

Group theory describing magnetic configurations

Figure 22.3: Magnetic spin arrangement in $D_{2h}(C_{2h})$ for an orthorhombic ferromagnetic system.

$D_{2h}(C_{2h})$ symmetry

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When is magnetic ordering important?

$$H = H_0 + H_M$$

Effective magnetic model (Heisenberg):

$$H_M = -J \sum_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

What does time reversal symmetry have to do with magnetic configurations?

- Time reversal symmetry does not effect charge density
- Time reversal symmetry does effect internal spin so that the effects of the T operator on the group operations must be taken into account

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For the purpose of analyzing magnetic groups, it is convenient to distinguish two kinds of elements: $\{A_i\}$ and $\{M_k\}$ where $M_k \equiv TA_k$

Note that $\{M_k\}$ are "antioperators"

In general, we can describe the group as $G = \{\{A_i\}, \{M_k\}\}$

Note that:

$$A_i A_i = A_i^n$$

$$M_k M_k = A_i^n$$

$$A_i M_k = M_k$$

$$M_k A_i = M_k$$

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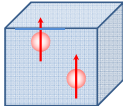
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Possibility #2: $\{M_i\} \equiv \{TA_i\} \Rightarrow$ direct product of T with 32 original point groups

Possibility #3: $\{M_k\} \neq \{TA_i\} \Rightarrow$ 58 new magnetic point groups

Example #1:



$\{A_i\} = E, i$
 T is not a symmetry element for this ferromagnetic configuration

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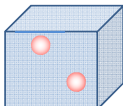
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Example #2:



$\{A_i\} = E, i$
 $\{M_i\} = T, Ti$
 (non-magnetic crystal)

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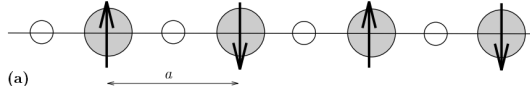
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Example #2: (space group)

$\{A_n\} = [E|2na]$ $\{M_n\} = [T|(2n+1)a]$
 $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$



(a)

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Example of #3

Figure 22.4: The common antiferromagnets MnF_2 , FeF_2 and CoF_2 crystallize in the rutile structure with $|a_1| = |a_2| = a$; $|a_3| = c$; $c \neq a$. The diagram shows the magnetic point group D_{4h} (D_{2d}) which describes the antiferromagnetic spin alignment.

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$D_{4h}(D_{2h})$ -- continued

H	TA_k
1. $\{E 0\}$	9. $\{i 0\}$
2. $\{C_2 0\}$	10. $\{\sigma_h 0\} = \{C_2 0\}\{i 0\}$
3. $\{C_{2\xi} 0\}$	11. $\{\sigma_{d\xi} 0\} = \{C_{2\xi} 0\}\{i 0\}$
4. $\{C_{2\nu} 0\}$	12. $\{\sigma_{d\nu} 0\} = \{C_{2\nu} 0\}\{i 0\}$
5. $\{C_4 \tau_0\}$	13. $\{S_4^{-1} \tau_0\} = \{C_4 \tau_0\}\{i 0\}$
6. $\{C_4^{-1} \tau_0\}$	14. $\{S_4 \tau_0\} = \{C_4^{-1} \tau_0\}\{i 0\}$
7. $\{C_{2x} \tau_0\}$	15. $\{\sigma_{vx} \tau_0\} = \{C_{2x} \tau_0\}\{i 0\}$
8. $\{C_{2y} \tau_0\}$	16. $\{\sigma_{vy} \tau_0\} = \{C_{2y} \tau_0\}\{i 0\}$

$$\vec{\tau}_0 = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{a}_1 + \vec{a}_2 + \vec{a}_3)$$

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Some character table analysis for magnetic groups

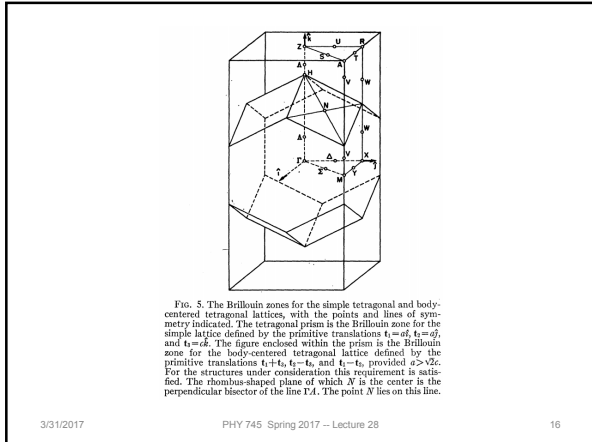
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Symmetry Properties of Wave Functions in Magnetic Crystals*†

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The symmetry properties of wave functions in magnetic crystals are discussed in terms of the irreducible representations of magnetic space groups. The specific effects of the magnetic ordering on the crystal eigenstates are found to be of three types: (1) There is a lifting of some eigenfunction degeneracies because the crystal symmetry is reduced in the magnetic state. (2) New Brillouin zone surfaces are introduced if there is a reduction in translational symmetry. (3) The symmetry of the energy band in k space may be reduced. The rutile structure is considered as a specific example, and the space groups of MnF_2 and MnO_2 in their magnetic and nonmagnetic states are obtained. A magnetic structure of MnO_2 where the Mn^{2+} spins point toward the nearest-neighbor oxygens is assumed. The space groups considered are $P4_2/mnm$ (D_{2h}^2), Pmm (D_{2h}^{10}), $I\bar{4}2d$ (D_{2d}^{10}), $P4_2/mnm'$, and $I\bar{4}2d'$. The theory is applied to spin-wave states, and it is found that the structure of the spin-wave energy bands throughout the Brillouin zone may be obtained.

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TABLE I. Character table for the point $\Gamma(0,0,0)$ of the group $P4_1/mmm$.

	Γ_1^+	Γ_2^+	Γ_3^+	Γ_4^+	Γ_5^+	Γ_6^+	Γ_7^+	Γ_8^+	Γ_9^+	Γ_{10}^+	Γ_{11}^+	Γ_{12}^+	Γ_{13}^+	Γ_{14}^+	Γ_{15}^+
$\{E\}(\mathbf{0})$	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
$\{E\}(\mathbf{0})$	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
$\{C_4, C_4^{-1}\}(\pi)$	1	1	-1	-1	0	1	1	-1	0	$\sqrt{2}$	$-\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	$-\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	$-\sqrt{2}$
$\{C_2, C_2^{-1}\}(\pi)$	1	1	-1	-1	0	1	1	-1	0	$-\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	$-\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	$-\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$
$\{C_4, C_4^{-1}\}(\mathbf{0})$	1	1	1	1	-2	1	1	1	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\{C_2, C_2^{-1}\}(\pi), \{C_2, C_2^{-1}\}(\mathbf{0})$	1	-1	1	-1	0	1	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\{C_2, C_2^{-1}\}(\mathbf{0}), \{C_2, C_2^{-1}\}(\pi)$	1	-1	-1	1	0	1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\{I\}(\mathbf{0})$	1	1	1	1	2	-1	-1	-1	-2	2	2	2	-2	-2	-2
$\{I\}(\mathbf{0})$	1	1	1	1	2	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	2	2	2
$\{S_4, S_4^{-1}\}(\pi)$	1	1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	1	0	$\sqrt{2}$	$-\sqrt{2}$	$-\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	$-\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$
$\{S_4, S_4^{-1}\}(\mathbf{0})$	1	1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	1	0	$-\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$	$-\sqrt{2}$	$-\sqrt{2}$	$\sqrt{2}$
$\{\sigma_{xz}, \sigma_{xz}\}(\mathbf{0})$	1	1	1	1	-2	-1	-1	-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\{\sigma_{xz}, \sigma_{xz}\}(\pi), \{\sigma_{xz}, \sigma_{xz}\}(\pi)$	1	-1	1	-1	0	-1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Time inv.	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a

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TABLE II. Character table for the point $A(0,0,\gamma)$ of the group $P4_1/mmm$.

	Δ_1	Δ_2	Δ_3	Δ_4	Δ_5	Δ_6
$\{E\}(\mathbf{0})$	1	1	1	1	2	2
$\{E\}(\mathbf{0})$	1	1	1	1	2	-2
$\{C_4, C_4^{-1}\}(\pi)$	ω	$-\omega$	$-\omega$	0	$\omega\sqrt{2}$	$-\omega\sqrt{2}$
$\{C_2, C_2^{-1}\}(\pi)$	ω	$-\omega$	$-\omega$	0	$-\omega\sqrt{2}$	$\omega\sqrt{2}$
$\{C_4, C_4^{-1}\}(\mathbf{0})$	1	1	1	1	-2	0
$\sigma_{xz}, \sigma_{xz}(\pi), \{\sigma_{xz}, \sigma_{xz}\}(\pi)$	ω	$-\omega$	$-\omega$	0	0	0
$\sigma_{xz}, \sigma_{xz}(\mathbf{0}), \{\sigma_{xz}, \sigma_{xz}\}(\mathbf{0})$	1	-1	1	0	0	0
Time inv.	a	a	a	a	a	a

* $\omega = \exp(i\pi\gamma/c)$, $0 < \gamma < c/4$.

TABLE III. Character table for the point $\Delta(0,\beta,0)$ of the groups $P4_1/mmm$ and $P6mm$.

	Δ_1	Δ_2	Δ_3	Δ_4	Δ_5
$\{E\}(\mathbf{0})$	1	1	1	1	2
$\{E\}(\mathbf{0})$	1	1	1	1	-2
$\{C_2, C_2^{-1}\}(\pi)$	ω	$-\omega$	$-\omega$	ω	0
$\{\sigma_{xz}, \sigma_{xz}\}(\mathbf{0})$	1	1	-1	-1	0
$\{\sigma_{xz}, \sigma_{xz}\}(\pi)$	ω	$-\omega$	ω	$-\omega$	0
$P4_1/mmm$ time inv.	a	a	a	a	a

* $\omega = \exp(i4\pi\beta/a)$, $0 < \beta < a/4$.

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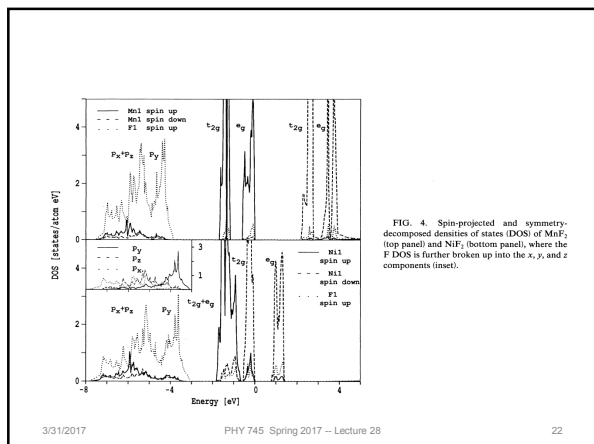


FIG. 4. Spin-projected and symmetry-decomposed densities of states (DOS) of MnF_2 (top panel) and NiF_2 (bottom panel), where the F DOS is further broken up into the x , y , and z components (inset).

