

**PHY 745 Group Theory**  
**11-11:50 AM MWF Olin 102**

**Plan for Lecture 16:**

**Introduction to space groups**

**Reading: Chapter 9 in DDJ**

- 1. Definition and scope of space groups**
- 2. Terminology**
- 3. Examples**

This lecture contains some materials from an electronic version of the DDJ text.

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Comment on character analysis of  $iC_n$  for angular momentum basis functions

$$Y_{lm}(-\hat{r}) = (-1)^l Y_{lm}(\hat{r})$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi^l(C_n) = \frac{\sin\left(\left(l + \frac{1}{2}\right)\alpha\right)}{\sin(\alpha/2)} \Bigg|_{\alpha=2\pi/n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi^l(iC_n) = (-1)^l \frac{\sin\left(\left(l + \frac{1}{2}\right)\alpha\right)}{\sin(\alpha/2)} \Bigg|_{\alpha=2\pi/n}$$

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Space groups  
NaCl

$\{R_\alpha | \boldsymbol{\tau}\}$

Point operation      Translation

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Space group operation on position vector  $\mathbf{r}$

$$\{R_\alpha | \boldsymbol{\tau}\} \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}' = R_\alpha \mathbf{r} + \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

Multiplication of space group elements

$$\{R_\beta | \boldsymbol{\tau}'\} \{R_\alpha | \boldsymbol{\tau}\} \mathbf{r} = R_\beta (R_\alpha \mathbf{r}) + R_\beta \boldsymbol{\tau} + \boldsymbol{\tau}' = \{R_\beta R_\alpha | R_\beta \boldsymbol{\tau} + \boldsymbol{\tau}'\} \mathbf{r}$$

Special elements

Identity:  $\{\mathcal{E} | 0\}$

Pure point group operation:  $\{R_\alpha | 0\}$

Pure translation:  $\{\mathcal{E} | \boldsymbol{\tau}\}$

Inverse:  $\{R_\alpha | \boldsymbol{\tau}\}^{-1} = \{R_\alpha^{-1} | -R_\alpha^{-1} \boldsymbol{\tau}\}$

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More details

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{\tau}_\alpha + \mathbf{T}$$

Non primitive translation      Lattice translation

If, for a suitable choice of the origin in the lattice, all of the group translation vectors are lattice translations  $\mathbf{T}$ , the group is called "symmorphic", otherwise the group is called "non-symmorphic".

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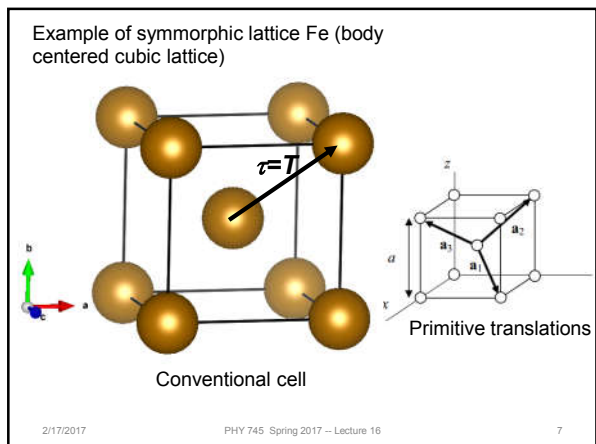
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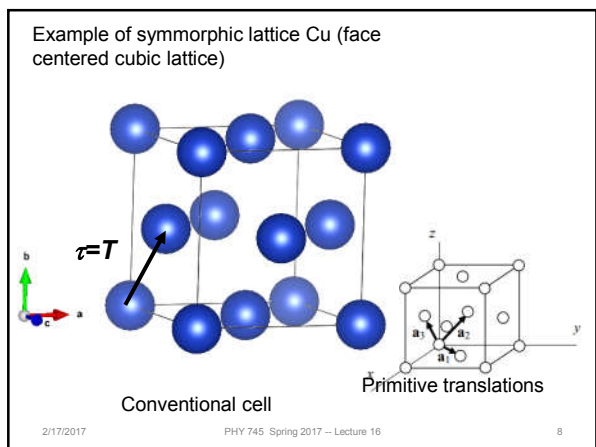
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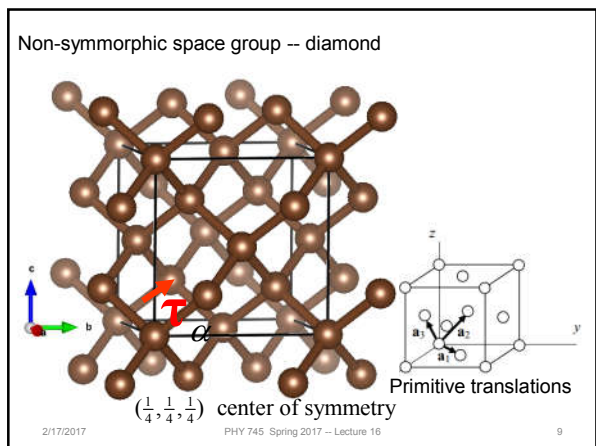
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The fourteen Bravais space lattices illustrated by a unit cell of each: (1) triclinic, simple; (2) monoclinic, simple; (3) monoclinic, base centered; (4) orthorhombic, simple; (5) orthorhombic, base centered; (6) orthorhombic, body centered; (7) orthorhombic, face centered; (8) hexagonal; (9) rhombohedral; (10) tetragonal, simple; (11) tetragonal, body centered; (12) cubic, simple; (13) cubic, body centered; (14) cubic, face centered.

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Table 12.1: The 73 symmorphic space groups. Here *P*, *I*, *F*, and *B*, respectively, denote primitive, body centered, face centered and base centered Bravais lattices (see Fig. 12.1).

Crystal system	Bravais lattice	Space group
Triclinic	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i> 1, <i>P</i> 1̄
Monoclinic	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i> 2, <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> , <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> /m
	<i>B</i> or <i>A</i>	<i>B</i> 2, <i>B</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> , <i>B</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> /m (last setting)
Orthorhombic	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i> 222, <i>P</i> mm2, <i>P</i> mmm
	<i>C</i> , <i>A</i> , or <i>B</i>	<i>C</i> 222, <i>C</i> mm2, <i>A</i> mm2*, <i>C</i> mmm
	<i>I</i>	<i>I</i> 222, <i>I</i> mm2, <i>I</i> mmm
	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i> 222, <i>F</i> mm2, <i>F</i> mmm
Tetragonal	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i> 4, <i>P</i> 4̄, <i>P</i> 4/m, <i>P</i> 422, <i>P</i> 4mm, <i>P</i> 42m, <i>P</i> 4m2*, <i>P</i> 4/mmm
	<i>I</i>	<i>I</i> 4, <i>I</i> 4̄, <i>I</i> 4/m, <i>I</i> 422, <i>I</i> 4mm, <i>I</i> 42m, <i>I</i> 4m2*, <i>I</i> 4/mmm
Cubic	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i> 23, <i>P</i> m3̄, <i>P</i> 432, <i>P</i> 4̄3m, <i>P</i> m3̄m
	<i>I</i>	<i>I</i> 23, <i>I</i> m3̄, <i>I</i> 432, <i>I</i> 4̄3m, <i>I</i> m3̄m
	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i> 23, <i>F</i> m3̄, <i>F</i> 432, <i>F</i> 4̄3m, <i>F</i> m3̄m
Trigonal	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i> 3, <i>P</i> 3̄, <i>P</i> 312, <i>P</i> 321*, <i>P</i> 3m1, <i>P</i> 1, <i>P</i> 1̄
(Rhombohedral)	<i>R</i>	<i>R</i> 3, <i>R</i> 3̄, <i>R</i> 32, <i>R</i> 3m, <i>R</i> 3m̄
Hexagonal	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i> 6, <i>P</i> 6̄, <i>P</i> 3/m, <i>P</i> 622, <i>P</i> 6mm, <i>P</i> 6m2, <i>P</i> 6m2*, <i>P</i> 6/mmm

\* The asterisks mark the seven extra space groups that are generated with the orientation of the point group operations is taken into account with respect to the Bravais cell.

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Some non-symmorphic operations and their descriptions

Figure 12.4: (a) The glide plane operation: (b) Right and left-hand screw axes. The right and left hand screw axes belong to closely related but different space groups.

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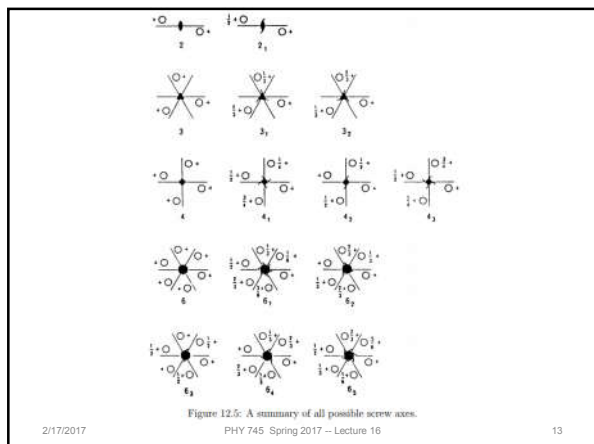
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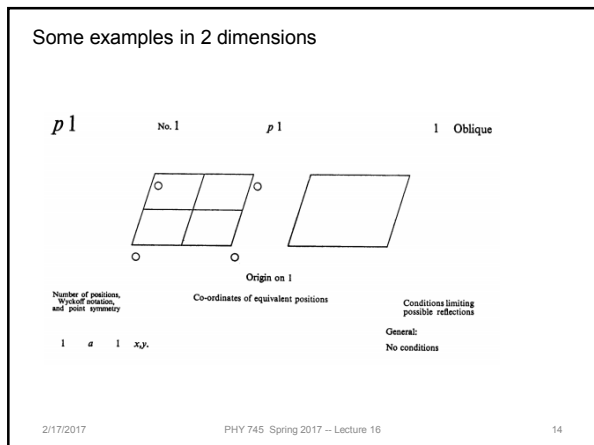
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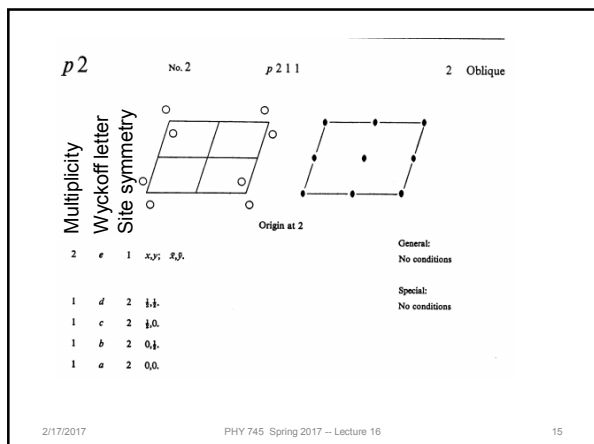
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Oblique Rectangular  $m$   $p1m1$  No. 3  $pm$

Origin on  $m$

Number of positions, Wyckoff notation, and point symmetry	Co-ordinates of equivalent positions	Conditions limiting possible reflections
2 $c$ 1 $x,y; \bar{x},y$		General: No conditions
Oblique		Special: No conditions
1 $b$ $m$ $\frac{1}{2},y$		
1 $a$ $m$ $0,y$		

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Centered cell

$Cm$  No. 5  $c1m1$   $m$  Rectangular

Origin on  $m$

Number of positions, Wyckoff notation, and point symmetry	Co-ordinates of equivalent positions	Conditions limiting possible reflections
4 $b$ 1 $x,y; \bar{x},y$	$(0,0; \frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2})+$	General: $hk: h+k=2n$
2 $a$ $m$ $0,y$		Special: as above only

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Example with higher symmetry

Rectangular  $mm$   $p2mm$  No. 6  $pmm$

Origin at  $2mm$

Number of positions, Wyckoff notation, and point symmetry	Co-ordinates of equivalent positions	Conditions limiting possible reflections
4 $i$ 1 $x,y; \bar{x},y; x,\bar{y}; \bar{x},\bar{y}$		General: No conditions
2 $h$ $m$ $\frac{1}{2},y; \bar{h},y$		Special: No conditions
2 $g$ $m$ $0,y; 0,\bar{y}$		
2 $f$ $m$ $x,\frac{1}{2}; x,\bar{\frac{1}{2}}$		
2 $e$ $m$ $x,0; \bar{x},0$		
1 $d$ $mm$ $\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}$		
1 $c$ $mm$ $\frac{1}{2},0$		
1 $b$ $mm$ $0,\frac{1}{2}$		
1 $a$ $mm$ $0,0$		

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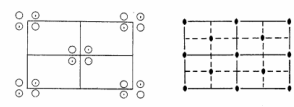
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***cmm*** No. 9 ***c 2mm*** ***mm*** Rectangular



Origin at  $2mm$

Number of positions, Wyckoff notation, and point symmetry

8 *f* 1  $x,y; \bar{x},y; x,\bar{y}; x,y$

4 *e* *m*  $0,y; 0,\bar{y}$

4 *d* *m*  $x,0; \bar{x},0$

4 *c* 2  $\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2},\frac{3}{2}$

2 *b* *mm*  $0,\frac{1}{2}$

2 *a* *mm*  $0,0$

Co-ordinates of equivalent positions  $(0,0; i,j)+$

Conditions limiting possible reflections

General:  
 $hk: h+k=2n$

Special: as above, plus  
no extra conditions

Special:  
 $hk: h=2n; k=2n$   
no extra conditions

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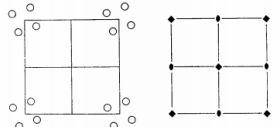
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**Square lattice**

Square 4 ***p 4*** No. 10 ***p 4***



Origin at 4

Number of positions, Wyckoff notation, and point symmetry

4 *d* 1  $x,y; \bar{x},y; y,\bar{x}; y,x$

2 *c* 2  $\frac{1}{2},0; 0,\frac{1}{2}$

1 *b* 4  $\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2}$

1 *a* 4  $0,0$

Co-ordinates of equivalent positions

Conditions limiting possible reflections

General:  
No conditions

Special:  
 $hk: h+k=2n$   
No conditions

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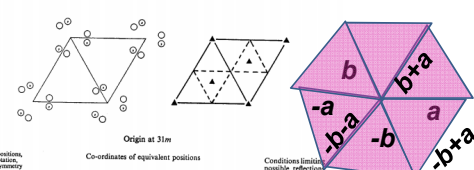
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**Hexagonal**

***p 31m*** No. 15 ***p 31m*** **3m** Hexagonal



Origin at  $31m$

Number of positions, Wyckoff notation, and point symmetry

6 *d* 1  $x,y; \bar{y},x-y; y-\bar{x},x; y,\bar{x}; \bar{x},y-\bar{x}; x=y,\bar{y}$

3 *c* *m*  $x,0; 0,x; \bar{x},\bar{x}$

2 *b* 3  $\frac{1}{3},\frac{2}{3}; \frac{2}{3},\frac{1}{3}$

1 *a*  $3m$   $0,0$

Co-ordinates of equivalent positions

Conditions limiting possible reflections

General:  
No conditions

Special:  
No conditions

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Hexagonal 6  $p6$  No. 16  $p6$

Origin at 6

Number of positions, Wyckoff notation, and point symmetry	Co-ordinates of equivalent positions	Conditions limiting possible reflections
6 <i>d</i> 1	$x_1, y_1$ $f_1, x_1 - y_1$ $y_1 - x_1, f_1$ $x_2, y_2$ $f_2, y_2 - x_2$ $x_2 - y_2, f_2$	General: No conditions
3 <i>c</i> 2	$\frac{1}{3}, 0$ ; $0, \frac{1}{3}$ ; $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}$	Special: No conditions
2 <i>b</i> 3	$\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}$ ; $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$ ; $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$	
1 <i>a</i> 6	0, 0	

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