

4. SYNOPTIC TABLES OF SPACE-GROUP SYMBOLS

Table 4.3.2.1. Index of symbols for space groups for various settings and cells (cont.)

TRIGONAL SYSTEM

No. of space group	Schoenflies symbol	Hermann-Mauguin symbols for standard cell <i>P</i> or <i>R</i>			Triple cell <i>H</i>
		Short	Full	Extended	
143	C_3^1	<i>P</i> 3			<i>H</i> 3
144	C_3^2	<i>P</i> 3 ₁			<i>H</i> 3 ₁
145	C_3^3	<i>P</i> 3 ₂			<i>H</i> 3 ₂
146	C_3^4	<i>R</i> 3		<i>R</i> 3 3 _{1,2}	
147	C_{3i}^1	\bar{P} 3			\bar{H} 3
148	C_{3i}^2	\bar{R} 3		\bar{R} 3 3 _{1,2}	
149	D_3^1	<i>P</i> 312		<i>P</i> 312 2 ₁	<i>H</i> 321
150	D_3^2	<i>P</i> 321		<i>P</i> 321 2 ₁	<i>H</i> 312
151	D_3^3	<i>P</i> 3 ₁ 12		<i>P</i> 3 ₁ 12 2 ₁	<i>H</i> 3 ₁ 21
152	D_3^4	<i>P</i> 3 ₁ 21		<i>P</i> 3 ₁ 21 2 ₁	<i>H</i> 3 ₁ 12
153	D_3^5	<i>P</i> 3 ₂ 12		<i>P</i> 3 ₂ 12 2 ₁	<i>H</i> 3 ₂ 21
154	D_3^6	<i>P</i> 3 ₂ 21		<i>P</i> 3 ₂ 21 2 ₁	<i>H</i> 3 ₂ 12
155	D_3^7	<i>R</i> 32		<i>R</i> 3 2 3 _{1,2} 2 ₁	
156	C_{3v}^1	<i>P</i> 3 <i>m</i> 1		<i>P</i> 3 <i>m</i> 1 <i>b</i>	<i>H</i> 31 <i>m</i>
157	C_{3v}^2	<i>P</i> 31 <i>m</i>		<i>P</i> 31 <i>m</i> <i>a</i>	<i>H</i> 3 <i>m</i> 1
158	C_{3v}^3	<i>P</i> 3 <i>c</i> 1		<i>P</i> 3 <i>c</i> 1 <i>n</i>	<i>H</i> 31 <i>c</i>
159	C_{3v}^4	<i>P</i> 31 <i>c</i>		<i>P</i> 31 <i>c</i> <i>n</i>	<i>H</i> 3 <i>c</i> 1
160	C_{3v}^5	<i>R</i> 3 <i>m</i>		<i>R</i> 3 <i>m</i> 3 _{1,2} <i>b</i>	
161	C_{3v}^6	<i>R</i> 3 <i>c</i>		<i>R</i> 3 <i>c</i> 3 _{1,2} <i>n</i>	
162	D_{3d}^1	\bar{P} 31 <i>m</i>	\bar{P} 312/ <i>m</i>	\bar{P} 312/ <i>m</i> 2 ₁ / <i>a</i>	\bar{H} 3 <i>m</i> 1
163	D_{3d}^2	\bar{P} 31 <i>c</i>	\bar{P} 312/ <i>c</i>	\bar{P} 312/ <i>c</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	\bar{H} 3 <i>c</i> 1
164	D_{3d}^3	\bar{P} 3 <i>m</i> 1	\bar{P} 32/ <i>m</i> 1	\bar{P} 32/ <i>m</i> 1 2 ₁ / <i>b</i>	\bar{H} 31 <i>m</i>
165	D_{3d}^4	\bar{P} 3 <i>c</i> 1	\bar{P} 32/ <i>c</i> 1	\bar{P} 32/ <i>c</i> 1 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	\bar{H} 31 <i>c</i>
166	D_{3d}^5	\bar{R} 3 <i>m</i>	\bar{R} 32/ <i>m</i>	\bar{R} 3 2/ <i>m</i> 3 _{1,2} 2 ₁ / <i>b</i>	
167	D_{3d}^6	\bar{R} 3 <i>c</i>	\bar{R} 32/ <i>c</i>	\bar{R} 3 2/ <i>c</i> 3 _{1,2} 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	

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No. of space group	Schoenflies symbol	Hermann-Mauguin symbols for standard cell <i>P</i>			Triple cell <i>H</i>
		Short	Full	Extended	
168	C_6^1	<i>P</i> 6			<i>H</i> 6
169	C_6^2	<i>P</i> 6 ₁			<i>H</i> 6 ₁
170	C_6^3	<i>P</i> 6 ₅			<i>H</i> 6 ₅
171	C_6^4	<i>P</i> 6 ₂			<i>H</i> 6 ₂
172	C_6^5	<i>P</i> 6 ₄			<i>H</i> 6 ₄
173	C_6^6	<i>P</i> 6 ₃			<i>H</i> 6 ₃
174	C_{3h}^1	\bar{P} 6			\bar{H} 6
175	C_{6h}^1	<i>P</i> 6/ <i>m</i>			<i>H</i> 6/ <i>m</i>
176	C_{6h}^2	<i>P</i> 6 ₃ / <i>m</i>			<i>H</i> 6 ₃ / <i>m</i>
177	D_6^1	<i>P</i> 622		<i>P</i> 62 2 2 ₁ 2 ₁	<i>H</i> 622
178	D_6^2	<i>P</i> 6 ₁ 22		<i>P</i> 6 ₁ 2 2 2 ₁ 2 ₁	<i>H</i> 6 ₁ 22
179	D_6^3	<i>P</i> 6 ₅ 22		<i>P</i> 6 ₅ 2 2 2 ₁ 2 ₁	<i>H</i> 6 ₅ 22
180	D_6^4	<i>P</i> 6 ₂ 22		<i>P</i> 6 ₂ 2 2 2 ₁ 2 ₁	<i>H</i> 6 ₂ 22
181	D_6^5	<i>P</i> 6 ₄ 22		<i>P</i> 6 ₄ 2 2 2 ₁ 2 ₁	<i>H</i> 6 ₄ 22
182	D_6^6	<i>P</i> 6 ₃ 22		<i>P</i> 6 ₃ 2 2 2 ₁ 2 ₁	<i>H</i> 6 ₃ 22
183	C_{6v}^1	<i>P</i> 6 <i>mm</i>		<i>P</i> 6 <i>mm</i> <i>ba</i>	<i>H</i> 6 <i>mm</i>
184	C_{6v}^2	<i>P</i> 6 <i>cc</i>		<i>P</i> 6 <i>cc</i> <i>nn</i>	<i>H</i> 6 <i>cc</i>
185	C_{6v}^3	<i>P</i> 6 ₃ <i>cm</i>		<i>P</i> 6 ₃ <i>cm</i> <i>na</i>	<i>H</i> 6 ₃ <i>mc</i>
186	C_{6v}^4	<i>P</i> 6 ₃ <i>mc</i>		<i>P</i> 6 ₃ <i>mc</i> <i>bn</i>	<i>H</i> 6 ₃ <i>cm</i>
187	D_{3h}^1	\bar{P} 6 <i>m</i> 2		\bar{P} 6 <i>m</i> 2 <i>b</i> 2 ₁	\bar{H} 62 <i>m</i>
188	D_{3h}^2	\bar{P} 6 <i>c</i> 2		\bar{P} 6 <i>c</i> 2 <i>n</i> 2 ₁	\bar{H} 62 <i>c</i>
189	D_{3h}^3	\bar{P} 62 <i>m</i>		\bar{P} 62 <i>m</i> 2 ₁ <i>a</i>	\bar{H} 6 <i>m</i> 2
190	D_{3h}^4	\bar{P} 62 <i>c</i>		\bar{P} 62 <i>c</i> 2 ₁ <i>n</i>	\bar{H} 6 <i>c</i> 2
191	D_{6h}^1	<i>P</i> 6/ <i>mmm</i>	<i>P</i> 6/ <i>m</i> 2/ <i>m</i> 2/ <i>m</i>	<i>P</i> 6/ <i>m</i> 2/ <i>m</i> 2/ <i>m</i> 2 ₁ / <i>b</i> 2 ₁ / <i>a</i>	<i>H</i> 6/ <i>mmm</i>
192	D_{6h}^2	<i>P</i> 6/ <i>mcc</i>	<i>P</i> 6/ <i>m</i> 2/ <i>c</i> 2/ <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 6/ <i>m</i> 2/ <i>c</i> 2/ <i>c</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>H</i> 6/ <i>mcc</i>
193	D_{6h}^3	<i>P</i> 6 ₃ / <i>mcm</i>	<i>P</i> 6 ₃ / <i>m</i> 2/ <i>c</i> 2/ <i>m</i>	<i>P</i> 6 ₃ / <i>m</i> 2/ <i>c</i> 2/ <i>m</i> 2 ₁ / <i>b</i> 2 ₁ / <i>a</i>	<i>H</i> 6 ₃ / <i>mmc</i>
194	D_{6h}^4	<i>P</i> 6 ₃ / <i>mmc</i>	<i>P</i> 6 ₃ / <i>m</i> 2/ <i>m</i> 2/ <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 6 ₃ / <i>m</i> 2/ <i>m</i> 2/ <i>c</i> 2 ₁ / <i>b</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>H</i> 6 ₃ / <i>mcm</i>

Example: *B* 2/*b* 11 (15, unique axis *a*)

2₁/*n*

The *t* subgroups of index [2] (type **I**) are *B*211(*C*2); *Bb*11(*C**c*); $\bar{B}\bar{1}$ ($\bar{P}\bar{1}$).

The *k* subgroups of index [2] (type **IIa**) are *P*2/*b*11(*P*2/*c*); *P*2₁/*b*11(*P*2₁/*c*); *P*2/*n*11(*P*2/*c*); *P*2₁/*n*11(*P*2₁/*c*).

Some subgroups of index [4] (not maximal) are *P*211(*P*2); *P*2₁11(*P*2₁); *Pb*11(*Pc*); *Pn*11(*Pc*); $\bar{P}\bar{1}$; $\bar{B}\bar{1}$ ($\bar{P}\bar{1}$).

4.3.3. Orthorhombic system

4.3.3.1. Historical note and arrangement of the tables

The synoptic table of *IT* (1935) contained space-group symbols for the six orthorhombic ‘settings’, corresponding to the six permutations of the basis vectors **a**, **b**, **c**. In *IT* (1952), left-handed systems like $\bar{c}\bar{b}\bar{a}$ were changed to right-handed systems by reversing the orientation of the *c* axis, as in **cba**. Note that reversal

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Table 4.3.2.1. Index of symbols for space groups for various settings and cells (cont.)

CUBIC SYSTEM

No. of space group	Schoenflies symbol	Hermann–Mauguin symbols		
		Short	Full	Extended†
195	T^1	$P23$		
196	T^2	$F23$		$F23$ 2 2 ₁ 2 ₁
197	T^3	$I23$		$I23$ 2 ₁
198	T^4	$P2_13$		
199	T^5	$I2_13$		$I2_13$ 2
200	T_h^1	$Pm\bar{3}$	$P2/m\bar{3}$	
201	T_h^2	$Pn\bar{3}$	$P2/n\bar{3}$	
202	T_h^3	$Fm\bar{3}$	$F/2m\bar{3}$	$F2/m\bar{3}$ 2/n 2 ₁ /e 2 ₁ /e
203	T_h^4	$Fd\bar{3}$	$F2/d\bar{3}$	$F2/d\bar{3}$ 2/d 2 ₁ /d 2 ₁ /d
204	T_h^5	$Im\bar{3}$	$I2/m\bar{3}$	$I2/m\bar{3}$ 2 ₁ /n
205	T_h^6	$Pa\bar{3}$	$P2_1/a\bar{3}$	
206	T_h^7	$Ia\bar{3}$	$I2_1/a\bar{3}$	$I2_1/a\bar{3}$ 2/b
207	O^1	$P432$		$P4\ 32$ 2 ₁
208	O^2	$P4_232$		$P4_232$ 2 ₁
209	O^3	$F432$		$F4\ 32$ 4 2 4 ₂ 2 ₁ 4 ₂ 2 ₁
210	O^4	$F4_132$		$F4_132$ 4 ₁ 2 4 ₃ 2 ₁ 4 ₃ 2 ₁
211	O^5	$I432$		$I4\ 32$ 4 ₂ 2 ₁
212	O^6	$P4_332$		$P4_3\ 32$ 2 ₁
213	O^7	$P4_132$		$P4_132$ 2 ₁
214	O^8	$I4_132$		$I4_132$ 4 ₃ 2 ₁

CUBIC SYSTEM (cont.)

No. of space group	Schoenflies symbol	Hermann–Mauguin symbols		
		Short	Full	Extended†
215	T_d^1	$P\bar{4}3m$		$P\bar{4}3m$
216	T_d^2	$F\bar{4}3m$		$F\bar{4}3m$ g g g ₂ g ₂
217	T_d^3	$I\bar{4}3m$		$I\bar{4}3m$ e
218	T_d^4	$P\bar{4}3n$		$P\bar{4}3n$ c
219	T_d^5	$F\bar{4}3c$		$F\bar{4}3n$ c g ₁ g ₁
220	T_d^6	$I\bar{4}3d$		$I\bar{4}3d$ d
221	O_h^1	$Pm\bar{3}m$	$P4/m\bar{3}2/m$	$P4/m\bar{3}2/m$ 2 ₁ /g
222	O_h^2	$Pn\bar{3}n$	$P4/n\bar{3}2/n$	$P4/n\bar{3}2/n$ 2 ₁ /c
223	O_h^3	$Pm\bar{3}n$	$P4_2/m\bar{3}2/n$	$P4_2/m\bar{3}2/n$ 2 ₁ /c
224	O_h^4	$Pn\bar{3}m$	$P4_2/n\bar{3}2/m$	$P4_2/n\bar{3}2/m$ 2 ₁ /g
225	O_h^5	$Fm\bar{3}m$	$F4/m\bar{3}2/m$	$F4/m\ \bar{3}2/m$ 4/n 2/g 4 ₂ /e 2 ₁ /g ₂ 4 ₂ /e 2 ₁ /g ₂
226	O_h^6	$Fm\bar{3}c$	$F4/m\bar{3}2/c$	$F4/m\bar{3}2/n$ 4/n 2/c 4 ₂ /e 2 ₁ /g ₁ 4 ₂ /e 2 ₁ /g ₁
227	O_h^7	$Fd\bar{3}m$	$F4_1/d\bar{3}2/m$	$F4_1/d\bar{3}2/m$ 4 ₁ /d 2/g 4 ₃ /d 2 ₁ /g ₂ 4 ₃ /d 2 ₁ /g ₂
228	O_h^8	$Fd\bar{3}c$	$F4_1/d\bar{3}2/c$	$F4_1/d\bar{3}2/n$ 4 ₁ /d 2/c 4 ₃ /d 2 ₁ /g ₁ 4 ₃ /d 2 ₁ /g ₁
229	O_h^9	$Im\bar{3}m$	$I4/m\bar{3}2/m$	$I4/m\bar{3}2/m$ 4 ₂ /n 2 ₁ /e
230	O_h^{10}	$Ia\bar{3}d$	$I4_1/a\bar{3}2/d$	$I4_1/a\bar{3}2/d$ 4 ₃ /b 2 ₁ /d

† Axes 3₁ and 3₂ parallel to axes 3 are not indicated in the extended symbols: cf. Chapter 4.1. For the glide-plane symbol ‘e’, see the *Foreword to the Fourth Edition* (IT 1995) and Section 1.3.2, Note (x).

Note: The glide planes g , g_1 and g_2 have the glide components $g(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$, $g_1(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, 0)$ and $g_2(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$.

of two axes does not change the handedness of a coordinate system, so that the settings $\bar{c}ba$, $c\bar{b}a$, $cb\bar{a}$ and $\bar{c}\bar{b}\bar{a}$ are equivalent in this respect. The tabulation thus deals with the $6 \times 4 = 24$ possible right-handed settings. For further details see Section 2.2.6.4.

An important innovation of *IT* (1952) was the introduction of extended symbols for the centred groups A , B , C , I , F . These

symbols are systematically developed in Table 4.3.2.1. Settings which permute the two axes \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are listed side by side so that the two C settings appear together, followed by the two A and the two B settings.

In crystal classes $mm2$ and 222 , the last symmetry element is the product of the first two and thus is not independent. It was omitted in

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the short Hermann–Mauguin symbols of *IT* (1935) for all space groups of class *mm2*, but was restored in *IT* (1952). In space groups of class 222, the last symmetry element cannot be omitted (see examples below).

For the new ‘double’ glide plane symbol ‘*e*’, see the *Foreword to the Fourth Edition* (*IT* 1995) and Section 1.3.2, Note (x).

4.3.3.2. Group–subgroup relations

The present section emphasizes the use of the extended and full symbols for the derivation of maximal subgroups of types **I** and **IIa**; maximal orthorhombic subgroups of types **IIb** and **IIc** cannot be recognized by inspection of the synoptic Table 4.3.2.1.

4.3.3.2.1. Maximal non-isomorphic *k* subgroups of type **IIa** (decentred)

(i) Extended symbols of centred groups *A*, *B*, *C*, *I*

By convention, the second line of the extended space-group symbol is the result of the multiplication of the first line by the centring translation (cf. Table 4.1.2.3). As a consequence, the product of any two terms in one line is equal to the product of the corresponding two terms in the other line.

(a) Class 222

The extended symbol of *I222* (23) is $I2\ 2\ 2$; the twofold axes $2_1 2_1 2_1$

intersect and one obtains $2_x \times 2_y = 2_z = 2_{1x} \times 2_{1y}$.

Maximal *k* subgroups are *P222* and $P2_1 2_1 2$ (plus permutations) but not $P2_1 2_1 2_1$.

The extended symbol of $I2_1 2_1 2_1$ (24) is $I2_1 2_1 2_1$, where one $2\ 2\ 2$

obtains $2_{1x} \times 2_{1y} = 2_{1z} = 2_x \times 2_y$; the twofold axes do not intersect. Thus, maximal non-isomorphic *k* subgroups are $P2_1 2_1 2_1$ and *P222*₁ (plus permutations), but not *P222*.

(b) Class *mm2*

The extended symbol of *Aea2* (41) is *Aba2*; the following $cn2_1$

relations hold: $b \times a = 2 = c \times n$ and $b \times n = 2_1 = c \times a$.

Maximal *k* subgroups are *Pba2*; *Pcn2* (*Pnc2*); *Pbn2*₁ (*Pna2*₁); *Pca2*₁.

(c) Class *mmm*

By convention, the first line of the extended symbol contains those symmetry elements for which the coordinate triplets are explicitly printed under *Positions*. From the two-line symbols, as defined in the example below, one reads not only the eight maximal *k* subgroups *P* of class *mmm* but also the location of their centres of symmetry, by applying the following rules:

If in the symbol of the *P* subgroup the number of symmetry planes, chosen from the first line of the extended symbol, is odd (three or one), the symmetry centre is at 0, 0, 0; if it is even (two or zero), the symmetry centre is at $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, 0$ for the subgroups of *C* groups and at $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}$ for the subgroups of *I* groups (Bertaut, 1976).

Examples

(1) According to these rules, the extended symbol of *Cmce* (64) is *Cmcb* (see above). The four *k* subgroups with symmetry centres

bna

at 0, 0, 0 are *Pmcb* (*Pbam*); *Pmna*; *Pbca*; *Pbnb* (*Pccn*); those with symmetry centres at $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, 0$ are *Pbna* (*Pbcn*); *Pmca*

(*Pbcm*); *Pmnb* (*Pnma*); *Pbcb* (*Pcca*). These rules can easily be transposed to other settings.

(2) The extended symbol of *Ibam* (72) is *Ibam*. The four subgroups ccn

with symmetry centre at 0, 0, 0 are *Pbam*; *Pbcn*; *Pcan* (*Pbcn*); *Pccm*;

those with symmetry centre at $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}$ are *Pccn*; *Pcam* (*Pbcm*); *Pbcm*; *Pban*.

(ii) Extended symbols of *F*-centred space groups

Maximal *k* subgroups of the groups *F222*, *Fmm2* and *Fmmm* are *C*, *A* and *B* groups. The corresponding centring translations are $w = t(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$, $u = t(0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ and $v = w \times u = t(\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2})$.

The (four-line) extended symbols of these groups can be obtained from the following scheme:

	<i>F222</i> (22)	<i>Fmm2</i> (42)	<i>Fmmm</i> (69)
1	222	<i>mm2</i>	<i>mmm</i>
<i>w</i>	$2_1 2_1 2^w$	<i>ba2</i> ^{<i>w</i>}	<i>ban</i>
<i>u</i>	$2^u 2_1^u 2_1$	<i>nc2</i> ₁	<i>ncb</i>
<i>v</i>	$2^u 2^v 2_1^w$	<i>cn2</i> ₁ ^{<i>w</i>}	<i>cna</i>

The second, third, and fourth lines are the result of the multiplication of the first line by the centring translations *w*, *u* and *v*, respectively.

The following abbreviations are used:

$$2_z^w = w \times 2_z; \quad 2_{1z}^w = w \times 2_{1z}; \quad \text{etc.}$$

For the location of the symmetry elements in the above scheme, see Table 4.1.2.3. In Table 4.3.2.1, the centring translations and the superscripts *u*, *v*, *w* have been omitted. The first two lines of the scheme represent the extended symbols of *C222*, *Cmm2* and *Cmmm*. An interchange of the symmetry elements in the first two lines does not change the group. To obtain further maximal *C* subgroups, one has to replace symmetry elements of the first line by corresponding elements of the third or fourth line. Note that the symbol ‘*e*’ is not used in the four-line symbols for *Fmm2* and *Fmmm* in order to keep the above scheme transparent.

Examples

(1) *F222* (22). In the first line replace 2_x by 2_x^u (third line, same column) and keep 2_y . Complete the first line by the product $2_x^u \times 2_y = 2_{1z}$ and obtain the maximal *C* subgroup $C2^u 2_1$.

Similarly, in the first line keep 2_x and replace 2_y with 2_y^v (fourth line, same column). Complete the first line by the product $2_x \times 2_y^v = 2_{1z}$ and obtain the maximal *C* subgroup $C2^v 2_1$.

Finally, replace 2_x and 2_y by 2_x^u and 2_y^v and form the product $2_x^u \times 2_y^v = 2_z^w$, to obtain the maximal *C* subgroup $C2^u 2^v 2^w$ (where 2^w can be replaced by 2). Note that $C222$ and $C2^u 2^v 2^w$ are two different subgroups, as are $C2^u 2_1$ and $C2^v 2_1$.

(2) *Fmm2* (42). A similar procedure leads to the four maximal *k* subgroups *Cmm2*; *Cmc2*₁; $Ccm2_1^w$ (*Cmc2*₁); and *Ccc2*.

(3) *Fmmm* (69). One finds successively the eight maximal *k* subgroups *Cmmm*; *Cmma*; *Cmcm*; *Ccmm* (*Cmcm*); *Cmca*; *Ccma* (*Cmca*); *Cccm*; and *Ccca*.

Maximal *A*- and *B*-centred subgroups can be obtained from the *C* subgroups by simple symmetry arguments.

In space groups *Fdd2* (43) and *Fddd* (70), the nature of the *d* planes is not altered by the translations of the *F* lattice; for this reason, a two-line symbol for *Fdd2* and a one-line symbol for *Fddd* are sufficient. There exist no maximal non-isomorphic *k* subgroups for these two groups.

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4.3.3.2.2. Maximal t subgroups of type **I**

(i) Orthorhombic subgroups

The standard full symbol of a P group of class mmm indicates all the symmetry elements, so that maximal t subgroups can be read at once.

Example

$P2_1/m2/m2/a$ (51) has the following four t subgroups: $P2_122$ ($P222_1$); $Pmm2$; $P2_1ma$ ($Pmc2_1$); $Pm2a$ ($Pma2$).

From the standard full symbol of an I group of class mmm , the t subgroup of class 222 is read directly. It is either $I222$ [for $Immm$ (71) and $Ibam$ (72)] or $I2_12_12_1$ [for $Ibca$ (73) and $Imma$ (74)]. Use of the two-line symbols results in three maximal t subgroups of class $mm2$.

Example

$Ibam$ (72) has the following three maximal t subgroups of class $mm2$: $Iba2$; $Ib2_1m$ ($Ima2$); $I2_1am$ ($Ima2$).

From the standard full symbol of a C group of class mmm , one immediately reads the maximal t subgroup of class 222, which is either $C222_1$ [for $Cmcm$ (63) and $Cmce$ (64)] or $C222$ (for all other cases). For the three maximal t subgroups of class $mm2$, the two-line symbols are used.

Example

$Cmce$ (64) has the following three maximal t subgroups of class $mm2$: $Cmc2_1$; $Cm2e$ ($Aem2$); $C2ce$ ($Aea2$).

Finally, $Fmmm$ (69) has maximal t subgroups $F222$ and $Fmm2$ (plus permutations), whereas $Fddd$ (70) has $F222$ and $Fdd2$ (plus permutations).

(ii) Monoclinic subgroups

These subgroups are obtained by substituting the symbol '1' in two of the three positions. Non-standard centred cells are reduced to primitive cells.

Examples

- (1) $C222_1$ (20) has the maximal t subgroups $C211$ ($C2$), $C121$ ($C2$) and $C112_1$. The last one reduces to $P112_1$ ($P2_1$).
- (2) $Ama2$ (40) has the maximal t subgroups $Am11$, reducible to Pm , $A1a1$ (Cc) and $A112$ ($C2$).
- (3) $Pnma$ (62) has the standard full symbol $P2_1/n2_1/m2_1/a$, from which the maximal t subgroups $P2_1/n11$ ($P2_1/c$), $P12_1/m1$ ($P2_1/m$) and $P112_1/a$ ($P2_1/c$) are obtained.
- (4) $Fddd$ (70) has the maximal t subgroups $F2/d11$, $F12/d1$ and $F112/d$, each one reducible to $C2/c$.

4.3.4. Tetragonal system

4.3.4.1. Historical note and arrangement of the tables

In the 1935 edition of *International Tables*, for each tetragonal P and I space group an additional C -cell and F -cell description was given. In the corresponding space-group symbols, secondary and tertiary symmetry elements were simply interchanged. Coordinate triplets for these larger cells were not printed, except for the space groups of class $\bar{4}m2$. In *IT* (1952), the C and F cells were dropped from the space-group tables but kept in the comparative tables.

In the present edition, the C and F cells reappear in the sub- and supergroup tabulations of Part 7, as well as in the synoptic Table 4.3.2.1, where short and extended (two-line) symbols are given for P and C cells, as well as for I and F cells.

4.3.4.2. Relations between symmetry elements

In the crystal classes $42(2)$, $4m(m)$, $\bar{4}2(m)$ or $\bar{4}m(2)$, $4/m2/m(2/m)$, where the tertiary symmetry elements are between parentheses, one finds

$$4 \times m = (m) = \bar{4} \times 2; 4 \times 2 = (2) = \bar{4} \times m.$$

Analogous relations hold for the space groups. In order to have the symmetry direction of the tertiary symmetry elements along $[1\bar{1}0]$ (cf. Table 2.2.4.1), one has to choose the primary and secondary symmetry elements in the product rule along $[001]$ and $[010]$.

Example

In $P4_12(2)$ (91), one has $4_1 \times 2 = (2)$ so that $P4_12$ would be the short symbol. In fact, in *IT* (1935), the tertiary symmetry element was suppressed for all groups of class 422, but re-established in *IT* (1952), the main reason being the generation of the fourfold rotation as the product of the secondary and tertiary symmetry operations: $4 = (m) \times m$ etc.

4.3.4.3. Additional symmetry elements

As a result of periodicity, in all space groups of classes 422, $\bar{4}m2$ and $4/m2/m2/m$, the two tertiary diagonal axes 2, along $[1\bar{1}0]$ and $[110]$, alternate with axes 2_1 , the screw component being $\frac{1}{2}, \mp \frac{1}{2}, 0$ (cf. Table 4.1.2.2).

Likewise, tertiary diagonal mirrors m in x, x, z and x, \bar{x}, z in space groups of classes $4mm$, $42m$ and $4/m2/m2/m$ alternate with glide planes called g^* , the glide components being $\frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{2}, 0$. The same glide components produce also an alternation of diagonal glide planes c and n (cf. Table 4.1.2.2).

4.3.4.4. Multiple cells

The transformations from the P to the two C cells, or from the I to the two F cells, are

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 \text{ or } F_1: & \text{ (i) } \mathbf{a}' = \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{b}' = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{c}' = \mathbf{c} \\ C_2 \text{ or } F_2: & \text{ (ii) } \mathbf{a}' = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{b}' = -\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{c}' = \mathbf{c} \end{aligned}$$

(cf. Fig. 5.1.3.5). The secondary and tertiary symmetry directions are interchanged in the double cells. It is important to know how primary, secondary and tertiary symmetry elements change in the new cells $\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}', \mathbf{c}'$.

(i) Primary symmetry elements

In P groups, only two kinds of planes, m and n , occur perpendicular to the fourfold axis: a and b planes are forbidden. A plane m in the P cell corresponds to a plane in the C cell which has the character of both a mirror plane m and a glide plane n . This is due to the centring translation $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0$ (cf. Chapter 4.1). Thus, the C -cell description shows† that $P4/m..$ (cell $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$) has two maximal k subgroups of index [2], $P4/m..$ and $P4/n..$ (cells $\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}', \mathbf{c}'$), originating from the decentring of the C cell. The same reasoning is valid for $P4_2/m..$

A glide plane n in the P cell is associated with glide planes a and b in the C cell. Since such planes do not exist in tetragonal P groups, the C cell cannot be decentred, i.e. $P4/n..$ and $P4_2/n..$ have no k subgroups of index [2] and cells $\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}', \mathbf{c}'$.

Glide planes a perpendicular to \mathbf{c} only occur in $I4_1/a$ (88) and groups containing $I4_1/a$ [$I4_1/amd$ (141) and $I4_1/acd$ (142)]; they are associated with d planes in the F cell. These groups cannot be decentred, i.e. they have no P subgroups at all.

* For other g planes see (ii), *Secondary symmetry elements*.

† In this section, a dot stands for a symmetry element to be inserted in the corresponding position of the space-group symbol.