

4.1. INTRODUCTION

Table 4.1.2.3. Additional symmetry elements due to a centring vector **t** and their locations

Symmetry element at the origin		Additional symmetry elements									Representative space groups (numbers)
		$C, t(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$		$A, t(0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$		$B, t(\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2})$		$I, t(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$		F	
Symbol	Location	Symbol	Location	Symbol	Location	Symbol	Location	Symbol	Location	Symbol	
m c b e $d(0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$	$0, y, z$	b n m $d(0, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$	$\frac{1}{4}, y, z$	n b c e $d(0, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4})$	$0, y, z$	c m n $d(0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4})$	$\frac{1}{4}, y, z$	n b c d, d, d	$\frac{1}{4}, y, z$	b, n, c, e	$Cmmm, Ammm, Bnmm$ (65) $Immm$ (71), $Fmmm$ (69) $Cccm, Amaa, Bbmb$ (66) $Ibca$ (73) $Aem2$ (39) $Fddd$ (70)
m a c e $d(\frac{1}{4}, 0, \frac{1}{4})$	$x, 0, z$	a m n $d(\frac{3}{4}, 0, \frac{1}{4})$	$x, \frac{1}{4}, z$	c n m $d(\frac{1}{4}, 0, \frac{3}{4})$	$x, \frac{1}{4}, z$	n c a e $d(\frac{3}{4}, 0, \frac{3}{4})$	$x, 0, z$	n c a d, d, d	$x, \frac{1}{4}, z$	a, c, n, e	As above $Fmm2$ (42)
m b a e $d(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, 0)$	$x, y, 0$	n a b e $d(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, 0)$	$x, y, 0$	b m n $d(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, 0)$	$x, y, \frac{1}{4}$	a n b m $d(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, 0)$	$x, y, \frac{1}{4}$	n a b d, d, d	$x, y, \frac{1}{4}$	n, b, a, e	As above $Cmme$ (67)
m c e $d(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$	x, x, z	$g(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$ $n(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$	x, x, z	$g(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$ $g(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, 0)$	$x, x + \frac{1}{4}, z$	$g(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$ $g(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, 0)$	$x, x - \frac{1}{4}, z$	$n(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ $g(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$ e $d(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4})$	x, x, z	g, g, g n, g, g	$I4mm$ (107), $F\bar{4}3m$ (216) $F\bar{4}3c$ (219) $I4cm$ (108) $I\bar{4}3d$ (220)
2 2 2 2 4 4 ₁ $\bar{1}$	$x, 0, 0$ $0, y, 0$ $0, 0, z$ $x, \bar{x}, 0$ $0, 0, z$ $0, 0, z$ $0, 0, 0$	2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 2 4 4 ₁ $\bar{1}$	$x, \frac{1}{4}, 0$ $\frac{1}{4}, y, 0$ $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, z$ $x, \bar{x} + \frac{1}{2}, 0$ $0, \frac{1}{2}, z$ $0, \frac{1}{2}, z$ $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, 0$	2 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 4 ₂ 4 ₃ $\bar{1}$	$x, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}$ $0, y, \frac{1}{4}$ $0, \frac{1}{4}, z$ $x, \bar{x} + \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}$ $-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, z$ $-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, z$ $0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}$	2 ₁ 2 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 4 ₂ 4 ₃ $\bar{1}$	$x, 0, \frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}, y, \frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}, 0, z$ $2_1(\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{4}, 0)$ $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, z$ $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, z$ $\frac{1}{4}, 0, \frac{1}{4}$	2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 4 ₂ 4 ₃ $\bar{1}$	$x, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}, y, \frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, z$ $x, \bar{x}, \frac{1}{4}$ $0, \frac{1}{2}, z$ $0, \frac{1}{2}, z$ $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}$	2 ₁ , 2, 2 ₁ 2 ₁ , 2 ₁ , 2 2, 2 ₁ , 2 ₁ 2, 2 ₁ , 2 ₁ 4, 4 ₂ , 4 ₂ 4 ₁ , 4 ₃ , 4 ₃ $\bar{1}, \bar{1}, \bar{1}$	$C222, A222, B222$ (21) $I222$ (23) $F222$ (22) $C422 (P422)$ (89), $I422$ (97) $F432$ (209) $F4_132$ (210) $Immm$ (71), $Fmmm$ (69)

Inversions. The ‘midpoint rule’ given under (i) for integral translations remains valid. When M occupies successively the eight positions of inversion centres in the primitive cell (cf. Table 4.1.2.1), each of the centring C, A, B and I creates eight supplementary centres, whereas the F centring produces $3 \times 8 = 24$ supplementary centres, leading to a total of 32 inversion centres.

Example

For C centring, add $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, 0$ (cf. Table 4.1.2.3) to the eight locations of symmetry centres, given in Table 4.1.2.1, in order to obtain the eight additional symmetry centres $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, 0; \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, 0; \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, 0; \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, 0; \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}; \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}$.

Table 4.1.2.3 contains only representative cases. For 4 and 4₁ axes, only the standard orientation [001] is given. For diagonal twofold axes, only the orientation $[\bar{1}10]$ is considered. When the locations of all additional symmetry elements of a chosen species are desired, it is sufficient to insert the location of one of the elements into the coordinate triplets of the general position and to remove redundancies.

Example

Insert the location $x, x + \frac{2}{3}, x + \frac{1}{3}$ of a 3₁ axis (see Table 4.1.2.2) into the general position of a cubic space group to obtain four distinct locations of 3₁ axes in P groups and sixteen in F groups.

4.1.2.3. The priority rule

When more than one kind of symmetry element occurs for a given symmetry direction, the question of choice arises for defining the appropriate Hermann–Mauguin symbol. This choice is made in order of descending priority:

m, e, a, b, c, n, d ; and rotation axes before screw axes.

This priority rule is explicitly stated in *IT* (1952), pages 55 and 543. It is applied to the space-group symbols in *IT* (1952) and the present edition. There are a few exceptions, however:

(i) For glide planes in centred monoclinic space groups, the priority rule is purposely not followed in this volume, in order to bring out the relations between the three ‘cell choices’ given for each setting (cf. Sections 2.2.16 and 4.3.2).