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3x</sub>.pcr file and take a look. Initial crystallographic data were obtained from reference ICSD 2000/release 1 66242 [2]. See also space group number 206 [3].

The initial PCR files always have NCYCLE=1 and Number of refined parameters=0.

Change the NCY to a larger value (between 10 and 15) and start the “parameters turn on” by increasing the “Number of refined parameters”.

Note that the refinable parameters are numbered according to the recommendable “turn on sequence” [4].

During refinement, periodically take a look to the refined diffractogram by reading the file Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3x</sub>.prf with the program WINPLOTR. I also recommend to take a look to the Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3x</sub>.sum file (or the more extended file Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3x</sub>.out) to see the details of the refinement.

Finish the refinement and check your results by taking a look to the file Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3xf</sub>.pcr and compare it with your final version of Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3x</sub>.pcr. Also check the final refined diffractogram with WINPLOTR and observe the R parameters that you have obtained. Your results will be discussed in the class.

### 2.2 Refinement of Neutron Diffraction Data

Even though this tutorial is part of a Synchrotron School, I consider that in a Rietveld Analysis tutorial some neutron diffraction must be included. The main difference in neutron diffraction lies on the scattering factors (scattering lengths (b) in this case). Since b dependence with atomic number is not monotonic, many important applications arise, i.e. neighbor elements in the periodic table might have very different b values, which is not the case for xrd. Also, light elements, like oxygen, have very high b values. These are strong advantages in certain cases like the refinement of occupation numbers in substitutional solid solutions with neighboring elements and the refinement of atomic positions of light elements. Also refinement of anisotropic

temperature factors with powder diffraction must be performed with nd. To work with nd, please use the files in the folder: ICTP\_2000\nd\PbSO<sub>4</sub>.

Please, note the following differences in the PCR file compared with xrd:

- JOBTYP (Job in line 2) is now 1.
- INSTRM (Ins in line 3) is now 6 (This is for D1A/D2B instrumentation at ILL).
- Atoms and not ions should be used I.e., Pb and not Pb+4. This is because the nucleus is the scatterer and not the electron cloud.

After finishing the refinement we will try to refine anisotropic temperature factors, please save the file PbSO4n.pcr as PbSO4na.pcr. Put N-Type, at the end of line 11-4-1, equals 2 and add two lines for each atom with the anisotropic temperature factors and their codes. Usually an initial value of the order of 0.001 for  $\beta_{ij}$  should be OK. Important: These codes must be set according to the symmetry restrictions on the  $\beta_{ij}$ . See the additional notes.

### 2.3 Combined Neutron and X-ray Diffraction Refinement

There are many advantages in combining X-ray and neutron diffraction: X-rays are more sensitive to high atomic number atoms, while neutron can “see” very well some elements like Oxygen, or can distinguish Hydrogen from deuterium, furthermore neutron are well suited for the determination of thermal parameters. So if there is the possibility of having both data, why do not try to use simultaneously the information coming from these different sources? You will find in the folder ICTP\_2000\nd+xrd the data of PbSO<sub>4</sub> obtained with x-ray and neutron diffraction. Take a look at the \*.pcr file, to see how to use both the patterns, and then try to do a refinement. Compare the results you obtained with those obtained using only x-ray and only neutron. The results will be discussed in the class.

### 2.4 Intensities extraction

FULLPROF can be also used as a Profile Matching tool, without the knowledge of the structure. When this is the case the following general changes must be made in the PCR files:

- All atoms with their atomic positions and the rest of their parameters should be erased.

- The number of atoms (Nat) should be set equal to zero.
- JBT in line 11-2 should be set equal to 2. (Note that after running for the first time, IRF in line 11-2 is automatically set equal to 2)
- Scale, in line 11-5 should be 1.0.
- Set JLKH (line 3) to 1. This flag will make the program to write the output file Codfil.hkl that contains the information about the integrated intensities.

Please, note that in this case, except for the cell parameters ( $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ), there is no crystallographic model so, only profile shape parameters are being refined. Do not refine  $B_{ov}$ , for example.

Also, you will note that, if the cell parameters are appropriate, the refinement will converge very fast. Also you'll get very low values of the R parameters. To work with the profile matching mod, you have to use the files in the folder: ICTP\_2000\xrd\Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>\extract. Follow the same procedures as in the other sections.

After finishing your refinement, take a look to the HKL file. There you will find the results of the intensities extraction.

## 2.5 Multiphase refinement, Quantitative analysis

You will find the necessary files in the folder  
ICTP\_2000\synchrotron\quantitative.

First of all read the Y2O3Al2O3.prf file using WINPLOTR. This was obtained with only one single phase. You will see that there are some reflections which can not be refined. They correspond to the second crystalline phase Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Copy Y2O3Al2O3xi.pcr as Y2O3Al2O3x.pcr and open it .

Note that NPHASE=2 (Line 2) and that there are two sets of atom parameters, one for the first phase (Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) and another for the second one (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). Also in this case ATZ≠0.

$$ATZ = Z \cdot Mw \cdot f^2 / t$$

This parameter is used to calculate the weight percentage of the phase.

- Z: Number of formula units per cell,
- Mw:molecular weight.
- f: Used to transform the site multiplicities to their true values. For a stoichiometric phase f=1 if these multiplicities are calculated by dividing the Wyckoff multiplicity m of the site by the general multiplicity

M. Otherwise  $f = \text{Occ.} M/m$ , where Occ. is the occupation number given in line 11-41 of the FULLPROF manual.

- t: Is the Brindley coefficient that accounts for microabsorption effects. It is required for quantitative phase analysis only. When phases have like absorption, this factor is nearly 1.

So, if microabsorption is neglected and Occ. is the multiplicity true values, then:

$$ATZ = Z \cdot M_w$$

Weight percentage of the different phases will be found in the SUM or OUT files.

For  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$  Z=16 and  $M_w=581.43$

For  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  Z=6 and  $M_w=209.9$ ,

thus you can calculate ATZ.

Start the refinement by turning on the parameters. In this case you will notice quite a good refinement from the beginning. The reason for this is that this exercise is just to show the use of quantitative phase analysis and not how to refine this particular structure.

After you finish take a look to the end of the Y2O3Al2O3x.sum file, you will find the percentages of each phase. Also take a read the Y2O3Al2O3x.prf file with WINPLOTR.

## 2.6 Introducing scattering sets in the PCR file

Sometimes the scattering factors' database of the program does not have a certain scattering factor (i.e.  $\text{O}^{-2}$ ) and it is necessary to introduce it from the PCR. Do that for the  $\text{O}^{-2}$  ion in any PCR for xrd. The coefficients for the Cromer polynomial are:

3.750400 16.515100 2.842900 6.592000 1.543000 .319200 1.62100 43.348600  
.242100

Introduce them into line 8-2 (See FULLPROF instructions). Remember to change NSCAT (Nsc) to 1. Refine again.

## 2.7 Calculating a diffractogram with anomalous scattering effects

Anomalous scattering effect for a certain element can be introduced through its scattering factor that will now take the form:

$$f = f_o + f'(E) + if''(E) \quad (1)$$

Where  $f_o$  is the "normal" scattering factor, depending only on angle and  $f'$  and  $f''$  are Energy dependents.

This effect can be introduced from the PCR file in the same way as the scattering set for O<sup>-2</sup> has been introduced. Change NSCAT to 1 and introduce the  $f'$  and  $f''$  in line 8-1 (See FULLPROF instructions). Remember to set JOBTYP (Job) to 2 (pattern calculation (X-ray)). Compare your results with the "normal" diffractogram.

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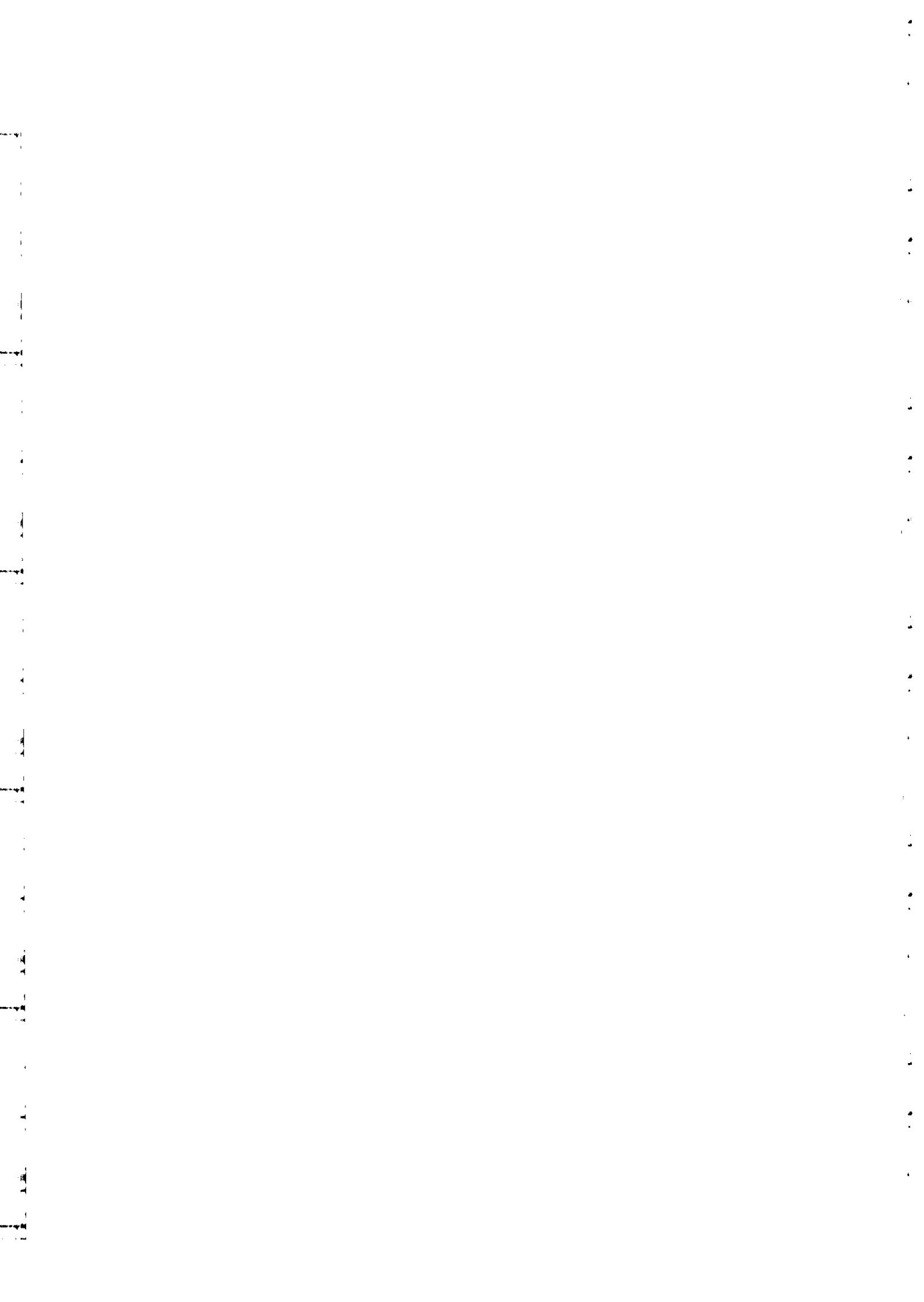
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*Addendum to:*

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$R\bar{3}c$

$D_{3d}^6$

$\bar{3}m$

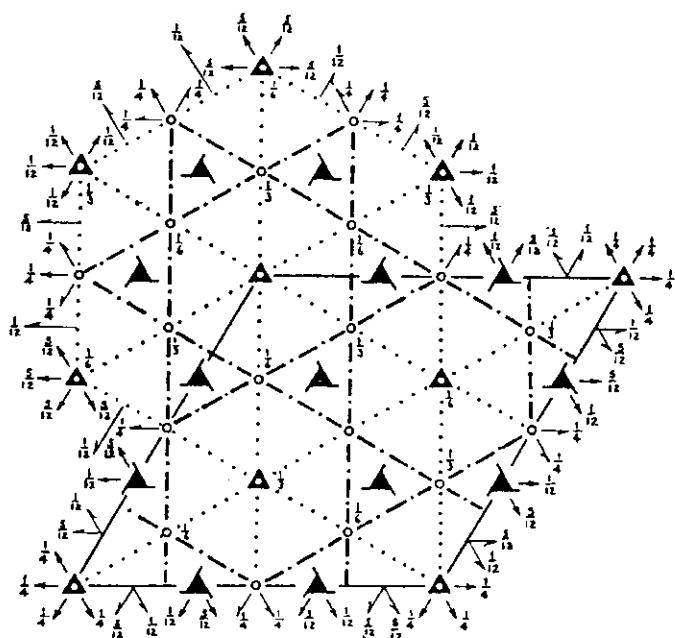
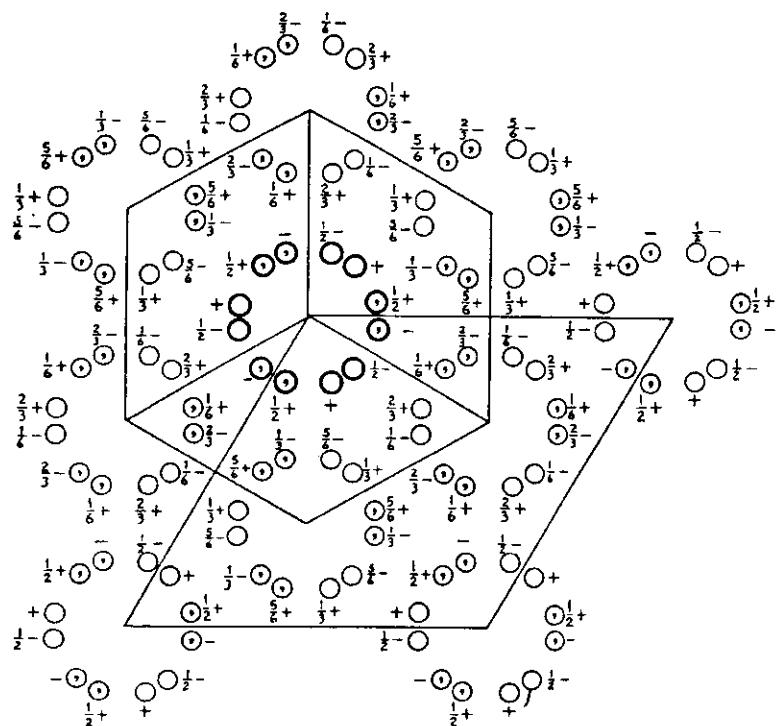
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$R\bar{3}2/c$

Patterson symmetry  $R\bar{3}m$

HEXAGONAL AXES



Origin at centre ( $\bar{3}$ ) at  $\bar{3}c$

Asymmetric unit       $0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{3}; \quad 0 \leq y \leq \frac{1}{3}; \quad 0 \leq z \leq \frac{1}{12}; \quad x \leq (1+y)/2; \quad y \leq \min(1-x, (1+x)/2)$

Vertices	$0,0,0$	$\frac{1}{2},0,0$	$\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},0$	$\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},0$	$0,\frac{1}{2},0$
	$0,0,\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{2},0,\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{3},\frac{1}{12}$	$0,\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{12}$

**Symmetry operations**

For (0,0,0)+ set

- |                           |                              |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| (1) 1                     | (2) $3^+$ 0,0,z              | (3) $3^-$ 0,0,z              |
| (4) 2 $x, x, \frac{1}{2}$ | (5) 2 $x, 0, \frac{1}{4}$    | (6) 2 $0, y, \frac{1}{2}$    |
| (7) $\bar{1}$ 0,0,0       | (8) $\bar{3}^+$ 0,0,z; 0,0,0 | (9) $\bar{3}^-$ 0,0,z; 0,0,0 |
| (10) c $x, \bar{x}, z$    | (11) c $x, 2x, z$            | (12) c $2x, x, z$            |

For  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^+$  set

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|--|--|--|
| (1) $t(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$                                   | (2) $3^+(0,0,\frac{1}{2})$ $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, z$                             | (3) $3^-(0,0,\frac{1}{2})$ $\frac{1}{2}, 0, z$                                     |
| (4) $2(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$ $x, x - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$           | (5) $2(\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0)$ $x, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$                             | (6) 2 $\frac{1}{2}, y, \frac{1}{2}$  |
| (7) $\bar{1} \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$                              | (8) $\bar{3}^+ \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, z; \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ | (9) $\bar{3}^- \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, z; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ |
| (10) g( $\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ ) $x + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{x}, z$ | (11) g( $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ ) $x, 2x - \frac{1}{2}, z$           | (12) g( $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ ) $2x, x, z$                       |

For  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^+$  set

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|--|--|--|
| (1) $t(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$                                   | (2) $3^+(0,0,\frac{1}{2})$ 0, $\frac{1}{2}, z$                                     | (3) $3^-(0,0,\frac{1}{2})$ $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, z$                             |
| (4) $2(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$ $x, x + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$           | (5) 2 $x, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$  | (6) $2(0, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$ $\frac{1}{2}, y, \frac{1}{2}$                             |
| (7) $\bar{1} \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$                              | (8) $\bar{3}^+ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, z; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ | (9) $\bar{3}^- -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, z; -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ |
| (10) g( $-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ ) $x + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{x}, z$ | (11) g( $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ ) $x, 2x, z$                       | (12) g( $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ ) $2x - \frac{1}{2}, x, z$           |

**Generators selected** (1);  $t(1,0,0)$ ;  $t(0,1,0)$ ;  $t(0,0,1)$ ;  $t(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ ; (2); (4); (7)**Positions**

Multiplicity, Wyckoff letter, Site symmetry	Coordinates			Reflection conditions
	(0,0,0)+	$(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^+$	$(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^+$	
36 f 1	(1) $x, y, z$ (4) $y, x, \bar{z} + \frac{1}{2}$ (7) $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}$ (10) $\bar{y}, \bar{x}, z + \frac{1}{2}$	(2) $\bar{y}, x - y, z$ (5) $x - y, \bar{y}, \bar{z} + \frac{1}{2}$ (8) $y, \bar{x} + y, \bar{z}$ (11) $\bar{x} + y, y, z + \frac{1}{2}$	(3) $\bar{x} + y, \bar{x}, z$ (6) $\bar{x}, \bar{x} + y, \bar{z} + \frac{1}{2}$ (9) $x - y, x, \bar{z}$ (12) $x, x - y, z + \frac{1}{2}$	General: $hkil : -h + k + l = 3n$ $hki0 : -h + k = 3n$ $hh2\bar{h}l : l = 3n$ $h\bar{h}0l : h + l = 3n, l = 2n$ $000l : l = 6n$ $h\bar{h}00 : h = 3n$
18 e . 2	$x, 0, \frac{1}{2}$ $0, x, \frac{1}{2}$ $\bar{x}, \bar{x}, \frac{1}{2}$ $\bar{x}, 0, \frac{1}{2}$ $0, \bar{x}, \frac{1}{2}$ $x, x, \frac{1}{2}$			Special: as above, plus no extra conditions
18 d $\bar{1}$	$\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0$ $0, \frac{1}{2}, 0$ $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0$ $0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$			$hkil : l = 2n$
12 c 3.	$0, 0, z$ $0, 0, \bar{z} + \frac{1}{2}$ $0, 0, \bar{z}$ $0, 0, z + \frac{1}{2}$			$hkil : l = 2n$
6 b $\bar{3}$ .	$0, 0, 0$ $0, 0, \frac{1}{2}$			$hkil : l = 2n$
6 a 32	$0, 0, \frac{1}{2}$ $0, 0, \frac{1}{2}$			$hkil : l = 2n$

**Symmetry of special projections**

Along [001]  $p 6mm$   
 $a' = \frac{1}{2}(2a+b)$   $b' = \frac{1}{2}(-a+b)$   
Origin at  $0, 0, z$

Along [100]  $p 2$   
 $a' = \frac{1}{2}(2a+4b+c)$   $b' = \frac{1}{2}(-a-2b+c)$   
Origin at  $x, 0, 0$

Along [210]  $p 2g m$   
 $a' = \frac{1}{2}b$   $b' = \frac{1}{2}c$   
Origin at  $x, \frac{1}{2}x, 0$

## HEXAGONAL AXES

## Maximal non-isomorphic subgroups

I	[2]R 32	(1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6) +
	[2]R $\bar{3}1$ ( $R \bar{3}$ )	(1; 2; 3; 7; 8; 9) +
	[2]R 3c	(1; 2; 3; 10; 11; 12) +
	[3]R 12/c ( $C 2/c$ )	(1; 4; 7; 10) +
	[3]R 12/c ( $C 2/c$ )	(1; 5; 7; 11) +
	[3]R 12/c ( $C 2/c$ )	(1; 6; 7; 12) +
IIa	[3]P $\bar{3}c$ 1	1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12
	[3]P $\bar{3}c$ 1	1; 2; 3; 10; 11; 12; (4; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9) + (1, 2, 3)
	[3]P $\bar{3}c$ 1	1; 2; 3; 10; 11; 12; (4; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9) + (1, 2, 3)
IIb	none	

## Maximal isomorphic subgroups of lowest index

IIIc [5]R  $\bar{3}c$  ( $a' = -a$ ,  $b' = -b$ ,  $c' = 5c$ ); [4]R  $\bar{3}c$  ( $a' = -2a$ ,  $b' = -2b$ )

## Minimal non-isomorphic supergroups

I	[4]Pn $\bar{3}n$ ; [4]Pm $\bar{3}n$ ; [4]Fm $\bar{3}c$ ; [4]Fd $\bar{3}c$ ; [4]Ia $\bar{3}d$
II	[2]R $\bar{3}m$ ( $a' = -a$ , $b' = -b$ , $2c' = c$ ); [3]P $\bar{3}1c$ ( $3a' = 2a + b$ , $3b' = -a + b$ , $3c' = c$ )

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## RHOMBOHEDRAL AXES

## Maximal non-isomorphic subgroups

I	[2]R 32	1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6
	[2]R $\bar{3}1$ ( $R \bar{3}$ )	1; 2; 3; 7; 8; 9
	[2]R 3c	1; 2; 3; 10; 11; 12
	[3]R 12/c ( $C 2/c$ )	1; 4; 7; 10
	[3]R 12/c ( $C 2/c$ )	1; 5; 7; 11
	[3]R 12/c ( $C 2/c$ )	1; 6; 7; 12

IIa none

IIb [3]P  $\bar{3}c$  1 ( $a' = a - b$ ,  $b' = b - c$ ,  $c' = a + b + c$ )

## Maximal isomorphic subgroups of lowest index

IIIc [5]R  $\bar{3}c$  ( $a' = a + 2b + 2c$ ,  $b' = 2a + b + 2c$ ,  $c' = 2a + 2b + c$ ); [4]R  $\bar{3}c$  ( $a' = -a + b + c$ ,  $b' = a - b + c$ ,  $c' = a + b - c$ )

## Minimal non-isomorphic supergroups

I	[4]Pn $\bar{3}n$ ; [4]Pm $\bar{3}n$ ; [4]Fm $\bar{3}c$ ; [4]Fd $\bar{3}c$ ; [4]Ia $\bar{3}d$
II	[2]R $\bar{3}m$ ( $2a' = -a + b + c$ , $2b' = a - b + c$ , $2c' = a + b - c$ ); [3]P $\bar{3}1c$ ( $3a' = 2a - b - c$ , $3b' = -a + 2b - c$ , $3c' = a + b + c$ )

Trigonal

 $\bar{3} m$  $D_{3d}^6$  $R\bar{3}c$ Patterson symmetry  $R\bar{3}m$  $R\bar{3}2/c$ 

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RHOMBOHEDRAL AXES

(For drawings see hexagonal axes)

Origin at centre ( $\bar{3}$ ) at  $\bar{3}c$ 

**Asymmetric unit**     $\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{2}{3}; \quad \frac{1}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{2}{3}; \quad \frac{1}{2} \leq z \leq \frac{2}{3}; \quad y \leq x; \quad z \leq \min(y, \frac{1}{2} - x)$   
**Vertices**     $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}$

## Symmetry operations

(1) 1	(2) $3^+$ $x, x, x$	(3) $3^-$ $x, x, x$
(4) 2 $x, \bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$	(5) 2 $\frac{1}{2}, y, \bar{y} + \frac{1}{2}$	(6) 2 $\bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, x$
(7) $\bar{1} \quad 0, 0, 0$	(8) $\bar{3}^+$ $x, x, x; 0, 0, 0$	(9) $\bar{3}^-$ $x, x, x; 0, 0, 0$
(10) $n(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \quad x, x, z$	(11) $n(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \quad x, y, y$	(12) $n(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \quad x, y, x$

Generators selected (1);  $t(1,0,0); t(0,1,0); t(0,0,1); (2); (4); (7)$ 

## Positions

Multiplicity,  
Wyckoff letter,  
Site symmetry

## Coordinates

## Reflection conditions

12    f    1	(1) $x, y, z$	(2) $z, x, y$	(3) $y, z, x$
	(4) $\bar{y} + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{z} + \frac{1}{2}$	(5) $\bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{z} + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{y} + \frac{1}{2}$	(6) $\bar{z} + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{y} + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}$
	(7) $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}$	(8) $\bar{z}, \bar{x}, \bar{y}$	(9) $\bar{y}, \bar{z}, \bar{x}$
	(10) $y + \frac{1}{2}, x + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$	(11) $x + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}$	(12) $z + \frac{1}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, x + \frac{1}{2}$

## General:

 $hhl : l = 2n$   
 $hhh : h = 2n$ Special: as above, plus  
no extra conditions6    e    .2     $x, \bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$      $\frac{1}{2}, x, \bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}$      $\bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, x$   
 $\bar{x}, x + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$      $\frac{1}{2}, \bar{x}, x + \frac{1}{2}$      $x + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \bar{x}$  $hkl : h+k+l = 2n$ 6    d     $\bar{1}$      $\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0$      $0, \frac{1}{2}, 0$      $0, 0, \frac{1}{2}$      $\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}$      $0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$      $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0$  $hkl : h+k+l = 2n$ 4    c    3 .     $x, x, x$      $\bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}$      $\bar{x}, \bar{x}, \bar{x}$      $x + \frac{1}{2}, x + \frac{1}{2}, x + \frac{1}{2}$  $hkl : h+k+l = 2n$ 2    b     $\bar{3}.$      $0, 0, 0$      $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$  $hkl : h+k+l = 2n$ 2    a    3 2     $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$      $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$  $hkl : h+k+l = 2n$ 

## Symmetry of special projections

Along [111]  $p6mm$   
 $a' = \frac{1}{2}(2a-b-c)$      $b' = \frac{1}{2}(-a+2b-c)$   
Origin at  $x, x, x$ Along [110]  $p2$   
 $a' = \frac{1}{2}(a+b-2c)$      $b' = \frac{1}{2}c$   
Origin at  $x, \bar{x}, 0$ Along [211]  $p2gm$   
 $a' = \frac{1}{2}(b-c)$      $b' = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$   
Origin at  $2x, \bar{x}, \bar{x}$ 

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*Ia*  $\bar{3}$

$T_h^7$

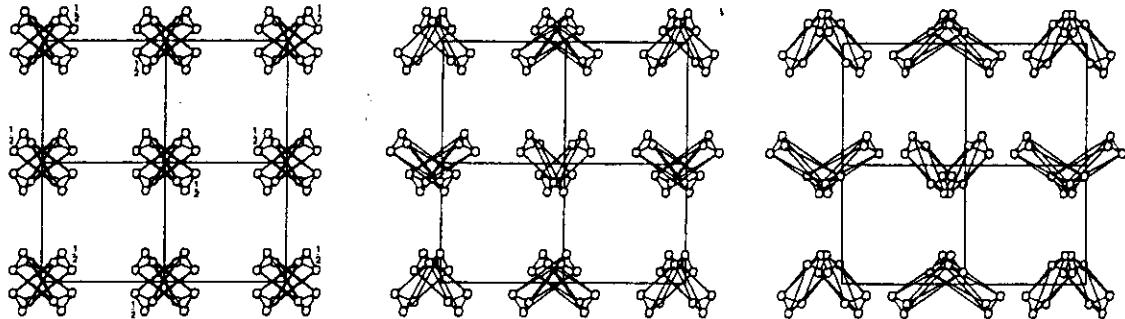
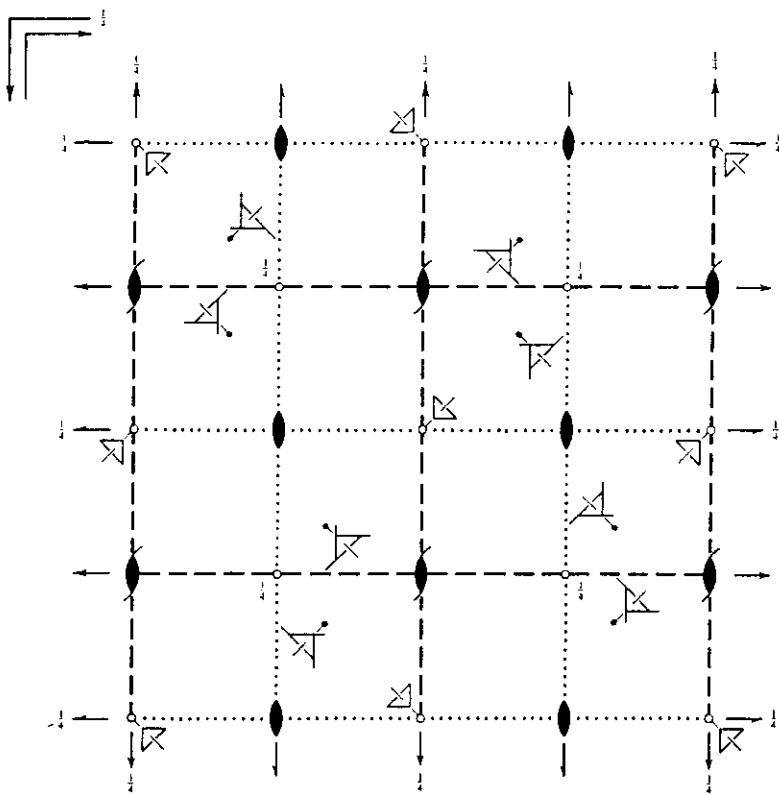
$m\bar{3}$

Cubic

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$I2_1/a\bar{3}$

Patterson symmetry  $Im\bar{3}$



Origin at centre ( $\bar{3}$ )

Asymmetric unit  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}; 0 \leq y \leq \frac{1}{2}; 0 \leq z \leq \frac{1}{2}; z \leq \min(x, \frac{1}{2}-x, y, \frac{1}{2}-y)$

Vertices  $0,0,0 \quad \frac{1}{2},0,0 \quad \frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},0 \quad 0,\frac{1}{2},0 \quad \frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}$

#### Symmetry operations

For  $(0,0,0)^+$  set

- |                               |   |   |  |
|-------------------------------|---|---|--|
| (1) 1                         | (2) $2(0,0,\frac{1}{2}) \quad \frac{1}{2},0,z$  | (3) $2(0,\frac{1}{2},0) \quad 0,y,\frac{1}{2}$  | (4) $2(\frac{1}{2},0,0) \quad x,\frac{1}{2},0$   |
| (5) $3^+ x,x,x$               | (6) $3^+ \bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},x,\bar{x}$   | (7) $3^+ x+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}-\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}$   | (8) $3^+ \bar{x},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},x$  |
| (9) $3^- x,x,x$               | (10) $3^-(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}) \quad x+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}$ | (11) $3^-(\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2}) \quad \bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},x$ | (12) $3^-(\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}) \quad \bar{x}-\frac{1}{2},x+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}$ |
| (13) $\bar{1} \quad 0,0,0$    | (14) $a \quad x,y,\frac{1}{2}$  | (15) $c \quad x,\frac{1}{2},z$  | (16) $b \quad \frac{1}{2},y,z$   |
| (17) $\bar{3}^+ x,x,x; 0,0,0$ | (18) $\bar{3}^+ \bar{x}-\frac{1}{2},x+1,\bar{x}; 0,\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}$                     | (19) $\bar{3}^+ x+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}; \frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},0$             | (20) $\bar{3}^+ \bar{x}+1,\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},x; \frac{1}{2},0,\frac{1}{2}$                      |
| (21) $\bar{3}^- x,x,x; 0,0,0$ | (22) $\bar{3}^- x+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}-\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}; 0,0,\frac{1}{2}$                     | (23) $\bar{3}^- \bar{x},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},x; 0,\frac{1}{2},0$                                   | (24) $\bar{3}^- \bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},x,\bar{x}; \frac{1}{2},0,0$                                  |

For  $(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2})^+$  set

- |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| (1) $t(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2})$                | (2) $2(0,\frac{1}{2},z) \quad \frac{1}{2},0,z$  | (3) $2(\frac{1}{2},y,0) \quad x+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}$                          | (4) $2(x,0,\frac{1}{2}) \quad \bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},x$                         |
| (5) $3^+(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}) \quad x,x,x$  | (6) $3^+(\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}) \quad \bar{x}-\frac{1}{2},x+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}$   | (7) $3^+(-\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}) \quad x+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}$   | (8) $3^+(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2}) \quad \bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},x$  |
| (9) $3^-(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}) \quad x,x,x$  | (10) $3^-(\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2}) \quad x+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}$ | (11) $3^-(\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}) \quad \bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},x$  | (12) $3^-(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2}) \quad \bar{x}-\frac{1}{2},x+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}$ |
| (13) $\bar{1} \quad \frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}$    | (14) $b \quad x,y,0$  | (15) $a \quad x,0,z$  | (16) $c \quad 0,y,z$   |
| (17) $\bar{3}^+ x,x,x; \frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}$ | (18) $\bar{3}^+ \bar{x}-\frac{1}{2},x,\bar{x}; -\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}$             | (19) $\bar{3}^+ x-\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}; -\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2}$ | (20) $\bar{3}^+ \bar{x},\bar{x}-\frac{1}{2},x; \frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2}$            |
| (21) $\bar{3}^- x,x,x; \frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}$ | (22) $\bar{3}^- x+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}-\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}; \frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}$  | (23) $\bar{3}^- \bar{x},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},x; -\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}$              | (24) $\bar{3}^- \bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},x,\bar{x}; \frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2}$             |

**Generators selected** (1);  $t(1,0,0)$ ;  $t(0,1,0)$ ;  $t(0,0,1)$ ;  $t(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2})$ ; (2); (3); (5); (13)

### Positions

Multiplicity, Wyckoff letter, Site symmetry	Coordinates						Reflection conditions
	(0,0,0)+	( $\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}$ )+					$h,k,l$ cyclically permuted General:
48 e 1	(1) $x,y,z$ (5) $z,x,y$ (9) $y,z,x$ (13) $\bar{x},\bar{y},\bar{z}$ (17) $\bar{z},\bar{x},\bar{y}$ (21) $\bar{y},\bar{z},\bar{x}$	(2) $\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{y},z+\frac{1}{2}$ (6) $z+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{y}$ (10) $\bar{y},z+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2}$ (14) $x+\frac{1}{2},y,\bar{z}+\frac{1}{2}$ (18) $\bar{z}+\frac{1}{2},x+\frac{1}{2},y$ (22) $y,\bar{z}+\frac{1}{2},x+\frac{1}{2}$	(3) $\bar{x},y+\frac{1}{2},\bar{z}+\frac{1}{2}$ (7) $\bar{z}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x},y+\frac{1}{2}$ (11) $y+\frac{1}{2},\bar{z}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}$ (15) $x,\bar{y}+\frac{1}{2},z+\frac{1}{2}$ (19) $z+\frac{1}{2},x,\bar{y}+\frac{1}{2}$ (23) $\bar{y}+\frac{1}{2},z+\frac{1}{2},x$	(4) $x+\frac{1}{2},\bar{y}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{z}$ (8) $\bar{z},x+\frac{1}{2},\bar{y}+\frac{1}{2}$ (12) $\bar{y}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{z},x+\frac{1}{2}$ (16) $\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},y+\frac{1}{2},z$ (20) $z,\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},y+\frac{1}{2}$ (24) $y+\frac{1}{2},z,\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2}$	$hkl : h+k+l = 2n$ $0kl : k,l = 2n$ $hh\bar{l} : l = 2n$ $h00 : h = 2n$		
24 d 2 ..	$x,0,\frac{1}{2}$ $\bar{x},0,\frac{1}{2}$	$\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},0,\frac{1}{2}$ $x+\frac{1}{2},0,\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2},x,0$ $\frac{1}{2},\bar{x},0$	$\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},0$ $\frac{1}{2},x+\frac{1}{2},0$	$0,\frac{1}{2},x$ $0,\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}$	$0,\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2}$ $0,\frac{1}{2},x+\frac{1}{2}$	Special: as above, plus no extra conditions
16 c .3.	$x,x,x$ $\bar{x},\bar{x},\bar{x}$	$\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x},x+\frac{1}{2}$ $x+\frac{1}{2},x,\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2}$	$\bar{x},x+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2}$ $x,\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},x+\frac{1}{2}$	$x+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},\bar{x}$ $\bar{x}+\frac{1}{2},x+\frac{1}{2},x$			no extra conditions
8 b .3.	$\frac{1}{4},\frac{1}{4},\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4},\frac{1}{4},\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4},\frac{1}{4},\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4},\frac{1}{4},\frac{1}{4}$			$hkl : k,l = 2n$
8 a .3.	$0,0,0$	$\frac{1}{2},0,\frac{1}{2}$	$0,\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},0$			$hkl : k,l = 2n$

### Symmetry of special projections

Along [001] $p 2mm$ $a' = \frac{1}{2}a$ Origin at $0,0,z$	Along [111] $p 6$ $a' = \frac{1}{3}(2a-b-c)$ Origin at $x,x,x$	Along [110] $p 2mg$ $a' = \frac{1}{3}(-a+b)$ Origin at $x,x,0$
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### Maximal non-isomorphic subgroups

I	[3] $Ia\bar{1}$ ( $Ibca$ ) [4] $I\bar{1}\bar{3}$ ( $R\bar{3}$ ) [4] $I\bar{1}\bar{3}$ ( $R\bar{3}$ ) [4] $I\bar{1}\bar{3}$ ( $R\bar{3}$ ) [4] $I\bar{1}\bar{3}$ ( $R\bar{3}$ ) [2] $I2_13$	(1; 2; 3; 4; 13; 14; 15; 16)+ (1; 5; 9; 13; 17; 21)+ (1; 6; 12; 13; 18; 24)+ (1; 7; 10; 13; 19; 22)+ (1; 8; 11; 13; 20; 23)+ (1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12)+
IIa	[2] $Pa\bar{3}$ [2] $Pa\bar{3}$	1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12; 13; 14; 15; 16; 17; 18; 19; 20; 21; 22; 23; 24 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12; (13; 14; 15; 16; 17; 18; 19; 20; 21; 22; 23; 24)+(1, 1, 1)
IIb	none	

### Maximal isomorphic subgroups of lowest index

IIIc [27]  $Ia\bar{3}$  ( $a' = 3a$ ,  $b' = 3b$ ,  $c' = 3c$ )

### Minimal non-isomorphic supergroups

I	[2] $Ia\bar{3}d$
II	[4] $Pm\bar{3}$ ( $2a' = a$ , $2b' = b$ , $2c' = c$ )

*P* 3<sub>2</sub> 2 1

*D*<sub>3</sub><sup>6</sup>

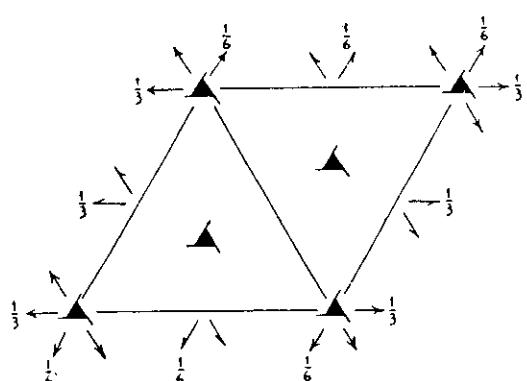
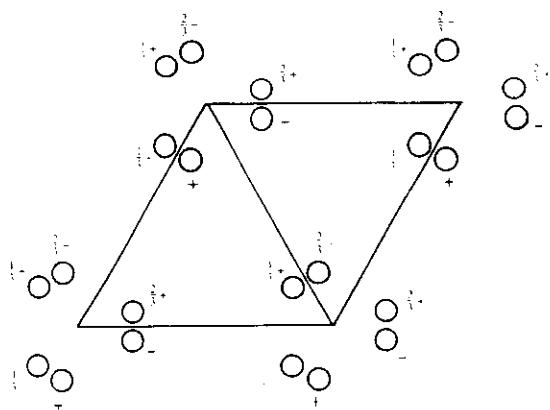
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Trigonal

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*P* 3<sub>2</sub> 2 1

Patterson symmetry *P* 3̄ *m* 1



Origin on 2[110] at 3<sub>2</sub>(1, 1, 2)1

Asymmetric unit     $0 \leq x \leq 1; \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1; \quad 0 \leq z \leq \frac{1}{3}$

Vertices	0,0,0    1,0,0    1,1,0    0,1,0
	0,0,\frac{1}{3}    1,0,\frac{1}{3}    1,1,\frac{1}{3}    0,1,\frac{1}{3}

Symmetry operations

- |             |                                      |       |                                      |       |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| (1) 1       | (2) 3 <sup>+</sup> (0,0,\frac{1}{3}) | 0,0,z | (3) 3 <sup>-</sup> (0,0,\frac{1}{3}) | 0,0,z |
| (4) 2 x,x,0 | (5) 2 x,0,\frac{1}{3}                |       | (6) 2 0,y,\frac{1}{3}                |       |

**Generators selected** (1);  $t(1,0,0)$ ;  $t(0,1,0)$ ;  $t(0,0,1)$ ; (2); (4)

**Positions**

Multiplicity,  
Wyckoff letter,  
Site symmetry

Coordinates

Reflection conditions

6 c 1 (1)  $x,y,z$  (2)  $\bar{y},x-y,z+\frac{1}{2}$  (3)  $\bar{x}+y,\bar{x},z+\frac{1}{2}$   
(4)  $y,x,\bar{z}$  (5)  $x-y,\bar{y},\bar{z}+\frac{1}{2}$  (6)  $\bar{x},\bar{x}+y,\bar{z}+\frac{1}{2}$

General:  
 $000l : l = 3n$

Special: no extra conditions

3 b .2.  $x,0,\frac{1}{2}$   $0,x,\frac{1}{2}$   $\bar{x},\bar{x},\frac{1}{2}$

3 a .2.  $x,0,\frac{1}{2}$   $0,x,\frac{1}{2}$   $\bar{x},\bar{x},0$

**Symmetry of special projections**

Along [001]  $p31m$

$a' = a$        $b' = b$

Origin at  $0,0,z$

Along [100]  $p2$

$a' = \frac{1}{2}(a+2b)$        $b' = c$

Origin at  $x,0,\frac{1}{2}$

Along [210]  $p11m$

$a' = \frac{1}{2}b$        $b' = c$

Origin at  $x,\frac{1}{2}x,\frac{1}{2}$

**Maximal non-isomorphic subgroups**

I [2]P<sub>3</sub>11(P<sub>3</sub><sub>2</sub>) 1; 2; 3

[3]P121(C2) 1; 4

[3]P121(C2) 1; 5

[3]P121(C2) 1; 6

IIa none

IIb [3]H<sub>3</sub>221 ( $a' = 3a$ ,  $b' = 3b$ )(P<sub>3</sub>12)

**Maximal isomorphic subgroups of lowest index**

III [2]P<sub>3</sub>121 ( $c' = 2c$ ); [7]P<sub>3</sub>21 ( $c' = 7c$ ); [4]P<sub>3</sub>21 ( $a' = 2a$ ,  $b' = 2b$ )

**Minimal non-isomorphic supergroups**

I [2]P<sub>6</sub>522; [2]P<sub>6</sub>22

II [3]H<sub>3</sub>221(P<sub>3</sub>12); [3]R<sub>3</sub>2 (obverse); [3]R<sub>3</sub>2 (reverse); [3]P<sub>3</sub>21 ( $3c' = c$ )

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$D_{2h}^{16}$

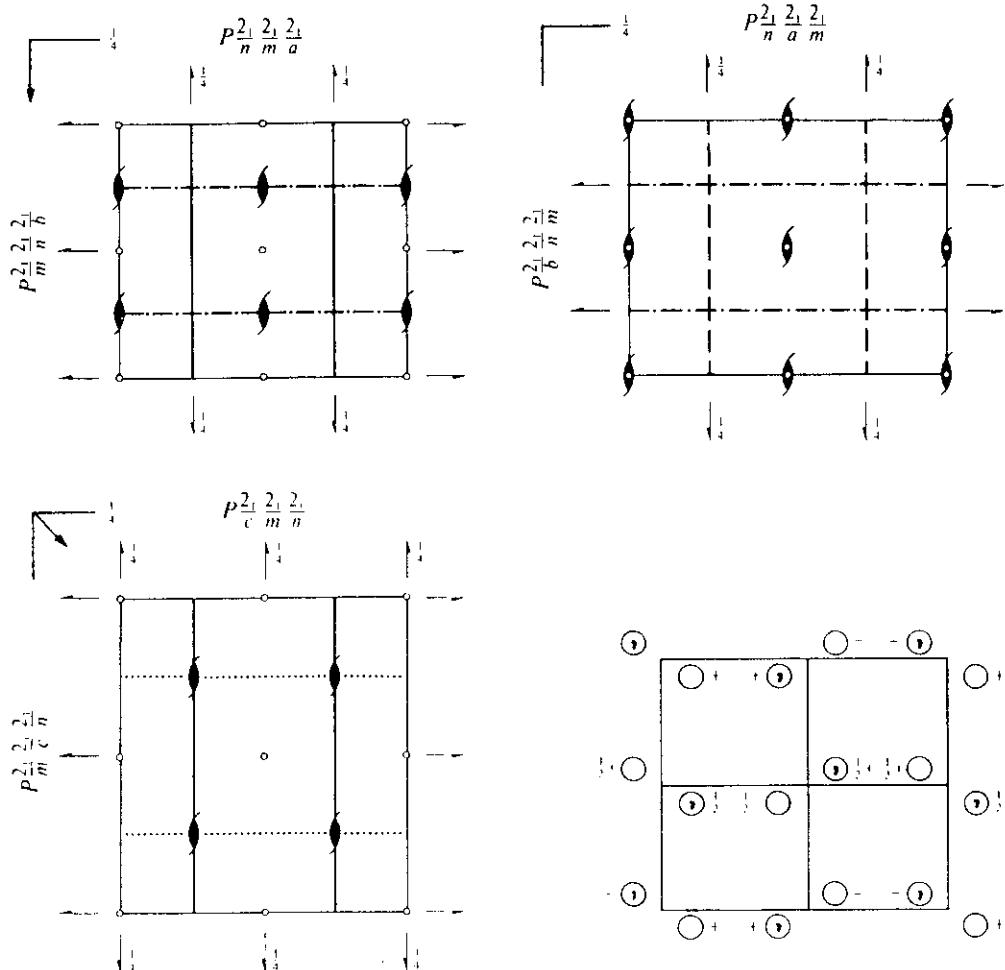
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$P\bar{2}_1/n\bar{2}_1/m\bar{2}_1/a$

*m m m*

Orthorhom

Patterson symmetry  $Pn$



Origin at  $\bar{1}$  on  $\bar{1}\bar{2}, \bar{1}$

Asymmetric unit  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}; 0 \leq y \leq \frac{1}{2}; 0 \leq z \leq 1$

Symmetry operations

- |                           |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| (1) $1$                   | (2) $2(0,0,\frac{1}{2}) \quad \frac{1}{2}, 0, z$ | (3) $2(0,\frac{1}{2},0) \quad 0, y, 0$ | (4) $2(\frac{1}{2},0,0) \quad x, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ |
| (5) $\bar{1} \quad 0,0,0$ | (6) $a \quad x,y,\frac{1}{2}$                    | (7) $m \quad x,\frac{1}{2},z$          | (8) $n(0,\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}) \quad \frac{1}{2}, y, z$ |

**Generators selected** (1);  $t(1,0,0)$ ;  $t(0,1,0)$ ;  $t(0,0,1)$ ; (2); (3); (5)

### Positions

Multiplicity, Wyckoff letter, Site symmetry	Coordinates				Reflection conditions
8    d    1    (1) $x, y, z$ (2) $\bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{y}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ (3) $\bar{x}, y + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{z}$ (4) $x + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{y} + \frac{1}{2}, \bar{z} + \frac{1}{2}$					General: $0kl : k+l=2n$ $hk0 : h=2n$ $h00 : h=2n$ $0k0 : k=2n$ $00l : l=2n$
	(5) $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}$	(6) $x + \frac{1}{2}, y, \bar{z} + \frac{1}{2}$	(7) $x, \bar{y} + \frac{1}{2}, z$	(8) $\bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$	
4    c    .m. $x, \frac{1}{2}, z$ $\bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ $\bar{x}, \frac{1}{2}, \bar{z}$ $x + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \bar{z} + \frac{1}{2}$					Special: as above, plus no extra conditions
4    b $\bar{1}$ $0, 0, \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0$ $0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0$					$hkl : h+l, k=2n$
4    a $\bar{1}$ $0, 0, 0$ $\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}$ $0, \frac{1}{2}, 0$ $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$					$hkl : h+l, k=2n$

### Symmetry of special projections

Along [001] $p\ 2gm$ $a' = \frac{1}{2}a$ Origin at $0, 0, z$	Along [100] $c\ 2mm$ $a' = b$ Origin at $x, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$	Along [010] $p\ 2gg$ $a' = c$ Origin at $0, y, 0$
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### Maximal non-isomorphic subgroups

I	[2] $P2_12_12_1$	1; 2; 3; 4
	[2] $P112_1/a(P2_1/c)$	1; 2; 5; 6
	[2] $P12_1/m1(P2_1/m)$	1; 3; 5; 7
	[2] $P2_1/n11(P2_1/c)$	1; 4; 5; 8
	[2] $Pnm2_1(Pmn2_1)$	1; 2; 7; 8
	[2] $Pn2_1a(Pna2_1)$	1; 3; 6; 8
	[2] $P2_1ma(Pmc2_1)$	1; 4; 6; 7

IIa none

IIb none

### Maximal isomorphic subgroups of lowest index

IIIc [3] $Pnma(a'=3a)$ ; [3] $Pnma(b'=3b)$ ; [3] $Pnma(c'=3c)$

### Minimal non-isomorphic supergroups

I	none
II	[2] $Amma(Cmc m)$ ; [2] $Bbam(Cmc m)$ ; [2] $Ccm b(Cmc a)$ ; [2] $Imm a$ ; [2] $Pnmm(2a'=a)(Pmm n)$ ; [2] $Pcma(2b'=b)(Pbam)$ ; [2] $Pbma(2c'=c)(Pbcm)$

deviation from isotropy is small or the anisotropic coefficients  $B_{ij}$  are physically unrealistic. A suitable parameter, which is invariant to rotation about the Cartesian axes used in defining  $\mathbf{B}$ , is

$$\langle u^2 \rangle_{\text{all directions}} = \frac{1}{3} \operatorname{trace} \mathbf{B}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}(B_{11} + B_{22} + B_{33}).$$

If the crystal structure refinement yields the matrix  $\beta$ , but not  $\mathbf{B}$ , the expression

$$\begin{aligned}\langle u^2 \rangle_{\text{all directions}} &= \frac{1}{3}(2\pi^2)^{-1} \operatorname{trace} \beta \mathbf{g} \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(2\pi^2)^{-1} \sum_i \sum_j \beta_{ij} (\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j)\end{aligned}$$

may be employed instead, where  $\mathbf{g}$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix representing the 'metric tensor' whose elements are the scalar products  $\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$  of the base vectors in real space.

Alternatively, we may require the  $\beta$ -matrix corresponding to the single parameter  $\langle u^2 \rangle_{\text{all directions}}$ . Such a matrix may serve, for instance, as a starting point for an anisotropic structure refinement. It is given by

$$\beta = 2\pi^2 \mathbf{g}^{-1} \langle u^2 \rangle_{\text{all directions}}.$$

For orthogonal crystal-axis systems,  $\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$  is zero for  $i \neq j$  and the matrix representing the metric tensor is of diagonal form

$$\mathbf{g} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_3^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The reciprocal matrix is then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{g}^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1/a_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/a_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/a_3^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} b_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b_3^2 \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus the elements of  $\mathbf{g}^{-1}$  are given by the scalar products  $\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_j$  of the base vectors in reciprocal space. For oblique-axis systems  $\mathbf{g}$  and  $\mathbf{g}^{-1}$  have off-diagonal elements, but it is still true that these elements are  $\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$  for the  $\mathbf{g}$  matrix and  $\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_j$  for  $\mathbf{g}^{-1}$ .

#### 4.4.5. Symmetry restrictions on the anisotropic temperature factor

In the general case, there are six anisotropic temperature-factor coefficients  $\beta_{ij}$  per atom and these define the major axes and the orientation of the thermal ellipsoid. For an atom in a site of special symmetry, the

number of independent coefficients can fall from 6 to 4, 3, 2 or 1. To investigate the effect of symmetry it is necessary to formulate mathematically the requirement that the  $\beta$ -matrix is invariant under all relevant symmetry operations. Translations and inversions are without effect on the general form of  $\beta$  because they do not alter the orientation of the thermal ellipsoid. Mirror planes and glide planes, therefore, have the same effect as a two-fold axis lying along the normals to the planes; screw axes and inversion axes of higher order than two produce an effect equivalent to the corresponding rotation axes. Thus it is only necessary to examine the influence of the rotation axes 2, 3, 4 and 6.

The discussion now follows the same lines as for the symmetry restrictions on the force-constant matrices (see section 3.2). We represent the symmetry operation by an orthogonal  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  and apply the equation

$$\mathbf{P}^T \beta \mathbf{P} = \beta, \quad (4.75)$$

which expresses the invariance of the matrix  $\beta$  to the symmetry operation  $\mathbf{P}$  (p. 251). Equation (4.75) assumes that the  $\beta$ -matrix is referred to a Cartesian axis system; for oblique crystal-axis systems the  $\mathbf{B}$ -matrix must be used in place of  $\beta$ . Thus the general form of (4.75) for any axis system becomes, with the aid of the relation (4.68),

$$\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{F}^T \beta \mathbf{F} \mathbf{P} = \beta, \quad (4.76)$$

where  $\mathbf{F}$  is the Cartesian transformation matrix defined in (4.69).

As a simple example, consider the matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

representing a two-fold axis of symmetry along the  $y$  direction. Assuming an orthogonal crystal-axis system, (4.75) gives  $\beta_{12} = -\beta_{12}$  and  $\beta_{23} = -\beta_{23}$ ; i.e.  $\beta_{12} = \beta_{23} = 0$  and so only four independent  $\beta_{ij}$  coefficients remain.

In this way it is possible to build up systematically the  $\beta_{ij}$  restrictions for atomic sites representing all the thirty-two point groups. It is found (Peterse and Palm 1966) that eighteen cases of  $\beta_{ij}$  restrictions occur. These are listed in table 4.1 in which the six entries on one line represent  $\beta_{11}/\beta_{22}$ ,  $\beta_{33}$ ,  $2\beta_{12}$ ,  $2\beta_{13}$ ,  $2\beta_{23}$ . A blank entry indicates an unrestricted coefficient; identical coefficients are represented by symbols  $A$  or  $B$  occurring more than once on the same line. Thus case number 4 gives three unrestricted coefficients  $\beta_{11}$ ,  $\beta_{22}$ ,  $\beta_{33}$ , and three zero off-diagonal coefficients  $\beta_{12}$ ,  $\beta_{13}$ ,  $\beta_{23}$ ; this corresponds to the point group 222 for which the directions of the principal axes of the thermal ellipsoid are fixed by the three two-fold axes. The thermal ellipsoid degenerates into a sphere for the cubic point groups represented by case number 17 in table 4.1.

**Table 4.1** The eighteen  $\beta_i$  restrictions for the first atom of an equivalent set given in Volume 1 of International Tables (After Peterse and Palm, 1966)

Case number	$\beta_{11}$	$\beta_{22}$	$\beta_{33}$	$2\beta_{13}$	$2\beta_{13}$	$2\beta_{23}$
1				0	0	0
2				0	0	0
3				0	0	0
4	$A$	$A$	$A$	$B$	$B$	$-B$
5	$A$	$A$	$A$	$B$	$B$	$B$
6	$A$	$A$	$A$	$B$	$B$	$B$
7	$A$	$A$	$A$	$B$	$B$	$B$
8	$A$	$A$	$A$	$B$	$B$	$B$
9	$A$	$A$	$A$	$B$	$B$	$B$
10	$A$	$A$	$A$	$B$	$B$	$B$
11	$A$	$A$	$A$	$B$	$B$	$B$
12	$A$	$A$	$A$	$B$	$B$	$B$
13	$A$	$A$	$A$	$B$	$B$	$B$
14	$A$	$A$	$A$	$B$	$B$	$B$
15	$A$	$A$	$A$	$B$	$B$	$B$
16	$A$	$A$	$A$	$B$	$B$	$B$
17	$A$	$A$	$A$	$B$	$B$	$B$
18	$A$	$A$	$A$	$B$	$B$	$B$

Peterse and Palm have compiled a second table, table 4.2, which is used in conjunction with table 4.1 to yield the  $\beta_{ij}$  restrictions for all the special positions listed in the *International Tables of X-ray Crystallography*, Volume 1 (1952). The columns in table 4.2 refer to the 230 space groups, and the rows to the symbols  $a, b, c, \dots$  used in the *International Tables* to denote special positions of any space group. All monoclinic space groups are entered twice: the first entry is for a unique  $c$ -axis, and the second entry for a unique  $b$ -axis. Rhombohedral space groups also occur twice: first with a rhombohedral unit cell and then with the alternative choice of a hexagonal cell. For the tetragonal and cubic space groups the centre of symmetry, if present, coincides with the origin of the unit cell. The nature of the  $\beta_{ij}$  restrictions for the *first* atomic coordinates in an equivalent set in the *International Tables* is given by the appropriate numerical index in table 4.2 which refers to one of the eighteen cases listed in

For each space group the *International Tables* give the symmetry restrictions on the fractional coordinates  $x, y, z$  of all atoms in special positions. If used in conjunction with tables 4.1 and 4.2 of Peterse and Palm, the *International Tables* also give the symmetry restrictions on the  $\beta_{ij}$  coefficients. This information is required for many structure-factor refinement programs.

Peterse and Palm consider only the first atom of each equivalent set of special positions listed under each space group of the *International Tables*.

Table 4.2 (cont.)

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Space group	Special position												Space group	Special position																
	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>		<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>o</i>		
33	2	2	1	3									77	2	2	2														
34	4	4	2	1	3								78	2	2	2														
35	3	2	2	2	1	3							79	8	2															
36	4	4	2	1	3								80	8	8	8	2	2	2											
37	2	2	2	1	3	3							81	8	8	8	2	2	2											
38	4	4	2	1	3								82	8	8	8	2	2	2											
39	2	2	1										83	8	8	8	2	2	2											
40	2	3											84	2	2	2	2	2	2											
41	2												85	8	8	8	2	2	2											
42	4	2	3	1									86	8	8	8	2	2	2											
43	2												87	8	8	8	2	2	2											
44	4	4	1	3									88	8	8	8	2	2	2											
45	2	2	2										89	8	8	8	2	2	2											
46	2	3											90	5	5	5	7	7	7											
47	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	91	1	1	1	7	7	7											
	<i>p</i>	<i>q</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>w</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>		92	7	8	8	2	2	2											
48	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	93	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
49	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	94	5	5	5	2	2	2	7	7	7								
	<i>p</i>	<i>q</i>											95	1	1	1	7	7	7											
50	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	96	98	5	5	2	2	2	7	6	3								
51	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	97	8	8	8	4	4	4	6	1	1								
52	1	2	3										98	8	8	8	4	4	4	6	1	1								
53	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	99	8	8	8	4	4	4	6	1	1								
54	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	100	101	8	8	5	5	5	2	6									
55	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	101	102	5	5	2	2	6											
56													102	103	8	8	8	2	2	6										
57	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	104	105	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
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60													107	108	8	8	5	6	6											
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62													109	110	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
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65	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	113	113	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
	<i>p</i>	<i>q</i>											114	114	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
66	4	4	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	115	115	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
67	4	4	4	3	3	1	1	4	3	3	1	2	116	116	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
68	4	4	4	3	1	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	117	117	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
69	4	4	3	1	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	118	118	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
70	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	119	119	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
71	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	120	120	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
72	4	4	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	121	121	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
73	3	1	2	1	4	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	122	122	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
74	3	3	1	1	4	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	123	123	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
75	8	8	2	1	4	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	124	124	2	2	6	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
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	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>n</i>
33	2	2	1	3									77	2	2	2													
34	4	4	2	1	3								78	8	2														
35	3	2	2	2	1	3							79	8	2														
36	4	4	2	1	3								80	8	8	8	2	2	2										
37	2	2	2	1	3								81	8	8	8	2	2	2										
38	4	4	2	1	3								82	8	8	8	2	2	2										
39	2	2	1										83	8	8	8	2	2	2										
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	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>
125	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	5	7	7	3	7
126	8	8	4	8	8	2	7	3	3	3	3	3
127	8	8	5	5	8	5	5	2	2	6	6	6
128	8	8	2	5	8	2	7	2	6	3	6	6
129	8	8	8	6	6	4	6	6	3	6	6	6
130	5	8	8	2	6	2	6	4	4	4	4	7
131	4	4	4	4	8	8	4	4	4	4	4	7
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132	5	8	5	8	4	2	5	5	2	3	3	2
133	4	4	5	8	2	2	3	3	7	7	7	7
134	8	8	4	5	7	7	5	2	3	3	7	7
135	2	8	2	5	2	2	7	2	6	6	6	6
136	5	5	2	8	5	5	2	2	6	6	6	6
137	8	8	4	4	6	3	6	3	6	3	6	3
138	5	8	6	6	5	2	6	6	6	6	6	6
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	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>		<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>	
125	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	5	7	7	3	3	7	167	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
126	8	8	4	8	8	2	7	3	3	3	3	3	7	167	—	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
127	8	8	5	8	5	5	5	2	2	6	6	6	6	168	16	16	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
128	8	8	2	5	8	2	6	6	6	3	6	6	6	169	16	16	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
129	8	8	8	6	6	4	6	6	6	3	6	6	6	170	16	16	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
130	5	8	8	2	6	2	6	4	4	4	4	4	7	171	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
131	4	4	4	4	8	8	4	4	4	4	4	4	7	172	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	<i>P</i>	<i>q</i>												173	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
132	5	8	5	8	4	2	5	5	2	3	3	2	6	174	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
133	4	4	5	8	2	2	3	3	7	7	7	7	7	175	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
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136	5	5	2	8	5	5	2	2	6	6	6	6	6	178	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
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139	8	8	4	8	8	6	4	5	4	4	7	2	6	181	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
140	8	8	8	5	7	8	5	5																		

Table 4.2 (cont.)

Space group	Special position											
	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>
214	18	18	9	9	18	3	11	10				
215	17	17	12	12	18	9	9	3	6			
216	17	17	17	17	18	9	9	6				
217	17	12	18	12	9	3	6					
218	17	4	12	12	18	3	3	3				
219	17	17	12	18	3	3	3					
220	12	12	18	3								
221	17	17	12	12	12	18	4	9	9	3	3	6
222	17	12	18	12	12	18	3	11				
223	17	4	12	12	18	4	4	18	11	3		
224	17	18	18	12	18	9	9	3	10	11	6	
225	17	17	17	9	12	18	9	9	9	3	6	
226	17	17	12	12	4	12	18	11	3			
227	17	17	18	18	9	6	10					
228	17	18	18	12	18	3	10					
229	17	12	18	12	12	18	4	9	10	3	6	
230	18	18	9	12	18	3	10					

In using most refinement programs, it is sufficient to know the  $\beta_{ij}$  restrictions for one atom only of a symmetry-related set. This is because symmetry operations in the program are usually applied to the Miller indices rather than to the atomic coordinates. The determination of the symmetry relations among the  $\beta_{ij}$ s of a symmetry-related set are discussed by Trueblood (1956) and in the book of Lipson and Cochran (1966). They are derived in the same way as the symmetry restrictions for an individual member of the set.

#### 4.4.6. An example: sodium nitrate

To illustrate the concept of the ellipsoid of thermal vibration, we refer to some recent neutron diffraction measurements on a crystal of sodium nitrate (Paul and Pryor 1972).

The structure of sodium nitrate, which is closely related to the cubic rock-salt structure, may be envisaged as follows. Suppose the cubic cell of NaCl, set up with a three-fold axis vertical, is compressed along this axis until the edges make an angle of  $102^\circ 42'$  with each other, to give a face-centred rhombohedral cell. Each chlorine atom is then replaced by a nitrate group consisting of a central nitrogen atom with three oxygen atoms around it at the corners of an equilateral triangle. The three oxygens are  $2.11\text{ \AA}$  apart, and the whole group lies in a plane at right angles to the

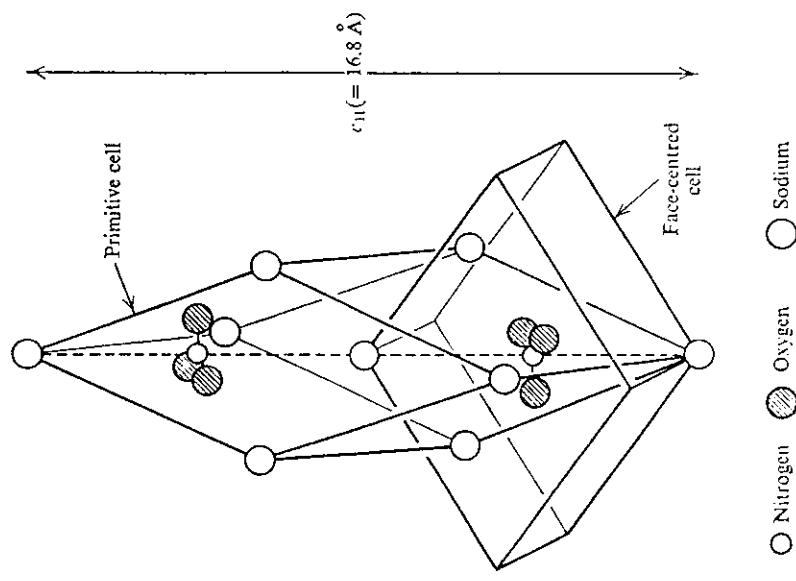


Fig. 4.5. Structure of sodium nitrate showing primitive rhombohedral cell and face-centred rhombohedral cell. Three-fold axis shown as broken line.

three-fold axis. The rhombohedral cell contains four NaNO<sub>3</sub> units, corresponding to the four NaCl units in the rock-salt structure.

However, this is not the primitive rhombohedral cell. The primitive cell (figure 4.5) contains two NaNO<sub>3</sub> units, with sodium ions at the corners and centre of the cell and two nitrate groups, inversely related to each other, on the central three-fold axis. Table 4.3 gives the cell edge and rhombohedral angle for this primitive unit cell (denoted  $a_{11}$  and  $\alpha_{11}$  respectively) and for the face-centred cell (denoted  $a'_{11}$  and  $\alpha'_{11}$ ).  $a_{11}$  and  $c_1$  in table 4.3 refer to the dimensions of the hexagonal cell which corresponds to the primitive rhombohedral cell. The atomic positions in NaNO<sub>3</sub> are special positions in the space group R3c (number 167 of International Tables), and are described in the Tables in terms of either the primitive rhombohedral cell (first setting) or the corresponding hexagonal cell (second setting).

