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# CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC POINT GROUPS II (further developments)

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# CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC POINT GROUPS IN THE PLANE

# Crystallographic symmetry operations

Crystallographic restriction theorem

The rotational symmetries of a crystal pattern are limited to 2-fold, 3-fold, 4-fold, and 6-fold.

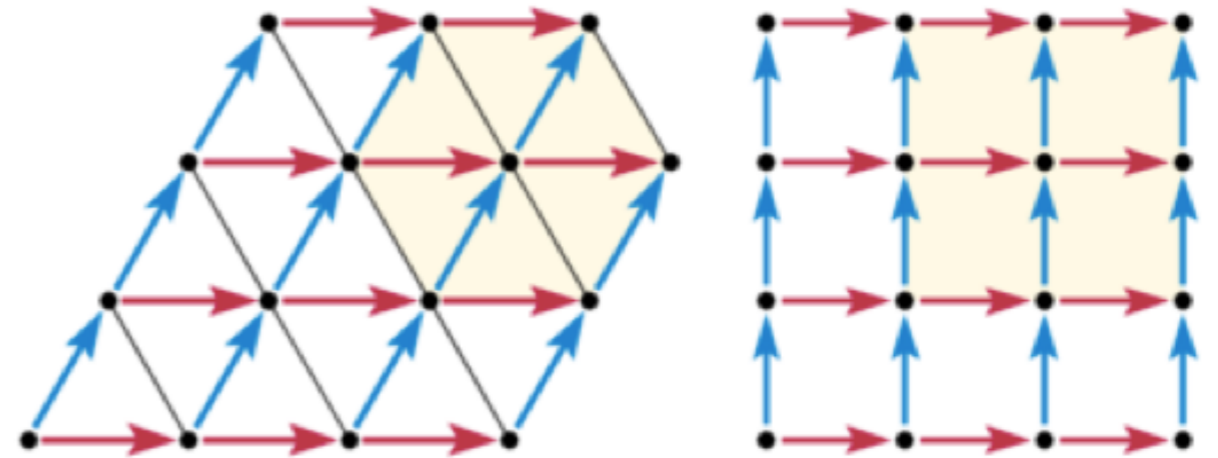
Matrix proof:

Rotation with respect to orthonormal basis

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation with respect to lattice basis

$R$ : integer matrix



In a lattice basis, because the rotation must map lattice points to lattice points, each matrix entry — and hence the trace — must be an integer.

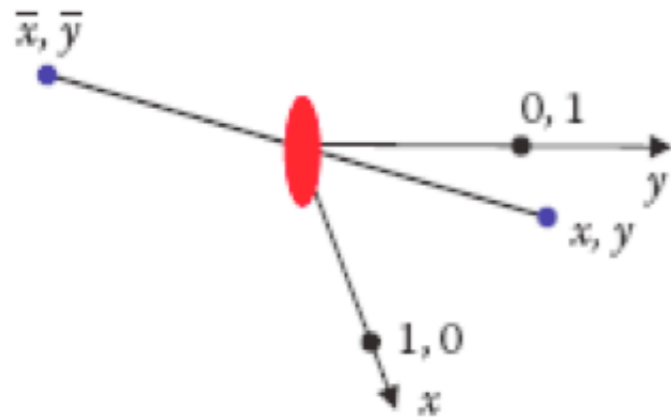
$$\text{Tr } R = 2\cos\theta = \text{integer}$$

$m$	$m/2 = \cos\theta$	$\theta$ ( $^\circ$ )	$n = 360^\circ/\theta$
0	0	90	Fourfold
1	1/2	60	Sixfold
2	1	0 = 360	Identity (onelfold)
-1	-1/2	120	Threefold
-2	-1	180	Twofold

# Symmetry operations in the plane

## Matrix representations

### 2-fold rotation

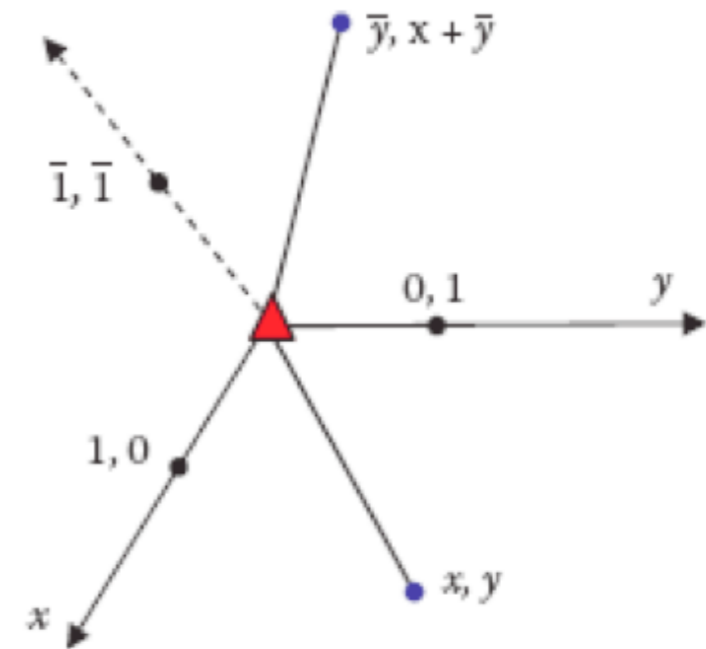


$$2_z \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x \\ -y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

$$\text{tr} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

### 3-fold rotation



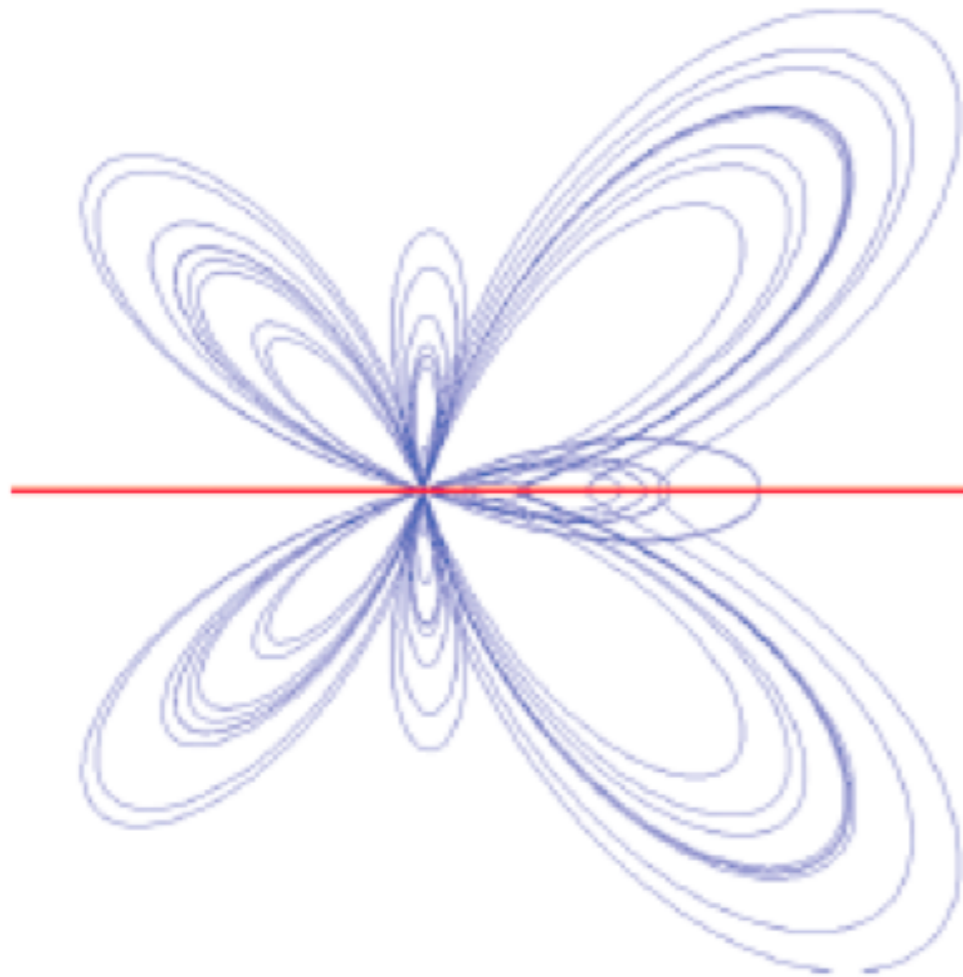
$$3^+ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -y \\ x-y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

$$\text{tr} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

# Crystallographic symmetry operations in the plane

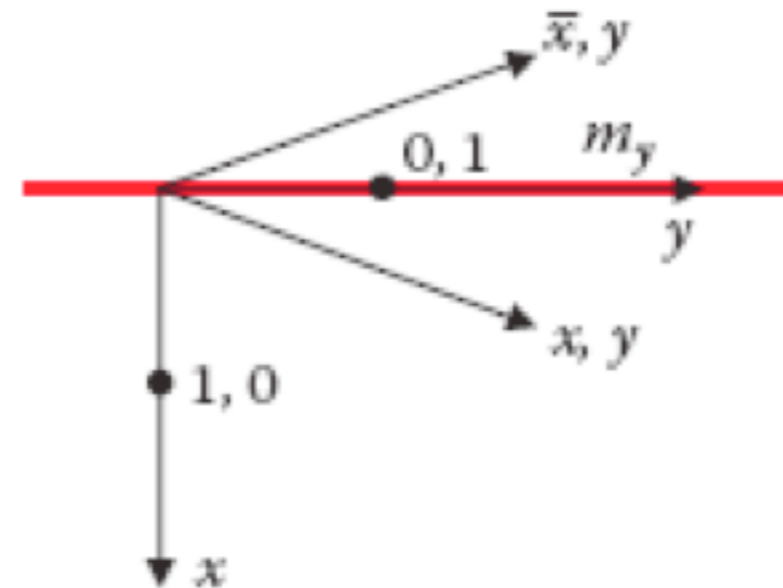
## Mirror symmetry operation



Fixed points

$$m_y \begin{bmatrix} x_f \\ y_f \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_f \\ y_f \end{bmatrix}$$

## Mirror line $m_y$ at $0, y$



## Matrix representation

$$m_y \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = ? \quad \text{tr} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

# Crystallographic symmetry operations in 2D

Operations of the first kind  
(no change of handedness)

<b>Element</b>	<b>Operation</b>
<i>Rotation point</i>	<i>Rotation</i>
1	$2\pi/1$
2	$2\pi/2$
3	$2\pi/3$
4	$2\pi/4$
6	$2\pi/6$

Operations of the second kind  
(change of handedness)

<b>Element</b>	<b>Operation</b>
<i>Reflection line</i> ( <i>mirror</i> )	
<i>m</i>	<i>m</i>

**Crystallographic point groups in 2D?**

# Crystallographic Point Groups in 2D

Point group **1** = {1}

Motif with  
symmetry of **1**



-group axioms?

$$1 \times 1 = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \times \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

-order of **1**?

-multiplication table

	x		1
1			1

-generators of **1**?



# Crystallographic Point Groups in 2D

Point group **2** = {1,2}

Motif with  
symmetry of **2**



Where is the two-fold  
point?

-group axioms?

$$2 \times 2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

-order of **2**?

-multiplication table

	×	1	2
1		1	2
2		2	1

-generators of **2**?

# Crystallographic Point Groups in 2D

Point group  $\mathbf{m} = \{1, m\}$

Motif with symmetry of  $\mathbf{m}$



Where is the mirror line?

-group axioms?

$$m \times m = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline -1 & \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \times \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline -1 & \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & \\ \hline & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

-order of  $\mathbf{m}$ ?

-multiplication table

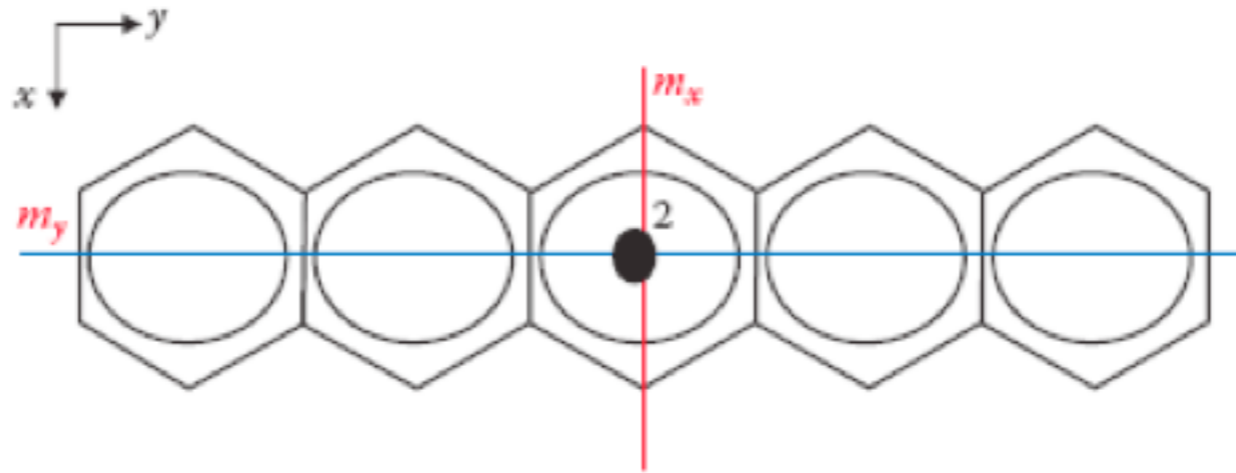
$\times$	1	$m_y$
1	1	$m_y$
$m_y$	$m_y$	1

-generators of  $\mathbf{m}$ ?

# Crystallographic Point Groups in 2D

Point group **mm2** =  $\{1, 2_z, m_x, m_y\}$

Molecule of pentacene



-order of **mm2**?

-group axioms?

$$m_y \times 2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = m_x$$

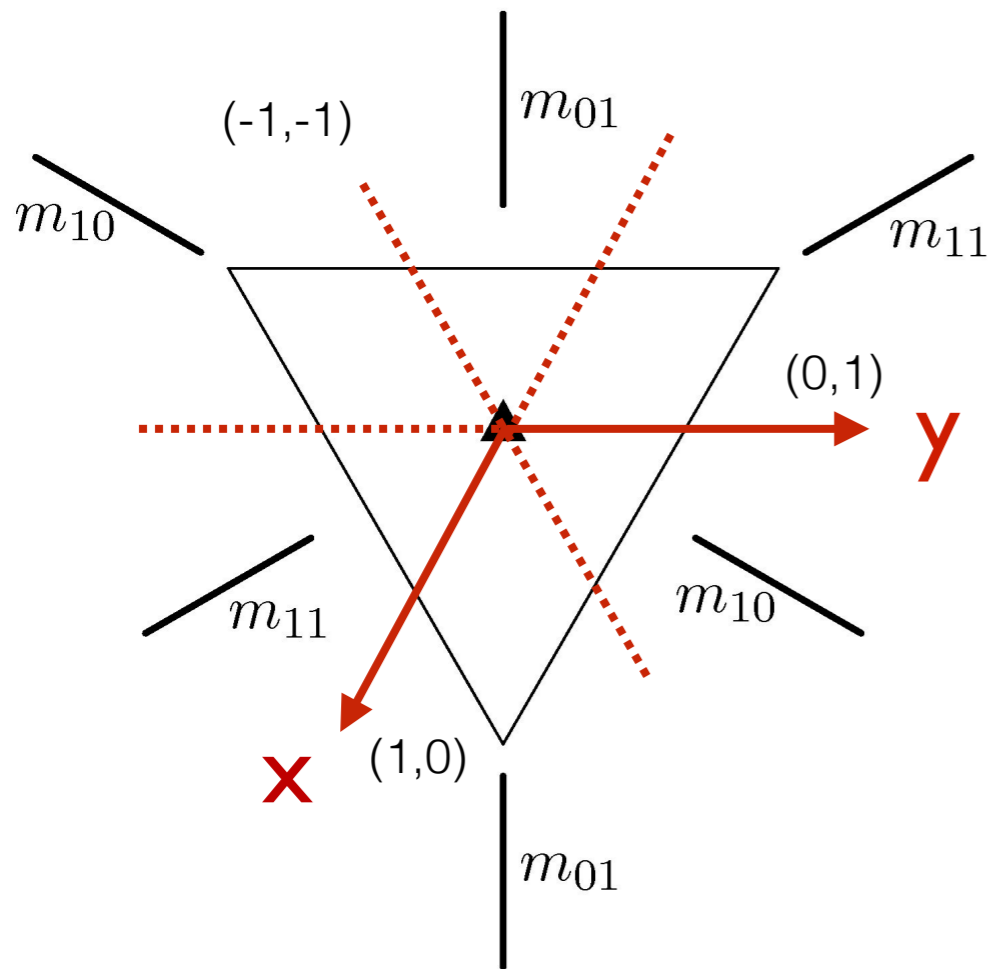
-multiplication table

$\times$	1	2	$m_x$	$m_y$
1	1	2	$m_x$	$m_y$
2	2	1	$m_y$	$m_x$
$m_x$	$m_x$	$m_y$	1	2
$m_y$	$m_y$	$m_x$	2	1

-generators of **mm2**?

# EXAMPLE

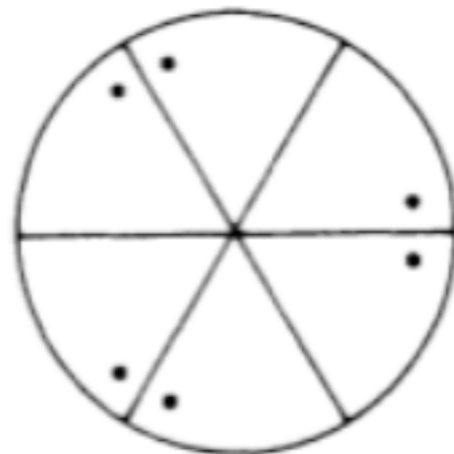
## Stereographic Projections of $3m$



Point group  $3m =$   
 $\{1, 3^+, 3^-, m_{10}, m_{01}, m_{11}\}$

### Stereographic projections diagrams

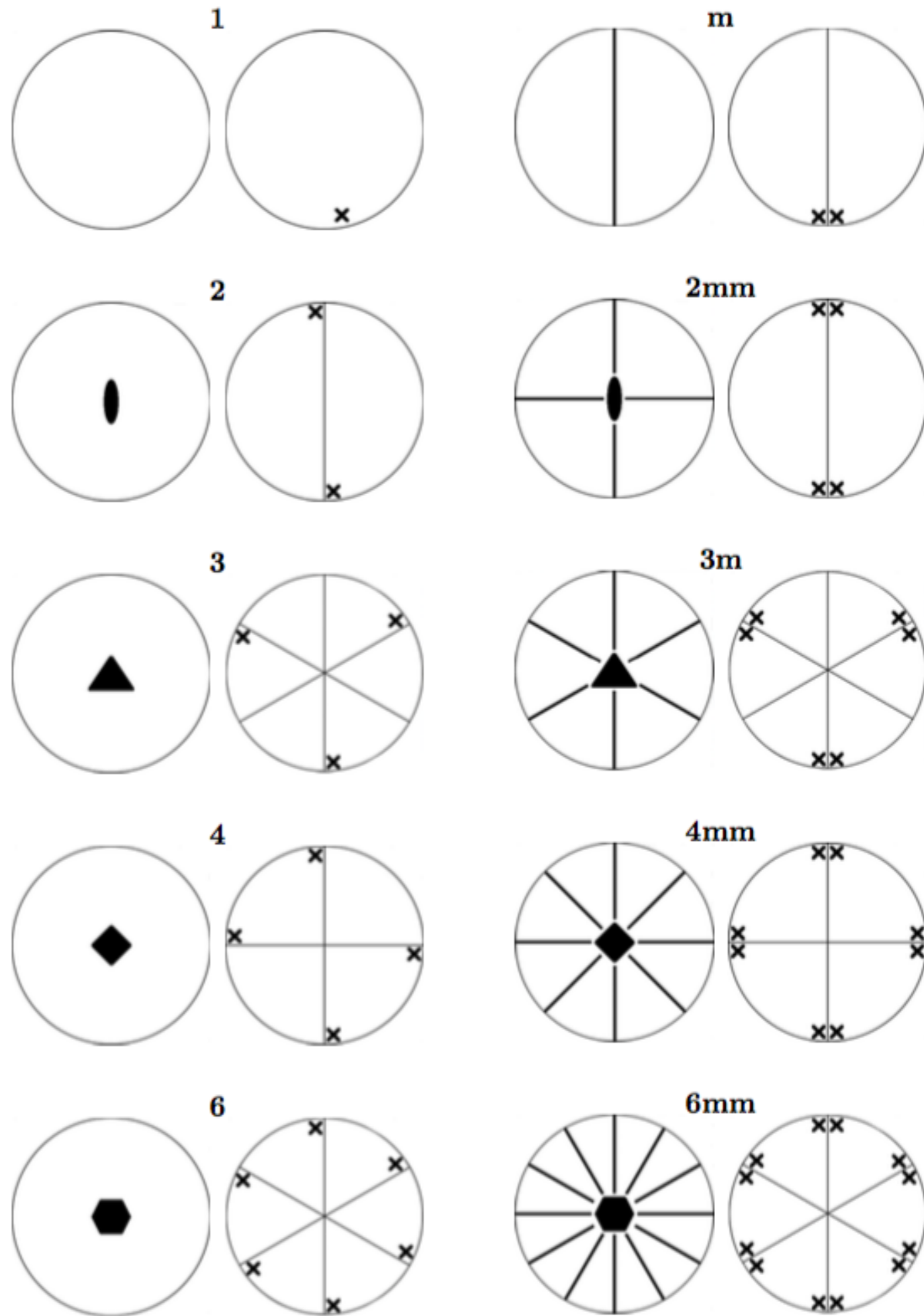
general position



symmetry elements

# Example

Symmetry-elements  
diagrams  
and  
General-positions  
diagrams  
of the  
plane point groups.



# Hermann-Mauguin symbolism (International Tables A)

-symmetry elements along *primary*, *secondary* and *ternary* symmetry directions

**rotations:** by the axes of rotation

**reflections:** by the normals to the planes

	Symmetry direction (position in Hermann–Mauguin symbol)		
Lattice	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary
<i>Two dimensions</i>			
Oblique	Rotation point in plane		
Rectangular		[10]	[01]
Square		$\left\{ \begin{matrix} [10] \\ [01] \end{matrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} [1\bar{1}] \\ [11] \end{matrix} \right\}$
Hexagonal		$\left\{ \begin{matrix} [10] \\ [01] \\ [\bar{1}\bar{1}] \end{matrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} [1\bar{1}] \\ [12] \\ [\bar{2}\bar{1}] \end{matrix} \right\}$

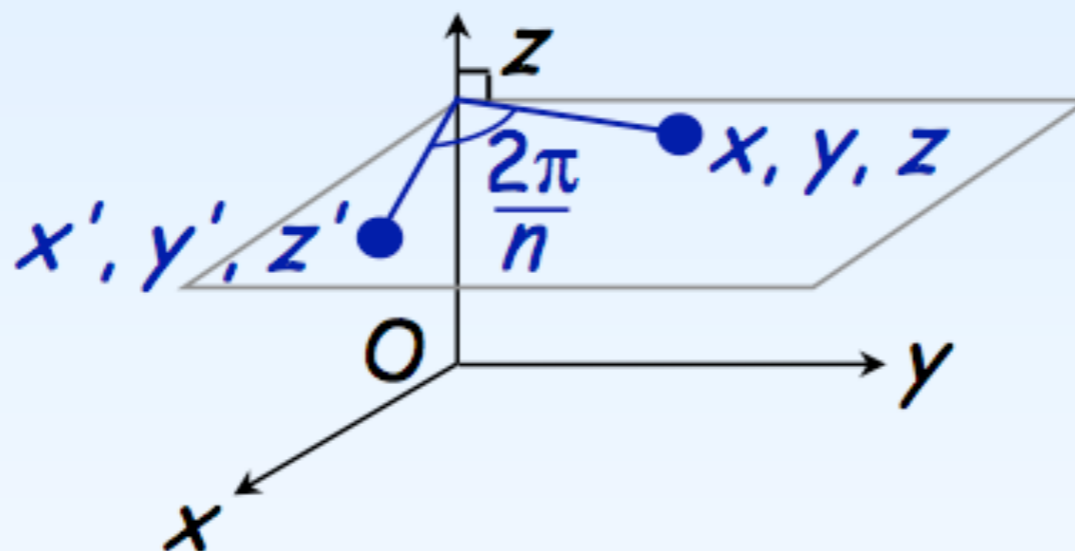
# CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC POINT GROUPS IN 3D (brief overview)

# Symmetry operations in 3D

## Rotations

**Rotation** (around an axis)

*Rotation of order  $n$  = rotation by  $\varphi = \frac{2\pi}{n}$*



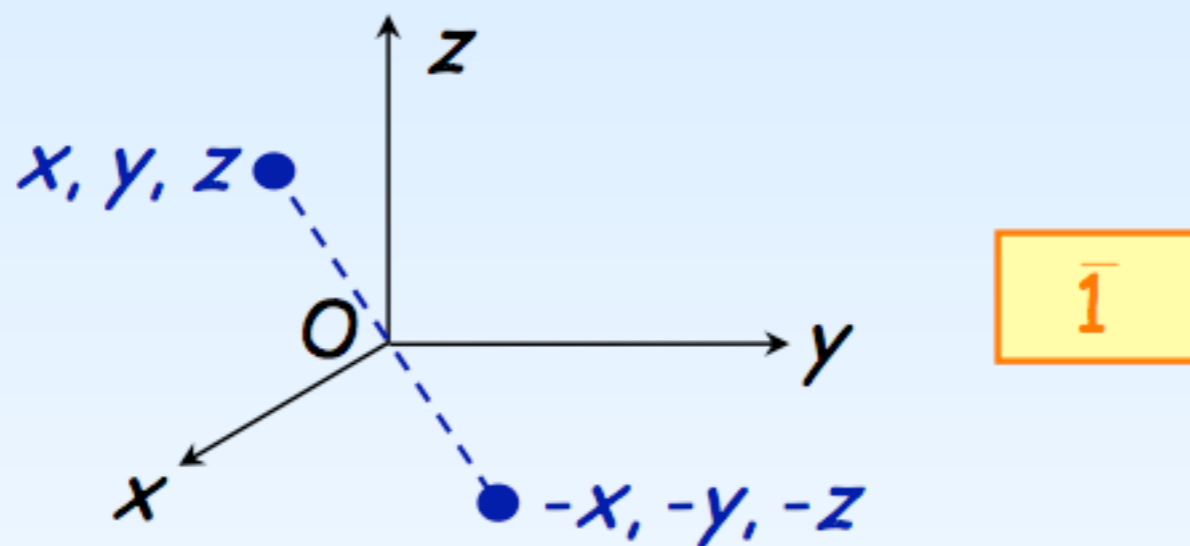
$$\alpha(n) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi & 0 \\ \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Det} = +1$$



# Symmetry operations in 3D

## Rotoinversions

**Inversion** (through a point)



*a crystal which has the inversion symmetry is called **centrosymmetrical**.*

$$\alpha(\bar{1}) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det} = -1$$

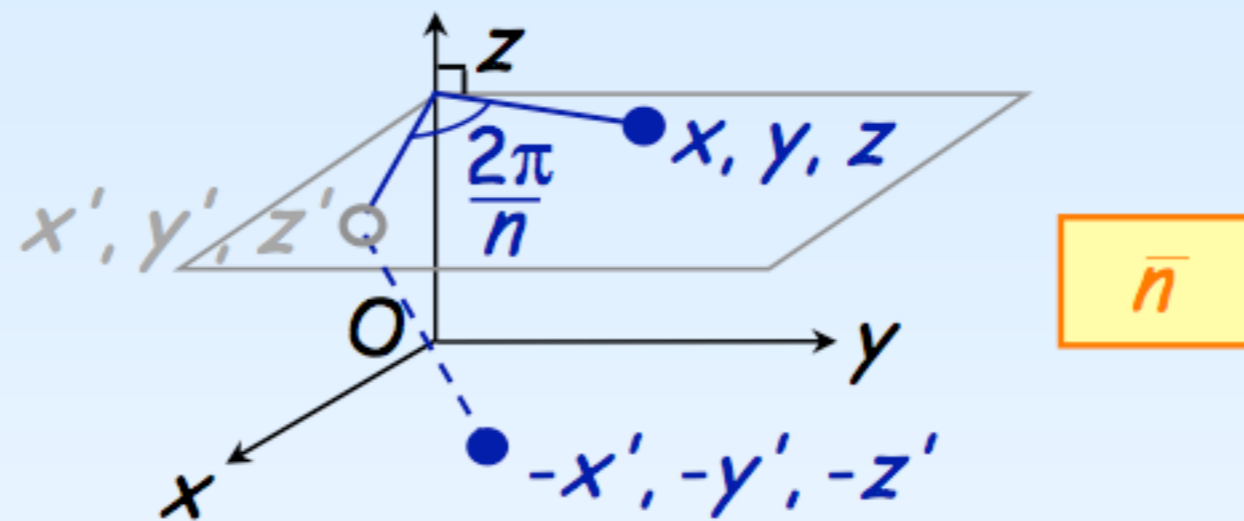
# Symmetry operations in 3D

## Rotoinversions

### Roto-inversion

(around an axis and through a point)

*Rotation followed by an inversion*

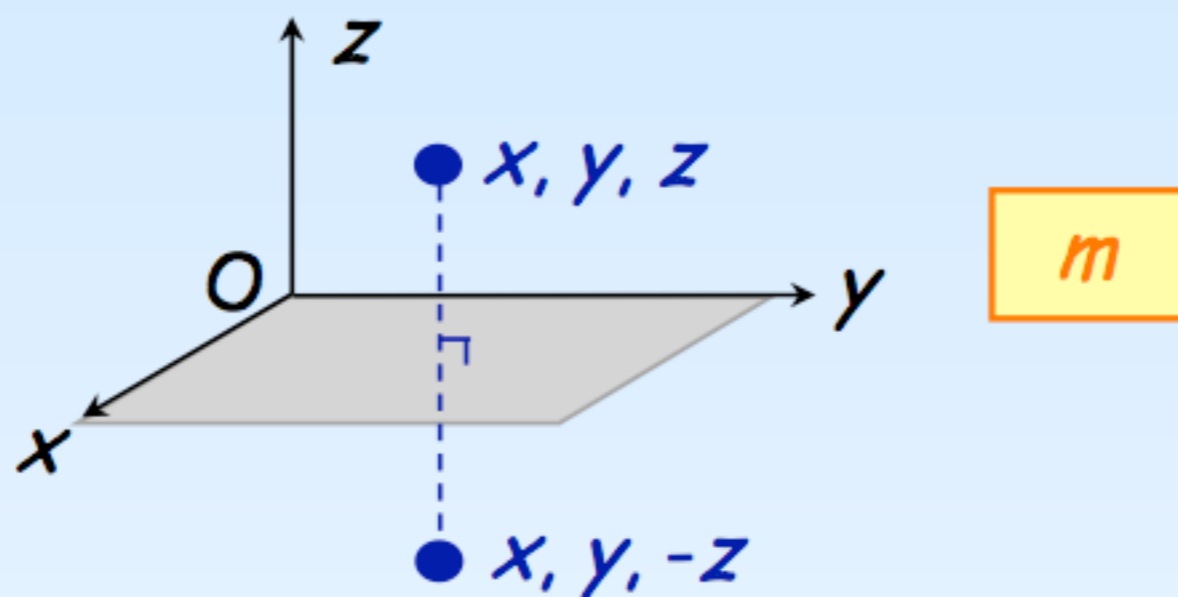


$$\alpha(\bar{n}) = \begin{pmatrix} -\cos\varphi & \sin\varphi & 0 \\ -\sin\varphi & -\cos\varphi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Det} = -1$$

# Symmetry operations in 3D

## Rotoinversions

Reflection (through a mirror plane)



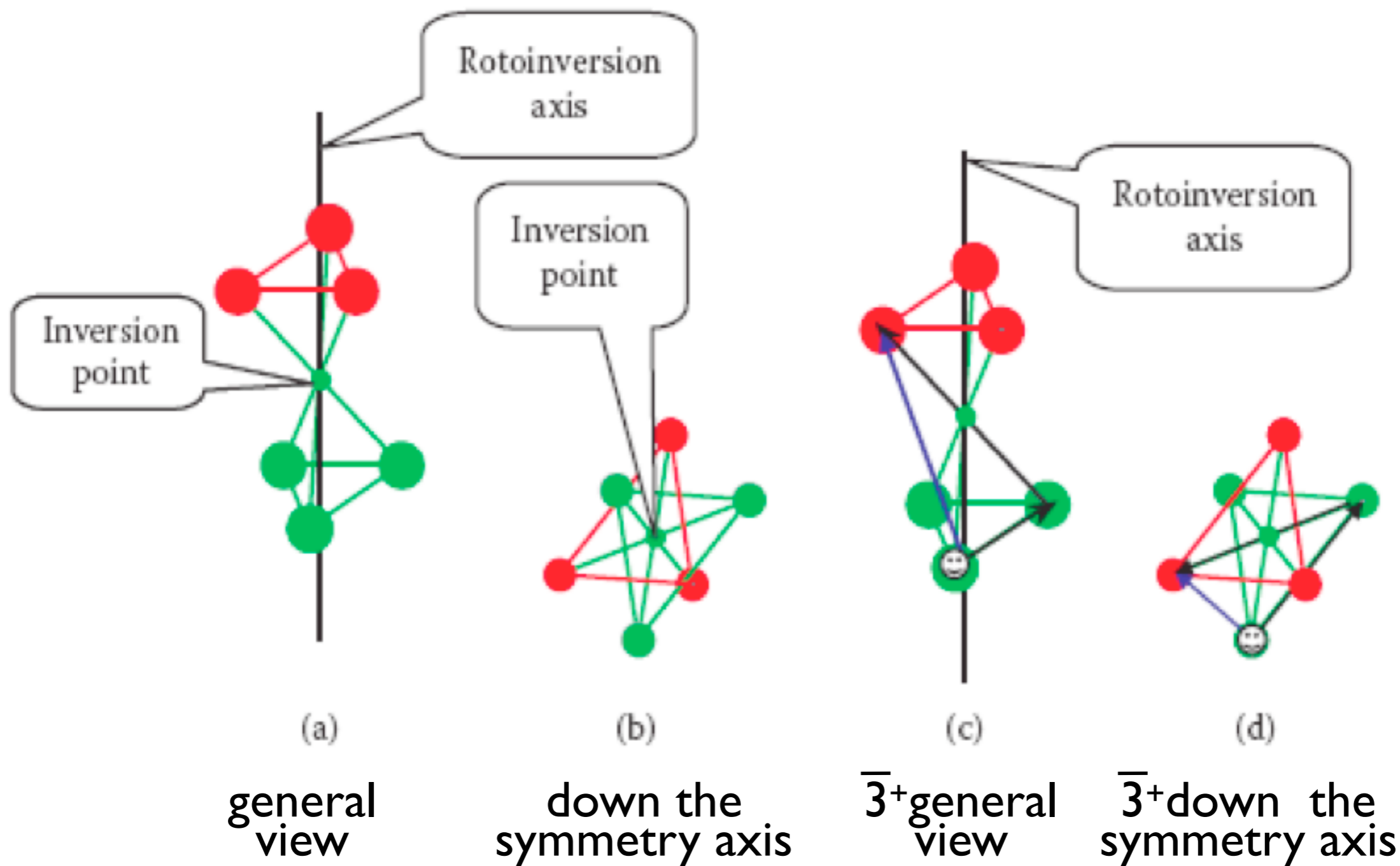
Note that:  $m = \bar{2}$  !

$$\alpha(\bar{1}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det} = -1$$

# Symmetry operations in 3D

## $\bar{3}$ Roto-inversion



# Crystallographic Point Groups in 3D

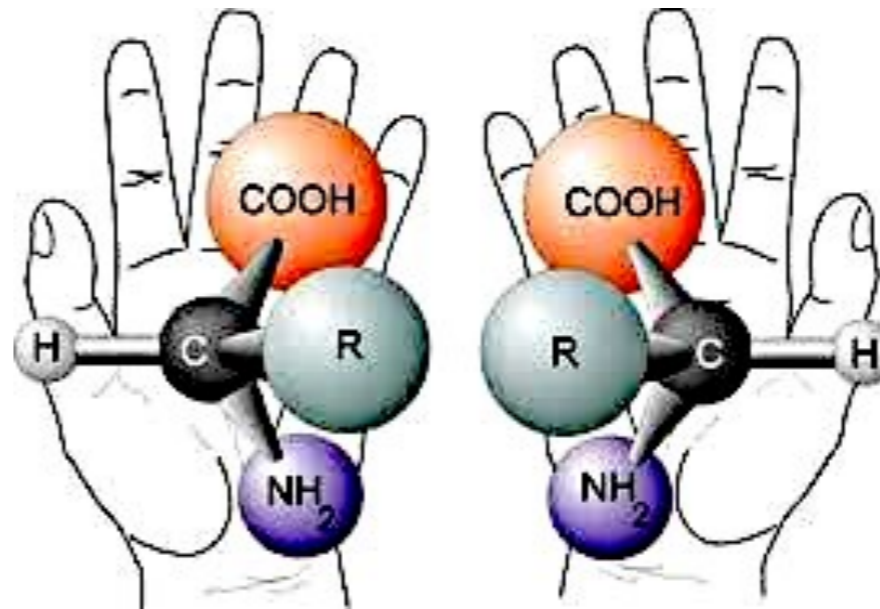
Proper rotations:  $\det = +1$ : 1 2 3 4 6

chirality preserving



Improper rotations:  $\det = -1$ :  $\bar{1}$   $\bar{2}=m$   $\bar{3}$   $\bar{4}$   $\bar{6}$

chirality non-preserving



# Crystallographic Point Groups in 3D

				Trigonal			
System used in this volume	Point group		Schoenflies symbol				
	International symbol						
	Short	Full					
Triclinic	1 $\bar{1}$	1 $\bar{1}$	$C_1$ $C_i(S_2)$				$C_3$ $C_{3i}(S_6)$ $D_3$
Monoclinic	2 $m$ $2/m$	2 $m$ $\frac{2}{m}$	$C_2$ $C_s(C_{1h})$ $C_{2h}$		$3m$	$3m$	$C_{3v}$
Orthorhombic	222 $mm2$ $mmm$	222 $mm2$ $\frac{2\ 2\ 2}{m\ m\ m}$	$D_2(V)$ $C_{2v}$ $D_{2h}(V_h)$		$\bar{3}m$	$\bar{3}\frac{2}{m}$	$D_{3d}$
Tetragonal	4 $\bar{4}$ $4/m$ 422 $4mm$ $\bar{4}2m$ $4/mmm$	4 $\bar{4}$ $\frac{4}{m}$ 422 $4mm$ $\bar{4}2m$ $\frac{4\ 2\ 2}{m\ m\ m}$	$C_4$ $S_4$ $C_{4h}$ $D_4$ $C_{4v}$ $D_{2d}(V_d)$ $D_{4h}$	Hexagonal	6 $\bar{6}$ $6/m$ 622 $6mm$ $\bar{6}2m$ $6/mmm$	6 $\bar{6}$ $\frac{6}{m}$ 622 $6mm$ $\bar{6}2m$ $\frac{6\ 2\ 2}{m\ m\ m}$	$C_6$ $C_{3h}$ $C_{6h}$ $D_6$ $C_{6v}$ $D_{3h}$ $D_{6h}$
				Cubic	23 $m\bar{3}$ 432 $\bar{4}3m$ $m\bar{3}m$	23 $\frac{2}{m}\bar{3}$ 432 $\bar{4}3m$ $\frac{4}{m}\bar{3}\frac{2}{m}$	$T$ $T_h$ $O$ $T_d$ $O_h$

*International Tables for Crystallography, Vol. A*

# Hermann-Mauguin symbolism (International Tables A)

- symmetry elements along *primary, secondary* and *ternary* symmetry directions
    - rotations: by the axes of rotation
    - planes: by the normals to the planes
  - rotations/planes along the same direction
  - full/short Hermann-Mauguin symbols
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- symmetry elements in decreasing order of symmetry (except for two cubic groups:  $23$  and  $m\bar{3}$ )



# Crystal systems and Crystallographic point groups

Crystal system	Crystallographic point groups†	Restrictions on cell parameters	primary	secondary	ternary
Triclinic	1, $\bar{1}$	None	None		
Monoclinic	2, $m$ , $2/m$	$b$ -unique setting $\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ$	[010] ('unique axis $b$ ') [001] ('unique axis $c$ ')		
		$c$ -unique setting $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ$			
Orthorhombic	222, $mm2$ , $mmm$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$	[100]	[010]	[001]
Tetragonal	4, $\bar{4}$ , $4/m$ 422, $4mm$ , $\bar{4}2m$ , $4/mmm$	$a = b$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$	[001]	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [100] \\ [010] \end{array} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [1\bar{1}0] \\ [110] \end{array} \right\}$



# Crystal systems and Crystallographic point groups

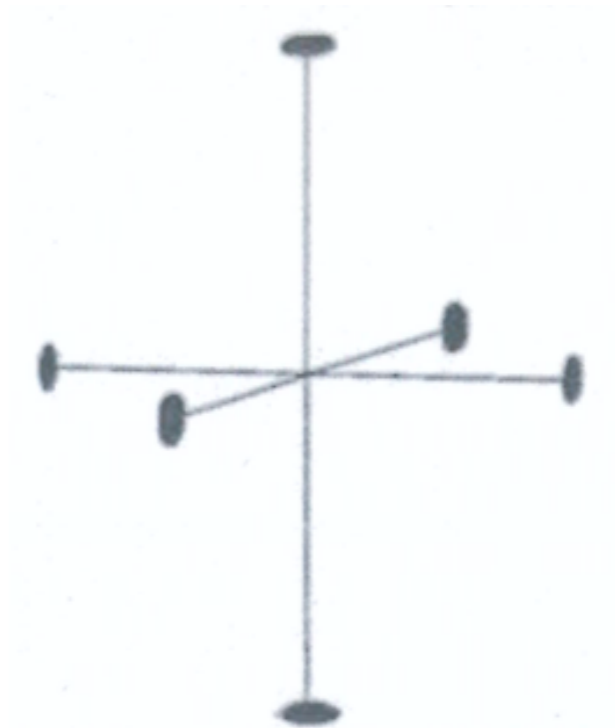
Crystal system	Crystallographic point groups†	Restrictions on cell parameters	primary	secondary	ternary
Trigonal	3, $\bar{3}$ 32, 3m, $\bar{3}m$	$a = b$ $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ, \gamma = 120^\circ$			
		$a = b = c$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma$ (rhombohedral axes, primitive cell)	[111]	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [1\bar{1}0] \\ [01\bar{1}] \\ [\bar{1}01] \end{array} \right\}$	
		$a = b$ $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ, \gamma = 120^\circ$ (hexagonal axes, triple obverse cell)	[001]	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [100] \\ [010] \\ [\bar{1}\bar{1}0] \end{array} \right\}$	
Hexagonal	6, $\bar{6}$ , $6/m$ 622, 6mm, $\bar{6}2m$ , $6/mmm$	$a = b$ $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ, \gamma = 120^\circ$	[001]	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [100] \\ [010] \\ [\bar{1}\bar{1}0] \end{array} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [1\bar{1}0] \\ [120] \\ [\bar{2}\bar{1}0] \end{array} \right\}$
Cubic	23, $m\bar{3}$ 432, $43m$ , $m\bar{3}m$	$a = b = c$ $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [100] \\ [010] \\ [001] \end{array} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [111] \\ [1\bar{1}\bar{1}] \\ [\bar{1}\bar{1}1] \\ [\bar{1}\bar{1}\bar{1}] \end{array} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} [1\bar{1}0] & [110] \\ [01\bar{1}] & [011] \\ [\bar{1}01] & [101] \end{array} \right\}$

# Rotation Crystallographic Point Groups in 3D

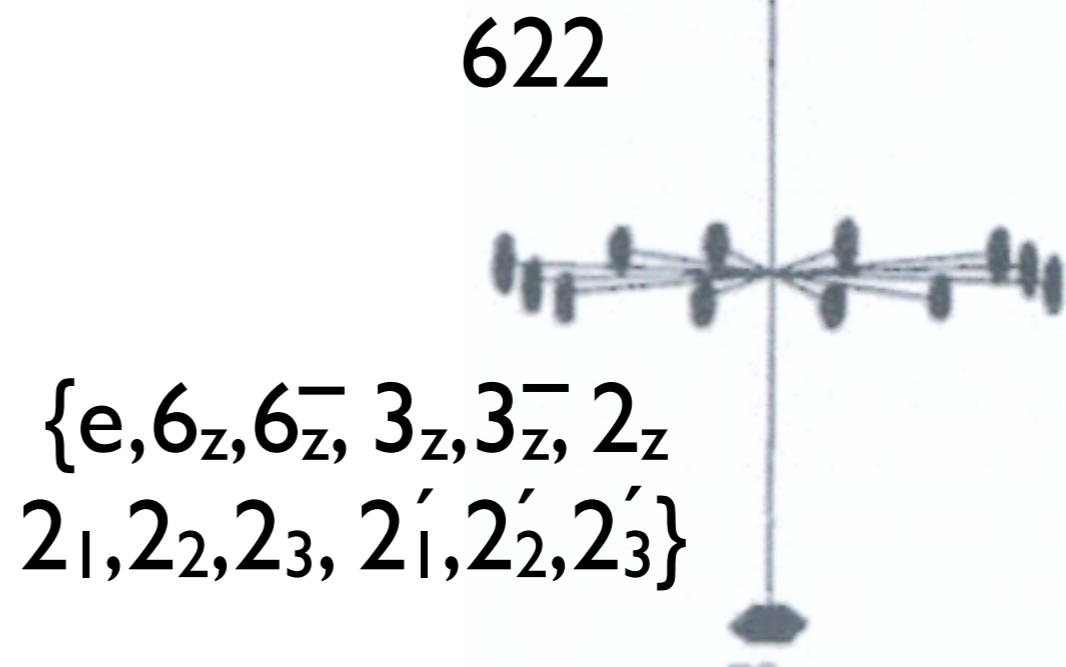
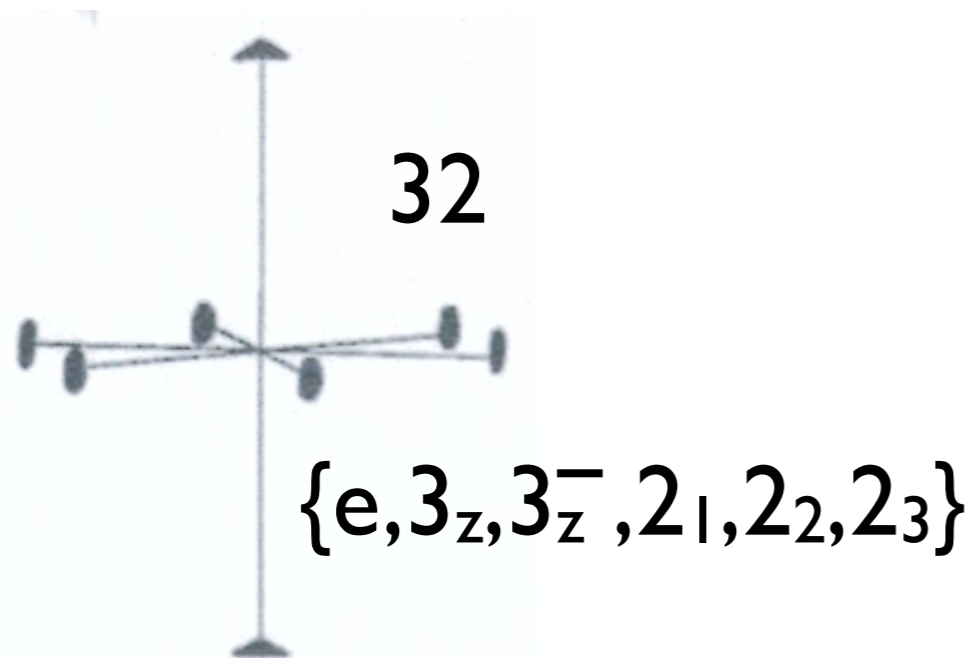
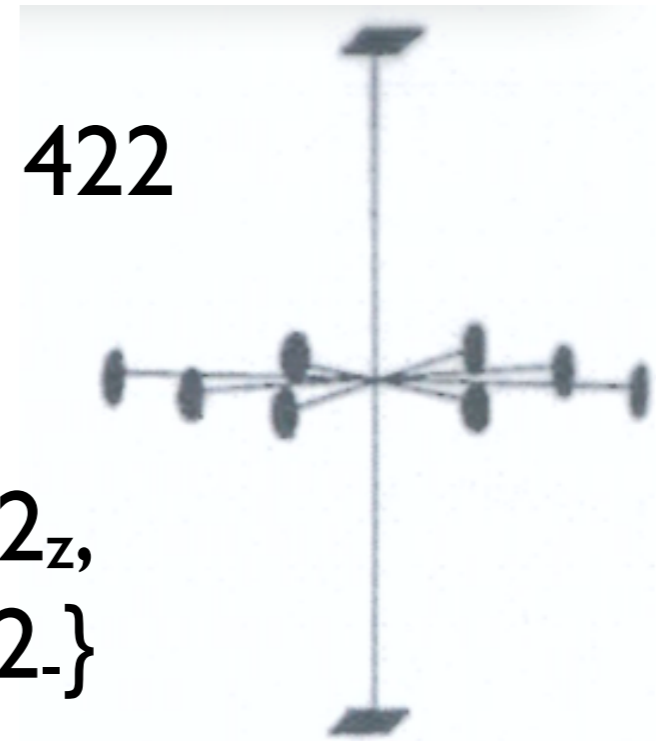
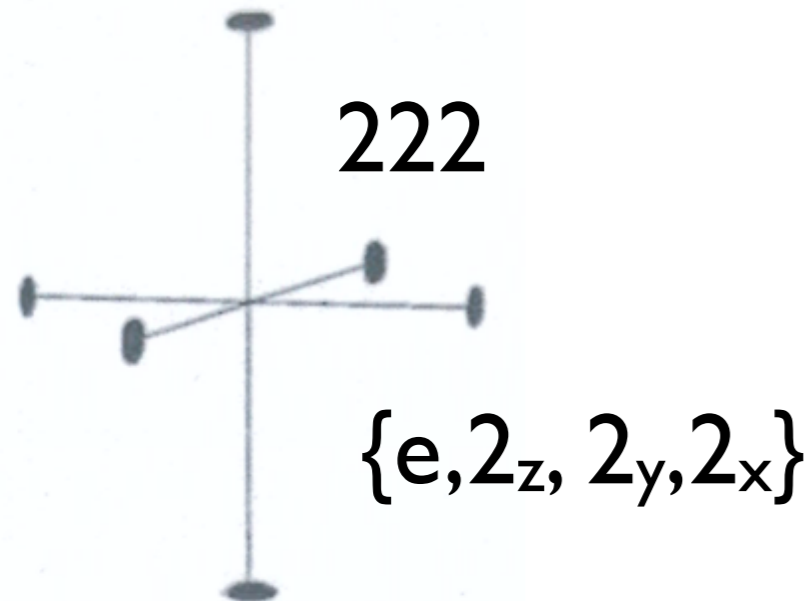
Cyclic: 1 ( $C_1$ ), 2 ( $C_2$ ), 3 ( $C_3$ ), 4 ( $C_4$ ), 6 ( $C_6$ )

Dihedral: 222 ( $D_2$ ), 32 ( $D_3$ ), 422 ( $D_4$ ), 622 ( $D_6$ )

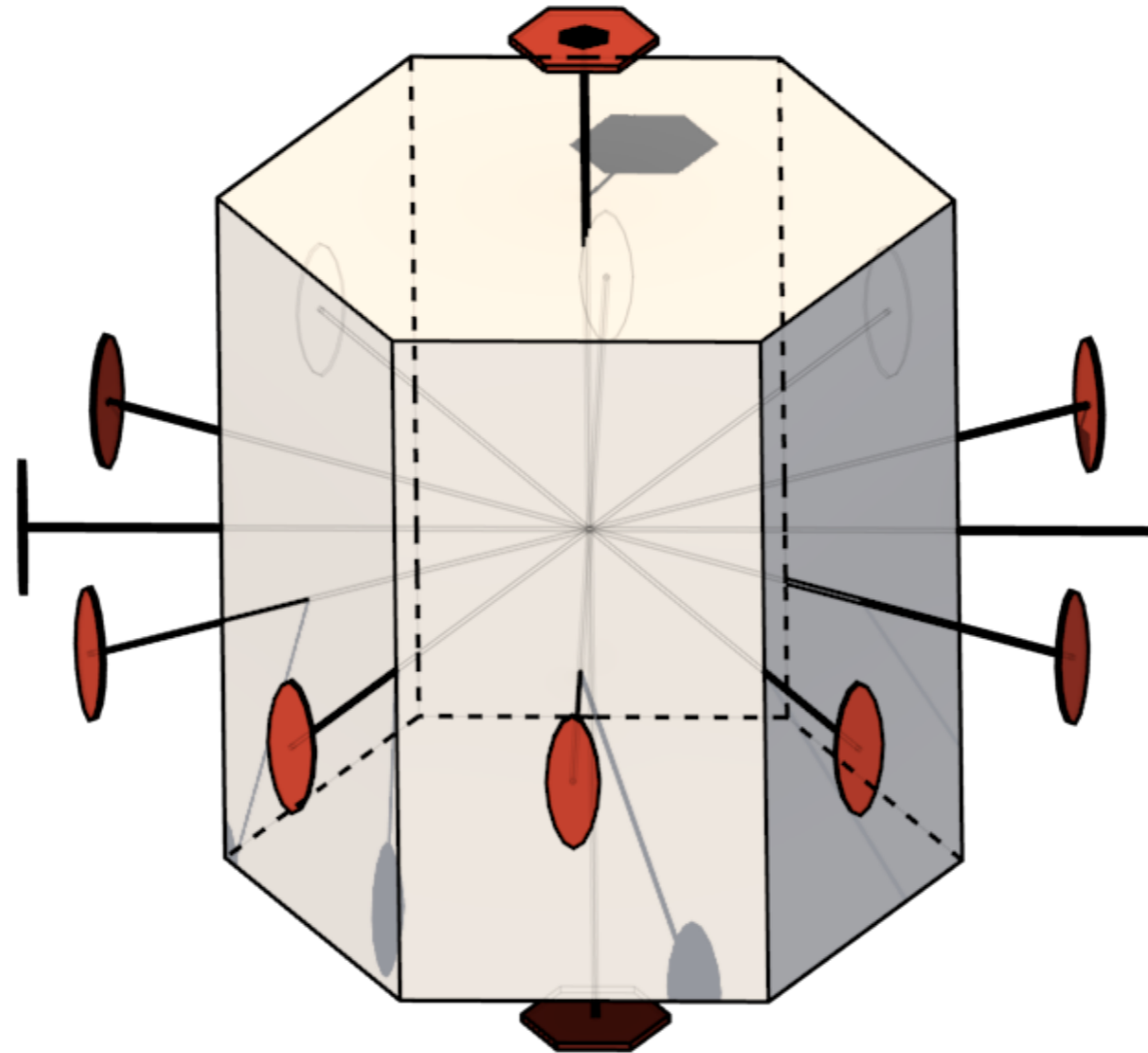
Cubic: 23 ( $T$ ), 432 ( $O$ )



# Dihedral Point Groups

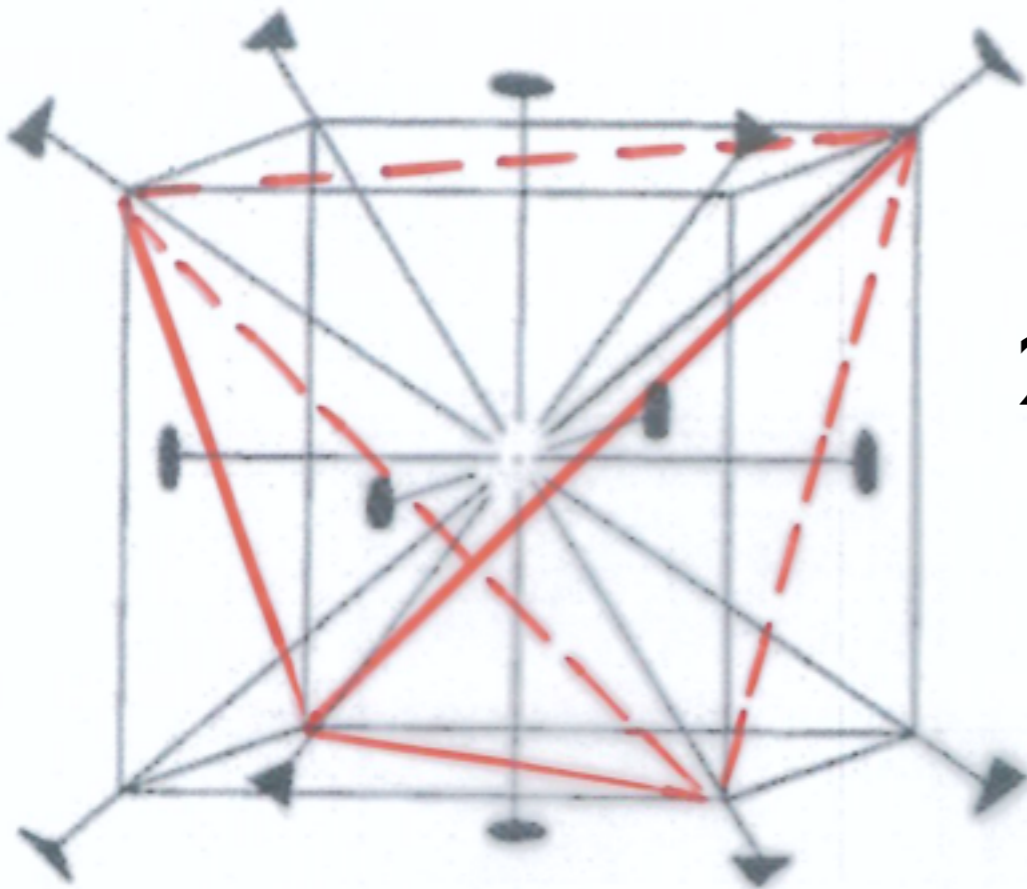


622 ( $D_6$ )



$\{e, 6_z, 6_z^-, 3_z, 3_z^-, 2_z, 2_1, 2_2, 2_3, 2_1, 2_2, 2_3\}$

# Cubic Rotational Point Groups

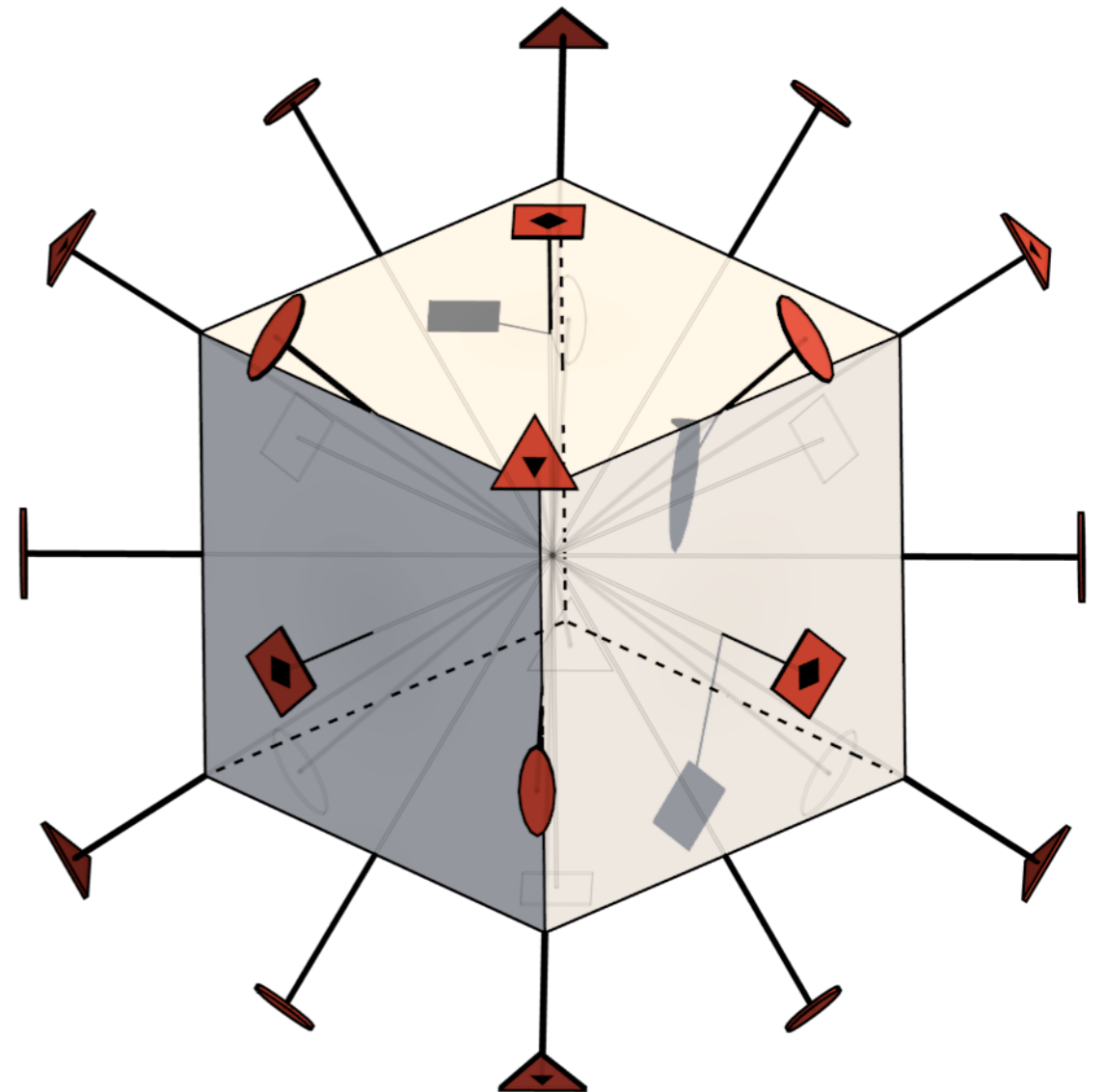


23 (T)

$\{e, 2_x, 2_y, 2_z,$   
 $3_1, 3_1^-, 3_2, 3_2^-, 3_3, 3_3^-, 3_4, 3_4^-\}$

$\{e, 2_x, 2_y, 2_z,$   
 $4_x, 4_x^-, 4_y, 4_y^-, 4_z, 4_z^-,$   
 $3_1, 3_1^-, 3_2, 3_2^-, 3_3, 3_3^-, 3_4, 3_4^-,$   
 $2_1, 2_2, 2_3, 2_4, 2_5, 2_6\}$

432(O)



# Direct-product groups

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are two groups. The set of all pairs  $\{(g_1, g_2), g_1 \in G_1, g_2 \in G_2\}$  forms a group  $G_1 \otimes G_2$  with respect to the product:  $(g_1, g_2)(g'_1, g'_2) = (g_1 g'_1, g_2 g'_2)$ .

The group  $G = G_1 \otimes G_2$  is called a **direct-product** group

Point group **mm2** =  $\{1, 2_{001}, m_{100}, m_{010}\}$

$$G_1 = \{1, 2_{001}\} \quad G_2 = \{1, m_{100}\}$$

$$G_1 \otimes G_2 = \{1.1, 2_{001}.1, 1.m_{100}, 2_{001}m_{100} = m_{010}\}$$

## Centro-symmetrical groups

$G_1$ : rotational groups     $G_2 = \{1, \bar{1}\}$  group of inversion

$$G_1 \otimes \{1, \bar{1}\} = G_1 + \bar{1}.G_1$$

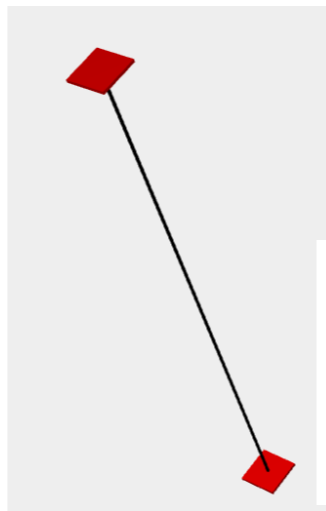
$$\{1, 2_{001}, m_{100}, m_{010}\} \otimes \{1, \bar{1}\} =$$

$$\{1.1, 2_{001}.1, m_{100}.1, m_{010}.1, 1.\bar{1}, 2_{001}.\bar{1}, m_{100}.\bar{1}, m_{010}.\bar{1}\}$$

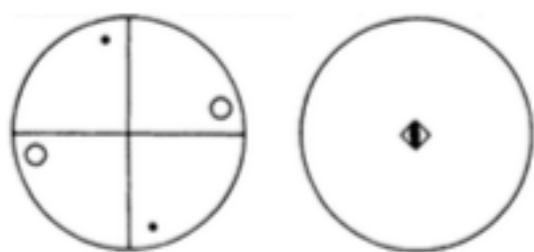
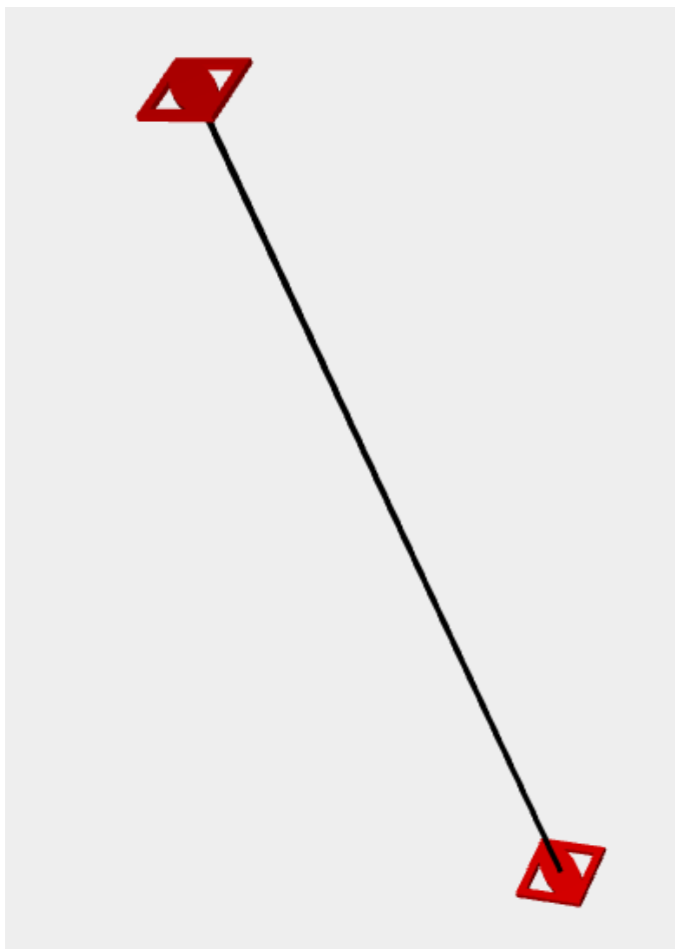
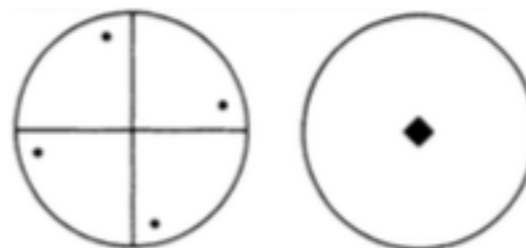
$$\{1, 2_{001}, m_{100}, m_{010}, \bar{1}, m_{001}, 2_{100}, 2_{010}\} = 2/m2/m2/m \text{ or } mmm$$

# Crystallographic Point Groups

G	$G+\bar{1}G$	$G(G')$	$G'+\bar{1}(G-G')$
1 ( $C_1$ )	$1+\bar{1}.1=\bar{1}$ ( $C_i$ )	----	-----
2 ( $C_2$ )	$2+\bar{1}.2=2/m$ ( $C_{2h}$ )	2(1)	m ( $C_s$ )
3 ( $C_3$ )	$3+\bar{1}.3=\bar{3}$ ( $C_{3i}$ or $S_6$ )	----	-----
4 ( $C_4$ )	$4+\bar{1}.4=4/m$ ( $C_{4h}$ )	4(2)	$\bar{4}$ ( $S_4$ )
6 ( $C_6$ )	$6+\bar{1}.6=6/m$ ( $C_{6h}$ )	6(3)	$\bar{6}$ ( $C_{3h}$ )

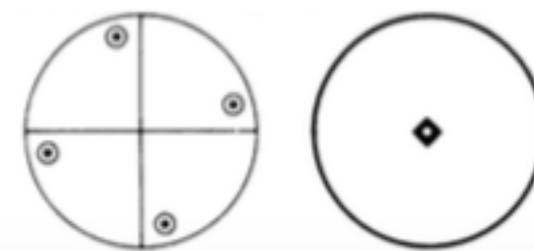
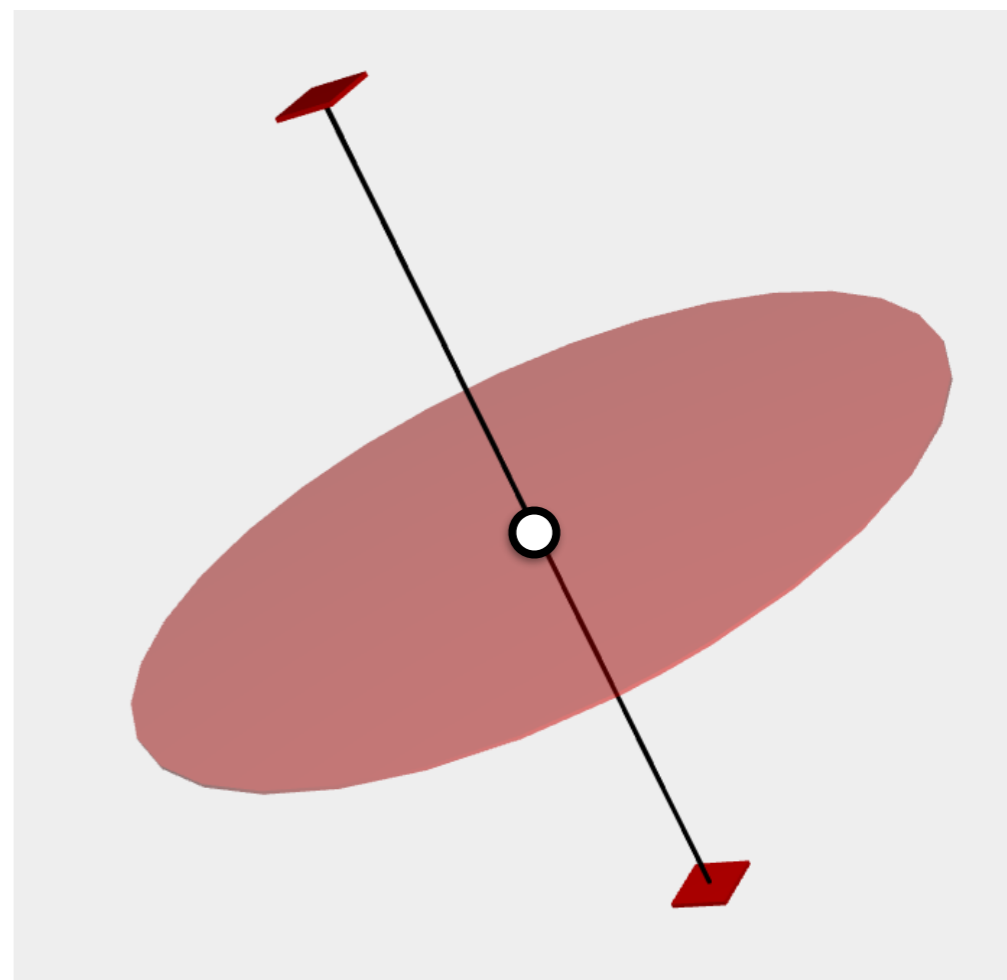


4 ( $C_4$ )



4(2)

4 ( $S_4$ )



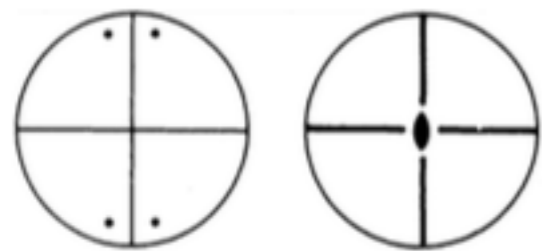
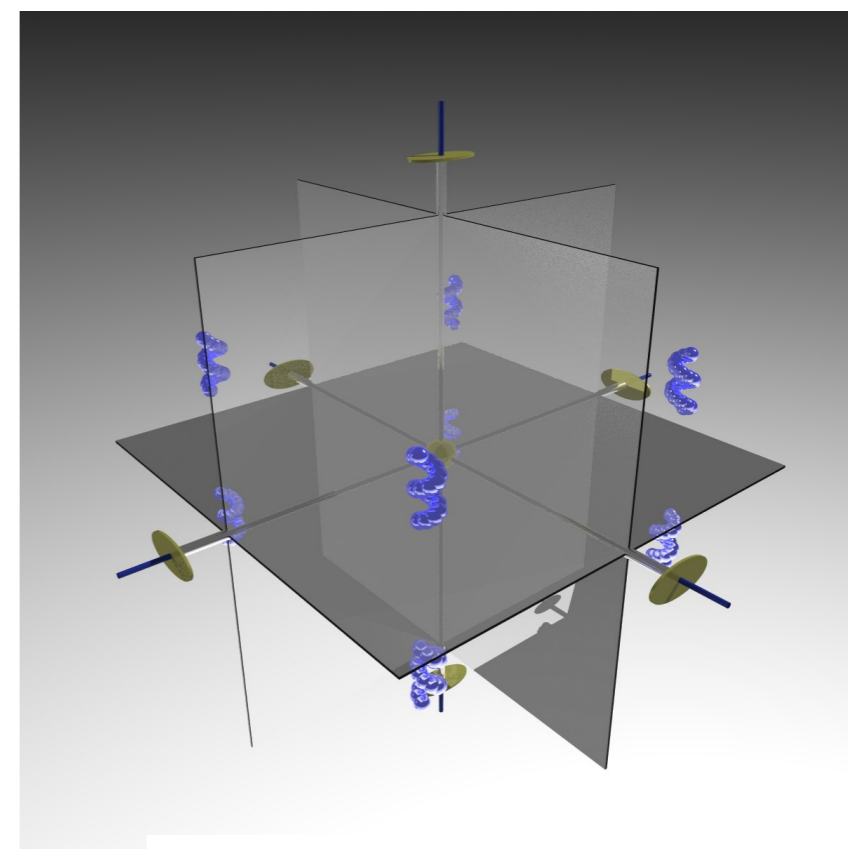
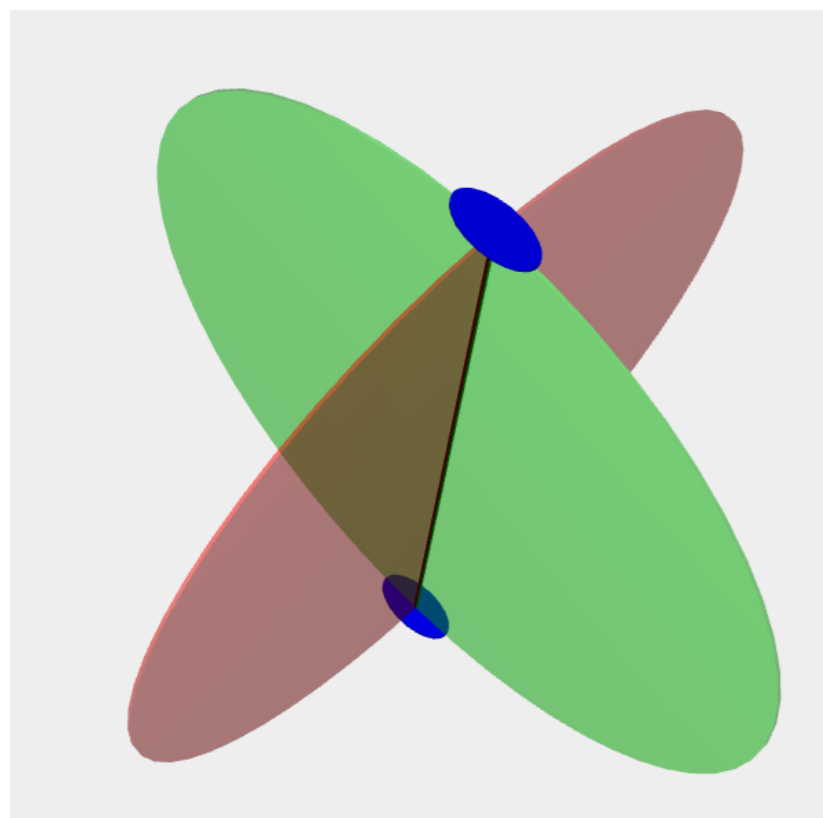
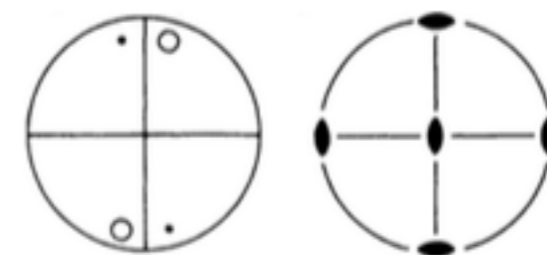
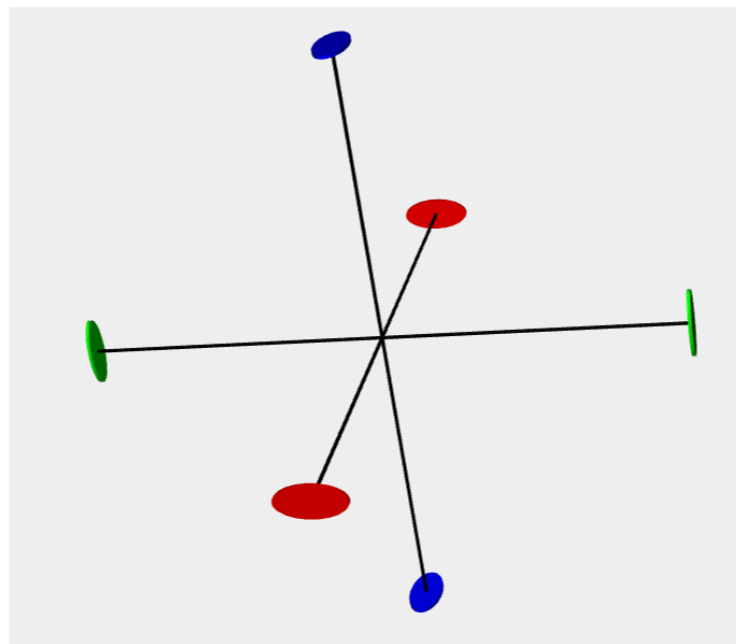
4 +  $\bar{1}.4 = 4/m$  ( $C_{4h}$ )



# Crystallographic Point Groups

G	$G + \bar{1}G$	$G(G')$	$G' + \bar{1}(G - G')$
222 ( $D_2$ )	$222 + \bar{1}.222 = 2/m2/m2/m$ $mmm (D_{2h})$	222(2)	2mm ( $C_{2v}$ )
32 ( $D_3$ )	$32 + \bar{1}.32 = \bar{3}2/m$ $\bar{3}m (D_{3d})$	32(3)	3m ( $C_{3v}$ )
422 ( $D_4$ )	$422 + \bar{1}.422 = 4/m2/m2/m$ $4/mmm (D_{4h})$	422(4) 422(222)	4mm ( $C_{4v}$ ) $\bar{4}2m (D_{2d})$
622 ( $D_6$ )	$622 + \bar{1}.622 = 6/m2/m2/m$ $6/mmm (D_{6h})$	622(6) 622(32)	6mm ( $C_{6v}$ ) $\bar{6}2m (D_{3h})$
23 (T)	$23 + \bar{1}.23 = 2/m\bar{3}$ $m\bar{3} (T_h)$	----	----
432 (O)	$432 + \bar{1}.432 = 4/m\bar{3}2/m$ $m\bar{3}m (O_h)$	432(23)	$\bar{4}3m (T_d)$

222 ( $D_2$ )



222(2)

2mm ( $C_{2v}$ )

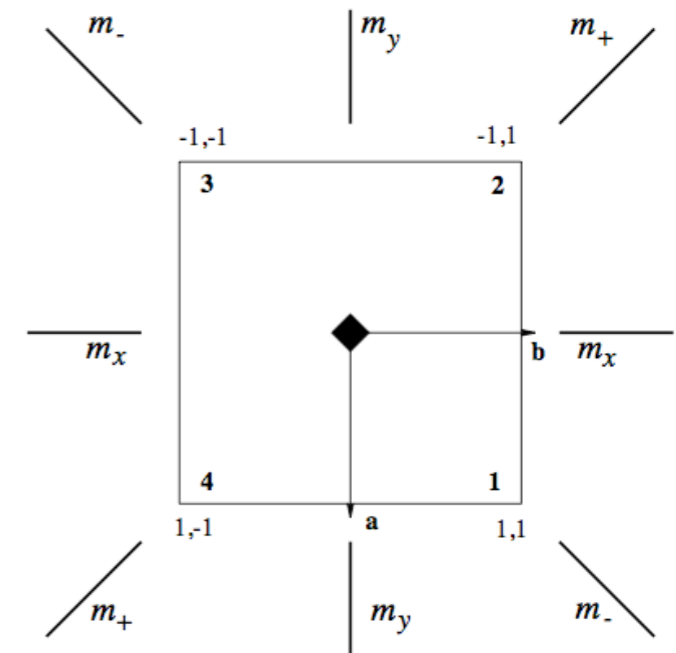
$222 + \bar{1} \cdot 222 = 2/m2/m2/m$

mmm ( $D_{2h}$ )

# Crystallographic Point Groups

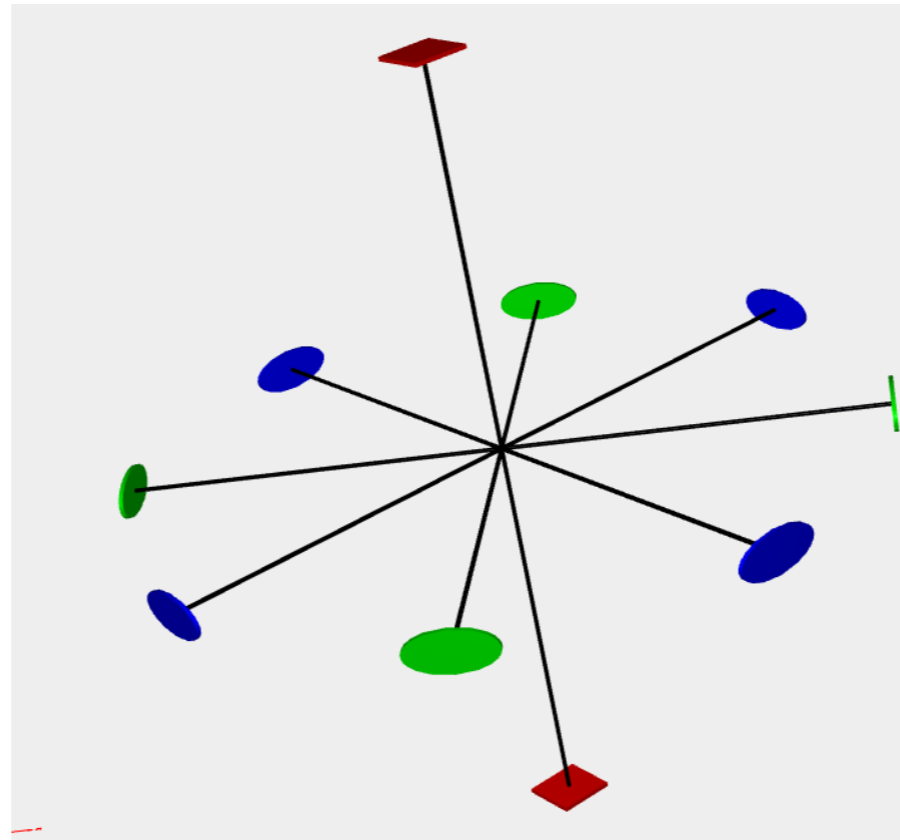
## Groups isomorphic to 422

422	e	$4_z$	$4_z^-$	$2_z$	$2_x$	$2_y$	$2_+2_-$
4mm	e	$4_z$	$4_z^-$	$2_z$	$m_x$	$m_y$	$m_+m_-$
$\bar{4}2m$	e	$\bar{4}_z$	$\bar{4}_z^-$	$2_z$	$2_x$	$2_y$	$m_+m_-$
$\bar{4}m2$	e	$\bar{4}_z$	$\bar{4}_z^-$	$2_z$	$m_x$	$m_y$	$2_+2_-$

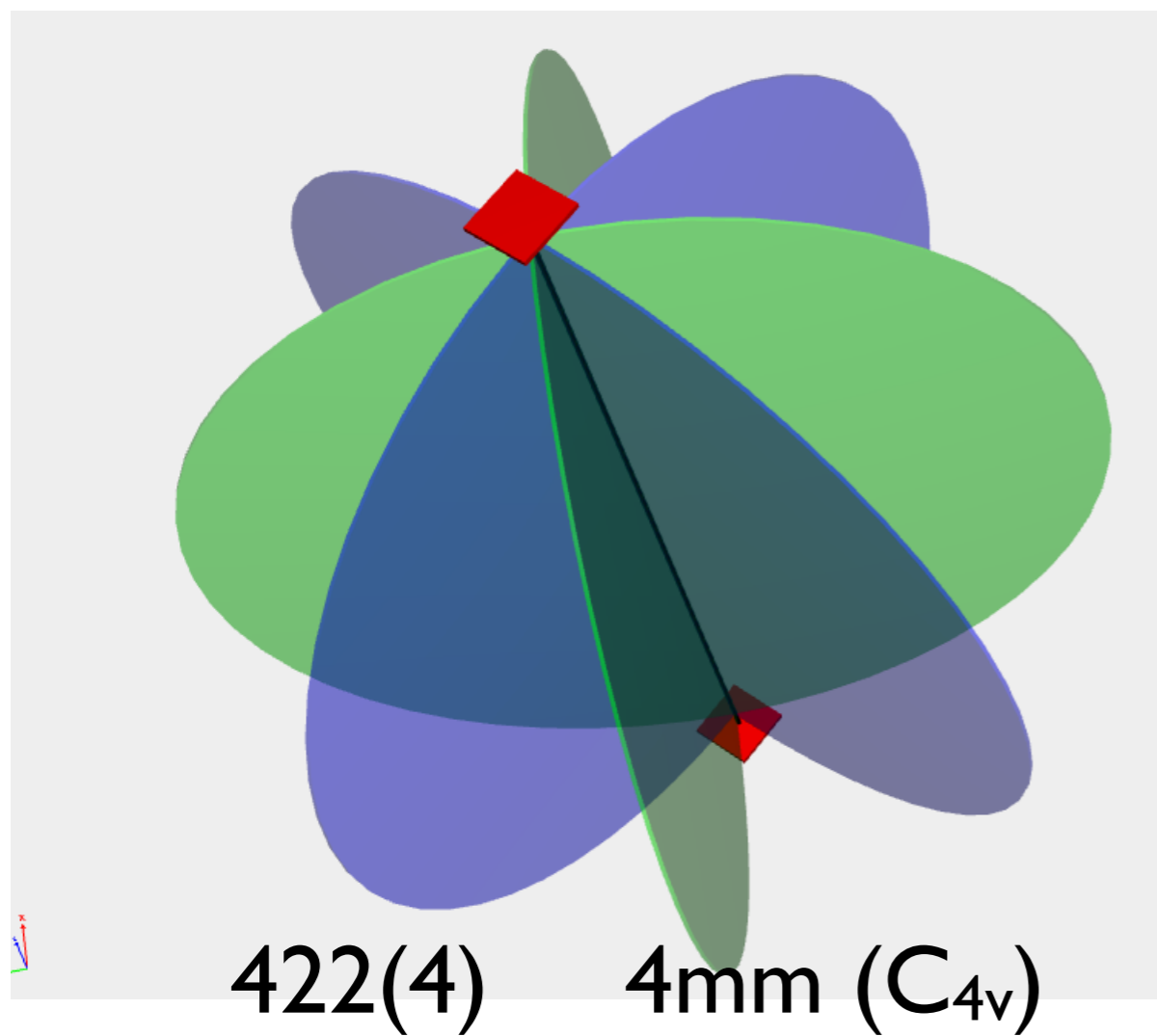


## Groups isomorphic to 622

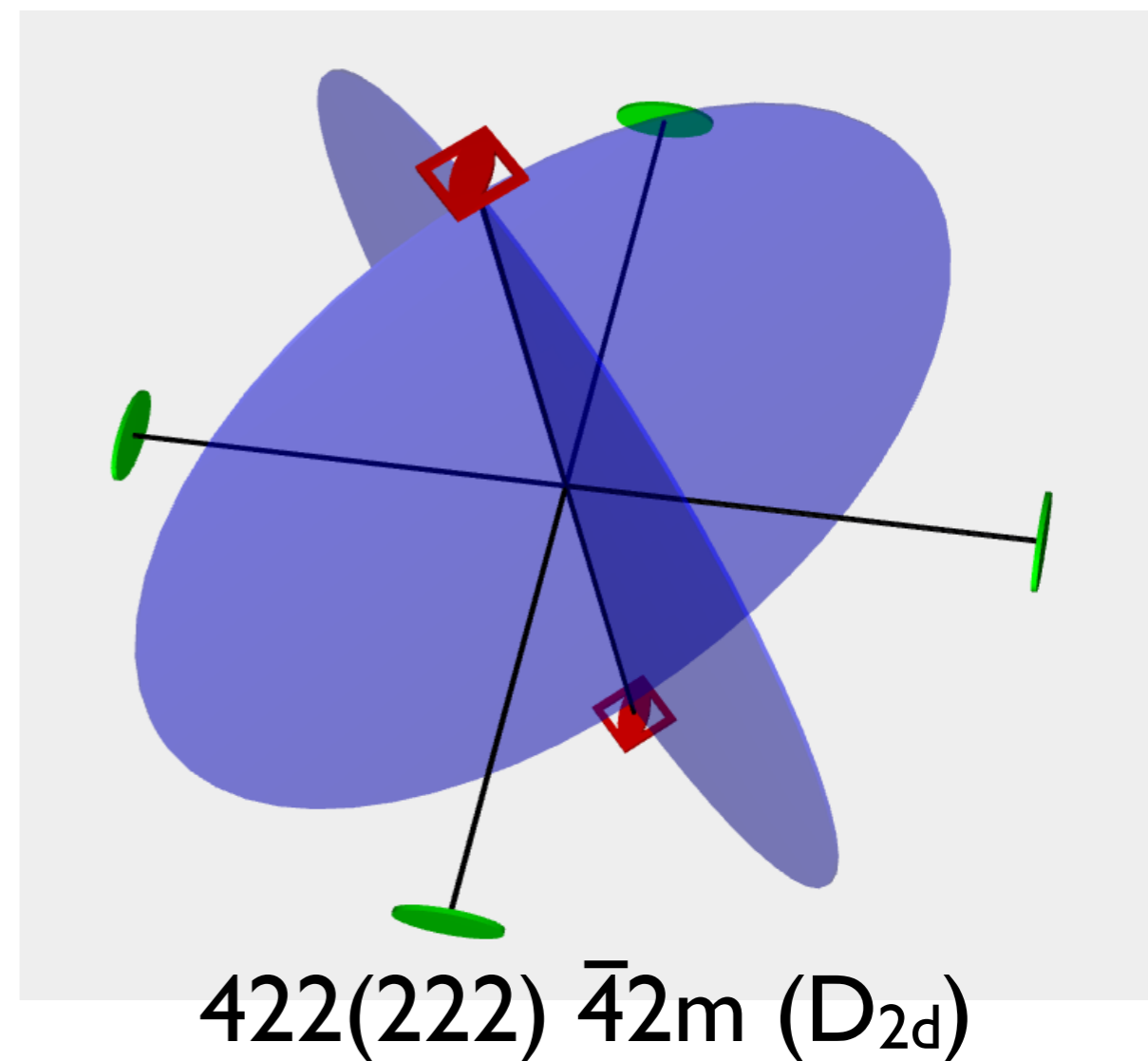
622	e	$6_z$	$6_z^-$	$3_z$	$3_z^-$	$2_z$	$2_1 2_2 2_3$	$2'_1 2'_2 2'_3$
6mm	e	$6_z$	$6_z^-$	$3_z$	$3_z^-$	$2_z$	$m_1 m_2 m_3$	$m'_1 m'_2 m'_3$
$\bar{6}2m$	e	$\bar{6}_z$	$\bar{6}_z^-$	$3_z$	$3_z^-$	$m_z$	$2_1 2_2 2_3$	$m'_1 m'_2 m'_3$
$\bar{6}m2$	e	$\bar{6}_z$	$\bar{6}_z^-$	$3_z$	$3_z^-$	$m_z$	$m_1 m_2 m_3$	$2'_1 2'_2 2'_3$



422 ( $D_4$ )



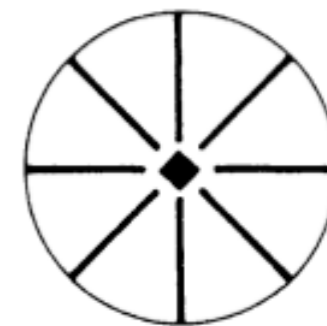
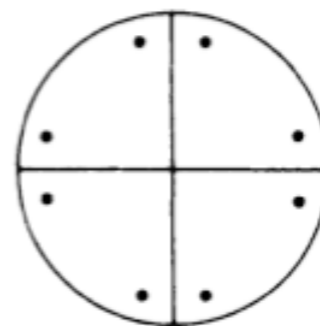
422(4) 4mm ( $C_{4v}$ )



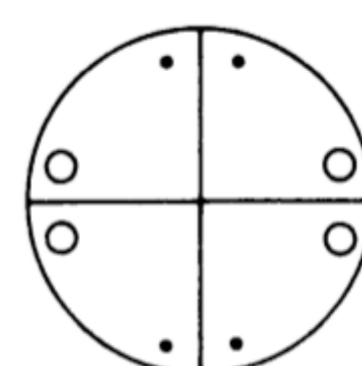
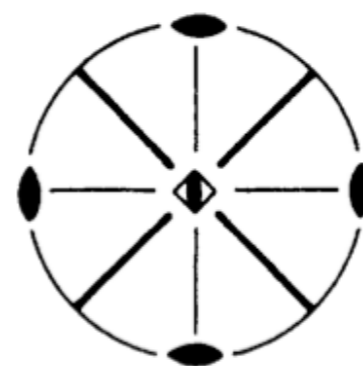
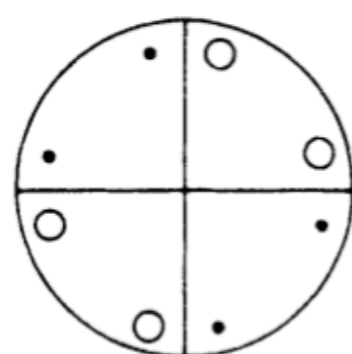
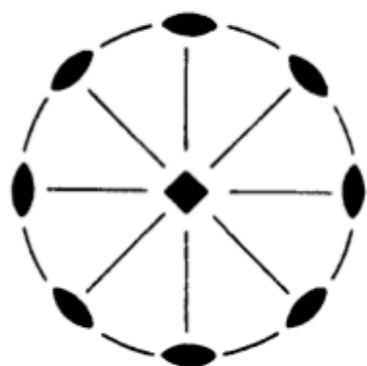
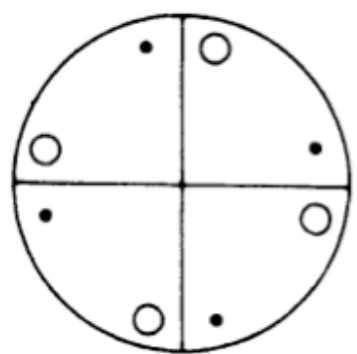
422(222)  $\bar{4}2m$  ( $D_{2d}$ )

## Problem 2.11

**$4mm$**



Consider the following three pairs of stereographic projections. Each of them correspond to a crystallographic point group isomorphic to  **$4mm$** :



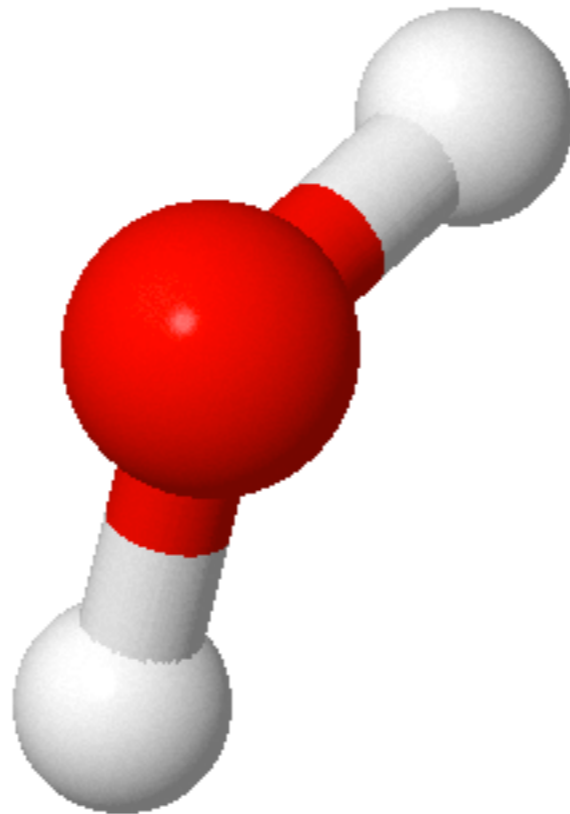
- (i) Determine those point groups by indicating their symbols, symmetry operations and possible sets of generators;
- (ii) For each of the isomorphic point groups indicate the one-to-one correspondence with the symmetry operations of  **$4mm$** .

# MOLECULAR POINT-GROUP SYMMETRY

# Molecular Point-group Symmetry

## Example

Determine the symmetry elements and the corresponding point groups for the molecule of water

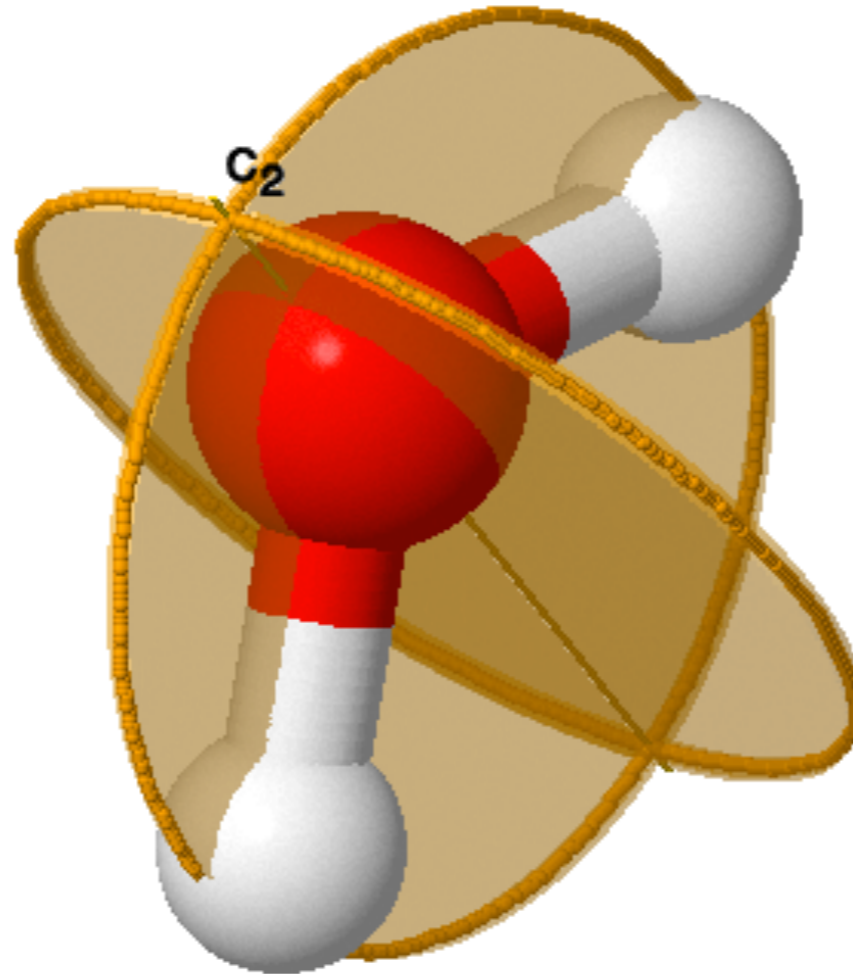


molecule of water

Example

# Molecular Point-group Symmetry

SOLUTION



molecule of water

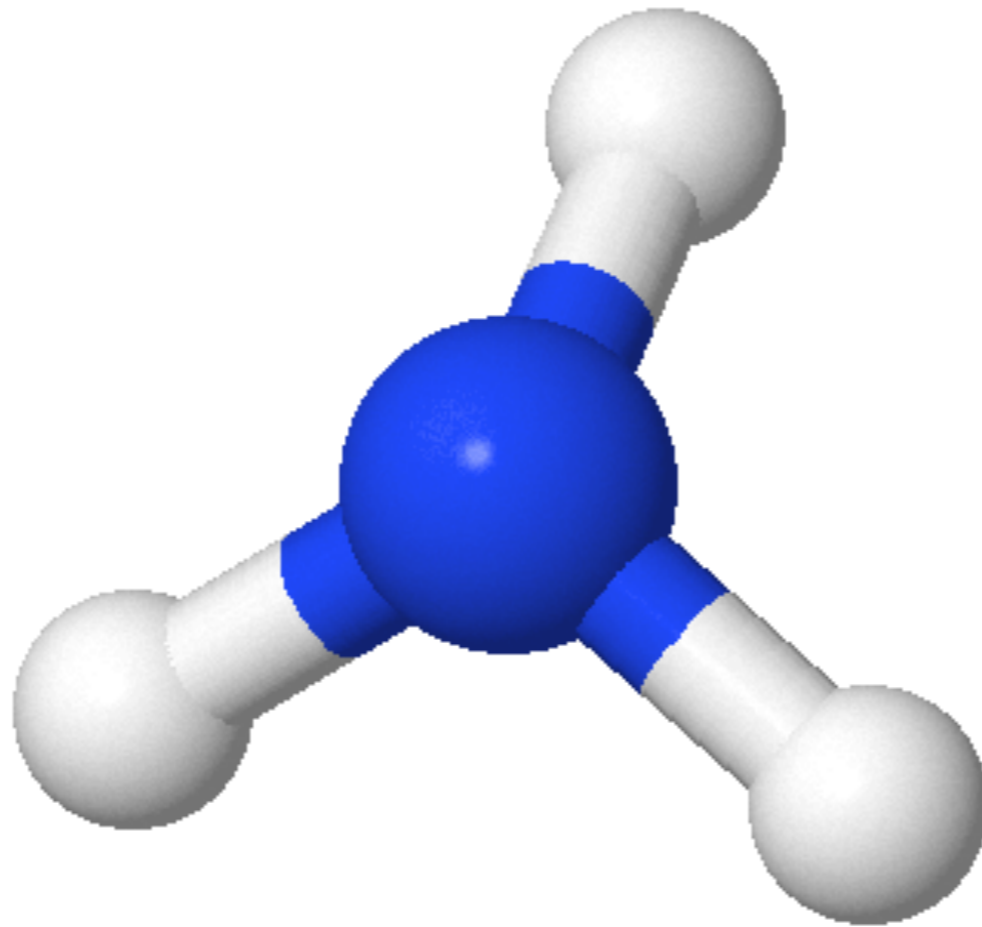
symmetry group:  $mm2$



# Molecular Point-group Symmetry

## Example

Determine the symmetry elements and the corresponding point groups for the molecule of ammonia

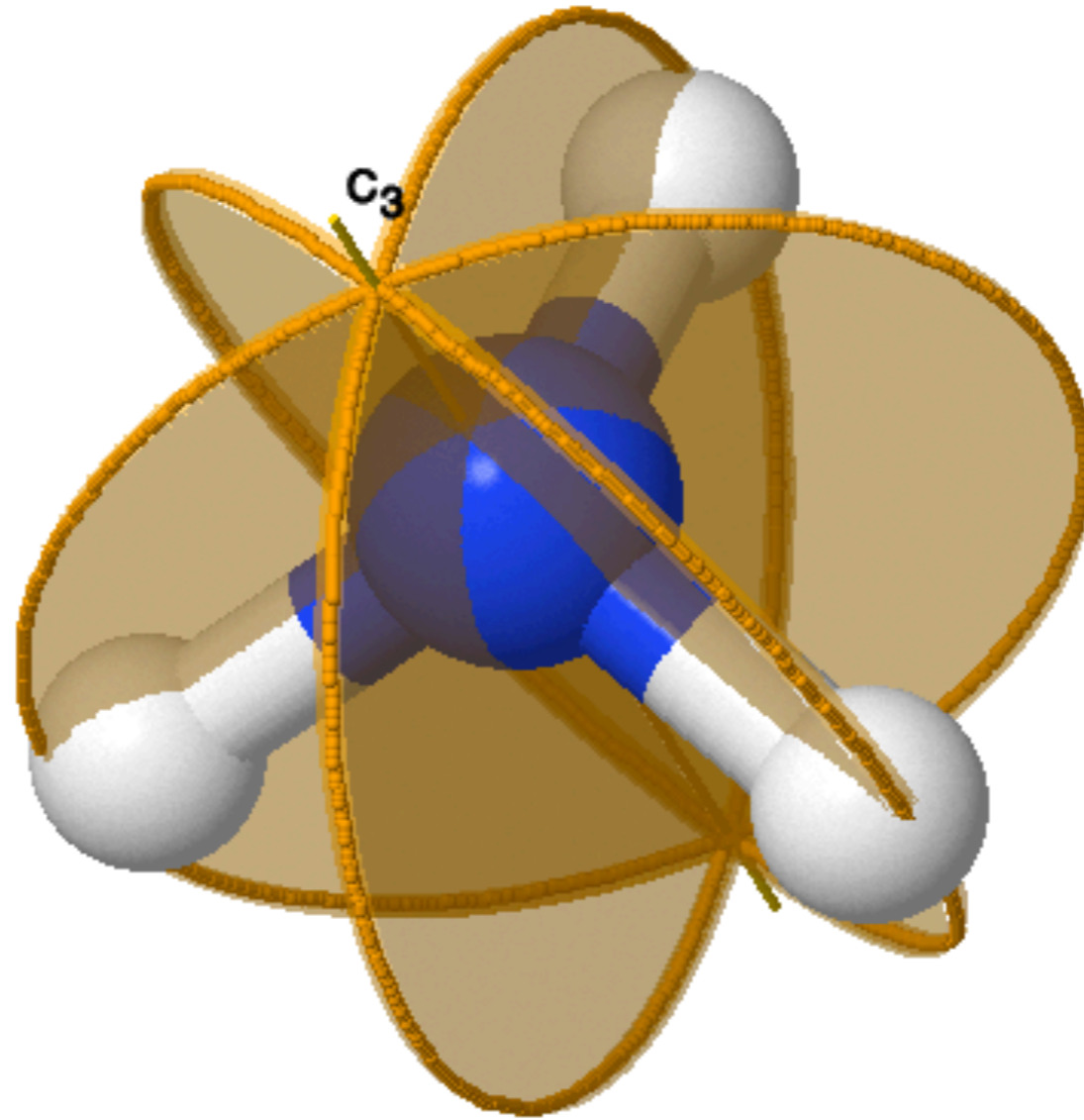


ammonia molecule

Example

# Molecular Point-group Symmetry

SOLUTION



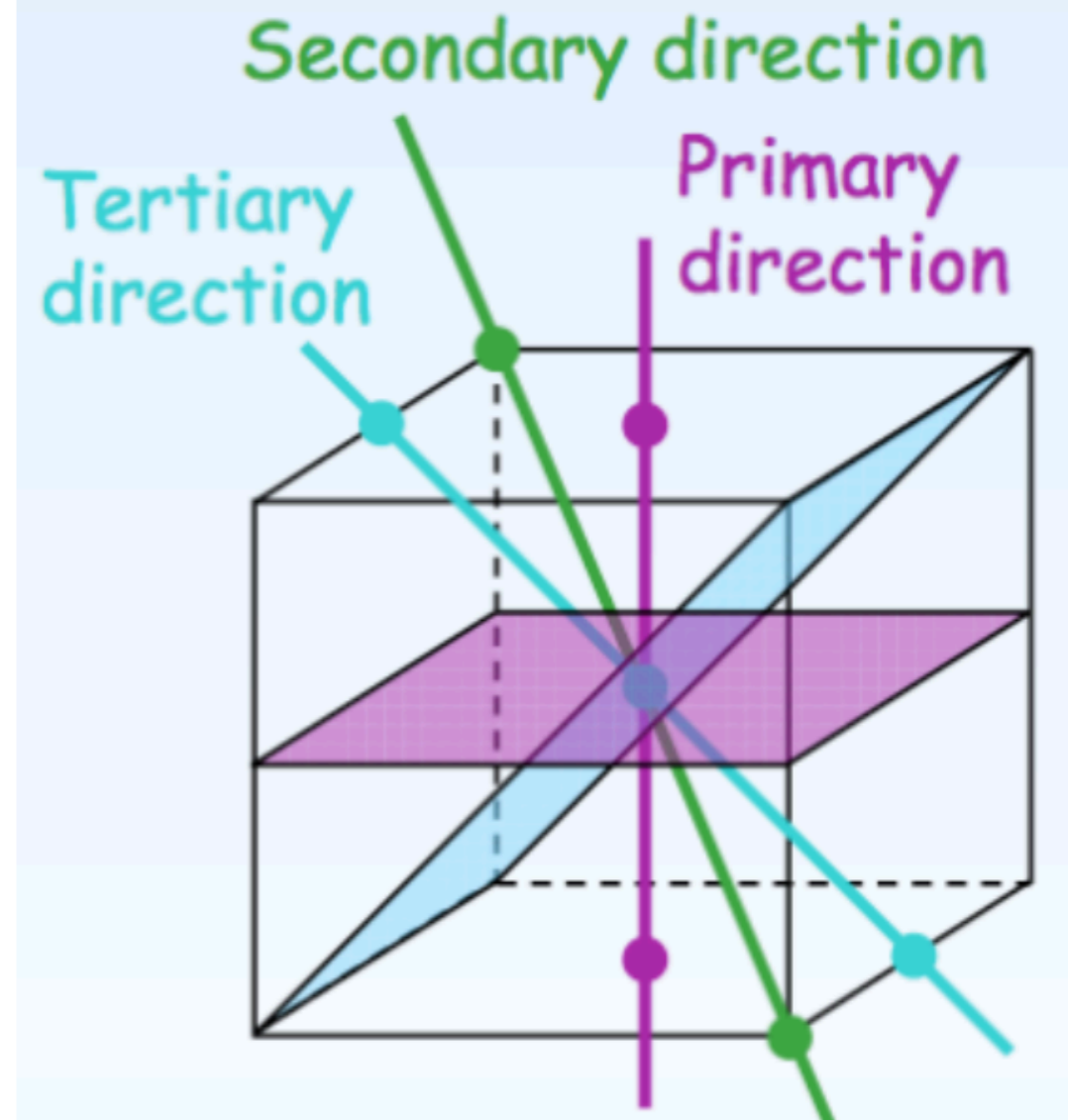
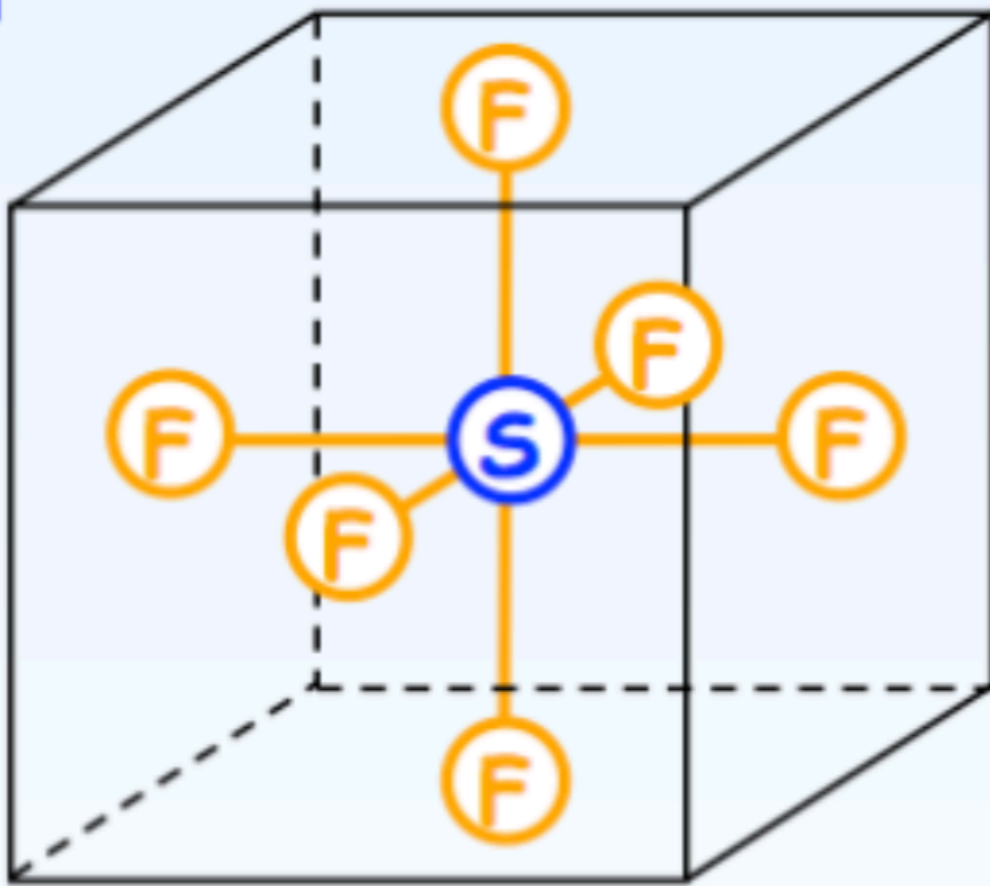
ammonia molecule  
symmetry group:  $3m$

# Molecular Point-group Symmetry

Example

Determine the symmetry elements and the corresponding point groups for the molecule of  $\text{SF}_6$

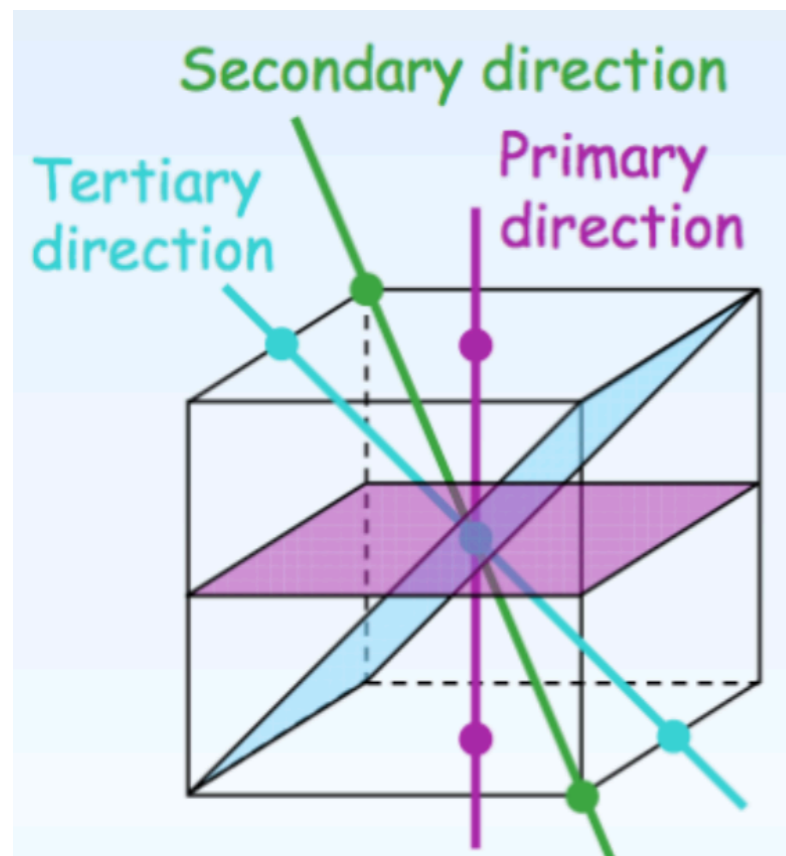
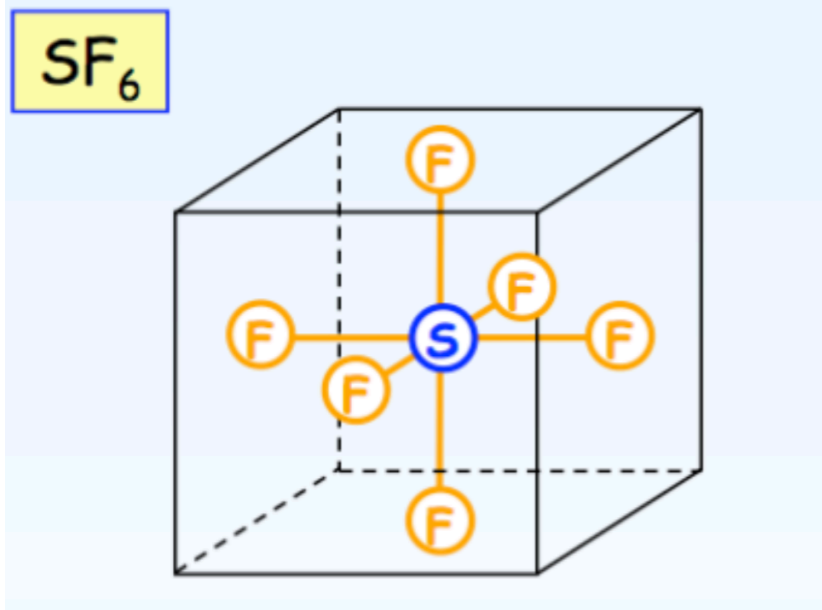
$\text{SF}_6$



# Example

# Molecular Point-group Symmetry

## SOLUTION



axis 4 and mirrors  
axis  $\bar{3}$   
axis 2 and mirror

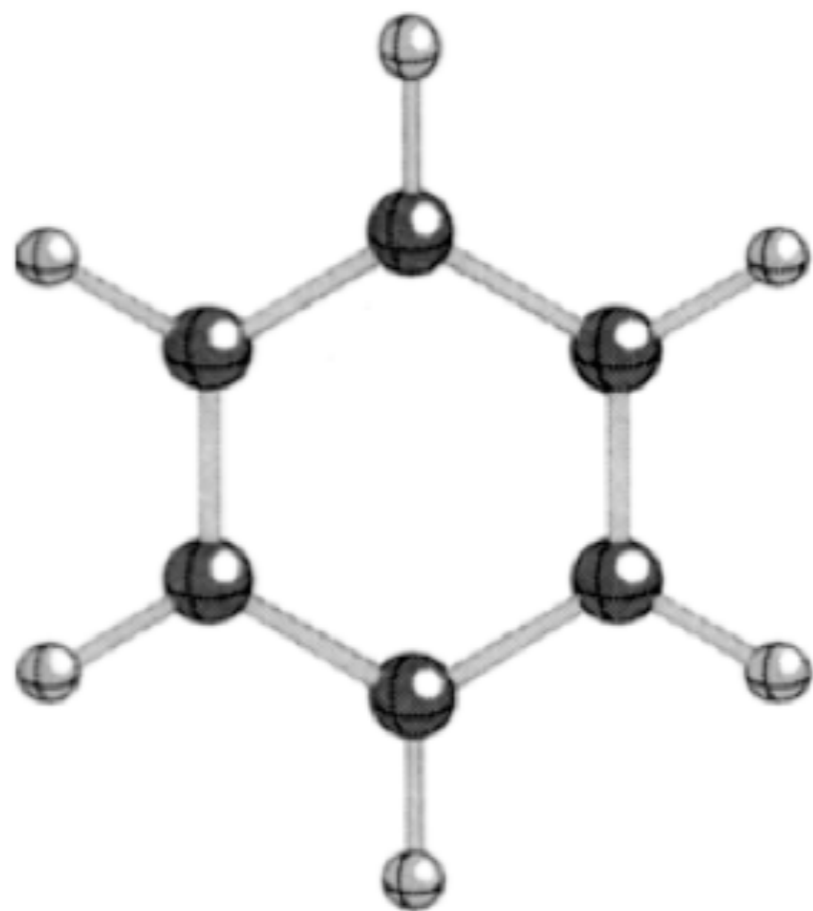
Point group:  $\frac{4}{m} \bar{3} \frac{2}{m}$

→  $m\bar{3}m$

## Problem 2.12

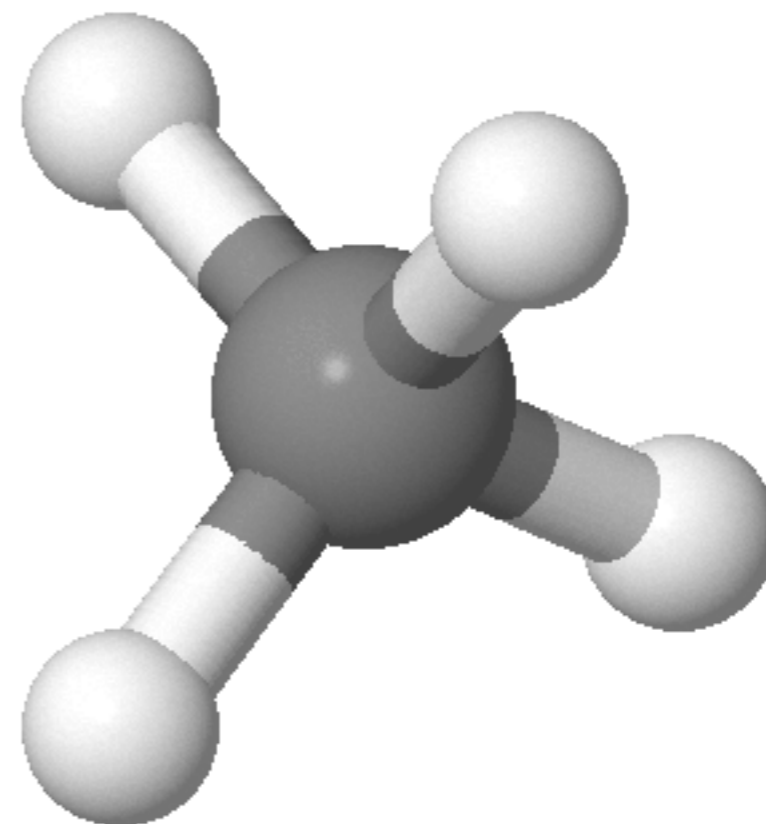
Determine the symmetry elements and the corresponding point groups for each of the following models of molecules:

Benzene  $C_6H_6$



(a)

( $CH_4$  methane)



(b)

# GENERATION OF CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC POINT GROUPS

# Generation of point groups

Crystallographic groups are **solvable** groups

**Composition series:**  $I \triangleleft Z_2 \triangleleft Z_3 \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft G$   
index 2 or 3

**Set of generators** of a group is a set of group elements such that each element of the group can be obtained as an ordered product of the generators

$$W = (g_h)^{k_h} * (g_{h-1})^{k_{h-1}} * \dots * (g_2)^{k_2} * g_1$$

$g_1$  - identity

$g_2, g_3, \dots$  - generate the rest of elements

# Example

## Generation of the group of the square

**Composition series:**  $I \triangleleft_{[2]}^{2_z} \mathbf{2} \triangleleft_{[2]}^{4_z} \mathbf{4} \triangleleft_{[2]}^{m_{10}} \mathbf{4mm}$

Step 1:

$$I = \{1\}$$

Step 2:

$$\mathbf{2} = \{1\} + 2_z \{1\}$$

Step 3:

$$\mathbf{4} = \{1, 2\} + 4_z \{1, 2\}$$

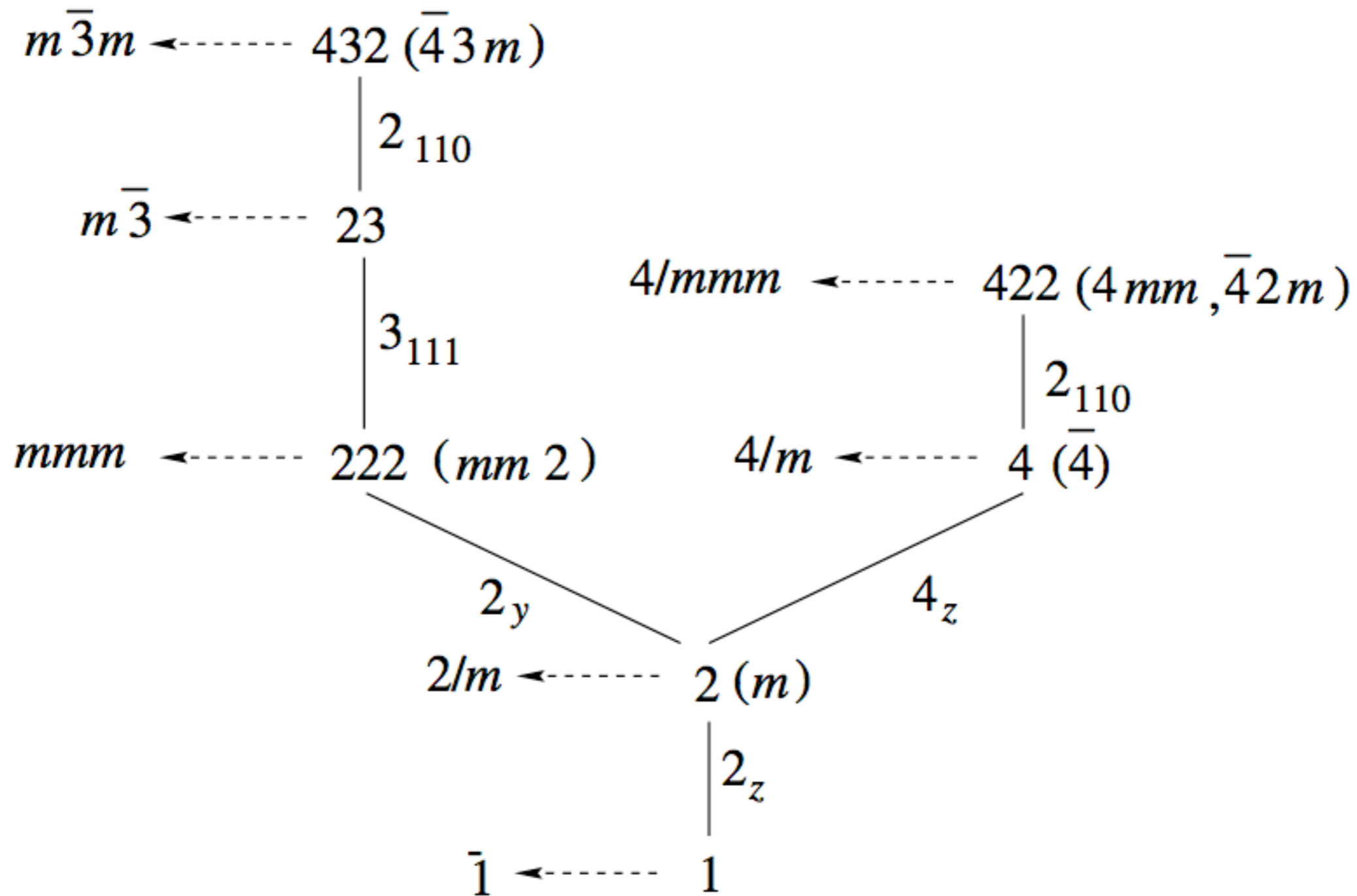
Step 4:

$$\mathbf{4mm} = \mathbf{4} + m_{10} \mathbf{4}$$

	1	2	4 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>-</sup>	m <sub>10</sub>	m <sub>01</sub>	m <sub>11</sub>	m <sub>1<math>\bar{1}</math></sub>
1	1	2	4 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>-</sup>	m <sub>10</sub>	m <sub>01</sub>	m <sub>11</sub>	m <sub>1<math>\bar{1}</math></sub>
2	2	1	4 <sup>-</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup>	m <sub>01</sub>	m <sub>10</sub>	m <sub>1<math>\bar{1}</math></sub>	m <sub>11</sub>
4 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>-</sup>	2	1	m <sub>11</sub>	m <sub>1<math>\bar{1}</math></sub>	m <sub>01</sub>	m <sub>10</sub>
4 <sup>-</sup>	4 <sup>-</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup>	1	2	m <sub>1<math>\bar{1}</math></sub>	m <sub>11</sub>	m <sub>10</sub>	m <sub>01</sub>
m <sub>10</sub>	m <sub>10</sub>	m <sub>01</sub>	m <sub>1<math>\bar{1}</math></sub>	m <sub>11</sub>	1	2	4 <sup>-</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup>
m <sub>01</sub>	m <sub>01</sub>	m <sub>10</sub>	m <sub>11</sub>	m <sub>1<math>\bar{1}</math></sub>	2	1	4 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>-</sup>
m <sub>11</sub>	m <sub>11</sub>	m <sub>1<math>\bar{1}</math></sub>	m <sub>10</sub>	m <sub>01</sub>	4 <sup>+</sup>	4 <sup>-</sup>	1	2
m <sub>1<math>\bar{1}</math></sub>	m <sub>1<math>\bar{1}</math></sub>	m <sub>11</sub>	m <sub>01</sub>	m <sub>10</sub>	4 <sup>-</sup>	4 <sup>+</sup>	2	1



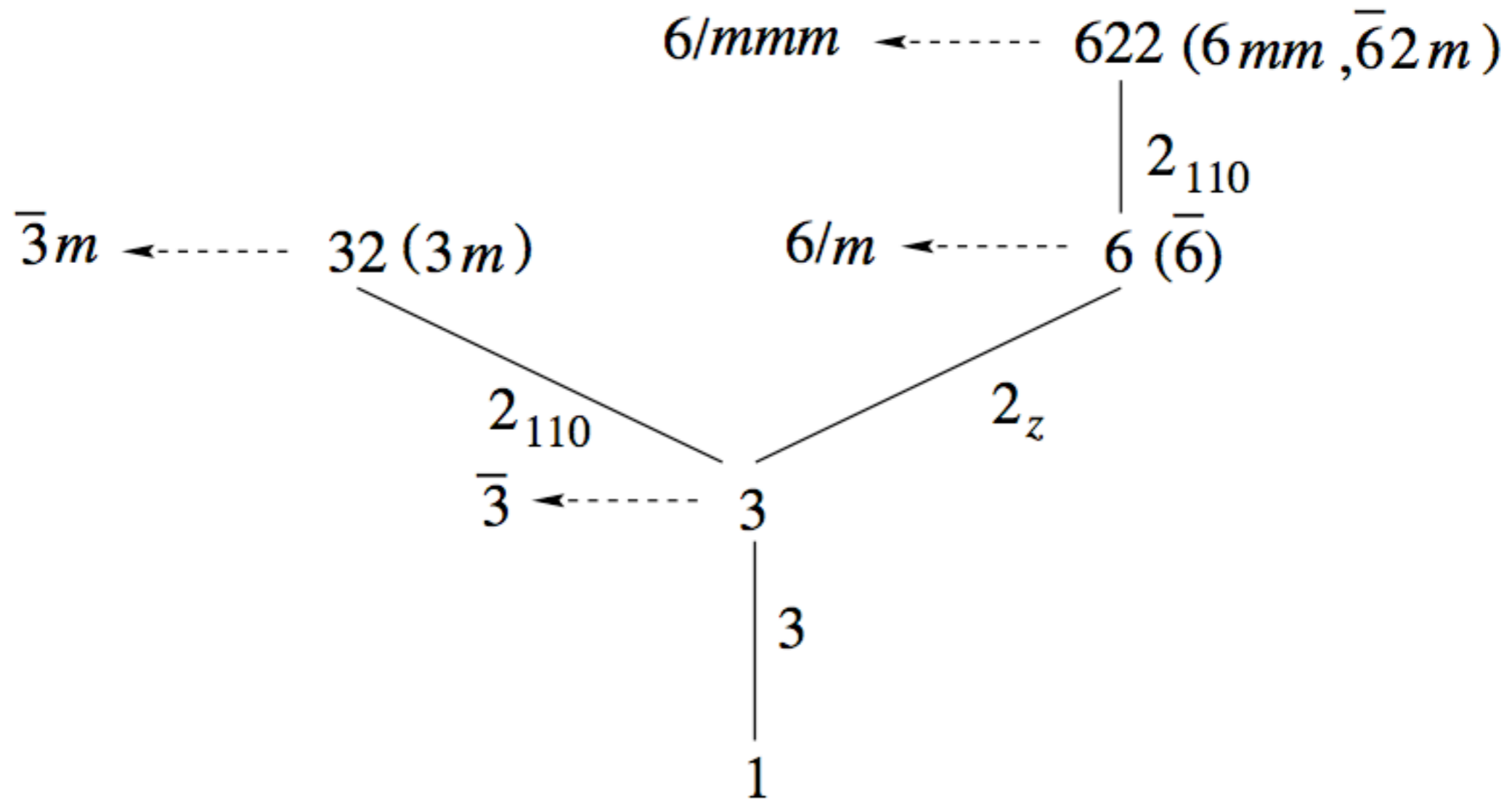
# Generation of sub-cubic point groups



# Composition series of cubic point groups and their subgroups

HM Symbol	SchoeSy	generators	compos. series
1	$C_1$	1	1
$\bar{1}$	$C_i$	1, $\bar{1}$	$\bar{1} \triangleright 1$
2	$C_2$	1, 2	$2 \triangleright 1$
$m$	$C_s$	1, $m$	$m \triangleright 1$
$2/m$	$C_{2h}$	1, 2, $\bar{1}$	$2/m \triangleright 2 \triangleright 1$
222	$D_2$	1, $2_z$ , $2_y$	$222 \triangleright 2 \triangleright 1$
$mm2$	$C_{2v}$	1, $2_z$ , $m_y$	$mm2 \triangleright 2 \triangleright 1$
$mmm$	$D_{2h}$	1, $2_z$ , $2_y$ , $\bar{1}$	$mmm \triangleright 222 \triangleright \dots$
4	$C_4$	1, $2_z$ , 4	$4 \triangleright 2 \triangleright 1$
$\bar{4}$	$S_4$	1, $2_z$ , $\bar{4}$	$\bar{4} \triangleright 2 \triangleright 1$
$4/m$	$C_{4h}$	1, $2_z$ , 4, $\bar{1}$	$4/m \triangleright 4 \triangleright \dots$
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422	$D_4$	1, $2_z$ , 4, $2_y$	$422 \triangleright 4 \triangleright \dots$
$4mm$	$C_{4v}$	1, $2_z$ , 4, $m_y$	$4mm \triangleright 4 \triangleright \dots$
$\bar{4}2m$	$D_{2d}$	1, $2_z$ , $\bar{4}$ , $2_y$	$\bar{4}2m \triangleright \bar{4} \triangleright \dots$
$4/mmm$	$D_{4h}$	1, $2_z$ , 4, $2_y$ , $\bar{1}$	$4/mmm \triangleright 422 \triangleright \dots$
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23	$\mathcal{T}$	1, $2_z$ , $2_y$ , $3_{111}$	$23 \triangleright 222 \triangleright \dots$
$m\bar{3}$	$\mathcal{T}_h$	1, $2_z$ , $2_y$ , $3_{111}, \bar{1}$	$m\bar{3} \triangleright 23 \triangleright \dots$
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432	$\mathcal{O}$	1, $2_z$ , $2_y$ , $3_{111}$ , $2_{110}$	$432 \triangleright 23 \triangleright \dots$
$\bar{4}3m$	$\mathcal{T}_d$	1, $2_z$ , $2_y$ , $3_{111}$ , $m_{1\bar{1}0}$	$\bar{4}3m \triangleright 23 \triangleright \dots$
$m\bar{3}m$	$\mathcal{O}_h$	1, $2_z$ , $2_y$ , $3_{111}$ , $2_{110}$ , $\bar{1}$	$m\bar{3}m \triangleright 432 \triangleright \dots$

# Generation of sub-hexagonal point groups



# Composition series of hexagonal point groups and their subgroups

HM Symbol	SchoeSy	generators	compos. series
1	$\mathcal{C}_1$	1	1
3	$\mathcal{C}_3$	1, 3	$3 \triangleright 1$
$\bar{3}$	$\mathcal{S}_6$	1, 3, $\bar{1}$	$\bar{3} \triangleright 3 \triangleright 1$
.....			
32	$\mathcal{D}_3$	1, 3, $2_{110}$	$32 \triangleright 3 \triangleright 1$
$3m$	$\mathcal{C}_{3v}$	1, 3, $m_{110}$	$3m \triangleright 3 \triangleright 1$
$\bar{3}m$	$\mathcal{D}_{3d}$	1, 3, $2_{110}, \bar{1}$	$\bar{3}m \triangleright 32 \triangleright \dots$
.....			
6	$\mathcal{C}_6$	1, 3, $2_z$	$6 \triangleright 3 \triangleright 1$
$\bar{6}$	$\mathcal{C}_{3h}$	1, 3, $m_z$	$\bar{6} \triangleright 3 \triangleright 1$
$6/m$	$\mathcal{C}_{6h}$	1, 2, $2_z, \bar{1}$	$6/m \triangleright 6 \triangleright \dots$
.....			
622	$\mathcal{D}_6$	1, 3, $2_z, 2_{110}$	$622 \triangleright 6 \triangleright \dots$
$6mm$	$\mathcal{C}_{6v}$	1, 3, $2_z, m_{110}$	$6mm \triangleright 6 \triangleright \dots$
$\bar{6}2m$	$\mathcal{D}_{3h}$	1, 3, $m_z, 2_{110}$	$\bar{6}2m \triangleright \bar{6} \triangleright \dots$
$6/mmm$	$\mathcal{D}_{6h}$	1, 3, $2_z, 2_{110}, \bar{1}$	$6/mmm \triangleright 622 \triangleright \dots$

## Problem 2.13

Generate the symmetry operations of the group  $4/mmm$  following its composition series.

Generate the symmetry operations of the group  $\bar{3}m$  following its composition series.

# GROUP- SUPERGROUP RELATIONS

# Supergroups: Some basic results (summary)

Supergroup  $G > H$

$$H = \{e, h_1, h_2, \dots, h_k\} \subset G$$

Proper supergroups  $G > H$ , and  
trivial supergroup:  $H$

Index of the group  $H$  in supergroup  $G$ :  $[i] = |G|/|H|$   
(order of  $G$ )/(order of  $H$ )

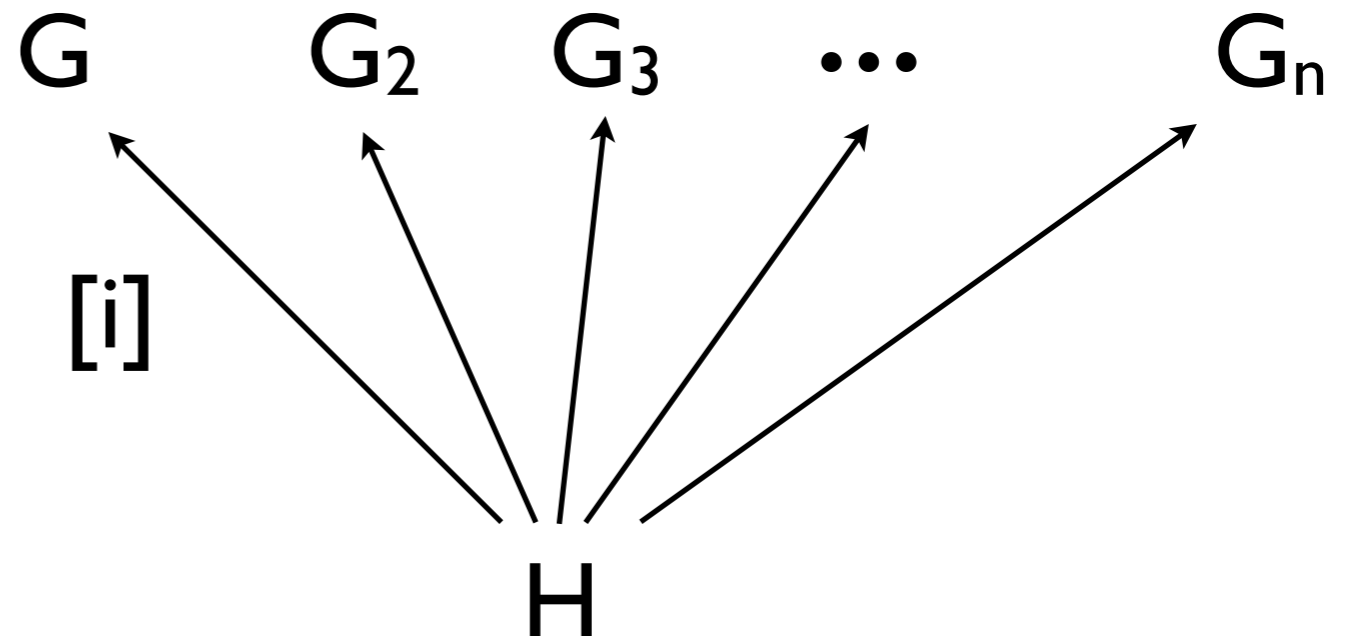
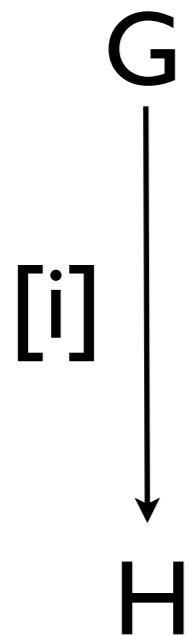
Minimal supergroups  $G$  of  $H$

NO subgroup  $Z$  exists such that:  
 $H < Z < G$

# The Supergroup Problem

Given a group-subgroup pair  $G > H$  of index  $[i]$

Determine: all  $G_k > H$  of index  $[i]$ ,  $G_i \cong G$



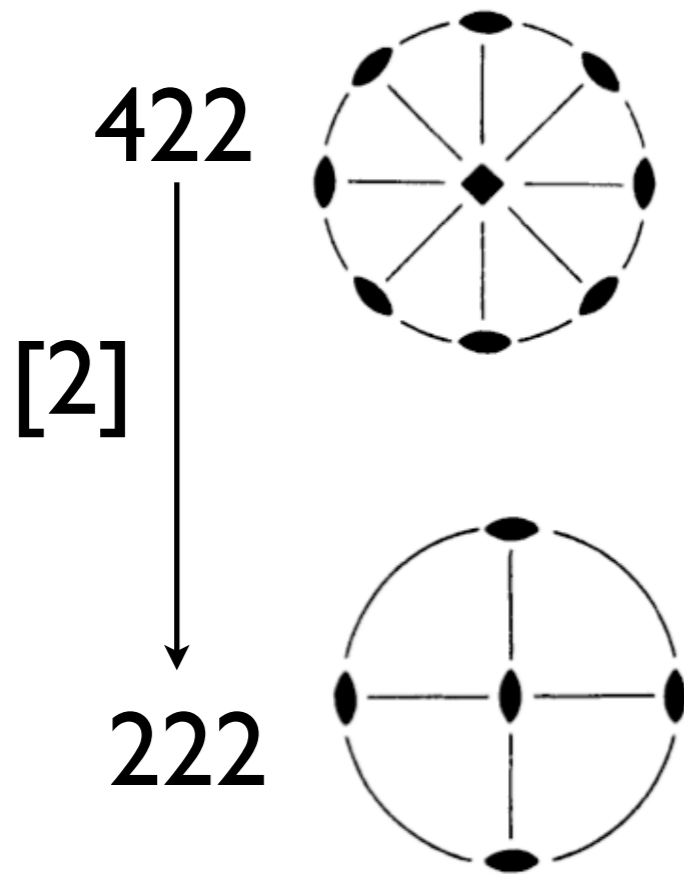
all  $G_k > H$  contain  $H$  as subgroup

$$G_k = H + g_2 H + \dots + g_{ik} H$$



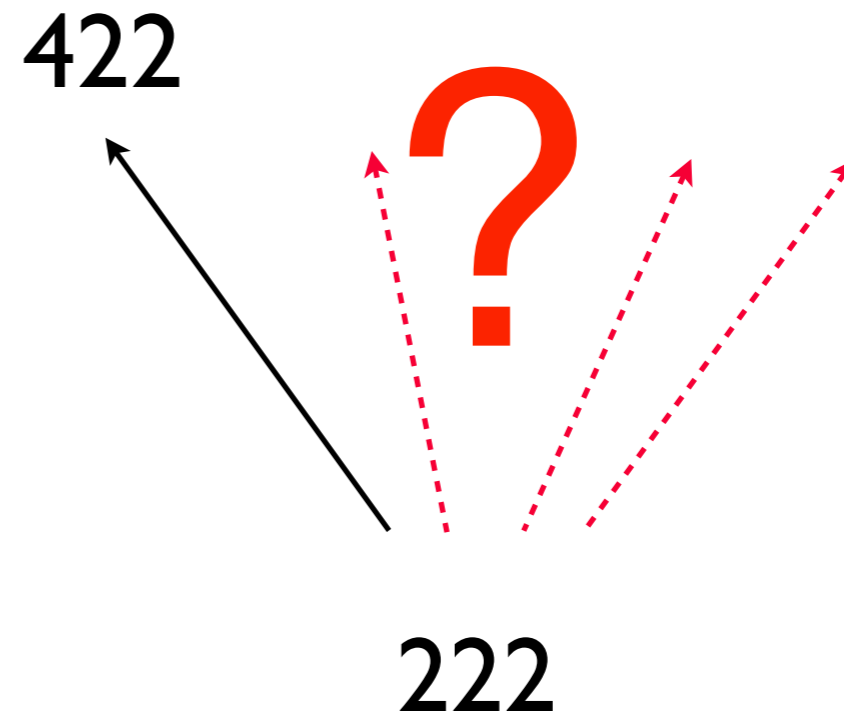
# Example: Supergroup problem

Group-subgroup pair  
 $422 > 222$



How many are  
the subgroups  
222 of 422?

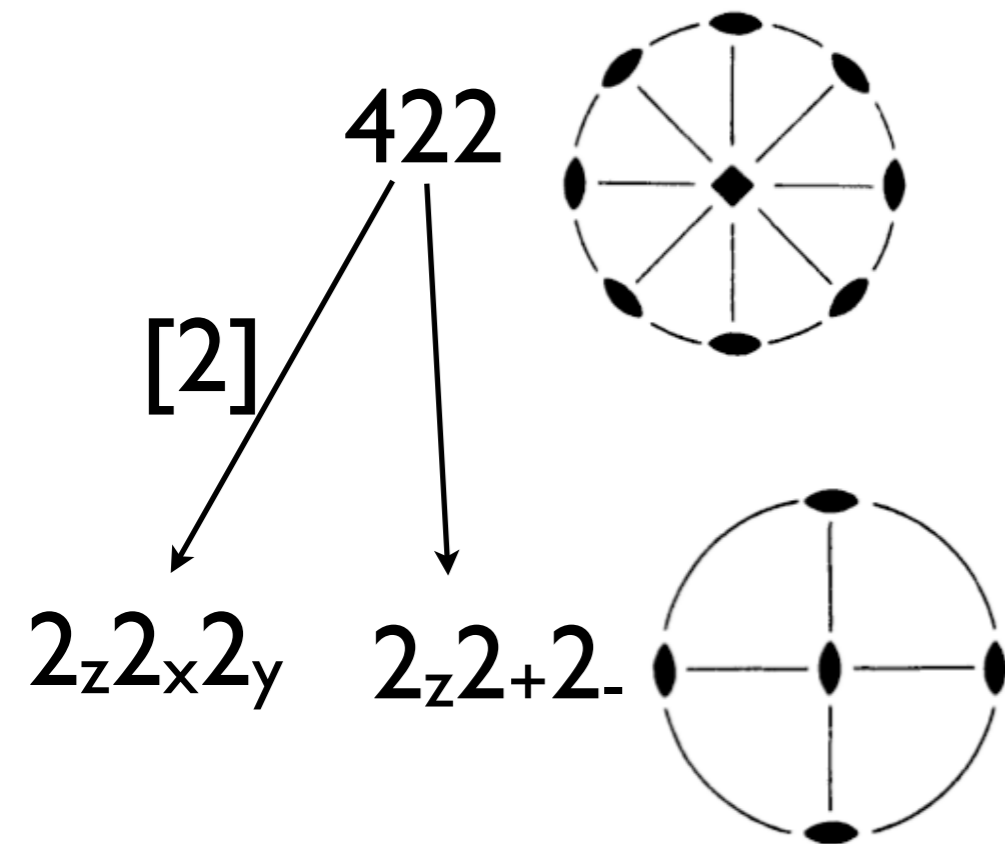
Supergroups 422 of  
the group 222



How many are  
the supergroups  
422 of 222?

# Example: Supergroup problem

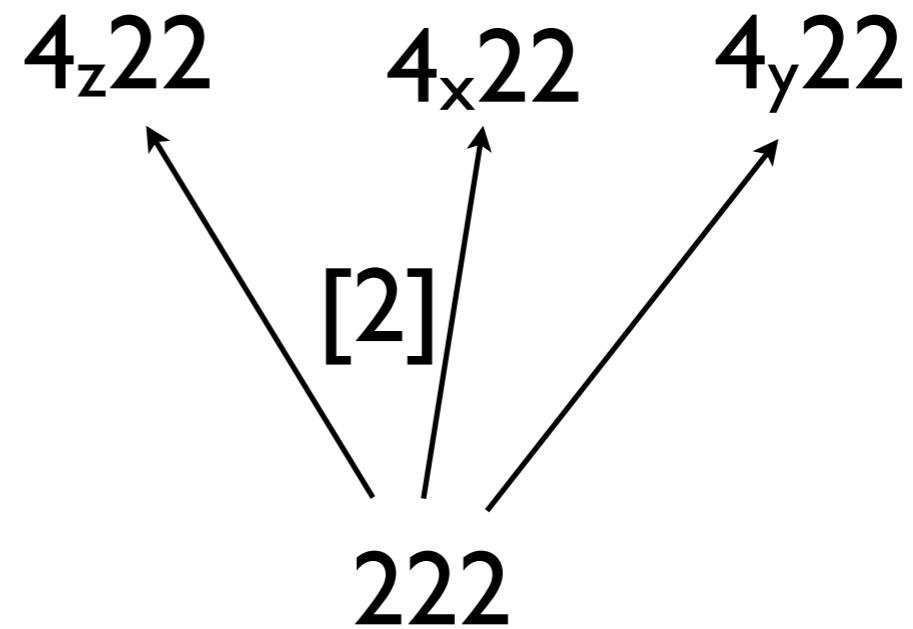
## Group-subgroup pair 422 > 222



$$4_z 22 = 2_z 2_x 2_y + 4_z (2_z 2_x 2_y)$$

$$4_z 22 = 2_z 2_+ 2_- + 4_z (2_z 2_+ 2_-)$$

## Supergroups 422 of the group 222



$$4_z 22 = 222 + 4_z 222$$

$$4_y 22 = 222 + 4_y 222$$

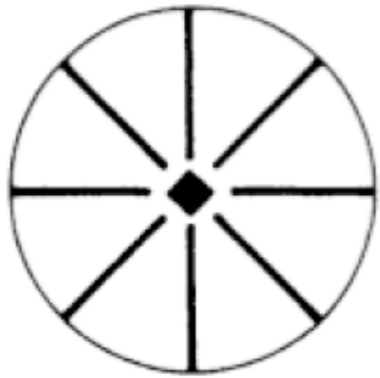
$$4_x 22 = 222 + 4_x 222$$

# NORMALIZERS

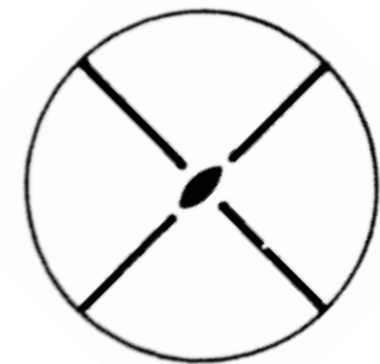
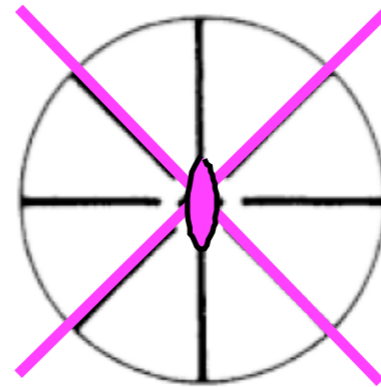
# Normalizer of $H < G$

$\{e, 2, 4, 4^{-1}, m_x, m_y, m_+, m_-\}$

$4mm$

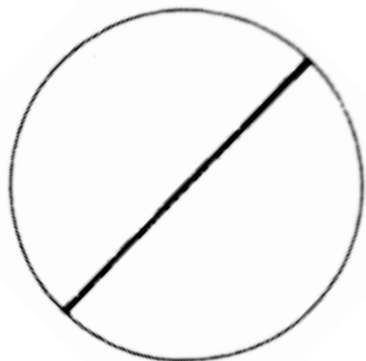


Normalizer of  $\{I, m_+\}$   
in  $4mm$



$2mm = \{e, 2, m_+, m_-\}$

$m$



$\{I, m_+\}$

# Normalizer of H in G

## Normal subgroup

$H \triangleleft G$ , if  $g^{-1}Hg = H$ , for  $\forall g \in G$

## Normalizer of H in G, $H < G$

$N_G(H) = \{g \in G, \text{ if } g^{-1}Hg = H\}$

$G \geq N_G(H) \geq H$

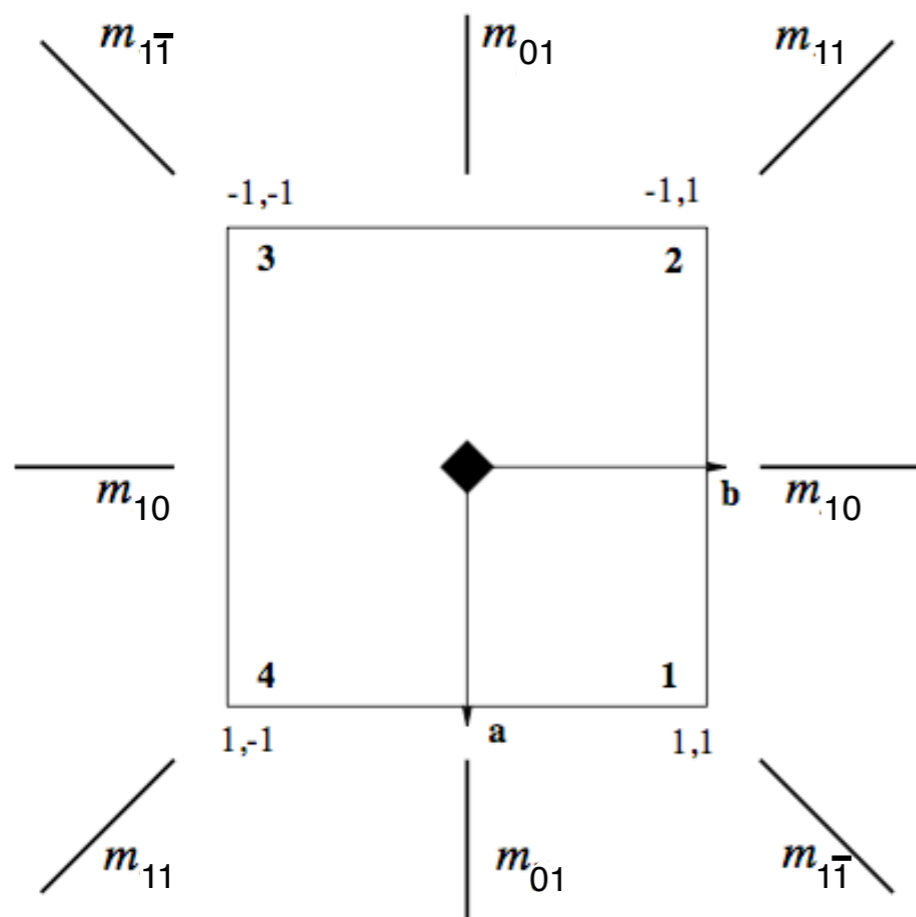
What is the normalizer  $N_G(H)$  if  $H \triangleleft G$ ?

Number of subgroups  $H_i < G$  in a conjugate class

$$n = [G : N_G(H)]$$

# Problem 2.10

Consider the group  $4mm$  and its subgroups of index 4. Determine their **normalizers** in  $4mm$ . Comment on the relation between the distribution of subgroups into conjugacy classes and their normalizers.



$4mm$	1	2	$4^+$	$4^-$	$m_{01}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{1\bar{1}}$	$m_{11}$
1	1	2	$4^+$	$4^-$	$m_{01}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{1\bar{1}}$	$m_{11}$
2	2	1	$4^-$	$4^+$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{1\bar{1}}$
$4^+$	$4^+$	$4^-$	2	1	$m_{1\bar{1}}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$
$4^-$	$4^-$	$4^+$	1	2	$m_{11}$	$m_{1\bar{1}}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{10}$
$m_{01}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{1\bar{1}}$	1	2	$4^-$	$4^+$
$m_{10}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{1\bar{1}}$	$m_{11}$	2	1	$4^+$	$4^-$
$m_{1\bar{1}}$	$m_{1\bar{1}}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{01}$	$m_{10}$	$4^+$	$4^-$	1	2
$m_{11}$	$m_{11}$	$m_{1\bar{1}}$	$m_{10}$	$m_{01}$	$4^-$	$4^+$	2	1

*Hint:* The stereographic projections could be rather helpful

