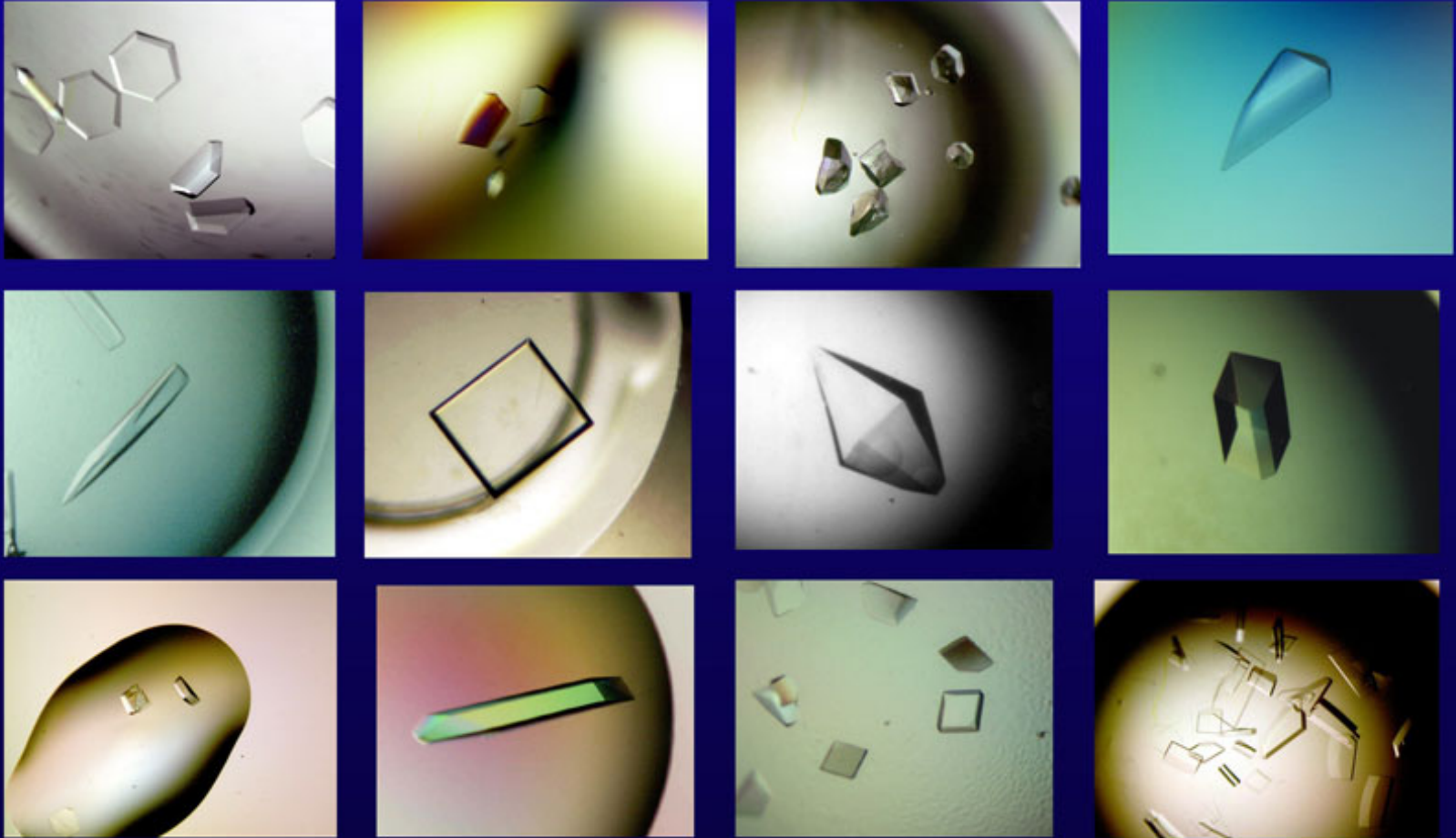
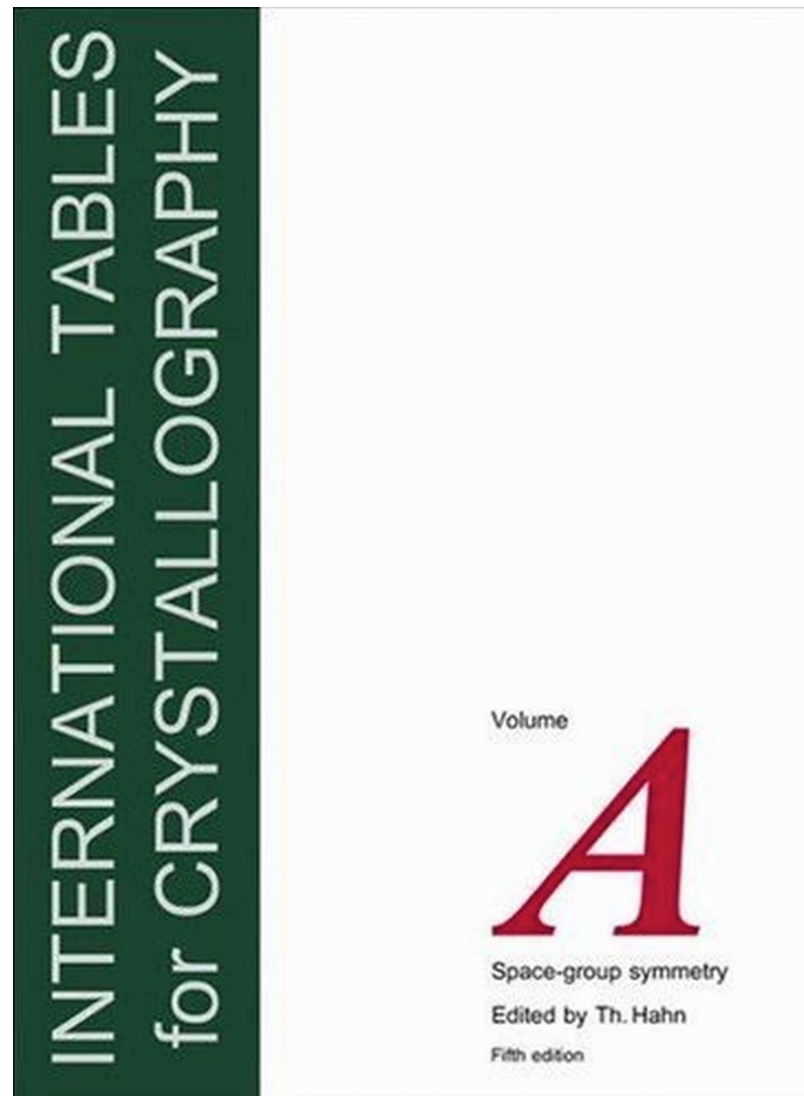


Introduction to symmetry

Andrey Lebedev, CCP4

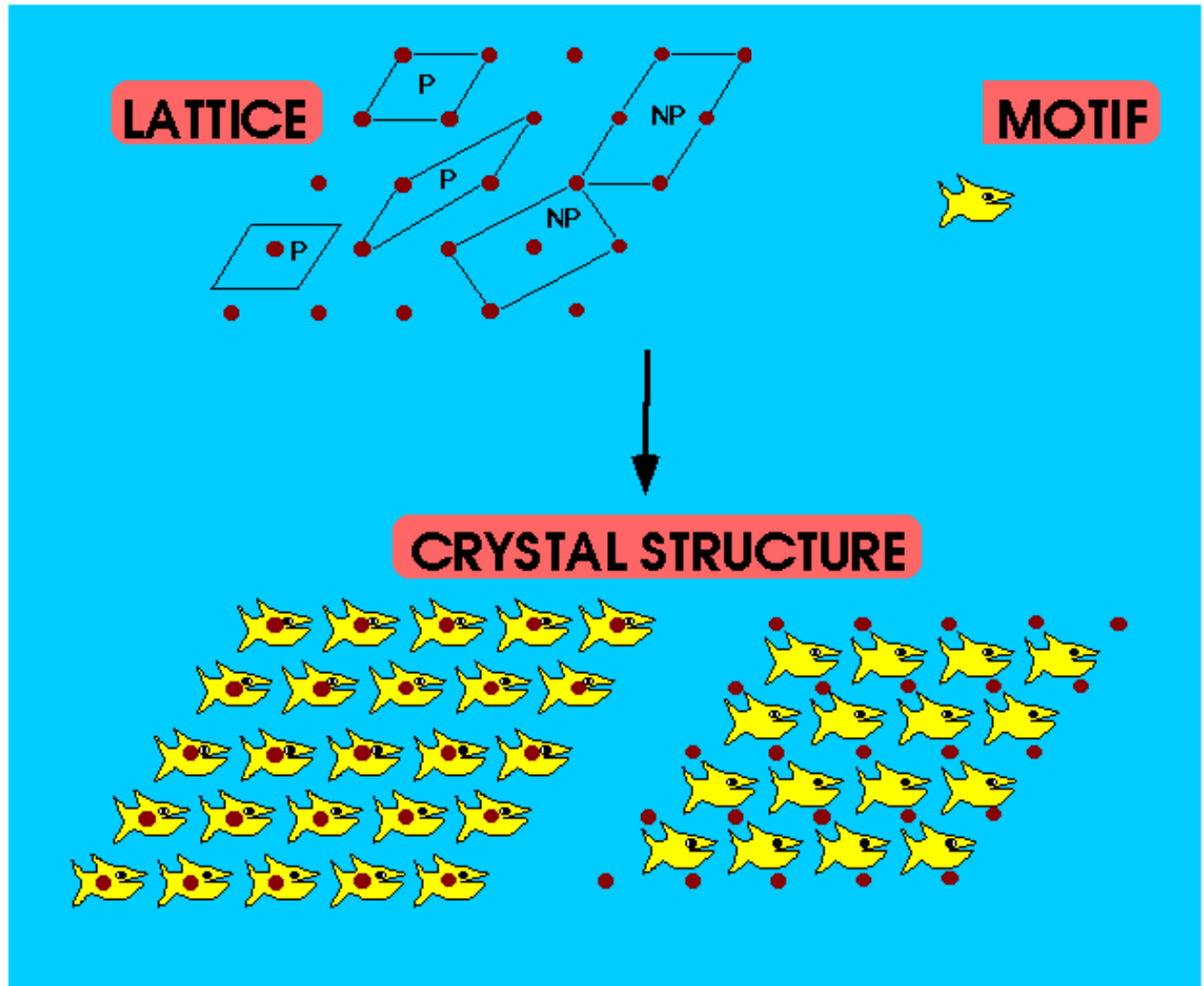


The Reference



Crystal: repeated structural motif

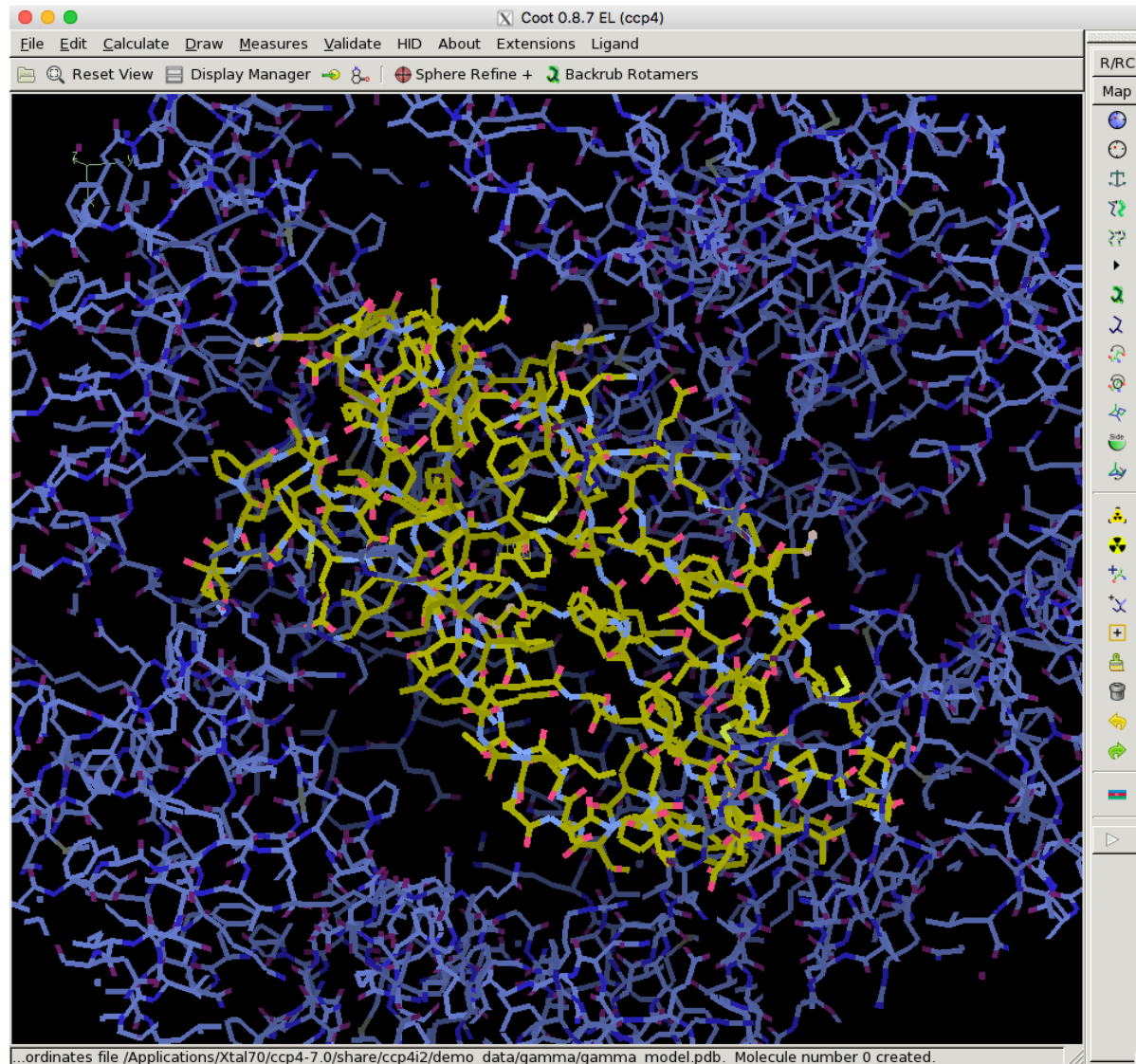
Conventional
(constructive)
definition
of crystal
structure.



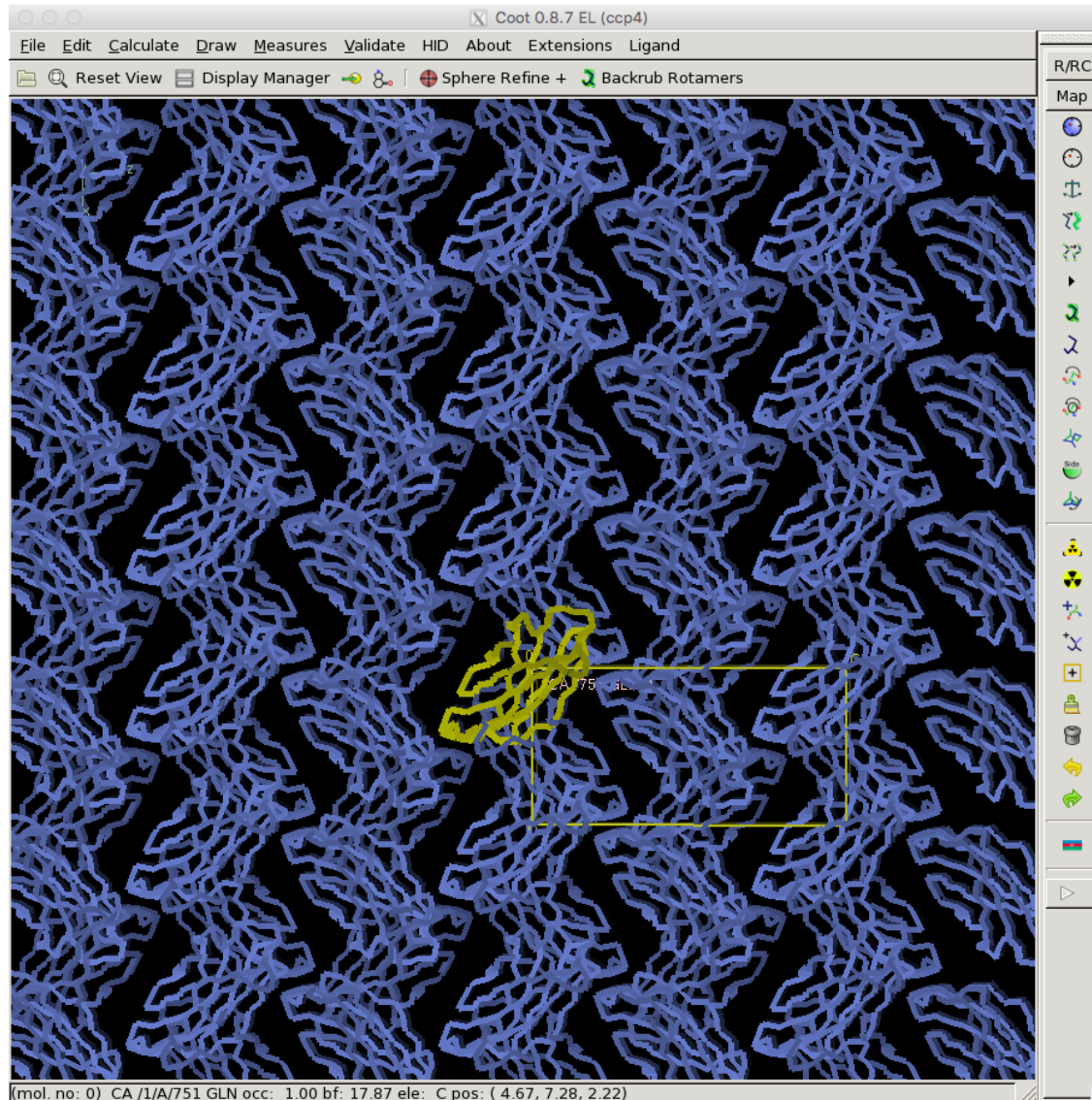
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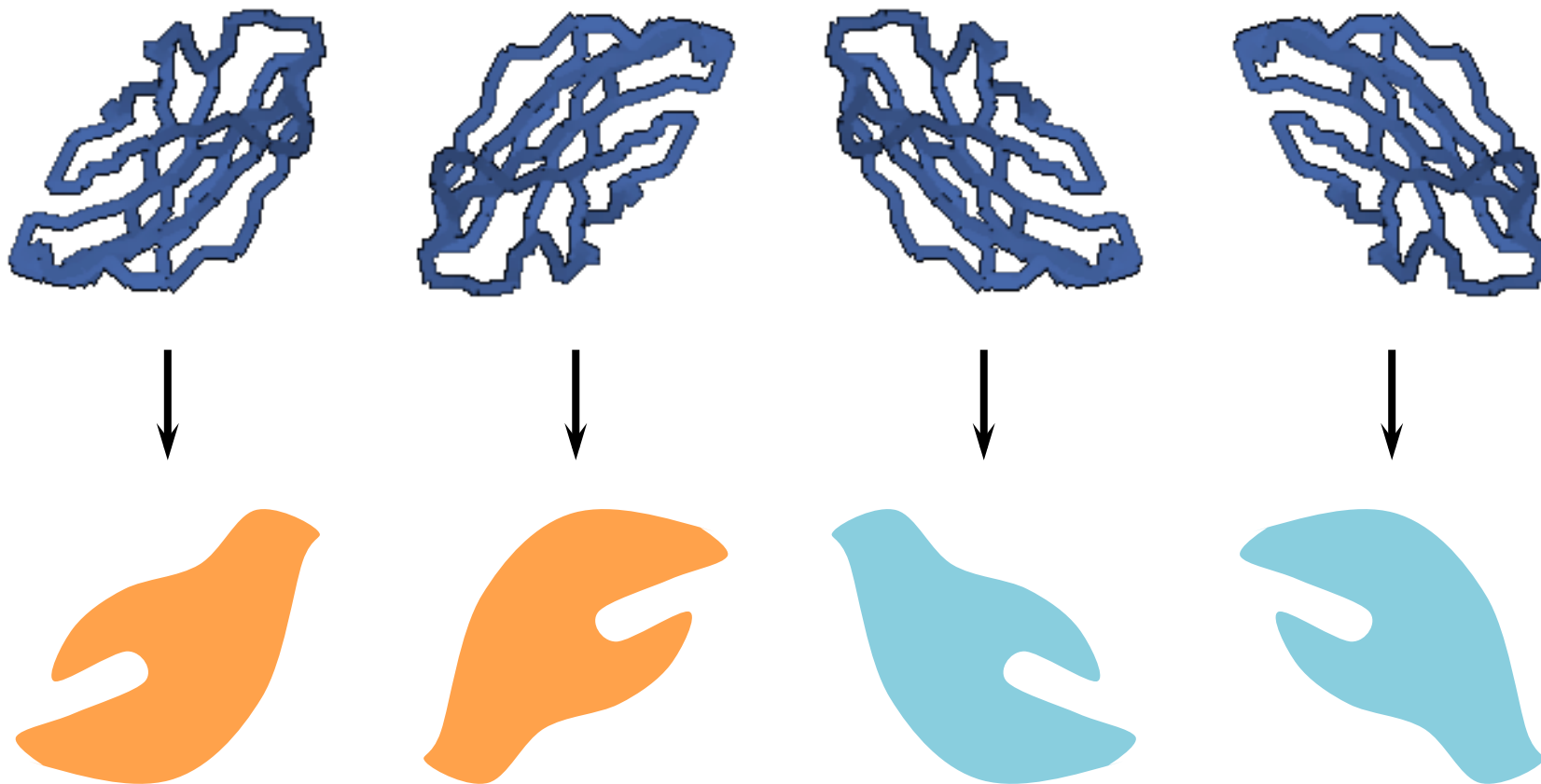
Examine structure in Coot



Symmetry view in Coot

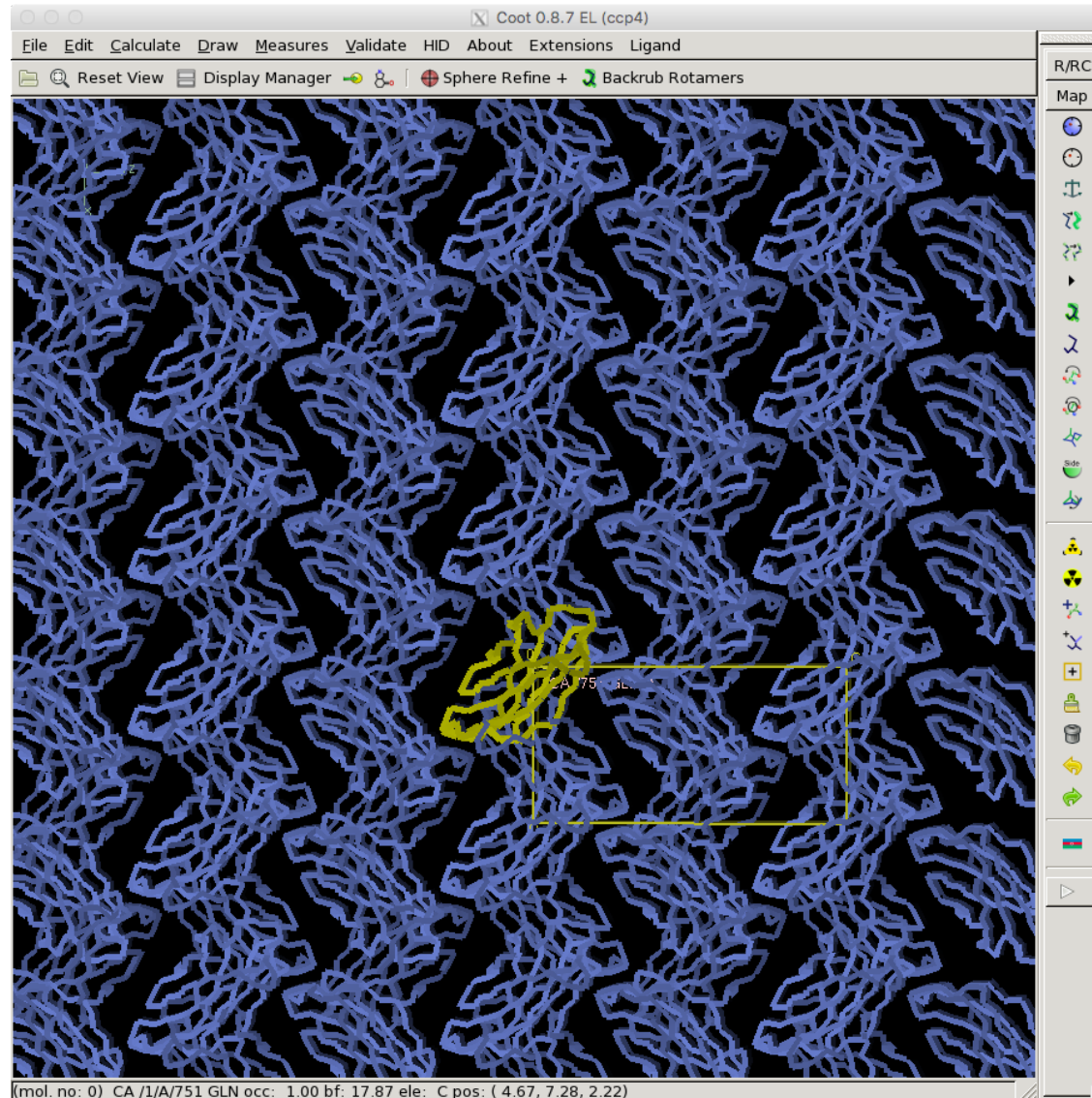


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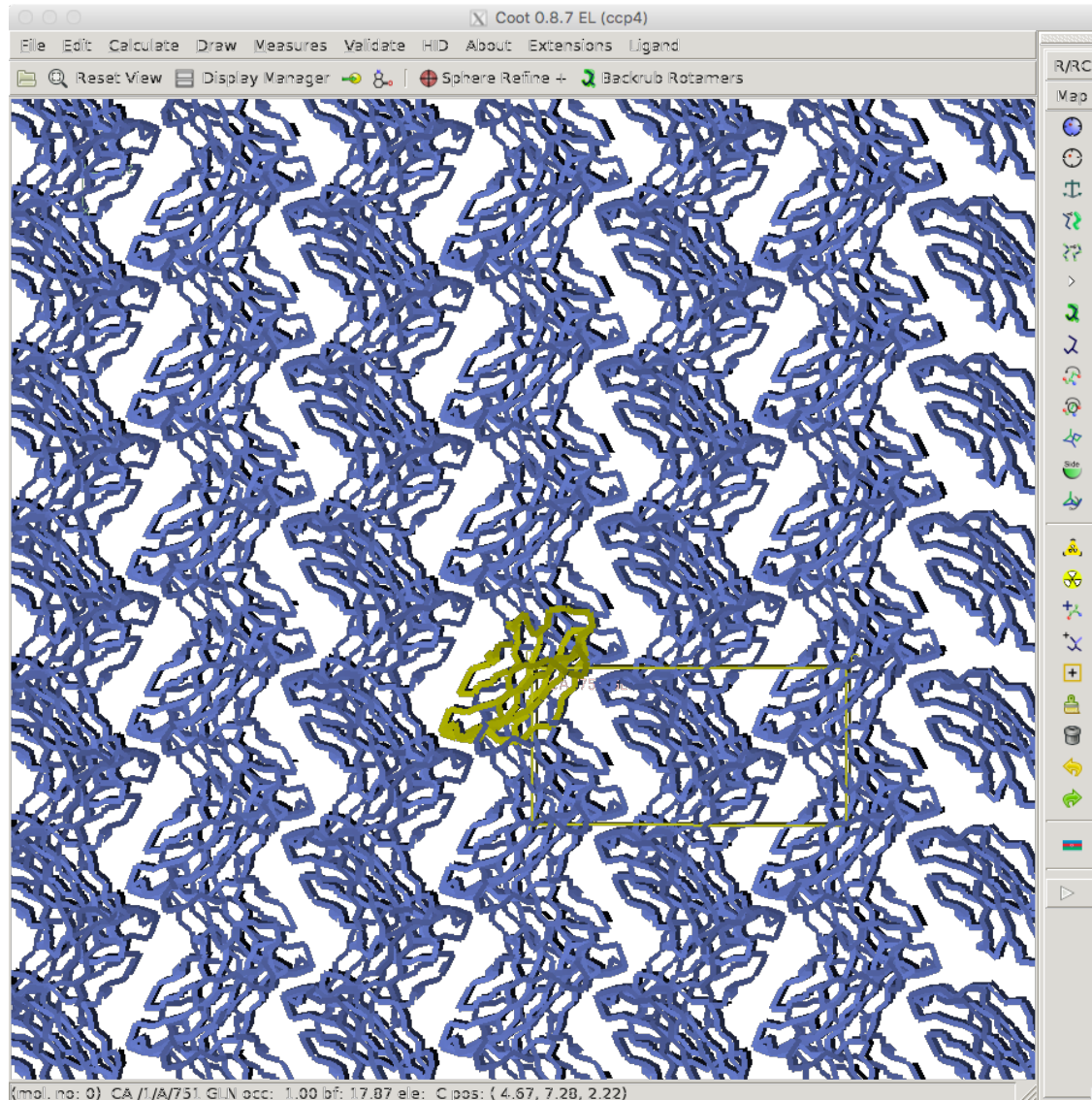


Opposite sides of molecules are denoted with different colours

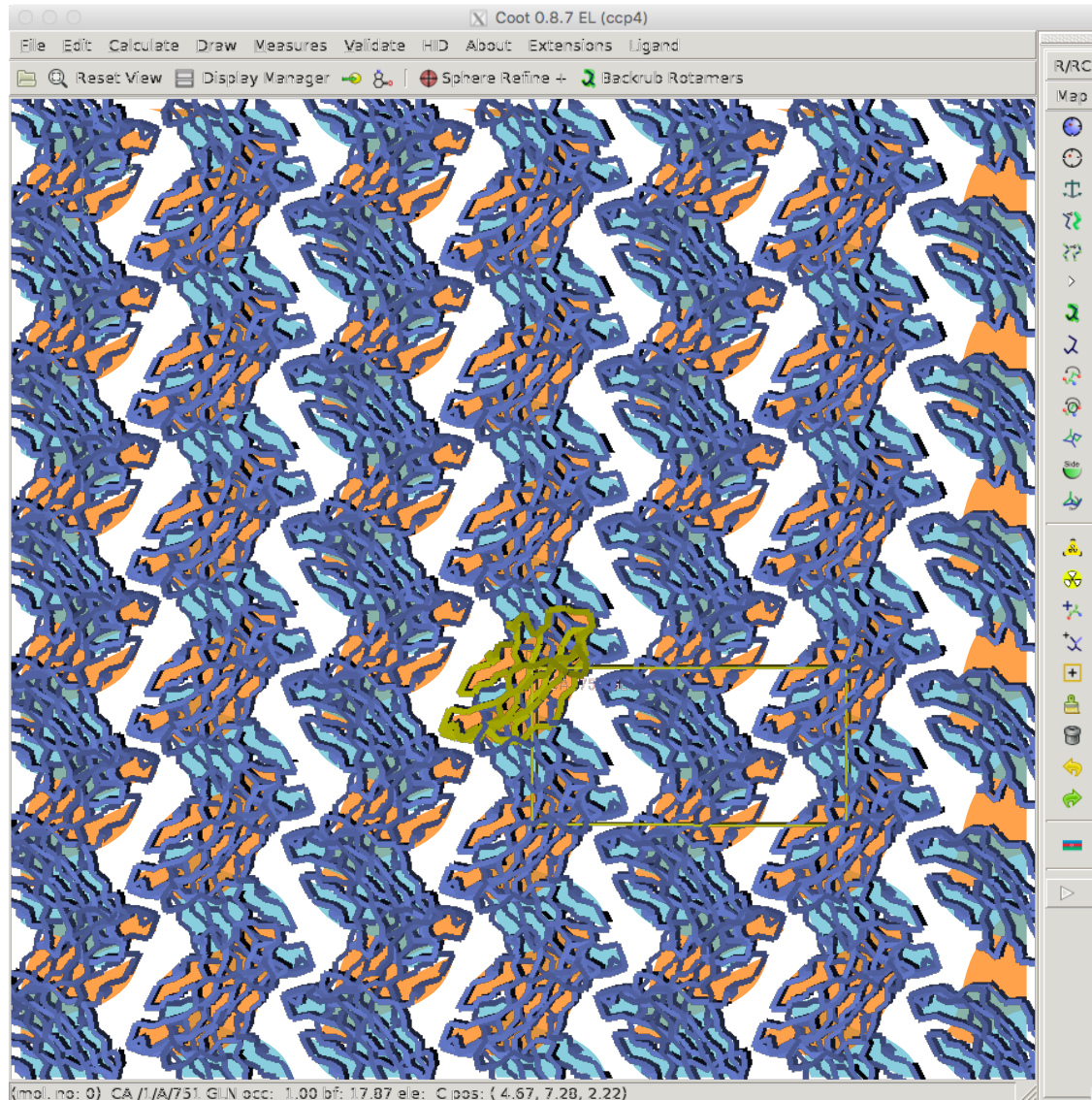
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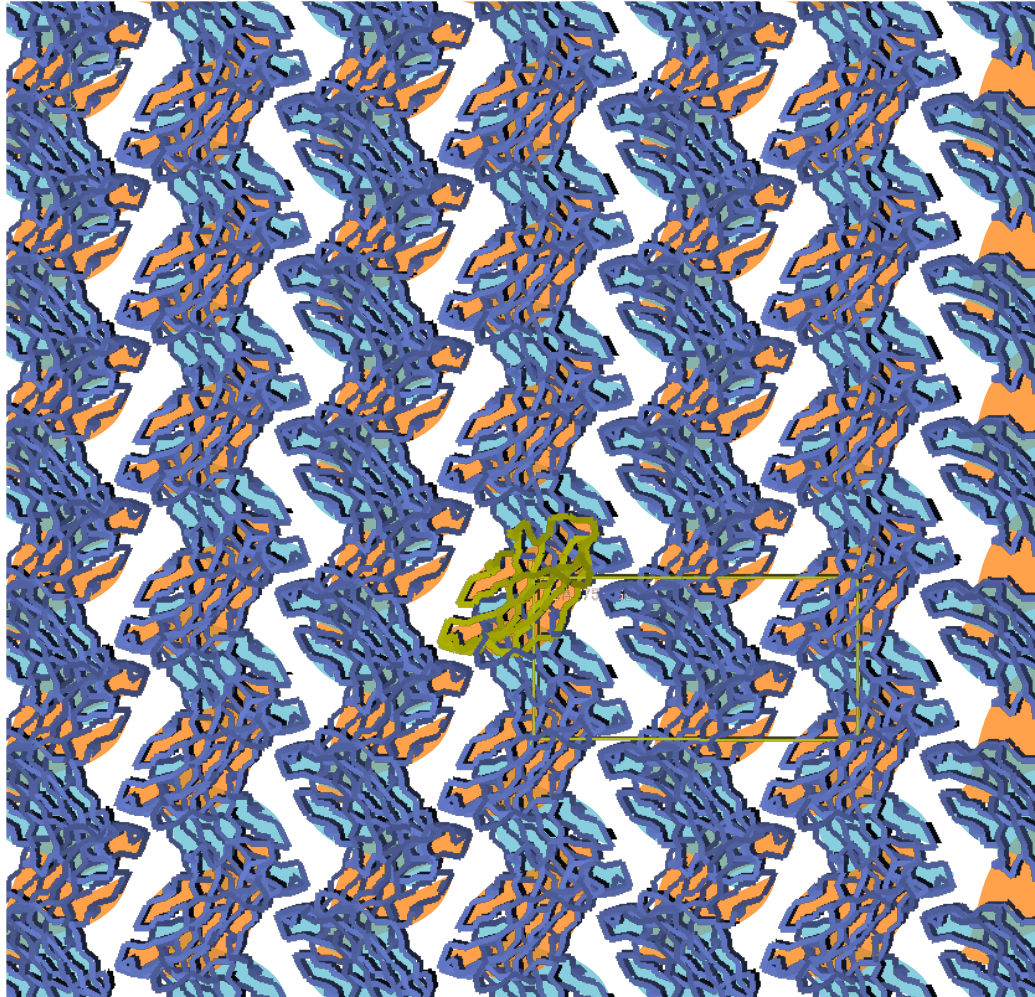
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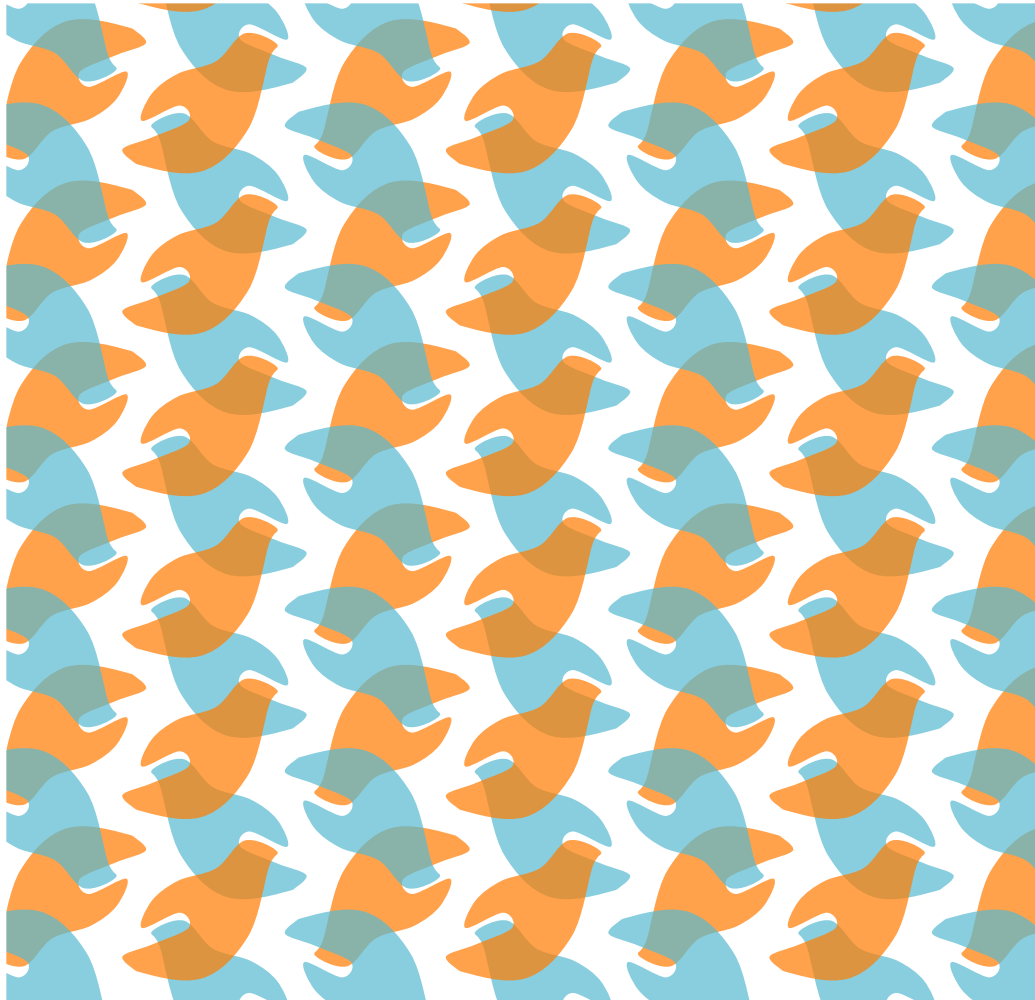
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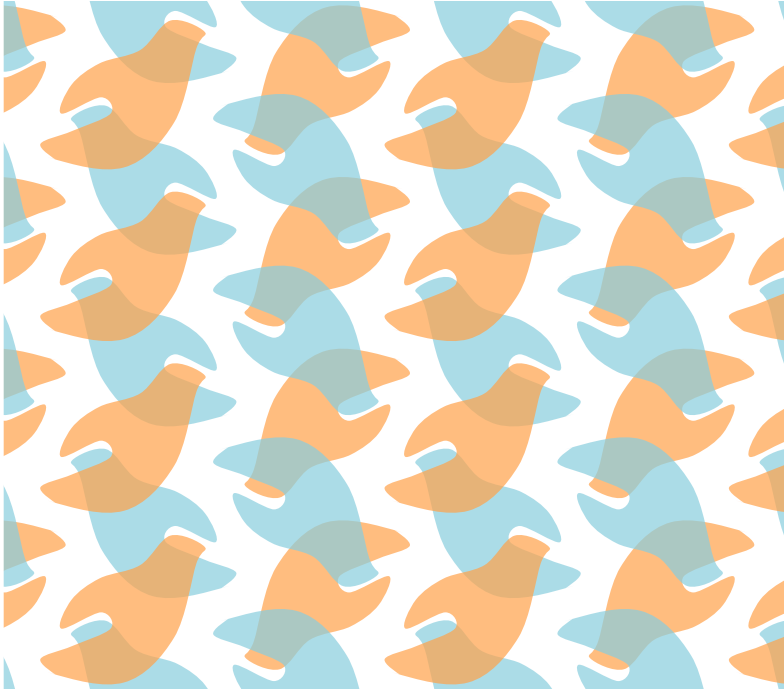
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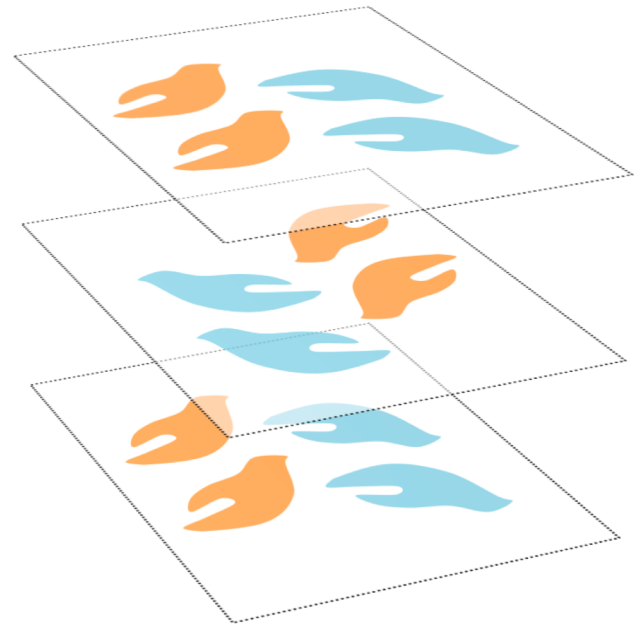


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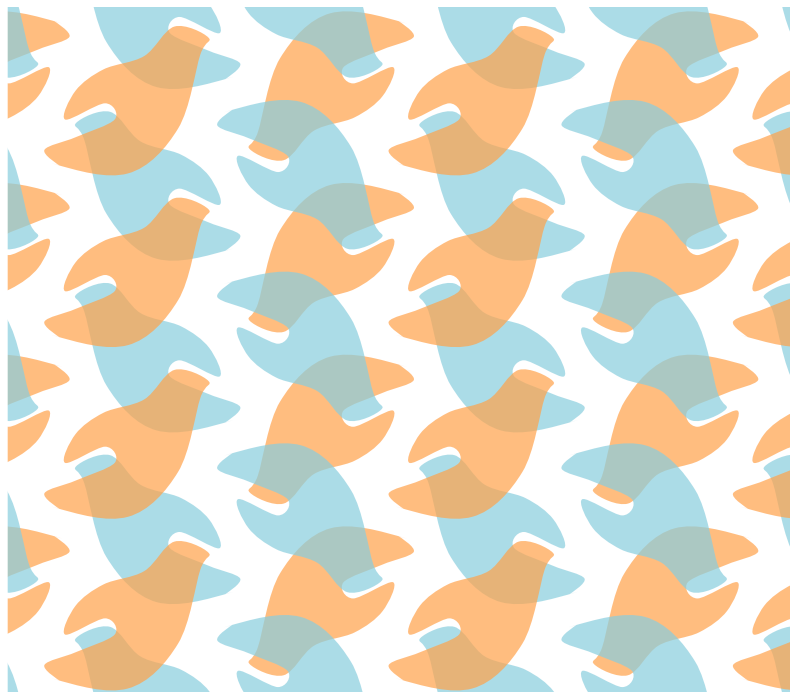


View from the top

There is a third dimension.



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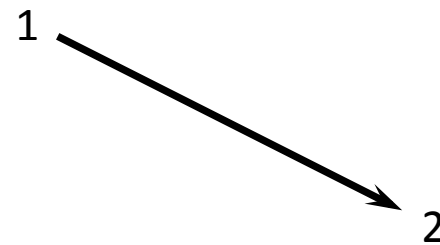
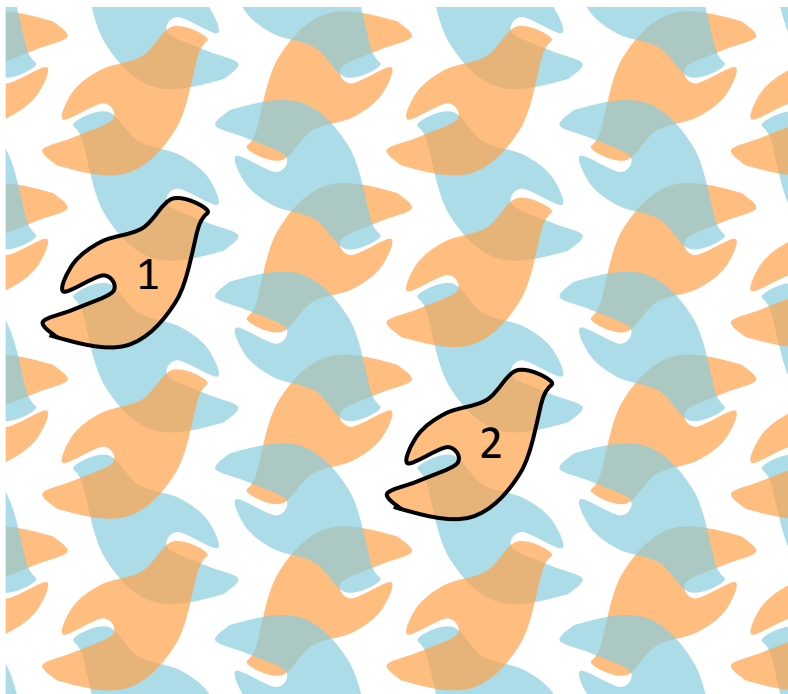
1 2 3 4

Orange and blue represent opposite sides of molecules

A slice is shown, where

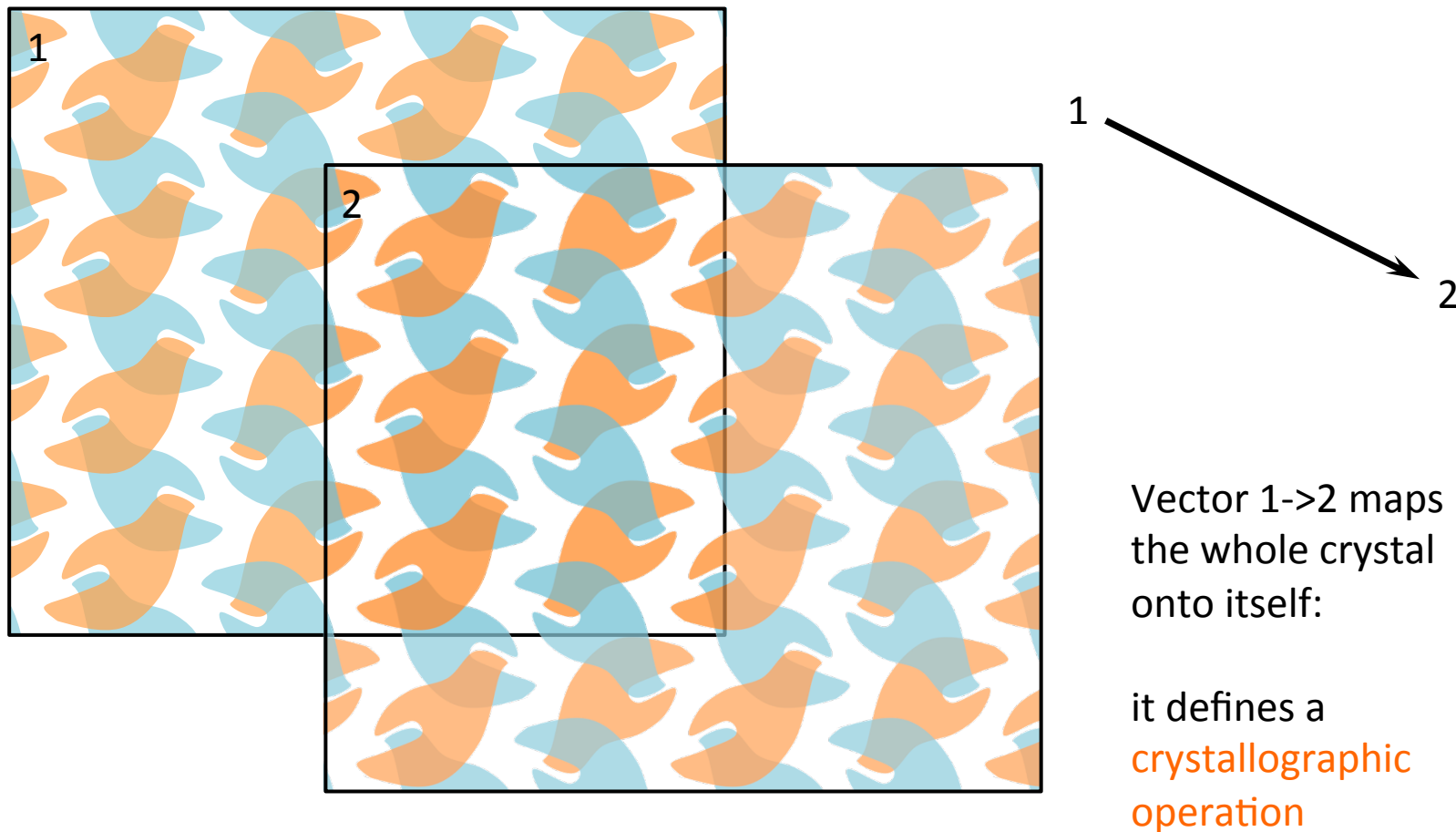
- column 1, 3 : orange-sided molecules on top
- column 2, 4: blue-sided molecules on top
- etc.

Translation 1



Vector maps 1 -> 2

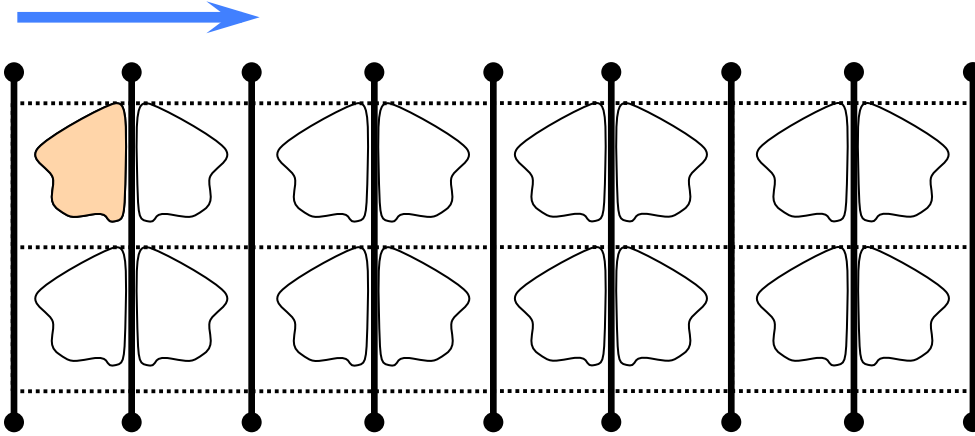
Translation 1 is global



Crystallographic Translation and Pseudo-translation

Crystallographic translation

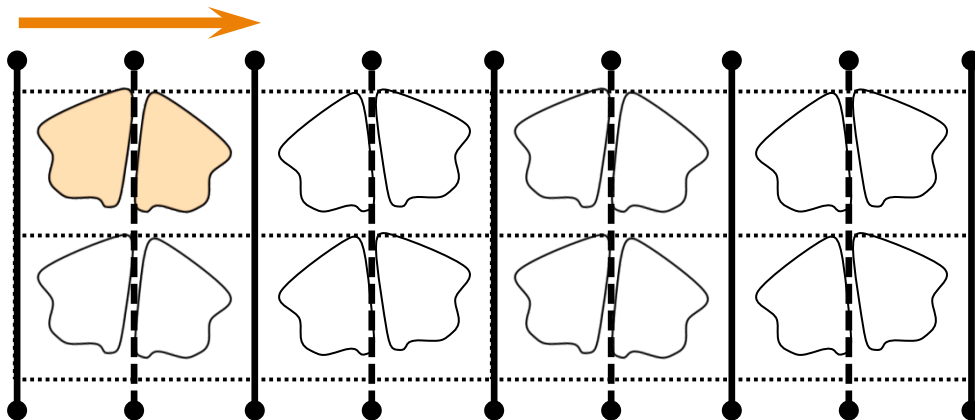
(symmetry is **global** and **exact**)



Crystallographic translation

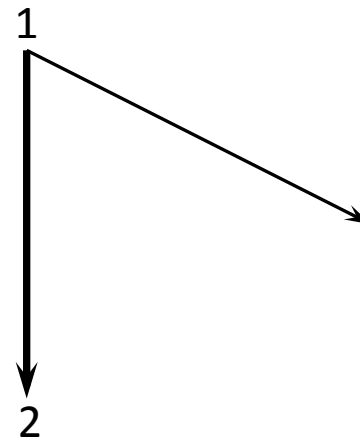
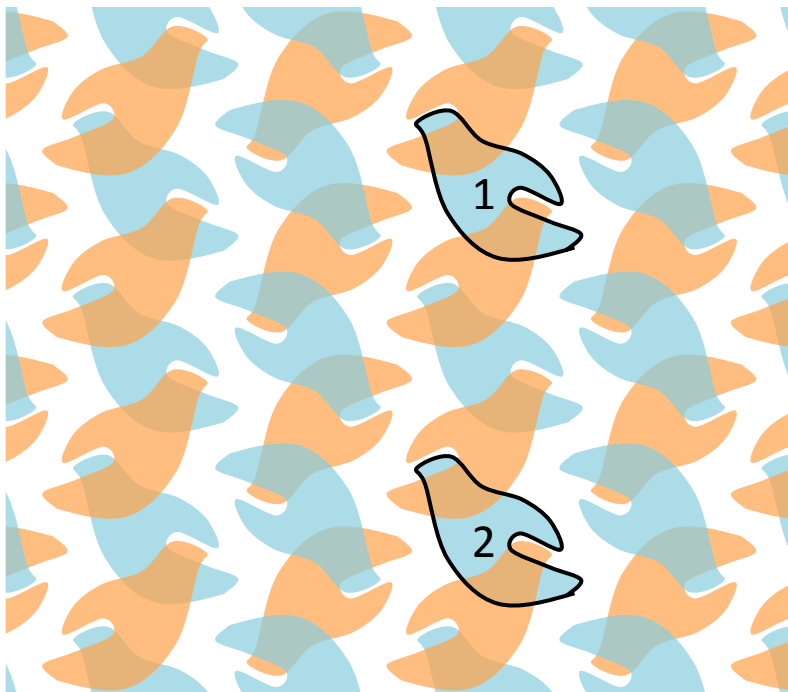
(symmetry is **global** but **approximate**)

Pseudo-translation



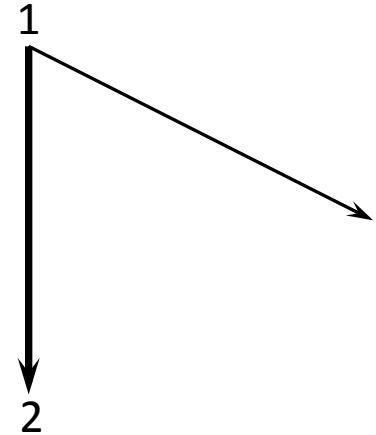
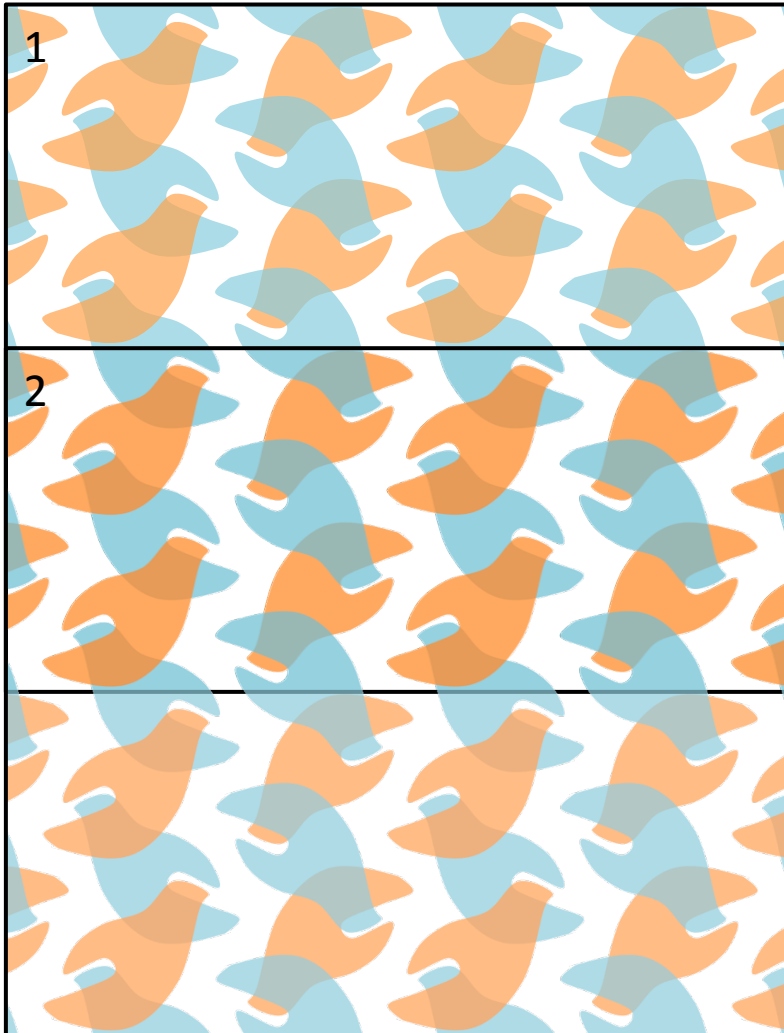
This is a special case of translational Non-Crystallographic Symmetry (tNCS)

Translation 2



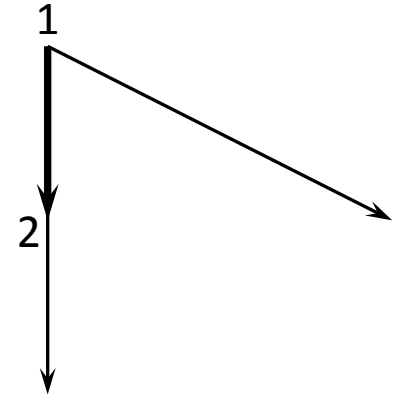
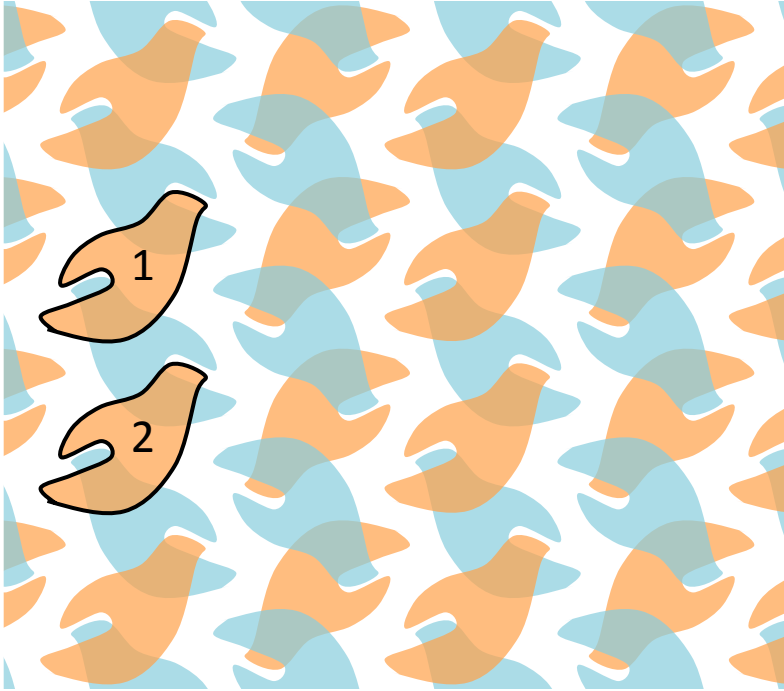
Highlighted vector
maps 1 -> 2

Translation 2 is global



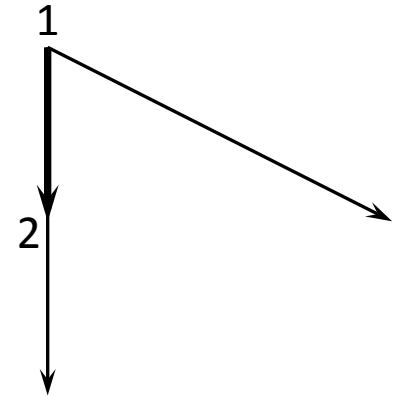
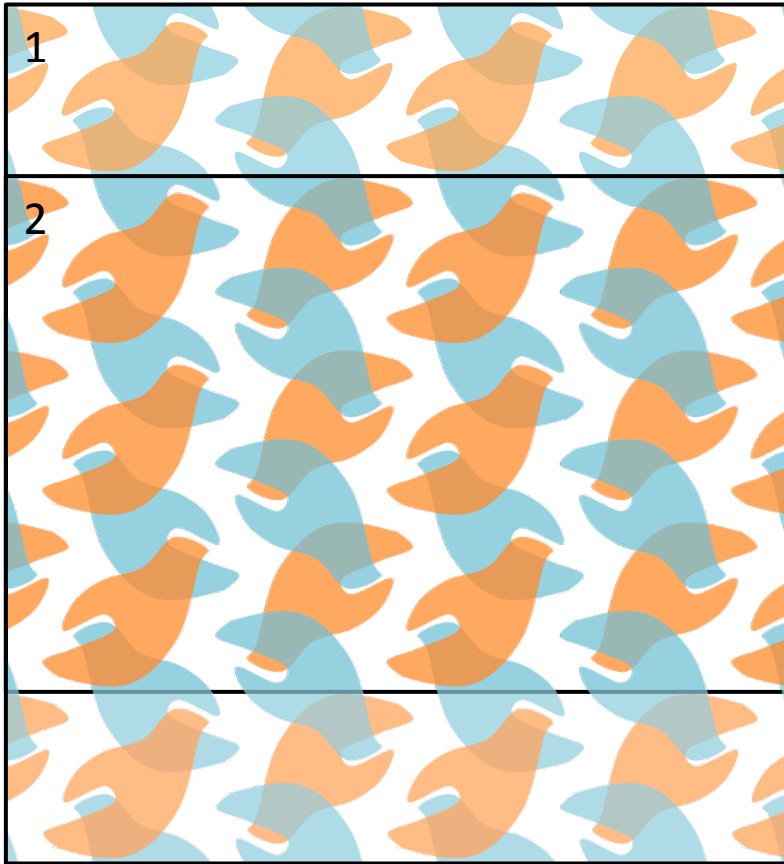
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maps the whole
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Translation 3



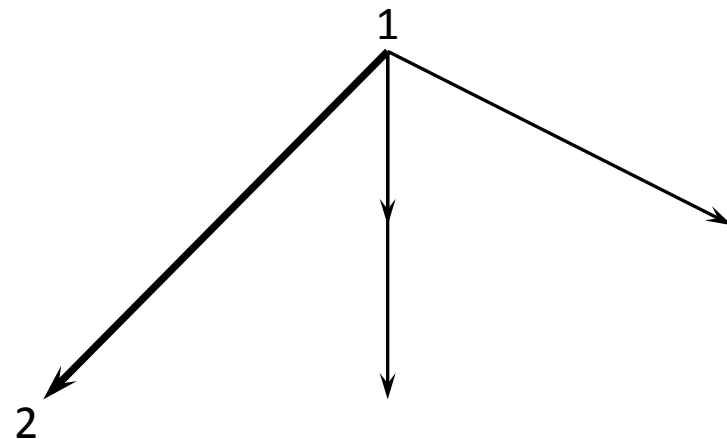
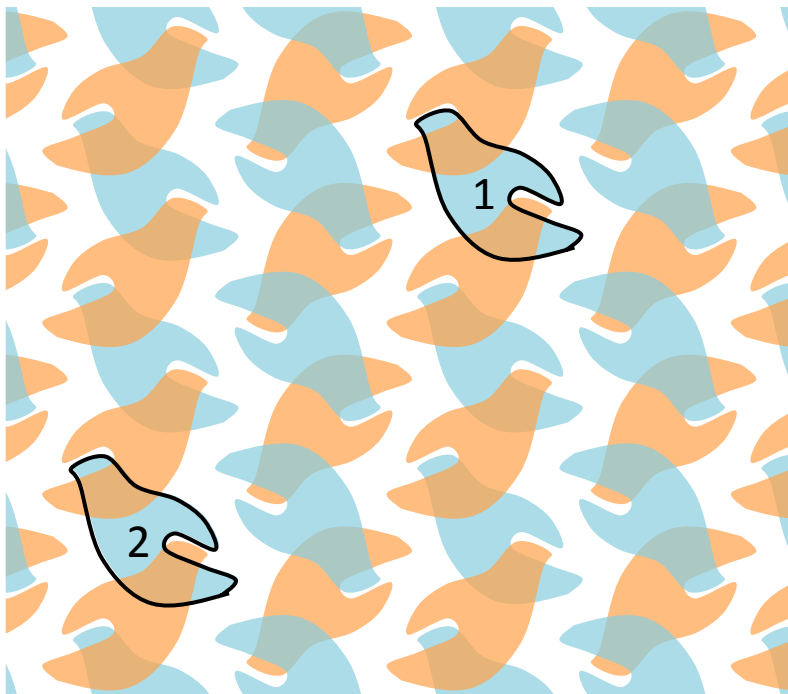
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Translation 3 is global



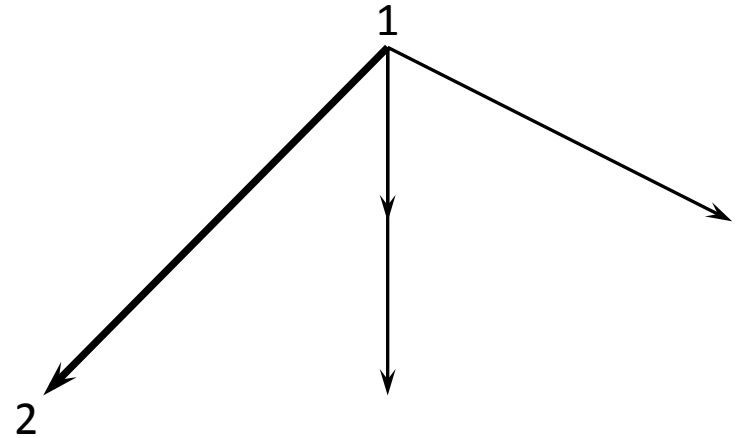
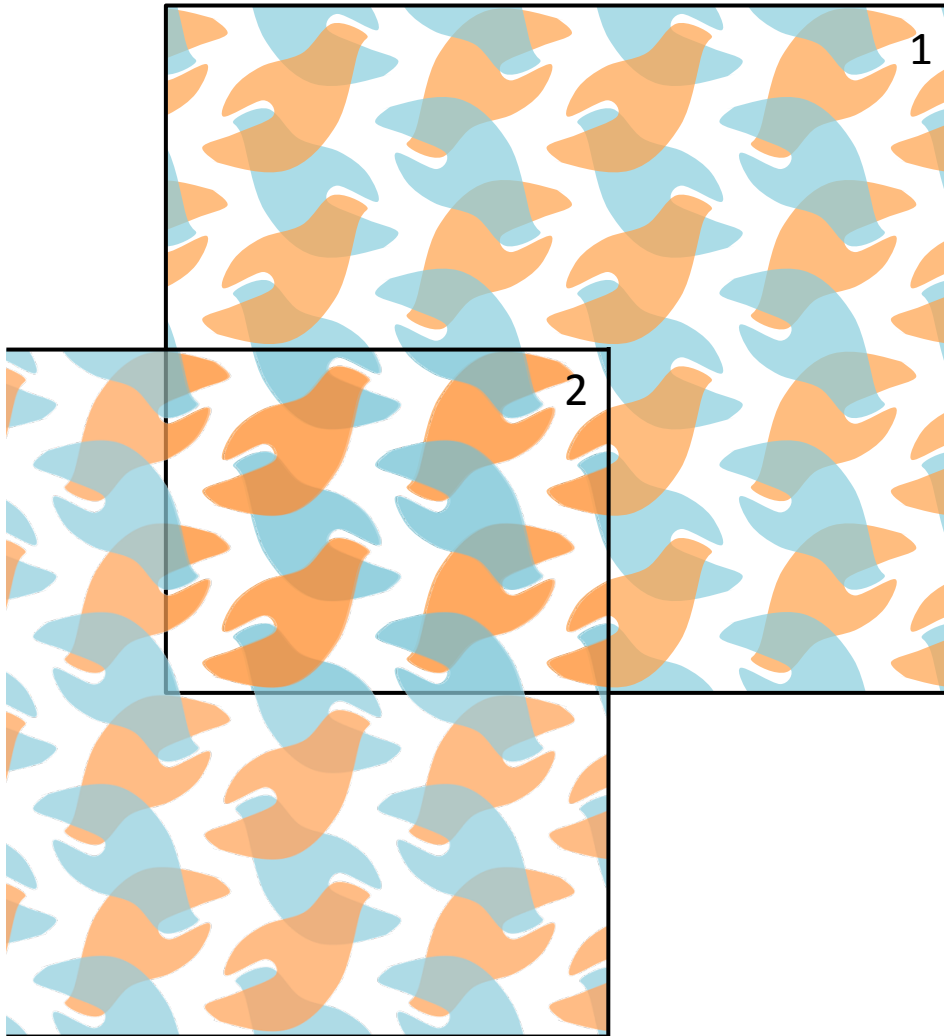
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Translation 4



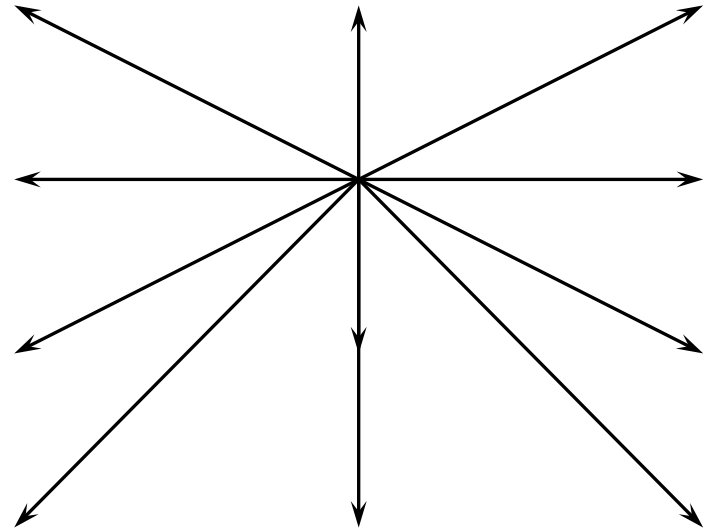
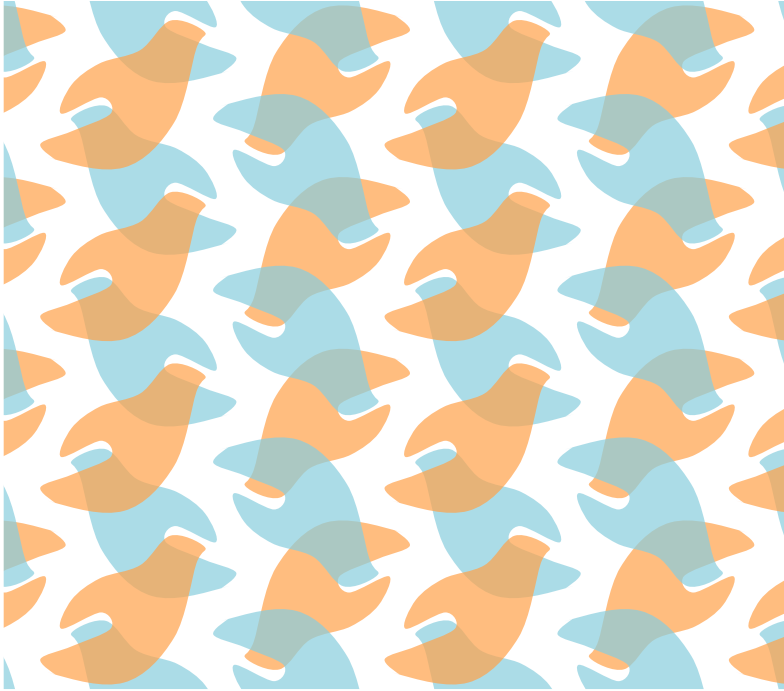
Highlighted vector
maps 1 -> 2

Translation 4 is global



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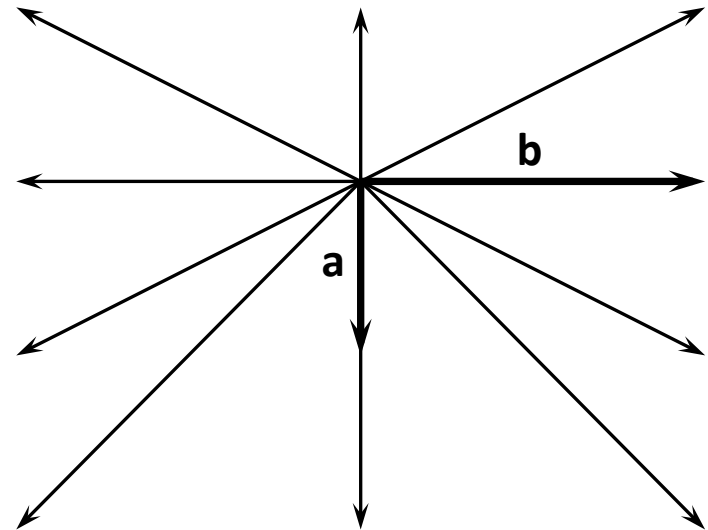
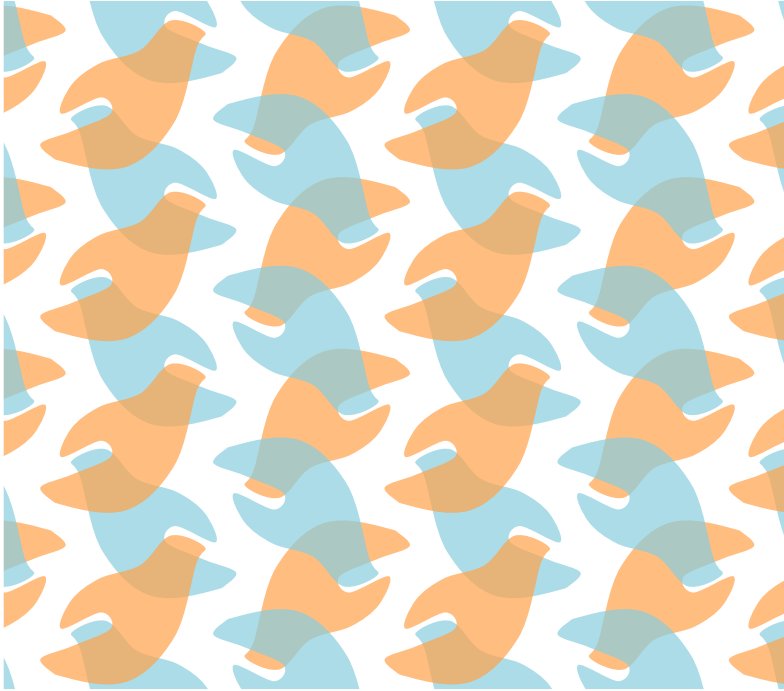
All translations form an infinite group



An infinite group (over vector sum):

- reverse translations included
- sum of any two vectors from the group belongs to the group

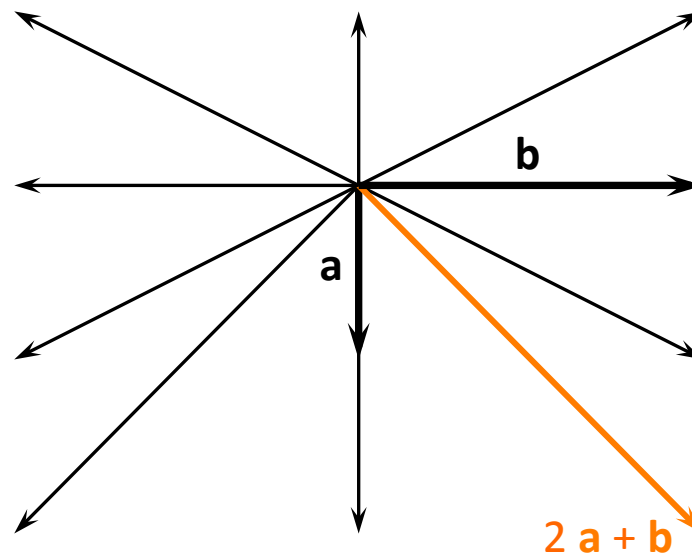
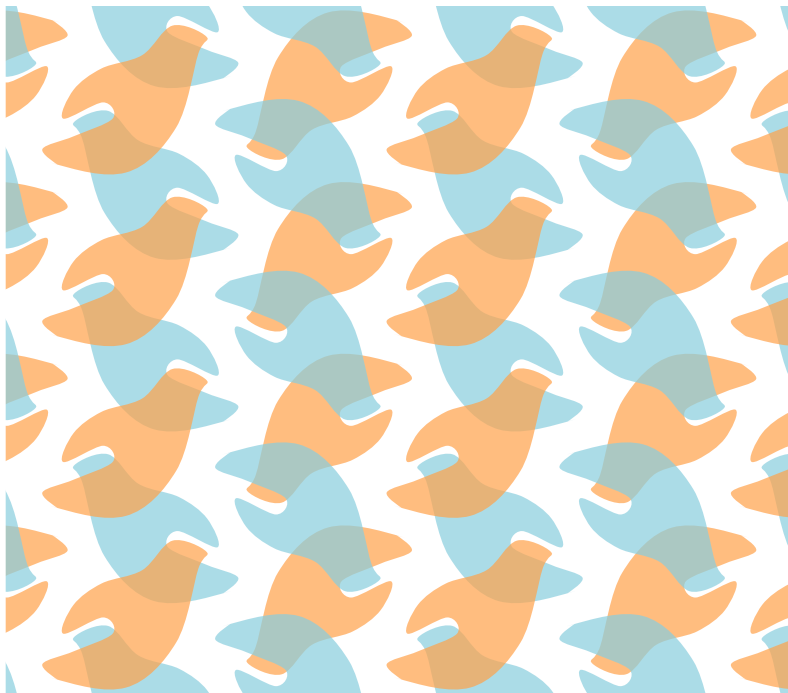
Basis set



All the translations that map the crystal onto itself can be produced from a basis set: $\mathbf{a}$, $\mathbf{b}$, $\mathbf{c}$

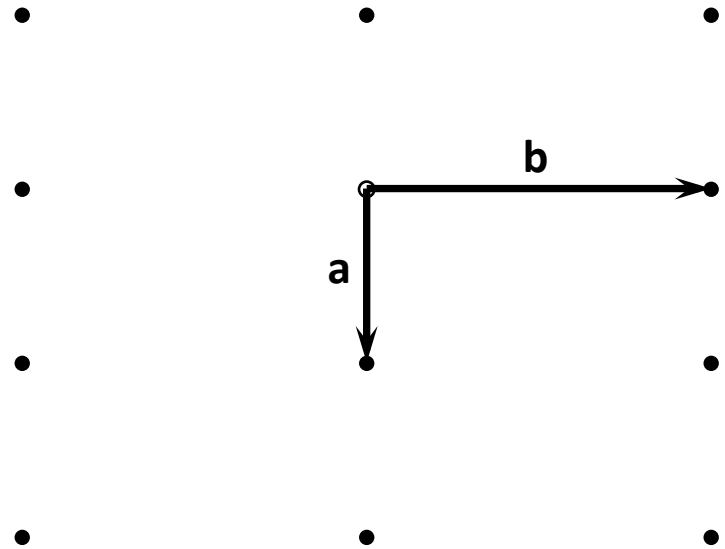
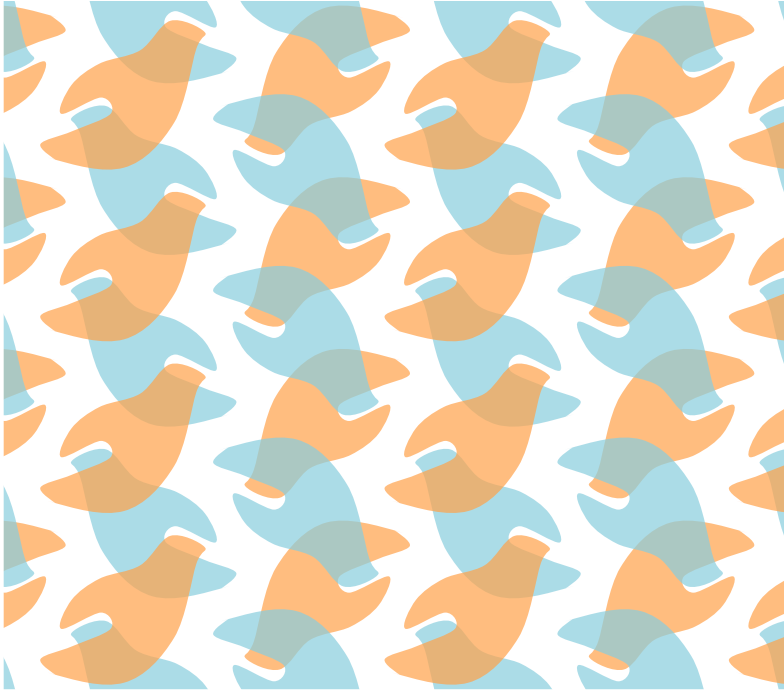
($\mathbf{c}$ is perpendicular to the plane)

Basis set



For example, the highlighted vector is expressed as $2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$.

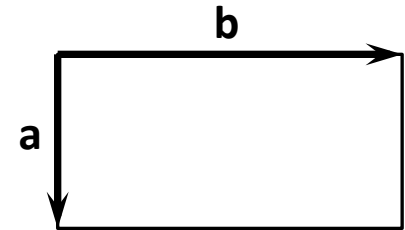
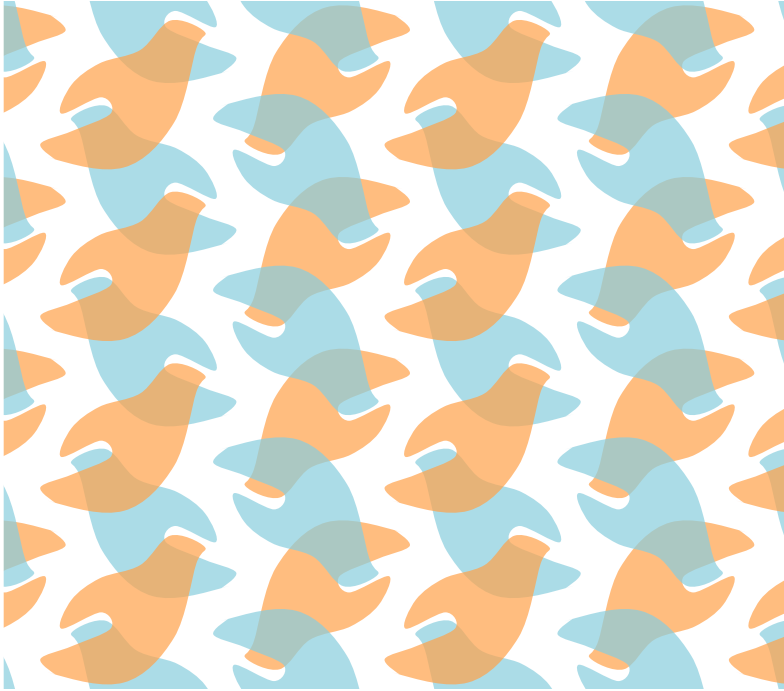
Lattice



All the crystallographic translations can be represented as a lattice.

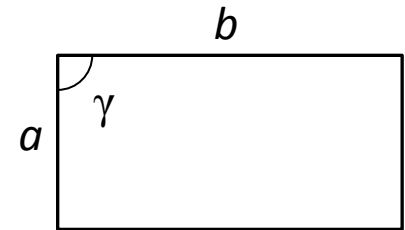
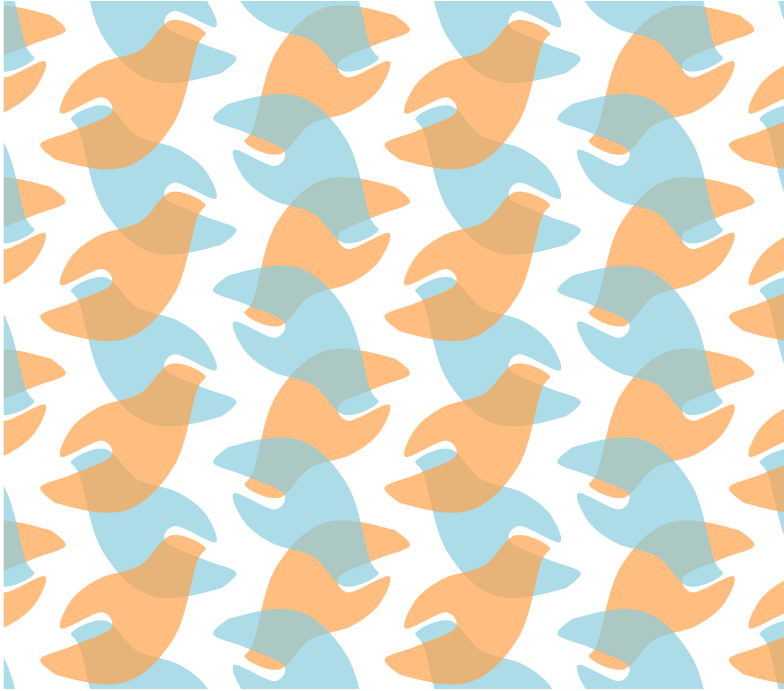
Translations live in a separate space, not connected to crystal (for now)

Unit cell



A compact representation of translational symmetry and base vectors.

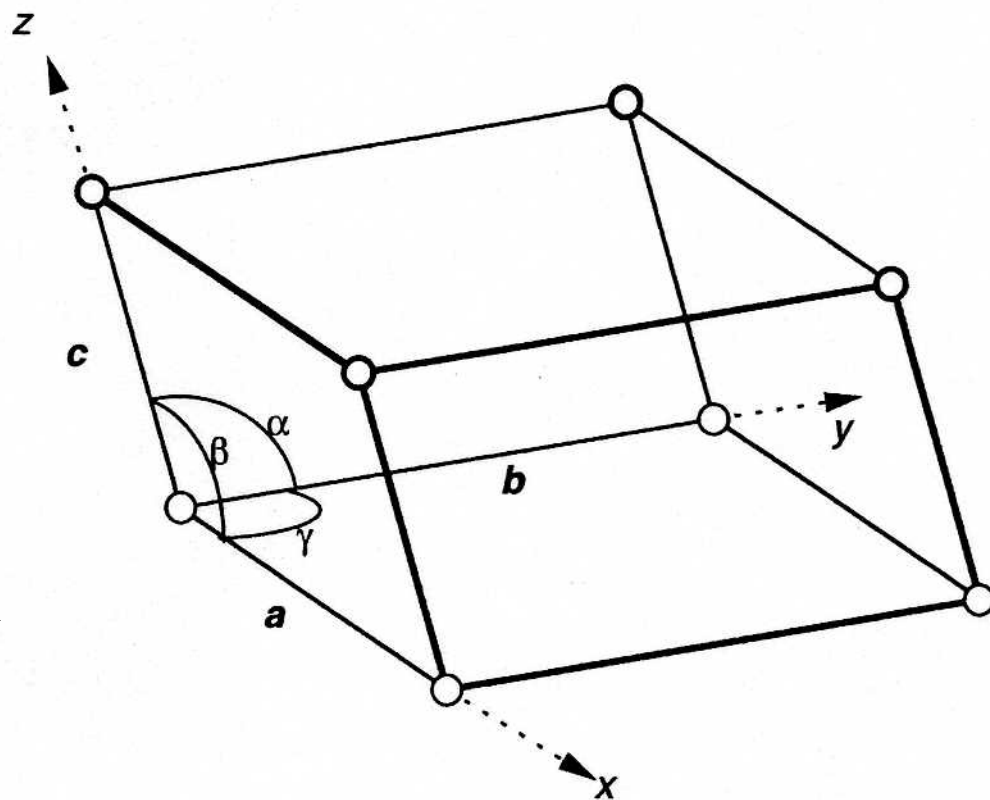
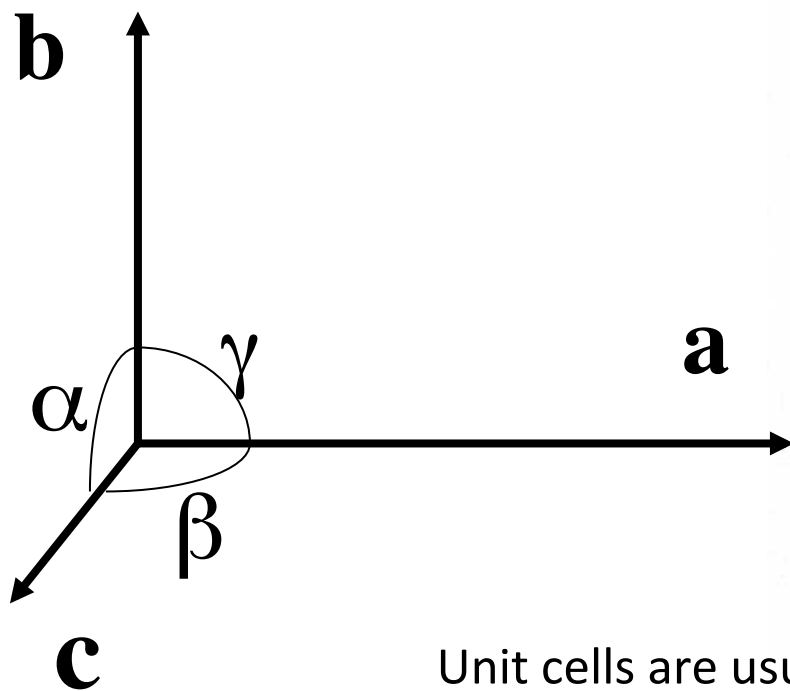
Unit cell



Can be fully characterised by six numbers
(the third dimension is not shown here)

Unit cell parameters (3D view)

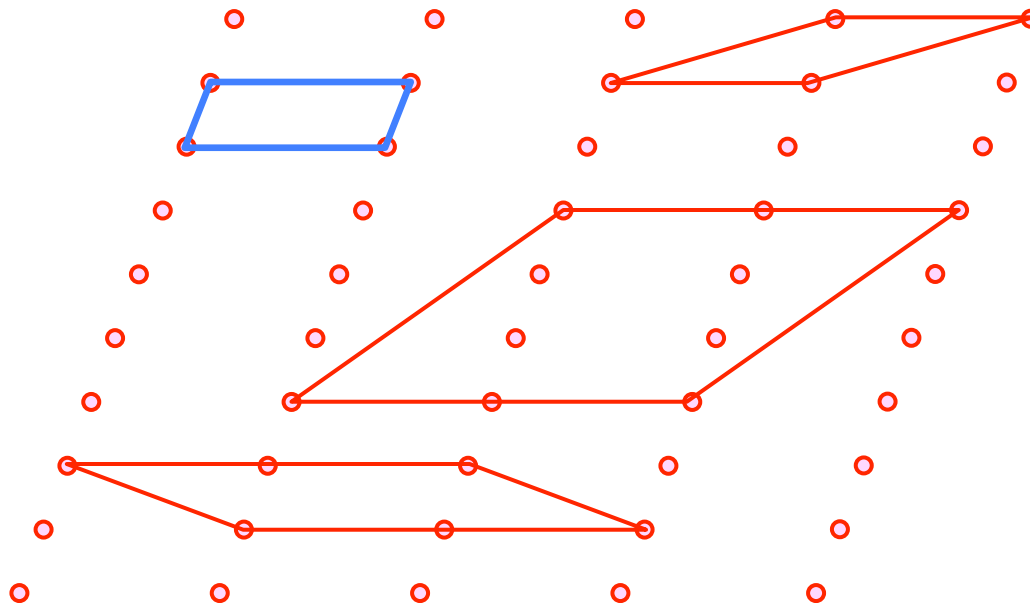
Translation symmetry is defined by three base vectors **a**, **b**, and **c**.



Unit cells are usually defined in terms of the *lengths* of these vectors and angles between them. For example,

$$a=94.2\text{\AA}, b=72.6\text{\AA}, c=30.1\text{\AA}, \alpha=90^\circ, \beta=102.1^\circ, \gamma=90^\circ.$$

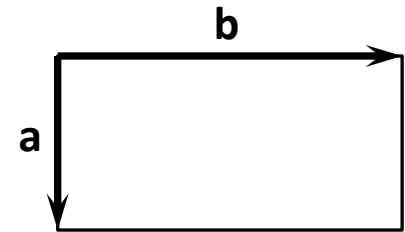
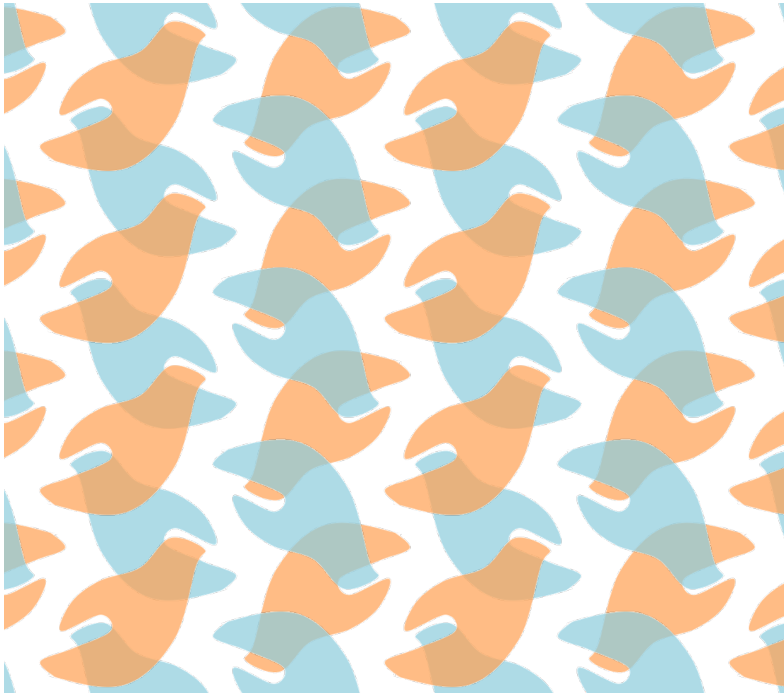
`Choice of unit cell



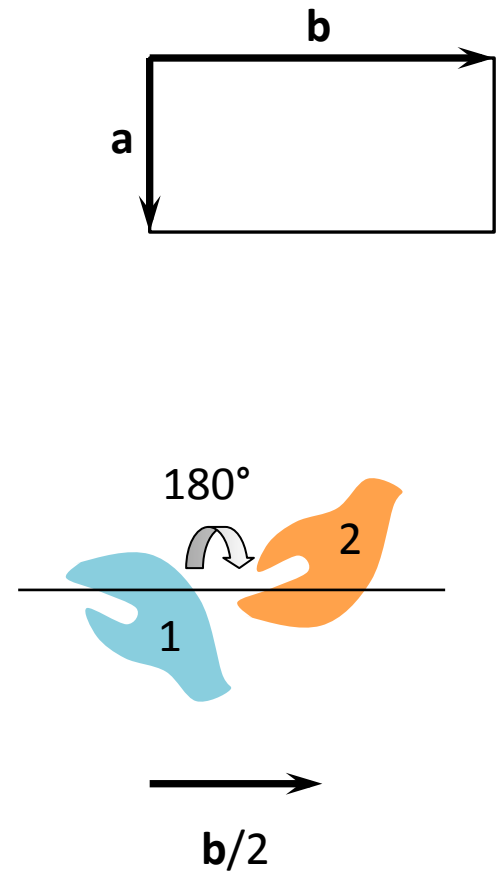
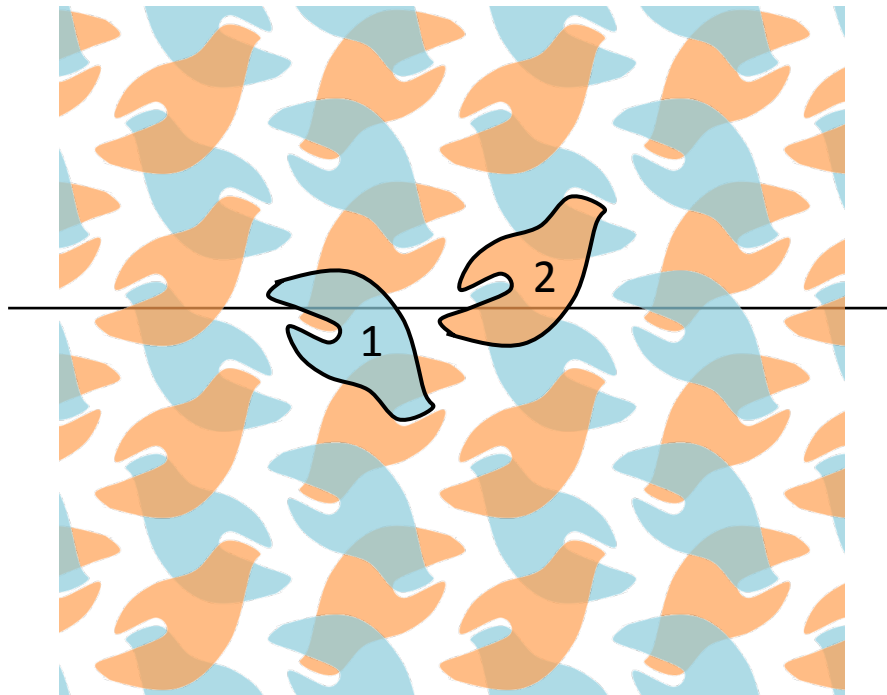
The top two do define all translations = primitive unit cells
The bottom two do NOT define all translations = non-primitive unit cells

The top left: primitive reduced – the standard for some space groups

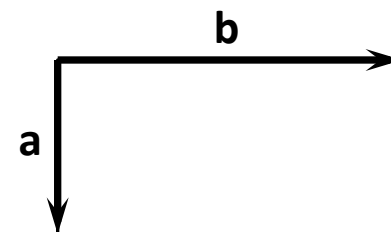
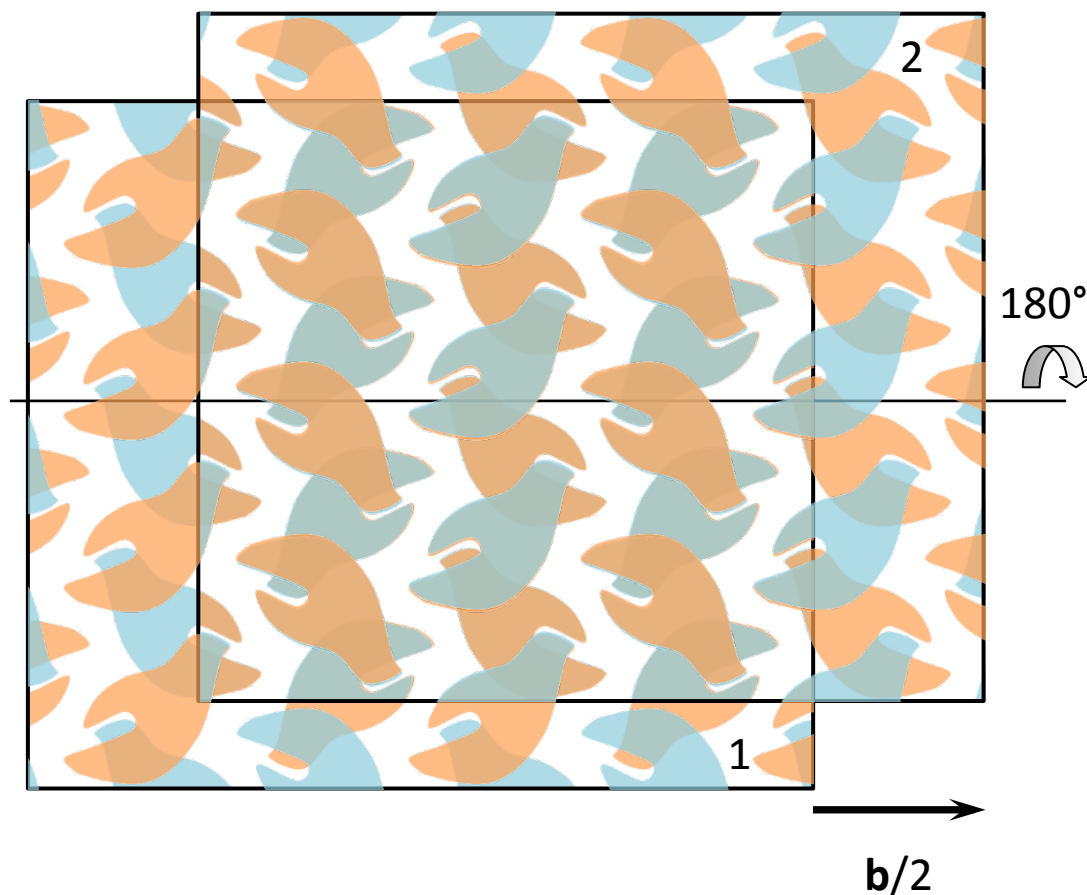
Back to example



Screw rotation 1



Screw rotation axis



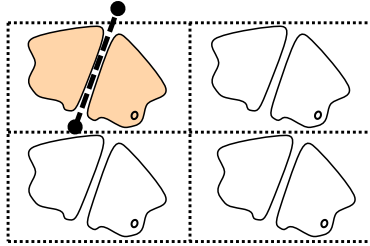
Operation 1→2
maps the whole crystal
onto itself:

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operation**

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crystallographic
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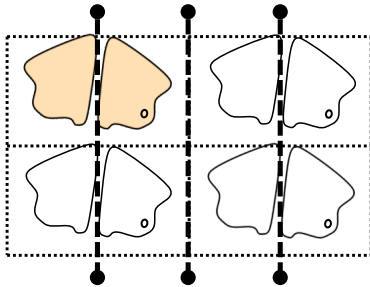
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NCS, Pseudosymmetry and Crystallographic Symmetry



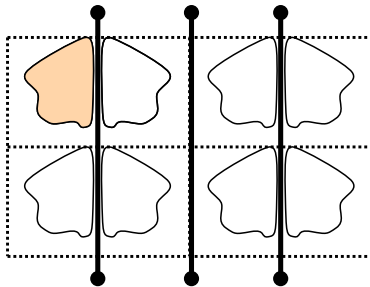
Generic Non-Crystallographic Symmetry (NCS):

- symmetry is **local** and **approximate**



Pseudosymmetry (a limiting case of NCS)

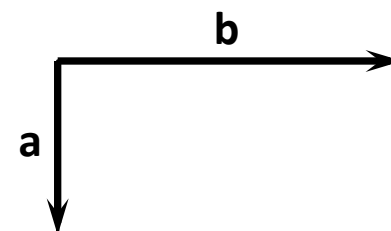
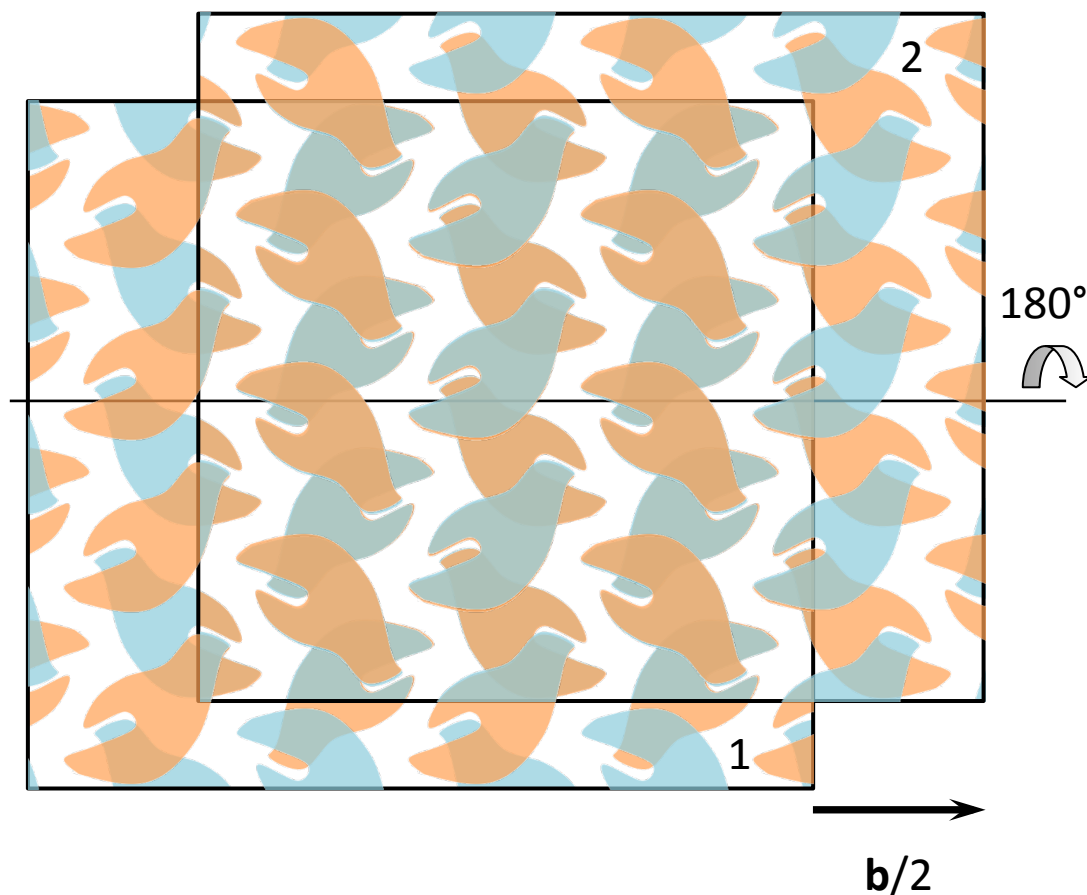
- symmetry is **global** and **approximate**



Crystallographic symmetry

- symmetry is **global** and **exact**

Screw rotation axis



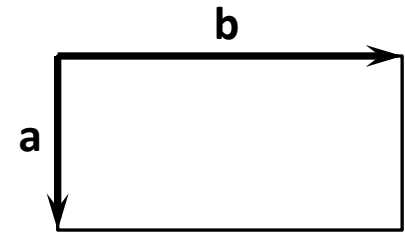
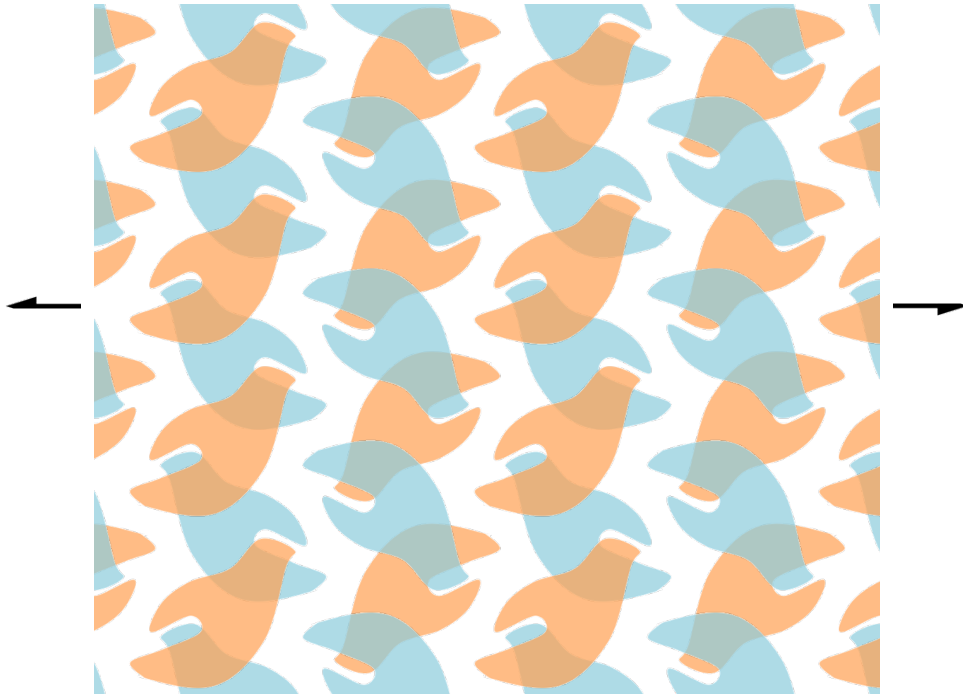
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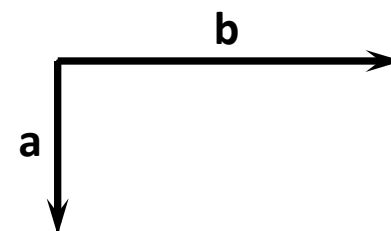
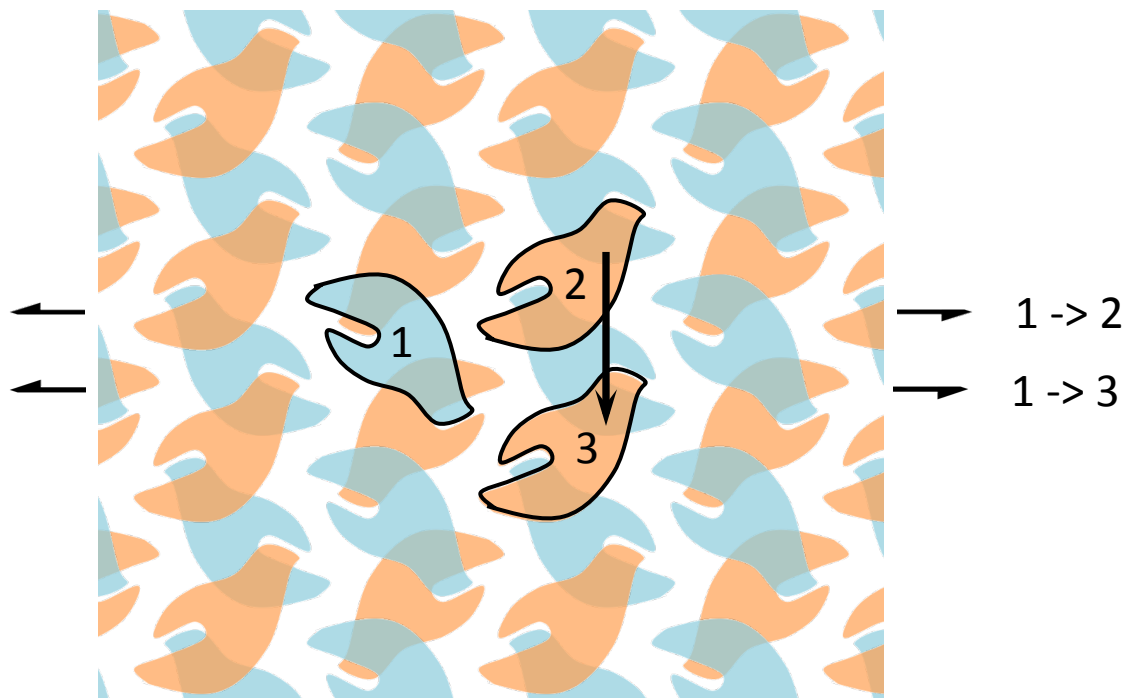
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Screw rotation 1 - symbol



2_1 (plane of figure): $\longleftrightarrow$

Screw rotation 1 - repeats

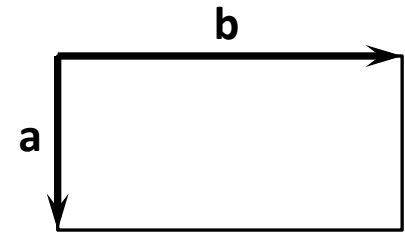
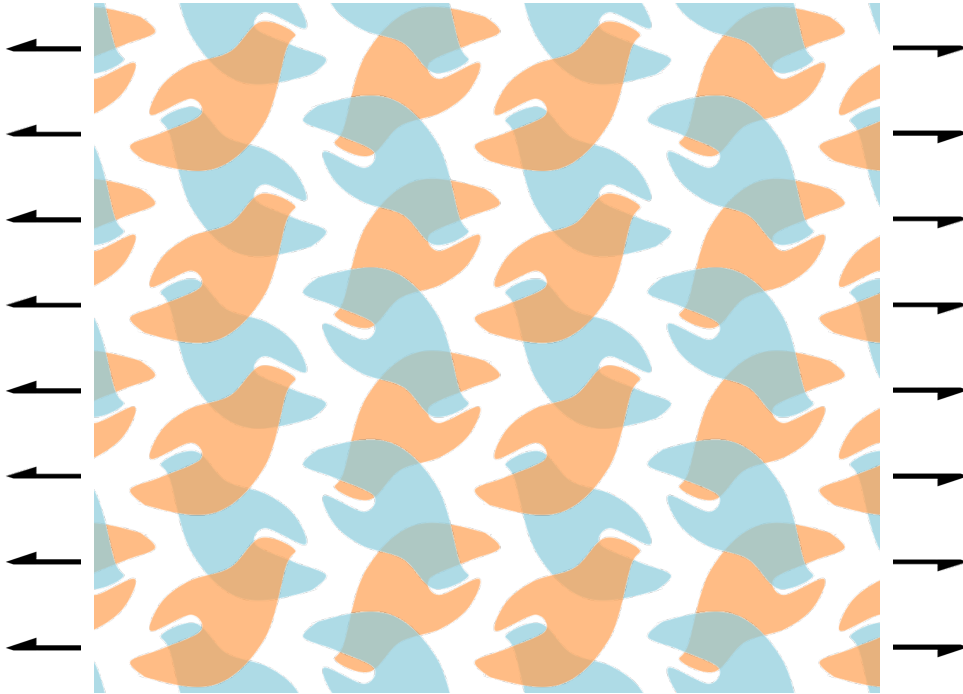


action of top axis
 $\times$
translation **a**
 $=$
action of bottom axis

(elements of a group)

The operation on the top axis, combined with translation **a**, can be used to recreate the bottom axis. Here this also means that a rotation/translation offset by $\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}$ is also available.

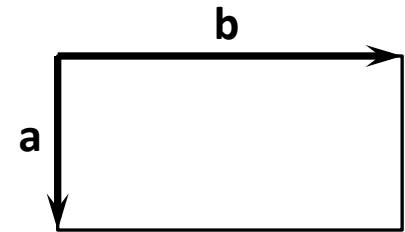
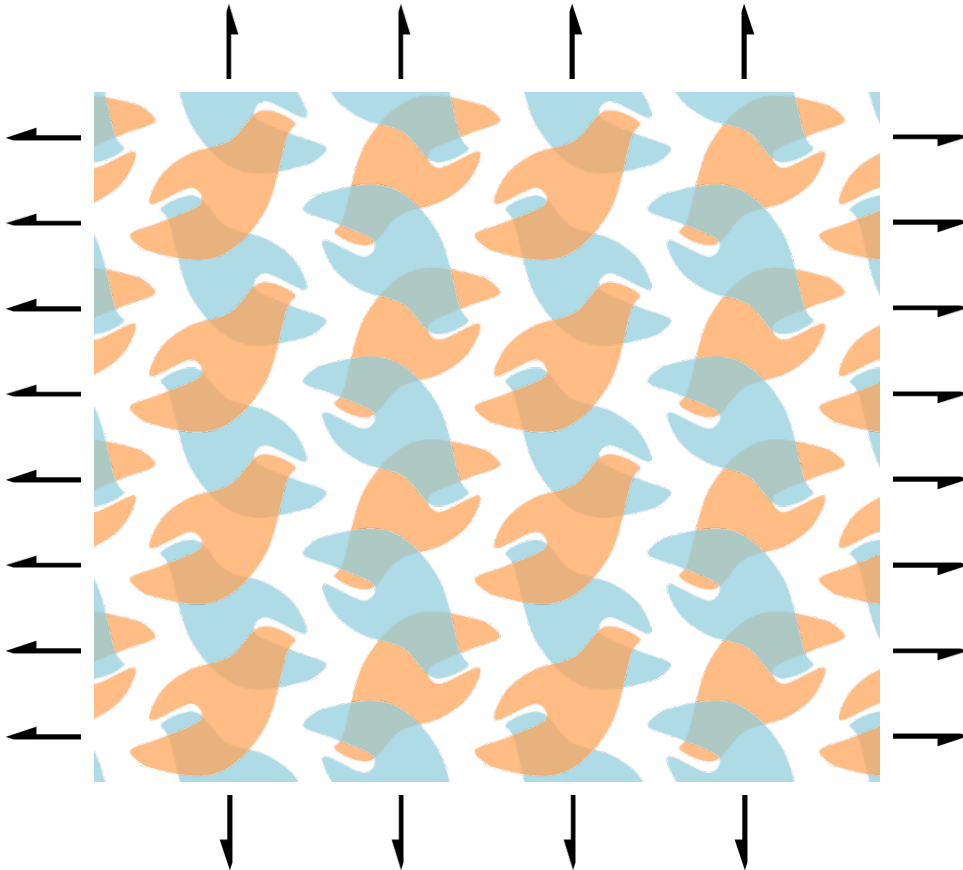
Screw rotation 1 - repeats



2_1 (plane of figure): $\leftarrow \rightarrow$

Also repeated in 3d dimension
with offset of $\frac{1}{2} c$

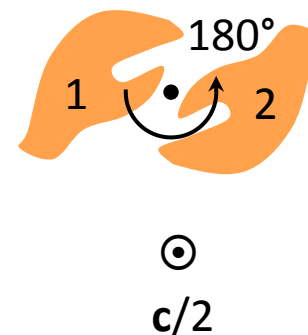
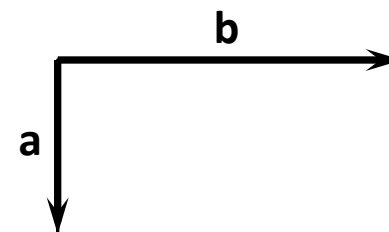
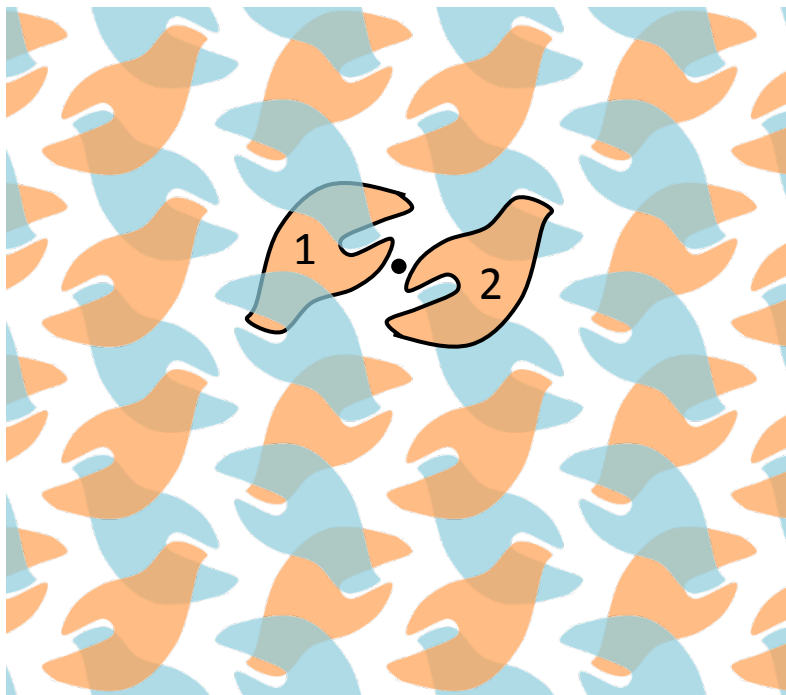
Screw rotations parallel to **a** and **b**



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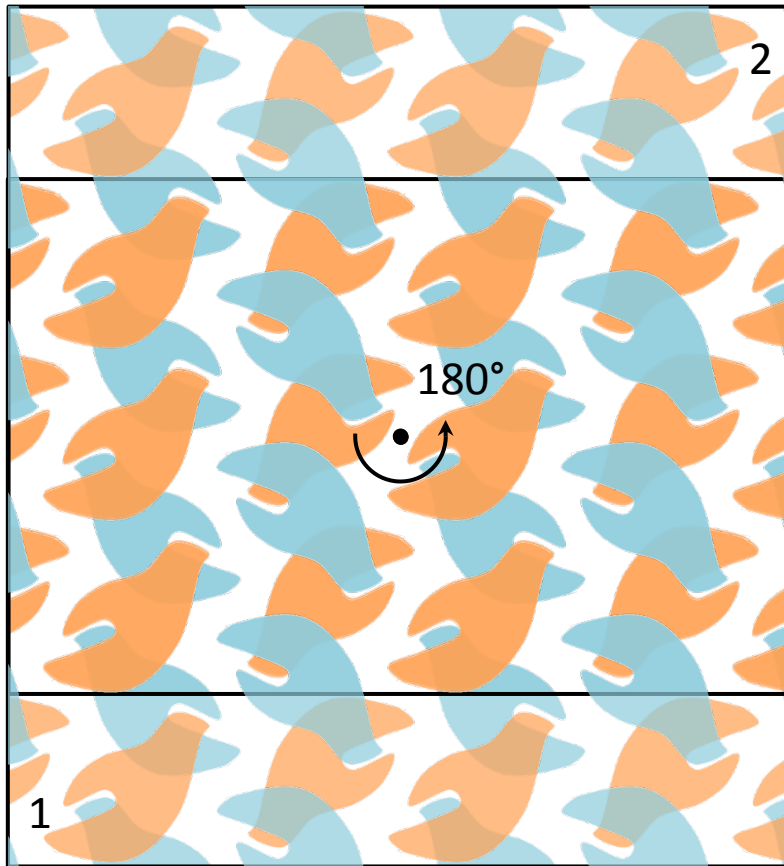
Series of 2_1 axes offset by $\frac{1}{2}$ unit cell from each other.

Screw rotation 3 – into plane

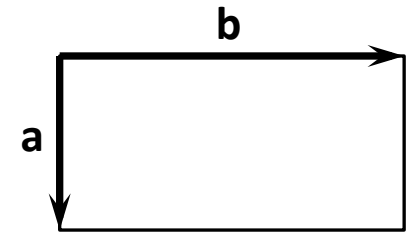


A rotation of 180° with a translation of $\frac{1}{2}$ unit cell from the figure.

Screw rotation 3 is global



⊙
 $c/2$



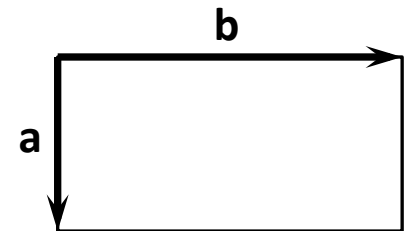
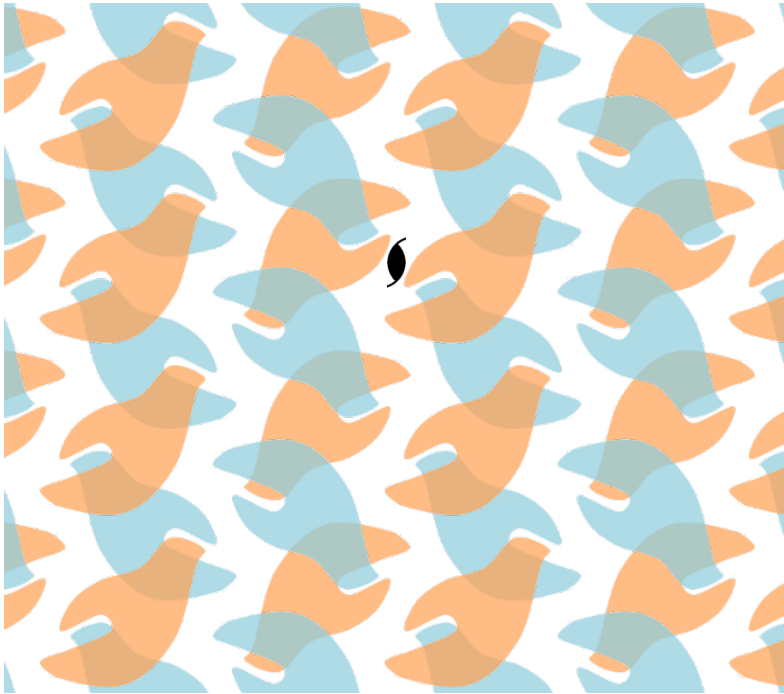
Screw rotation 3 maps the whole crystal onto itself:

this is a **crystallographic operation**

The rotation axis is a crystallographic symmetry element,

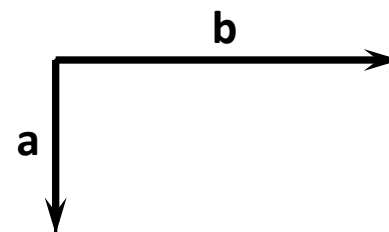
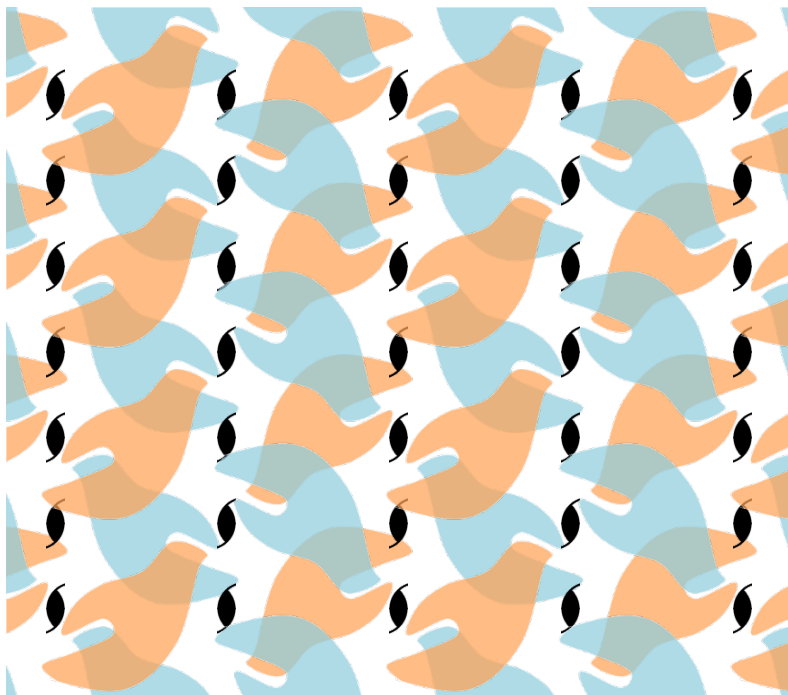
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Screw rotation 3 - symbol



2_1 (along view): 

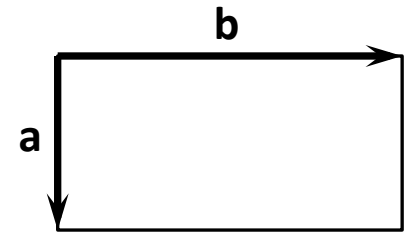
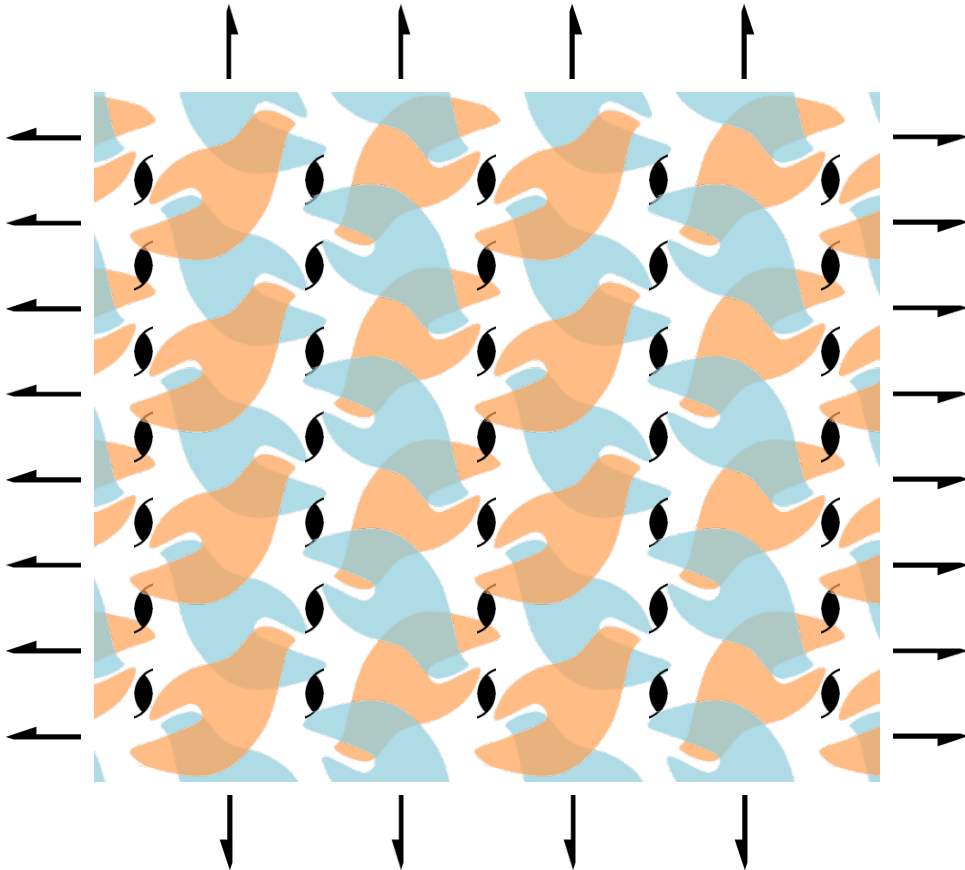
Screw rotation 3 - repeats



2_1 (along view):

As for the in-plane axes,
there are repeated axes
into the plane that leave
the crystal unchanged.

All axes together

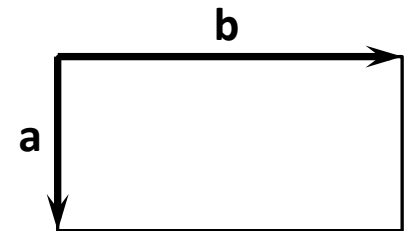
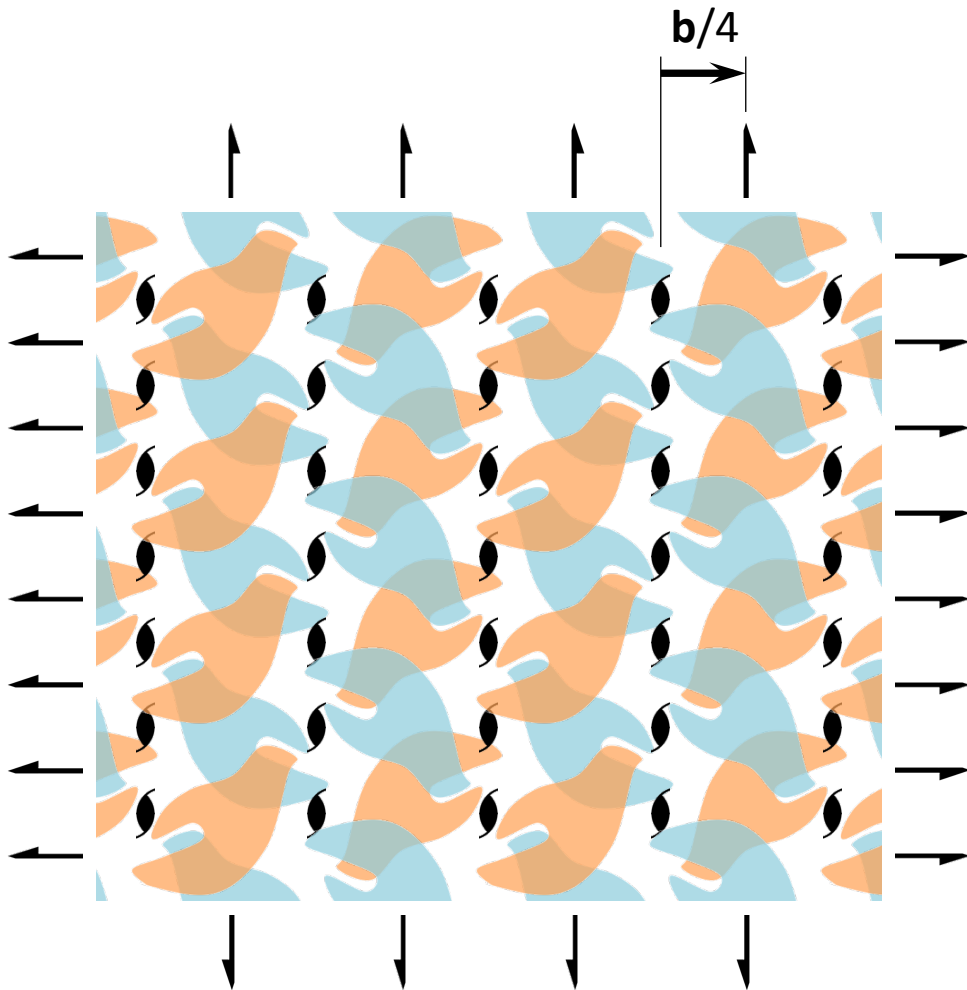


2_1 (plane of figure):

2_1 (along view):

we have built
a **space group**

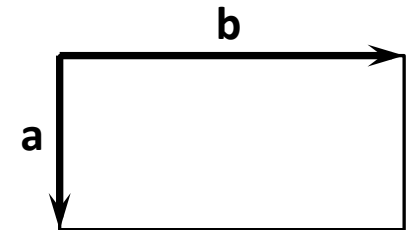
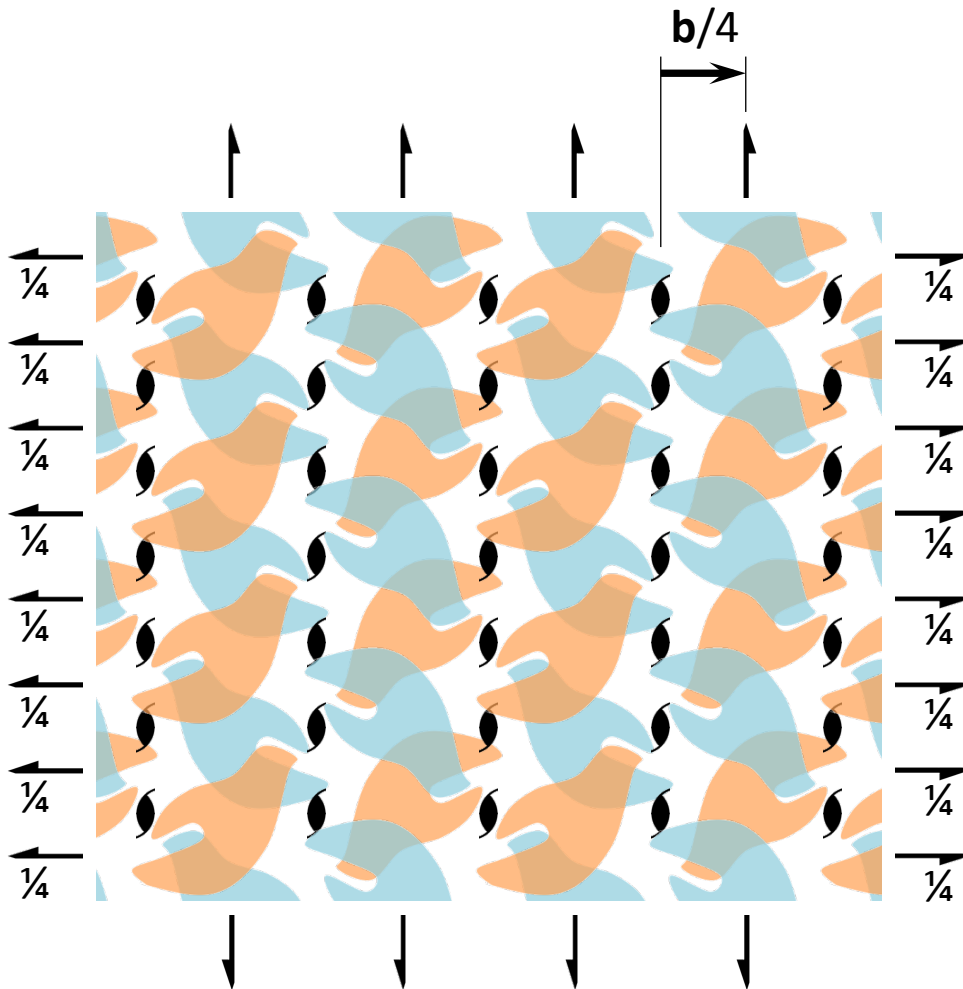
Relative positions of axes



2_1 (plane of figure): $\leftarrow \rightarrow$

2_1 (along view): $\curvearrowright$

Relative positions of axes



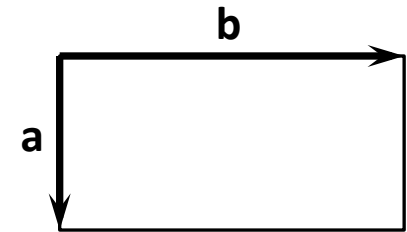
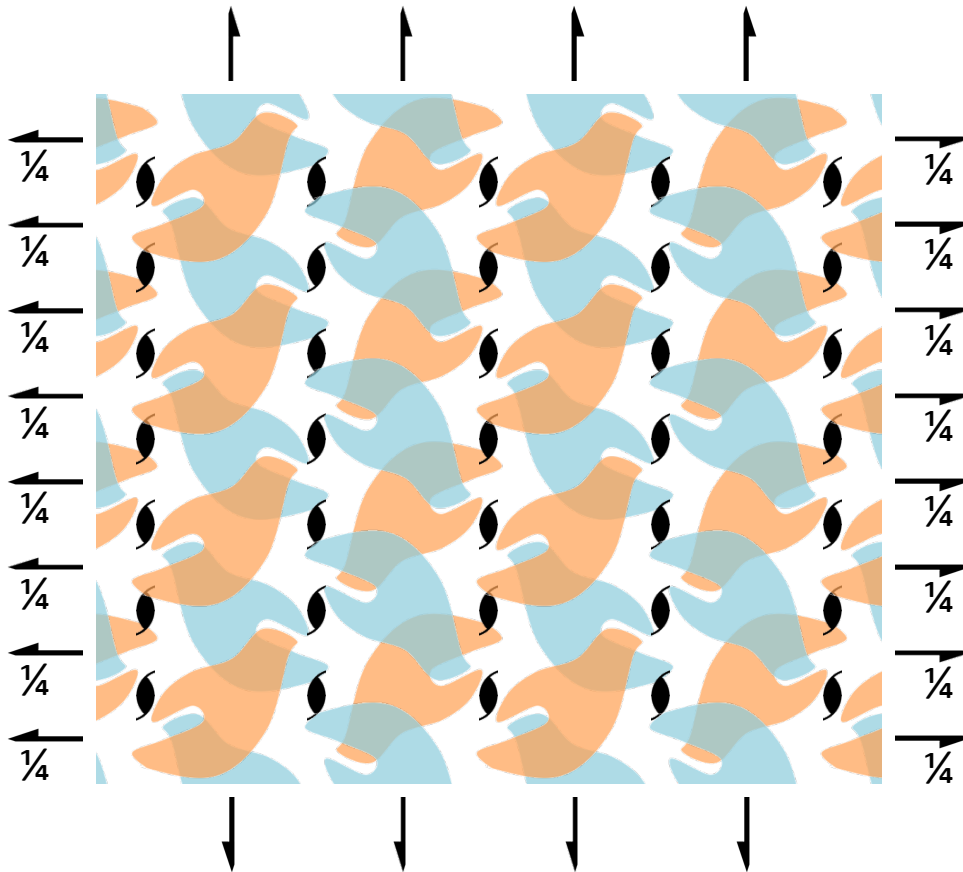
2_1 (plane of figure): $\longleftrightarrow$

2_1 (along view): $\curvearrowright$

The adjacent axes running in different directions are offset by $\frac{1}{4}$ of corresponding base vector.

The horizontal $\frac{1}{4}$ indicates a offset of $(n + \frac{1}{4}) \mathbf{c}$ into the figure.

Relative positions of axes

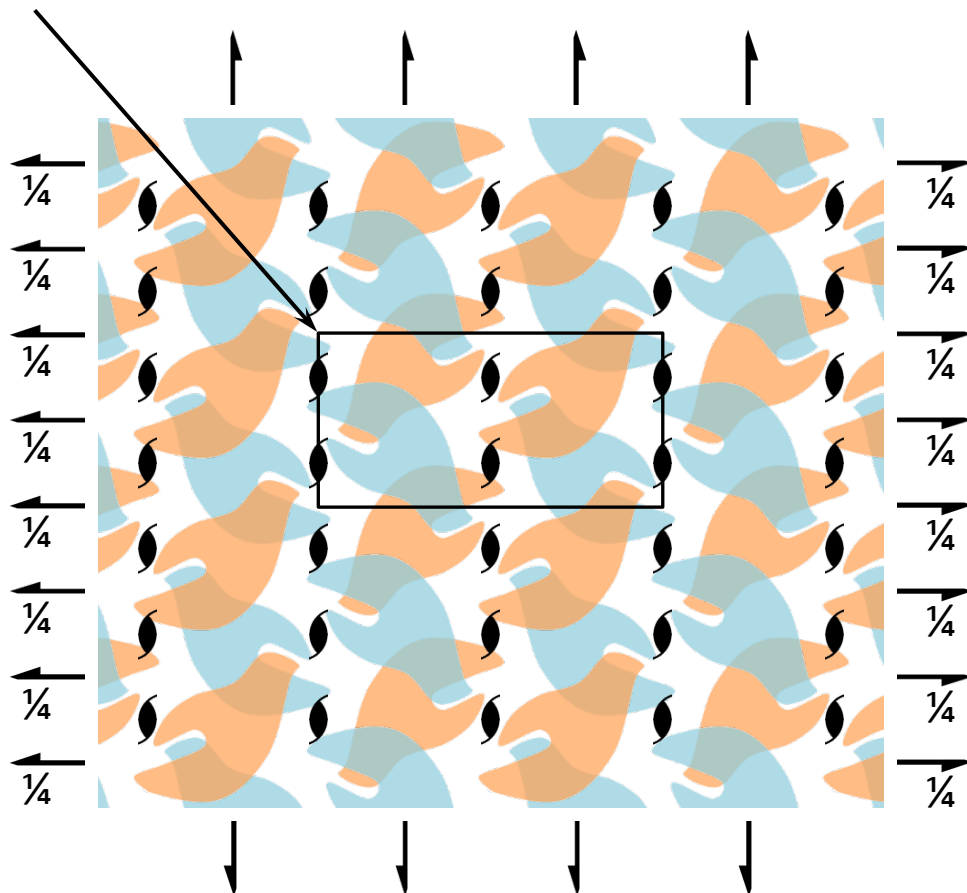


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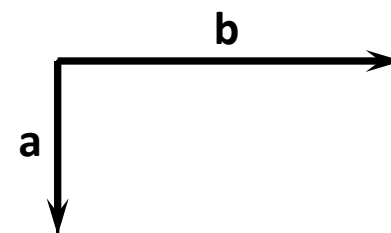
2_1 (along view): $\curvearrowright$

Choice of origin is a convention. Notation

The origin ($x=0, y=0, z=0$)



The origin in this particular space group:
is chosen to be equidistant from adjacent axes



2_1 (plane of figure): $\longleftrightarrow$

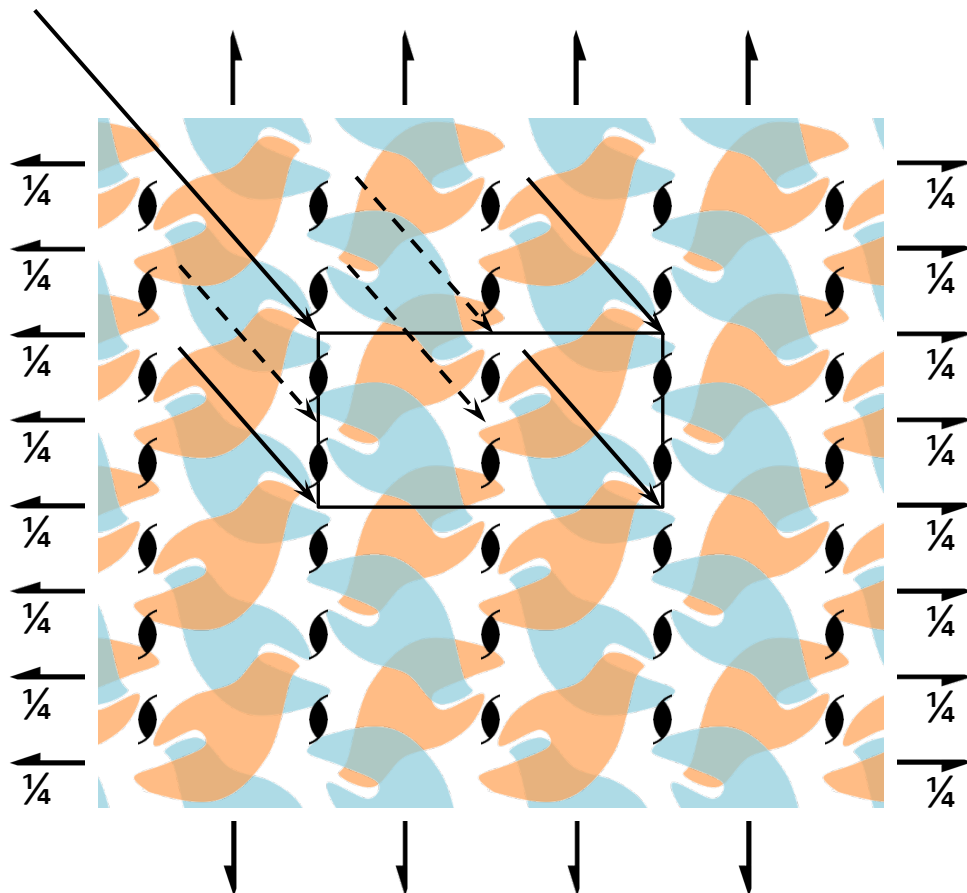
2_1 (along view): $\curvearrowright$

The unit cell placed on picture
with symmetry elements
means a choice of origin.

Such a choice is a **convention**.

Equivalent and alternative origins

The origin ($x=0, y=0, z=0$)



Solid arrows – origins, which are equivalent to the one chosen

Dashed arrows – alternative origins.

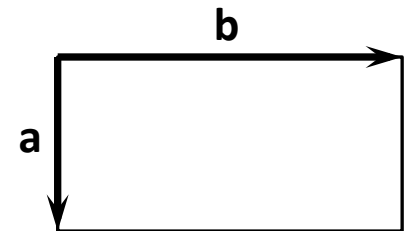
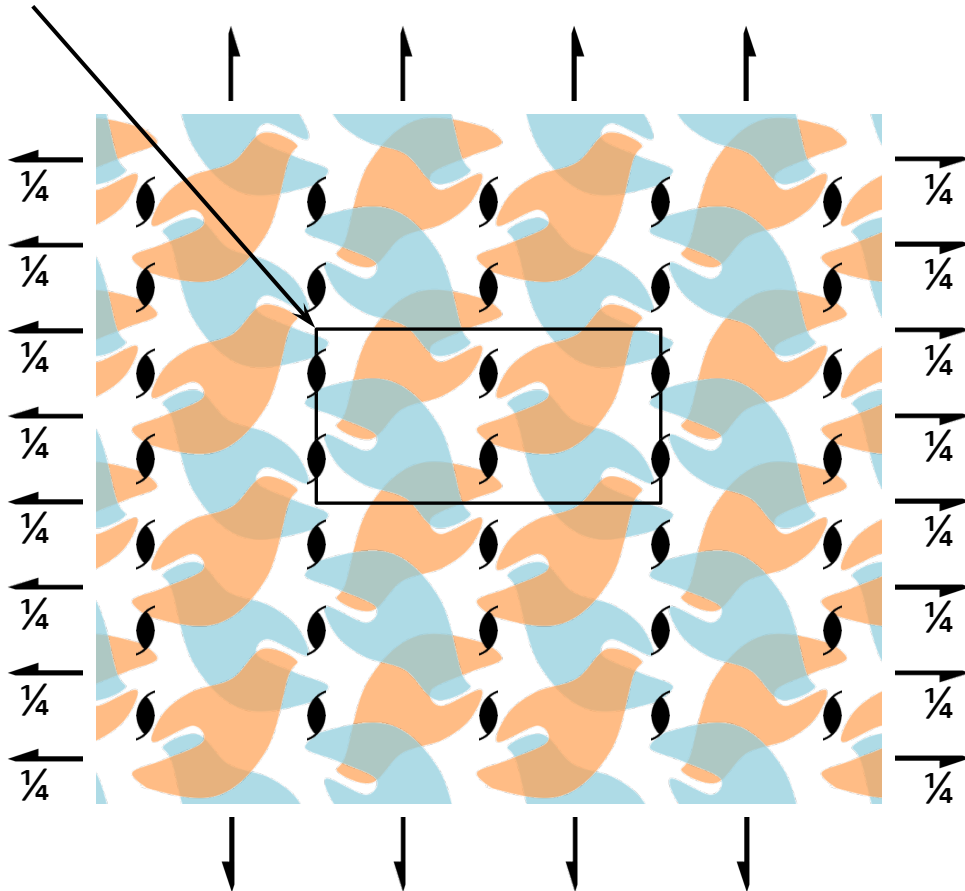
Altogether:

- infinite number of conventional origins
- eight types of equivalent origins in this example

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Complete picture

The origin



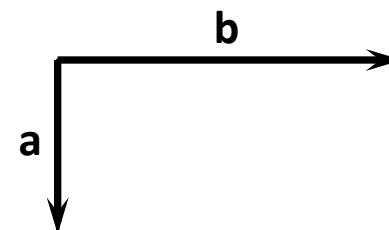
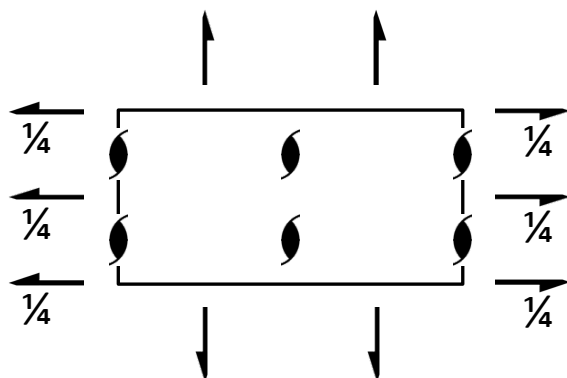
2_1 (plane of figure): $\longleftrightarrow$

2_1 (along view): $\curvearrowright$

Compact representation

$P2_12_12_1$

No. 19



2_1 (plane of figure):

2_1 (along view):

Scheme with symmetry axes -> space group symbol -> more info in International Tables
We will discuss space group symbols a bit later

Presentation in International Tables

$P2_12_12_1$

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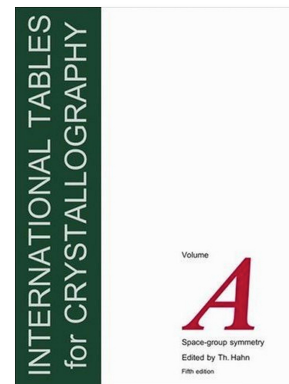
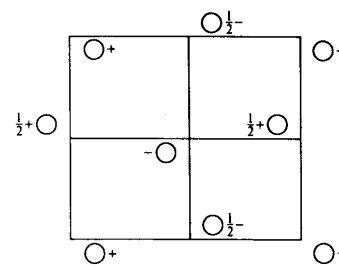
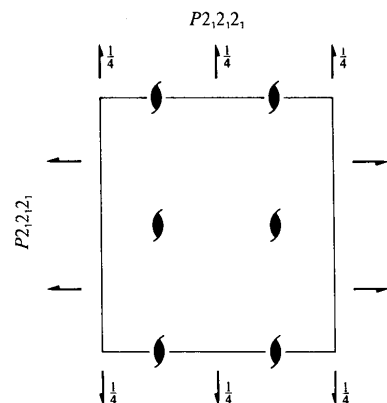
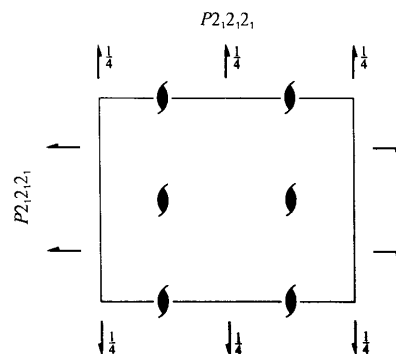
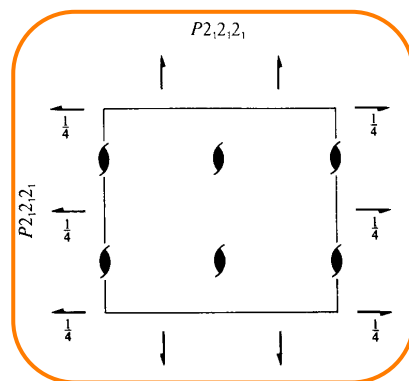
D_2^4

$P2_12_12_1$

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Orthorhombic

Patterson symmetry $Pmmm$



Presentation in International Tables

Short Hermann-Mauguin symbol

$P2_12_12_1$

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Schoenflies symbol

D_2^4

$P2_12_12_1$

Crystal Class (point group)

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Crystal system

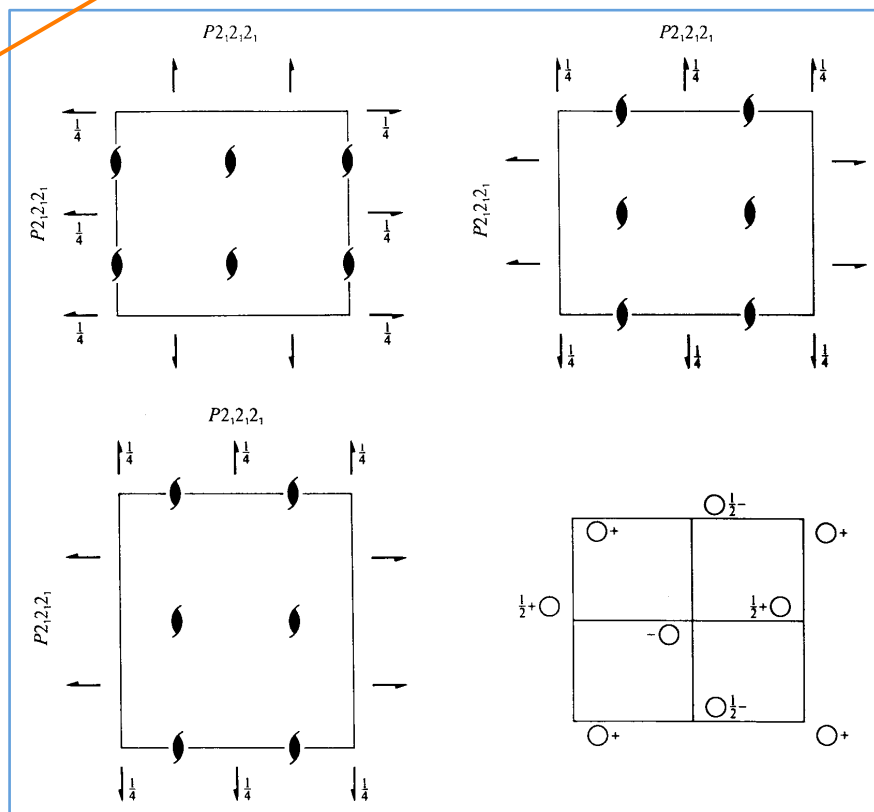
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Patterson symmetry

Space group number

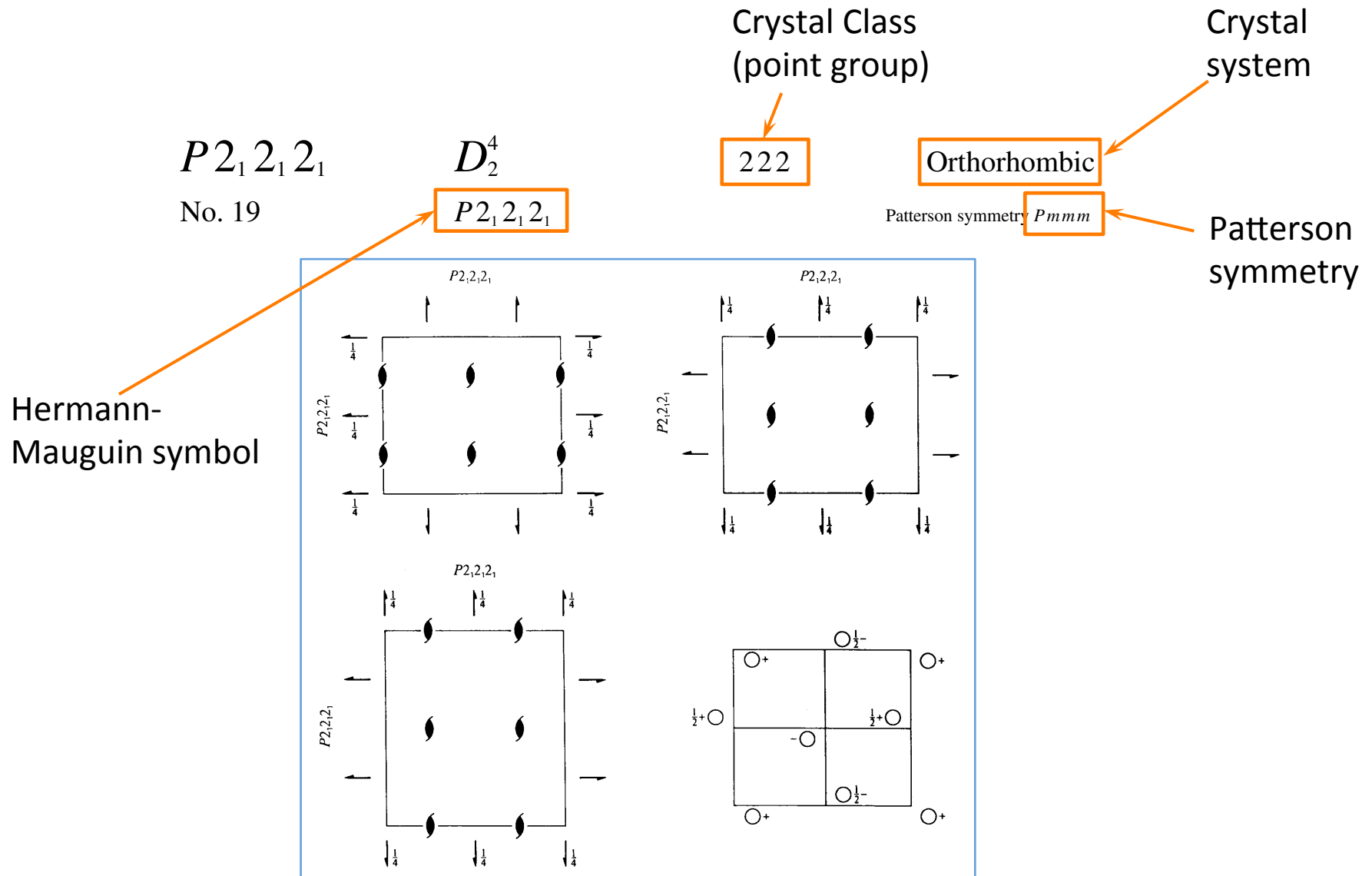
Hermann-Mauguin symbol



Space group diagrams:

- Location of symmetry elements (one or more projections)
- Set of equivalent points in general position

Discussed later in this talk



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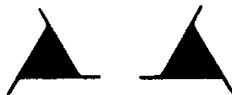
Symmetry operations and elements

Apart from the identity and translational symmetry, **macromolecular crystals** can only contain the following symmetry elements:

Proper rotation: Rotate by $360^\circ/n$.

Screw rotation: Rotate by $360^\circ/n$ & translate by $d(m/n)$; d = unit cell edge.

Example

<u>Proper Rotations</u>			<u>Screw Rotations</u>	
	Symbol	(n)	Symbol	(n m)
Two-fold		2		2_1
Three-fold		3		$3_1, 3_2$
Four-fold		4		$4_1, 4_2, 4_3$
Six-fold		6		$6_1, 6_2, 6_3, 6_4, 6_5$

Symmetry elements disallowed by chiral centres

Small molecules also face other symmetry operations

- Mirror plane **m**
- Glide planes **a**, **b**, **c**, **n** or **d**: reflection across plane followed by translation (usually $\frac{1}{2}$) unit cell parallel to plane along **a**, **b**, **c**, **face diagonal** or **body diagonal**, respectively
- Rotation – inversion $\bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{6}$: a rotation followed by inversion

Space groups

- All possible combinations of symmetry elements => 230 space groups
- Because protein and nucleic acid molecules are chiral, there are only 65 “biological” space groups.
- Space groups are divided on 7 crystal system based on
 - the presence of symmetry elements of a certain order (6, 4, 3, 2)
 - the number of different orientations of these elements

Crystal Systems

* In macromolecular crystals the symmetry elements are all rotations

Crystal System	Characteristic symmetry elements	Convention
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4. Tetragonal	4-fold axes, all parallel	along c
5. Trigonal	3-fold axes, all parallel	along c
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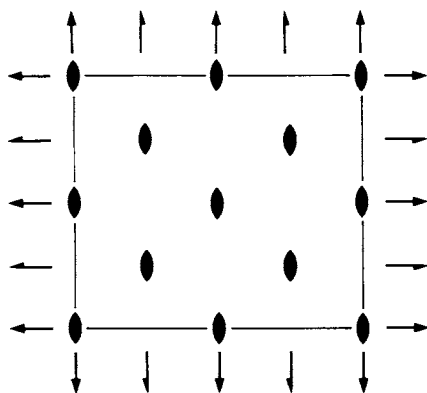
Crystal Systems

Some SGs require use of centred (**non-primitive**) unit cells

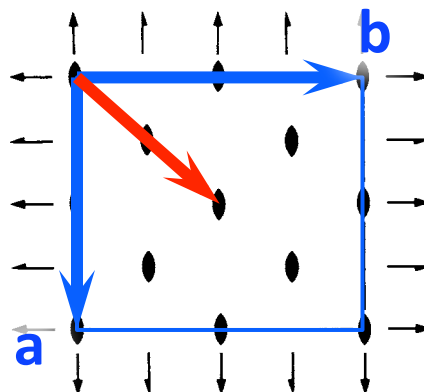
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C222: an example of a centred cell

C222
as presented in the
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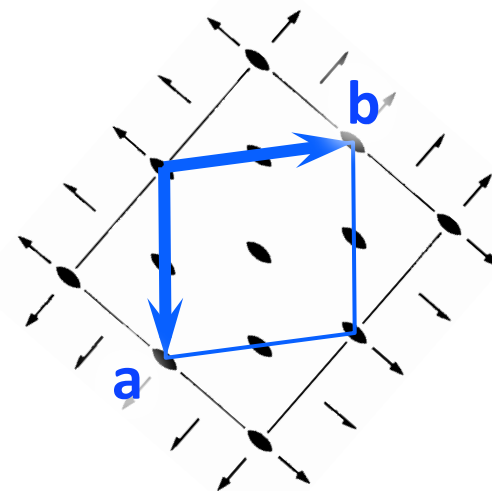


Standard unit cell;
C means additional
translation $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$



2-fold axes are
along **a**, **b** and **c**
(conventional
setting)

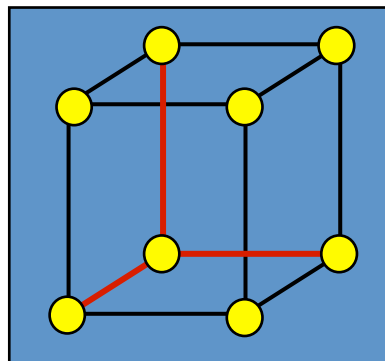
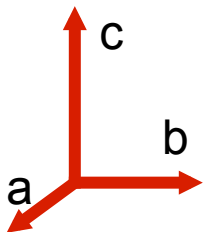
If we were using
a primitive cell



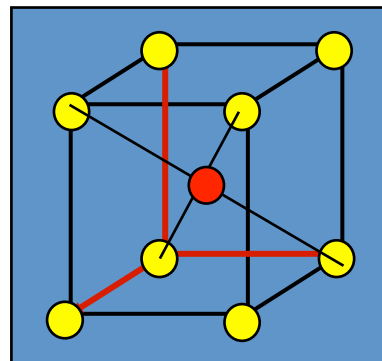
Some 2-fold axes are
along face diagonals
(non-conventional
crystal setting)

Centred cells in pictures

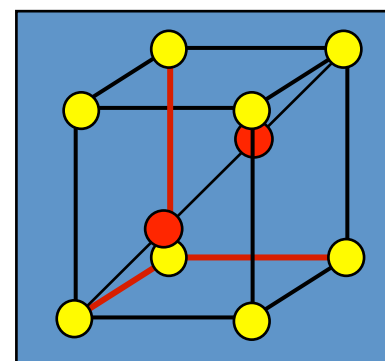
Not a natural phenomenon, but just a notion required by convention on direction of axes



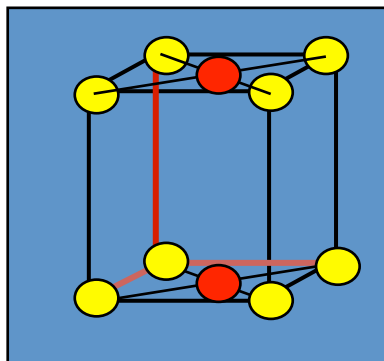
P – Primitive



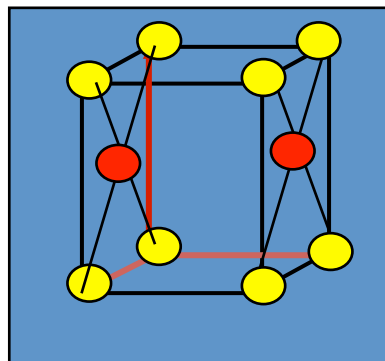
I – Body centred



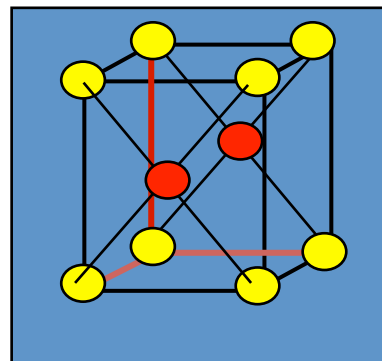
H – Hexagonal



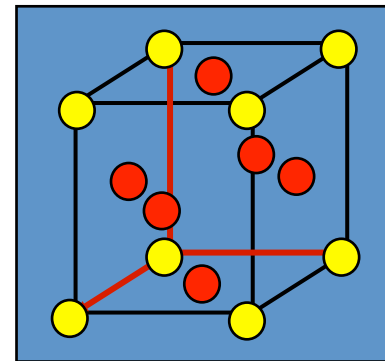
A – Face centred (A)



B – Face centred (B)



C – Face centred (C)



F – Face centred (all)

Bravais lattices

- 7 crystal systems, combined with some of the centring types (P, C, I, F or H) gives 14 Bravais lattices
 - excluded are impossible combinations (*e.g.* A4)
 - or one of equivalent combinations (*e.g.* C4 and *P*4)

Bravais lattices

Crystal System	Bravais Lattices
1. Triclinic	1. Primitive (<i>P</i>)
2. Monoclinic	2. Primitive (<i>P</i>) 3. Base-Centered (<i>C</i>)
3. Orthorhombic	4. Primitive (<i>P</i>) 5. Base-Centered (<i>C</i>) 6. Body-Centered (<i>I</i>) 7. Face-Centered (<i>F</i>)
4. Tetragonal	8. Primitive (<i>P</i>) 9. Body-Centered (<i>I</i>)
5. Trigonal	10. Primitive (<i>P</i>)
	11. Rhombohedral (<i>R or H</i>)
6. Hexagonal	10. Primitive (<i>P</i>)
7. Cubic	12. Primitive (<i>P</i>) 13. Body-Centered (<i>I</i>) 14. Face-Centered (<i>F</i>)

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Triclinic

$P\ 1$

" P " means primitive lattice type

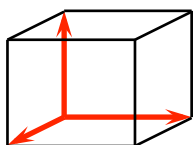
"1" means no symmetry operations except for translations

No constraints on
 $a, b, c, \alpha, \beta, \gamma$

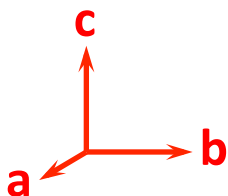
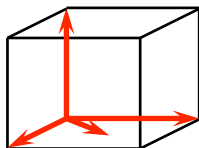
Monoclinic

$P\ 1\ 2\ 1$ $P\ 1\ 2_1\ 1$
 $C\ 1\ 2\ 1$

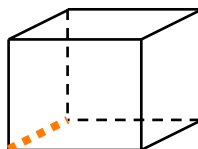
P or C



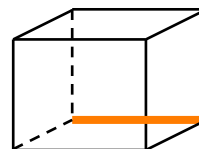
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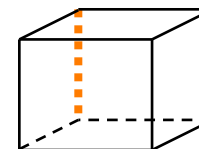
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2 or 2_1



1



"1" means no symmetry axes in a given direction
 "2" or " 2_1 " means 2-fold axes in a given direction

$$\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ$$

Note: by convention the 2-fold is along **b**
 (other settings are sometimes used as well)

Orthorhombic

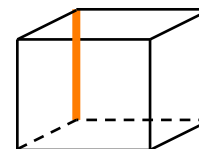
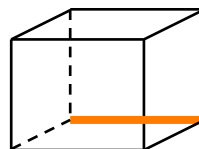
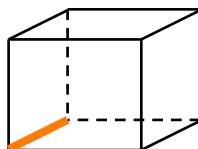
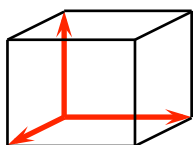
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P, C, I or F

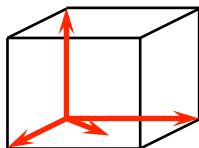
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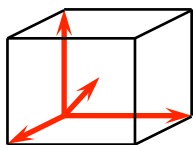
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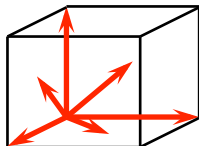
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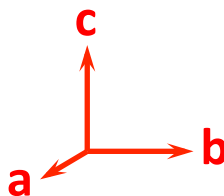
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or



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$$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$$

Tetragonal

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 $I 4 2 2$

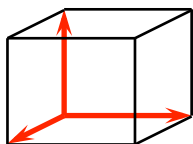
$P 4_1 2_1 2$
 $P 4_1 2 2$
 $I 4_1 2 2$

$P 4_2 2_1 2$
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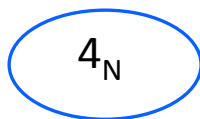
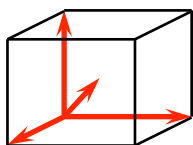
$P 4_3 2_1 2$
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$P 4$ $P 4_1$ $P 4_2$ $P 4_3$
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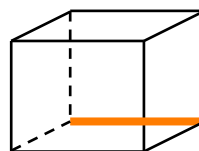
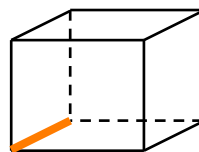
P or I



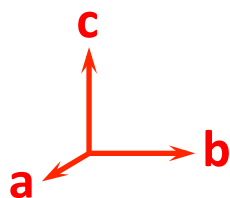
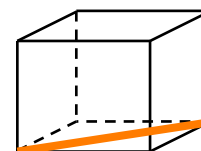
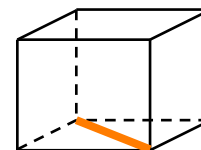
or



2 , 2_1 or None



2 or None



$$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$$

$$a = b$$

$a \equiv b$ due to the 4-fold relating them

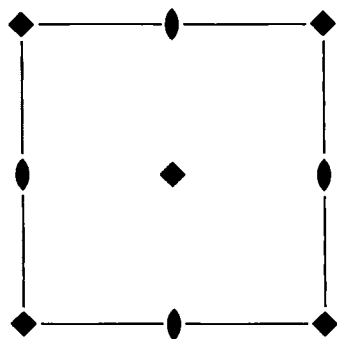
All 2-fold axes are also related via 4-fold rotations and either

- all of them are present or
- none of them are present

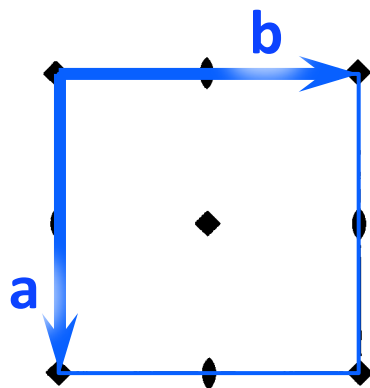
C4: an example of a redundant space group symbol

P4

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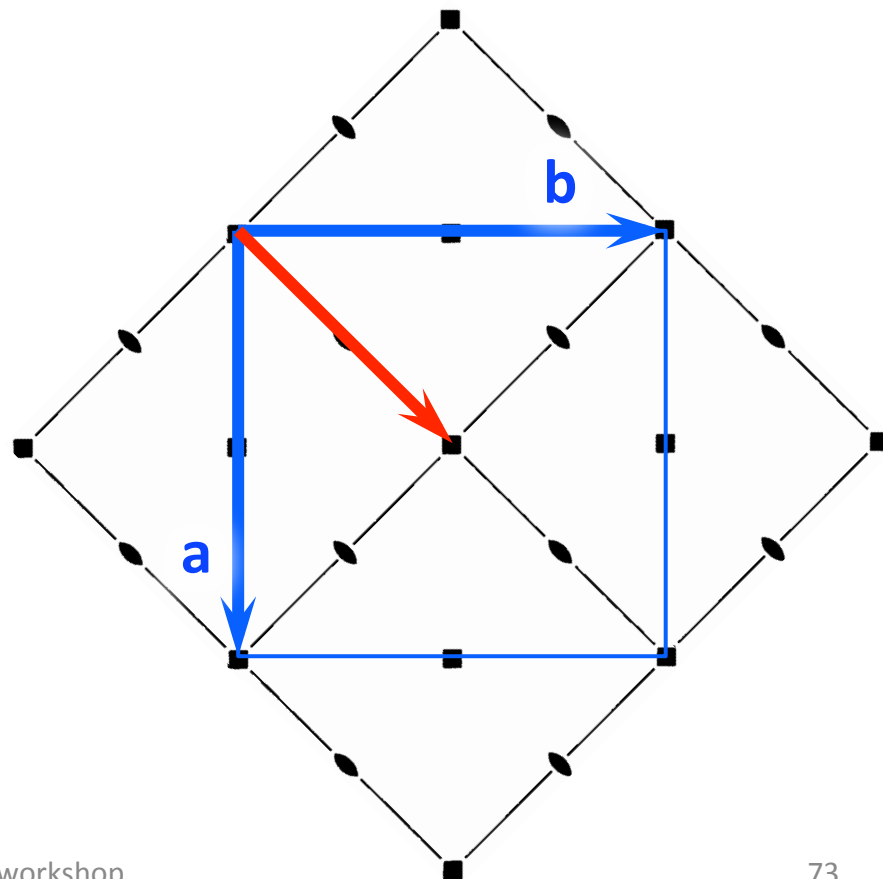


and with base
vectors shown



C4

This is a valid, but redundant
spacegroup as it is obtained from *P4*
- by rotation 45° and
- redefining base vectors
- additional translation $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})/2$



Trigonal

$P 3 2 1$

$P 3_1 2 1$

$P 3_2 2 1$

$P 3$

$P 3_1$

$P 3_2$

$H 3 2$

$P 3_1 1 2$

$P 3_2 1 2$

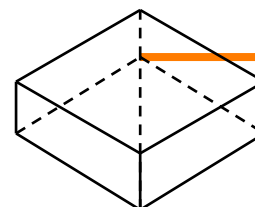
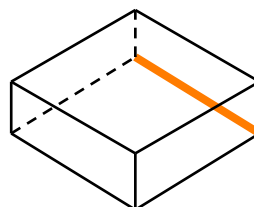
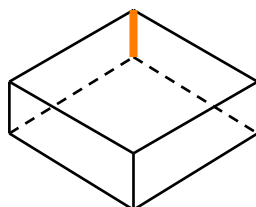
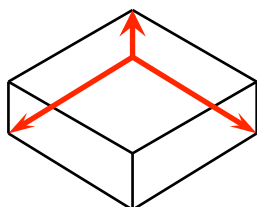
$H 3$

P or $H^{(*)}$

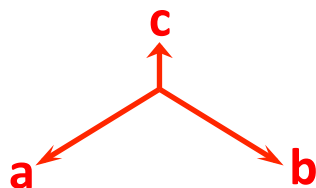
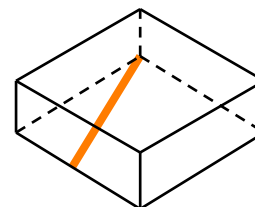
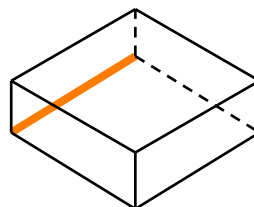
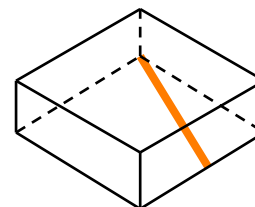
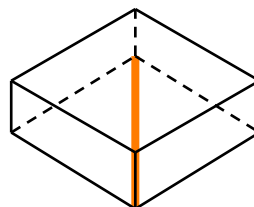
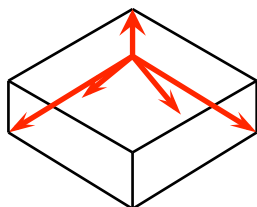
3_N

2 or None

2 or None



or



$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= \beta = 90^\circ \\ \gamma &= 120^\circ \\ a &= b\end{aligned}$$

(*) an alternative rhombohedral (R) is also used

Hexagonal

$P 6 2 2$

$P 6_1 2 2$
 $P 6_5 2 2$

$P 6_2 2 2$
 $P 6_4 2 2$

$P 6_3 2 2$

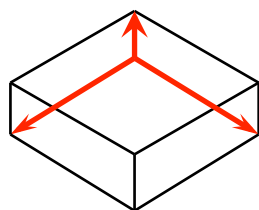
$P 6$

$P 6_1$
 $P 6_5$

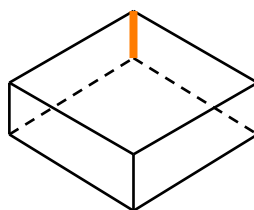
$P 6_2$
 $P 6_4$

$P 6_3$

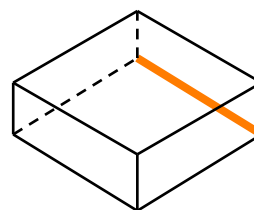
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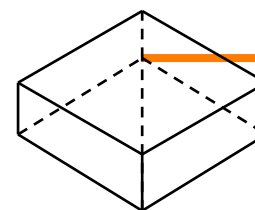
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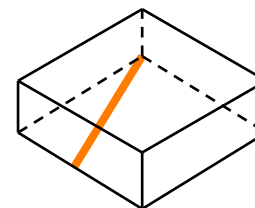
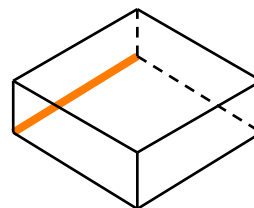
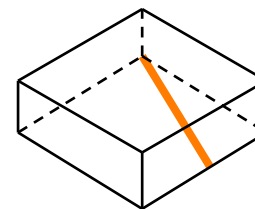
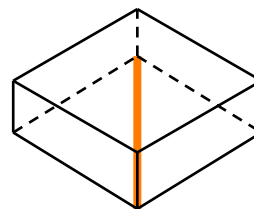
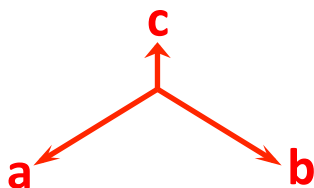
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Cubic

$P 4 3 2$
 $I 4 3 2$
 $F 4 3 2$

$P 4_1 3 2$
 $I 4_1 3 2$
 $F 4_1 3 2$

$P 4_2 3 2$

$P 4_3 3 2$

$P 2 3$
 $I 2 3$
 $F 2 3$

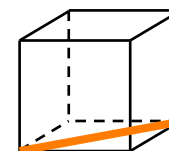
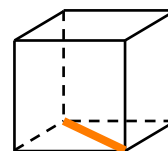
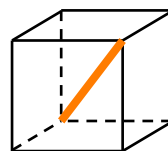
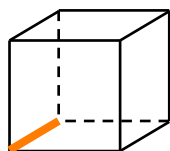
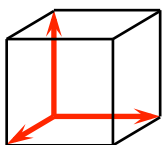
$P 2_1 3$
 $I 2_1 3$

P, I or F

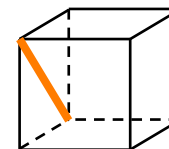
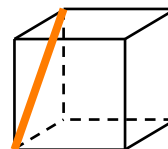
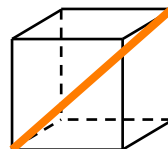
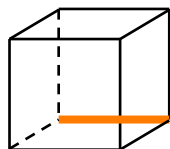
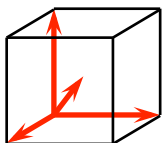
4_N or 2_N

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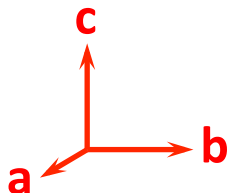
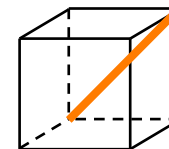
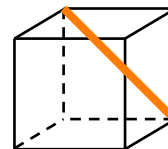
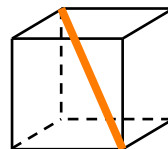
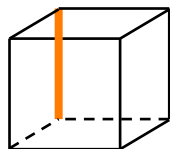
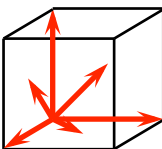
2 or None



or

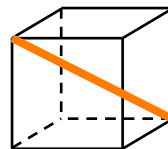


or



$$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$$

$$a = b = c$$



Monoclinic (lattice based setting)

$$\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ$$

additional condition:
 $\beta < 120^\circ$

P 1 2 1 *P* 1 2₁ 1

C 1 2 1

I 1 2 1

In orange frame:

- the same space group
- different crystal setting

Orthorhombic (lattice based setting)

$$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$$

additional condition:

$$a < b < c$$

P 2 2 2

P 2 2 2₁

P 2₁2₁2

P 2₁2₁2₁

P 2 2₁2

P 2₁2 2₁

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C 2 2 2

C 2 2 2₁

I 2 2 2

I 2₁2₁2₁

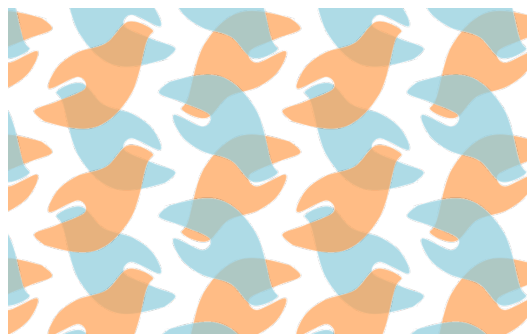
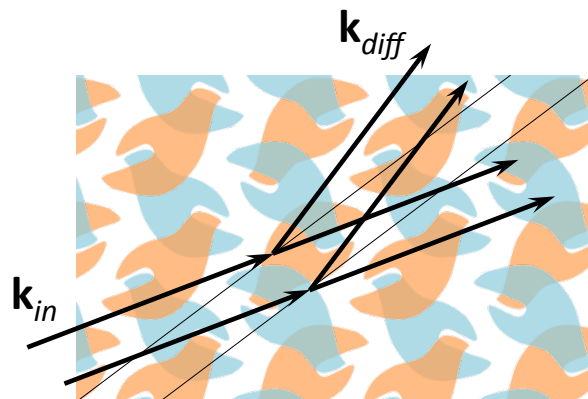
F 2 2 2

In orange frames:

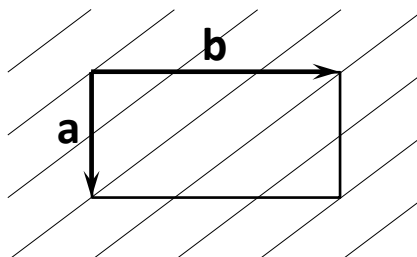
- the same space group
- different crystal setting (orientation)

- Example structure (using Coot)
 - examine symmetry operations
 - construct space group
 - assign crystallographic origin
 - identify space group
- Classification of space groups
- Space group symbols
- Symmetry of diffraction pattern
 - point groups
- SG determination in structure solution process

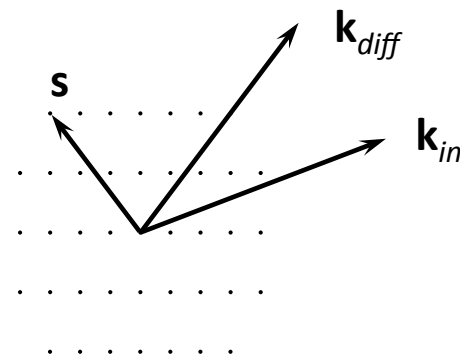
Conventional diffraction scheme



real space



Bragg planes



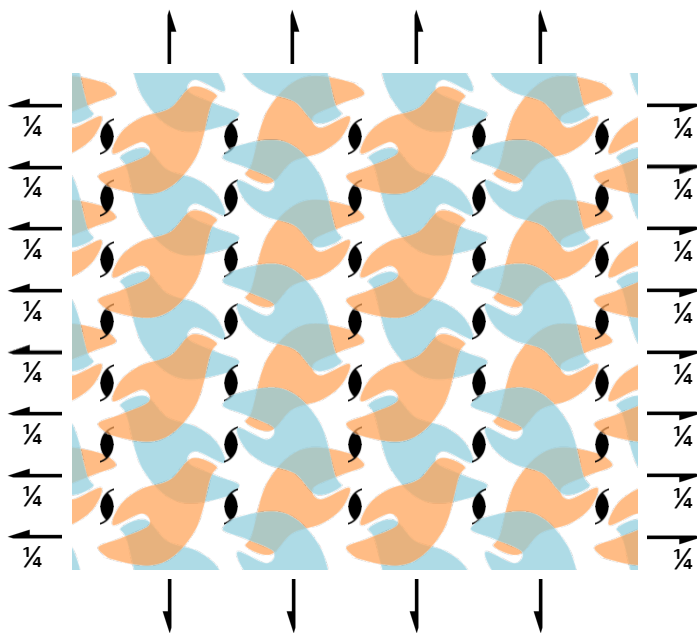
reciprocal space

Symmetry of intensities

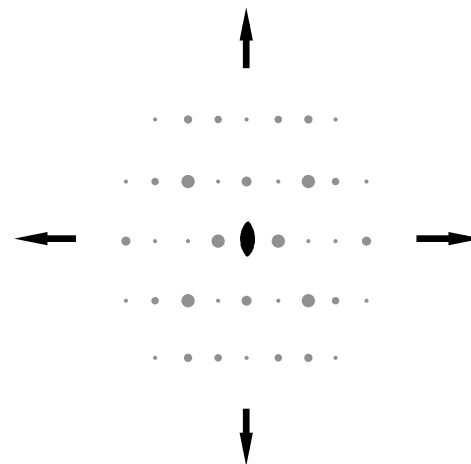
The concept of reciprocal lattice is based on **angular** relation between the incident beam and the Bragg planes. Therefore:

- Reciprocal lattice rotates together with crystal
- However, reciprocal lattice is not translated together with crystal

Symmetry of intensities



All axes of the same order and in the same direction are "merged" together



to give an element of a point group.

Symmetry of intensities

Real space

Crystal structure

Space group operation

The same crystal structure

Reciprocal space

Intensities at Bragg points

Strip any translation component from the space group operation:

Point group operation

The same set of intensities

Space group and point group

Crystal space group

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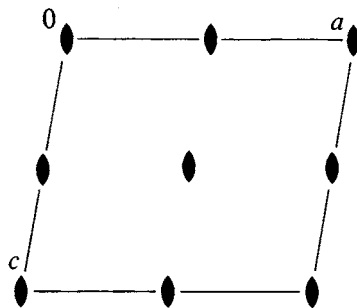
$P2$

No. 3

UNIQUE AXIS b

C_2^1

$P121$

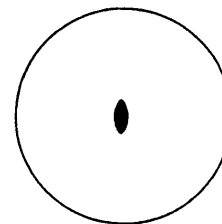


Arithmetic crystal class

$2P$

Crystal point group

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Space group and point group

Crystal space group

Arithmetic crystal class

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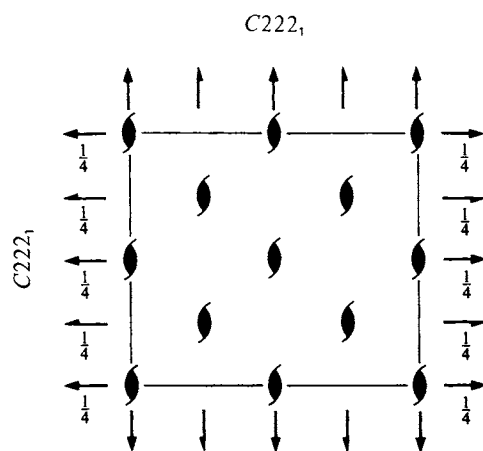
$C222_1$

No. 20

D_2^5

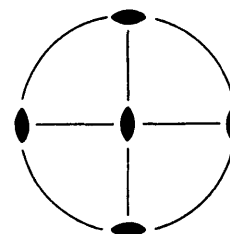
$C222_1$

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Crystal point group

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Space group and point group

Crystal space group

Arithmetic crystal class

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$P4_12_12$

No. 92

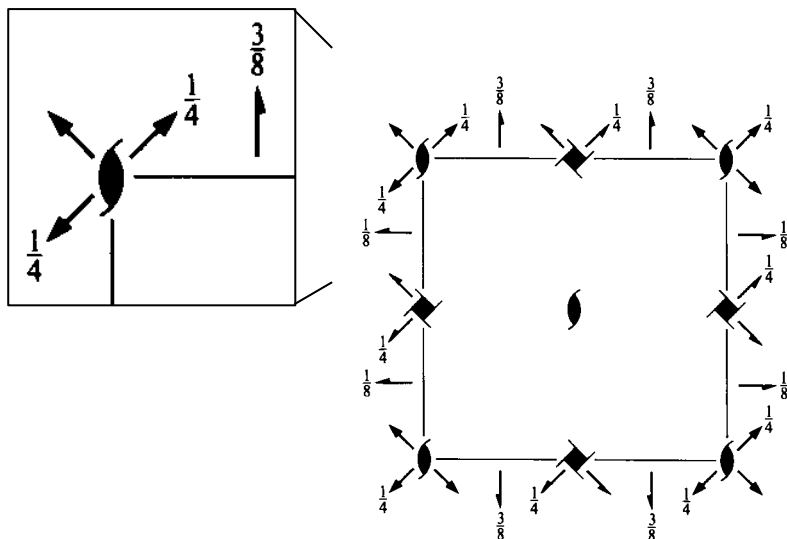
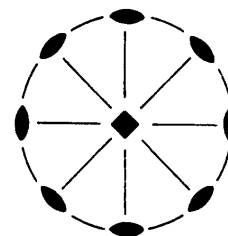
D_4^4

$P4_12_12$

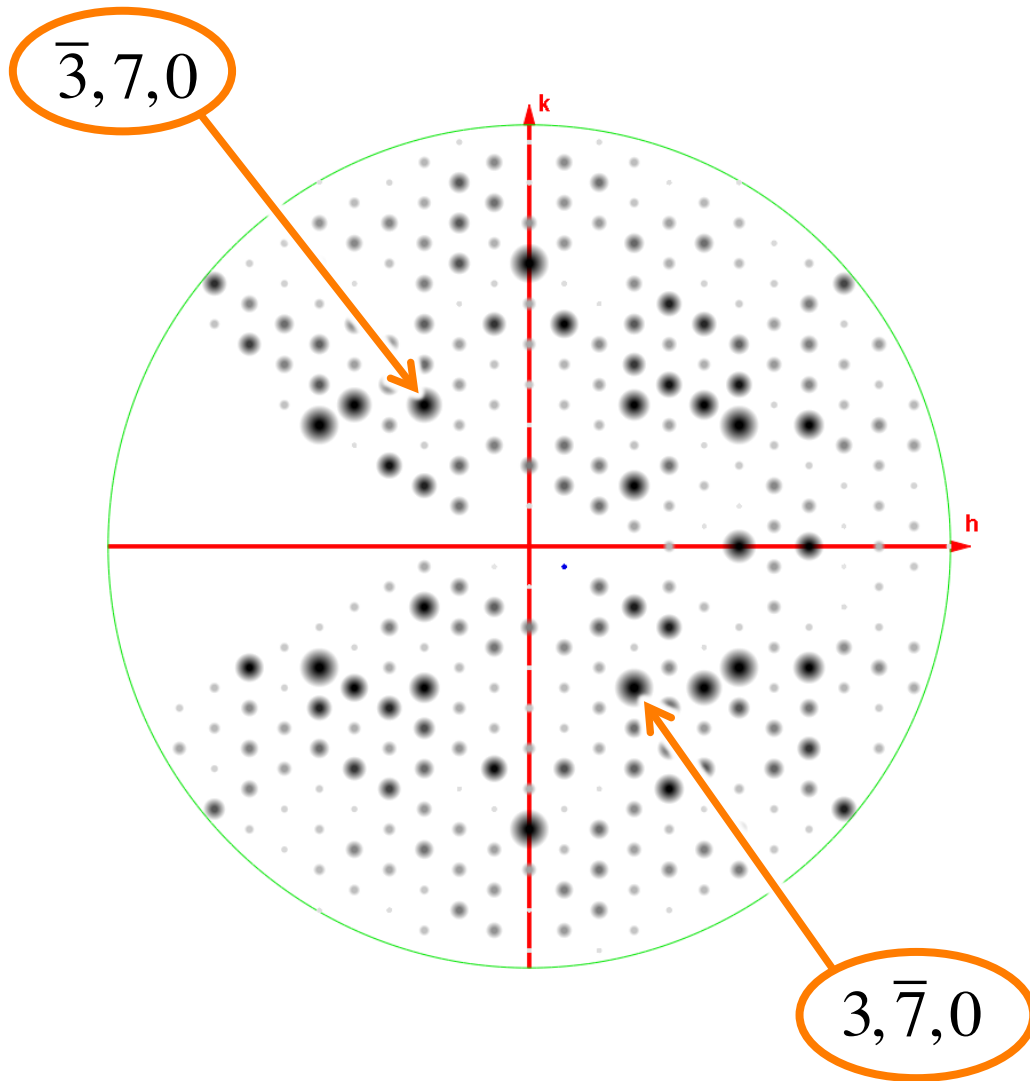
$422P$

Crystal point group

422



Friedel's law



$$I(\bar{3}, 7, 0) = I(3, \bar{7}, 0)$$

Point group and Laue group

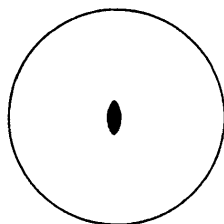
+ inversion =

Arithmetic crystal class

$2P$

Crystal point group

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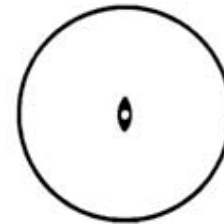


Patterson space group

$P\ 1\ 2/m\ 1$

Laue point group

$2/m$



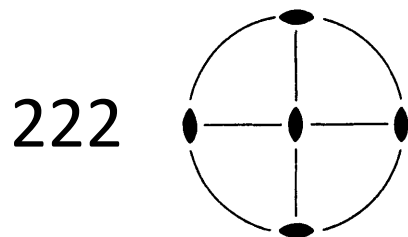
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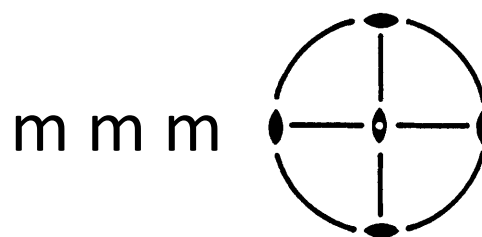
Crystal point group



Patterson space group

C m m m

Laue point group



Point group and Laue group

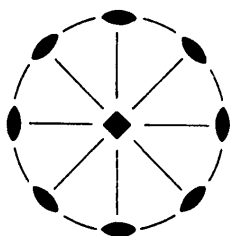
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Crystal point group

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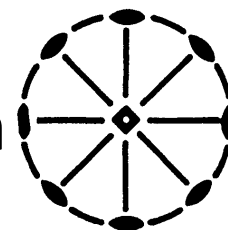


Patterson space group

$P 4/m m m$

Laue point group

$4/m m m$

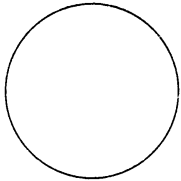


The eleven point groups or crystal classes

Crystal system	Laue point group	Non-centrosymmetric point groups belonging to the Laue point group	
Cubic	$m\bar{3}m$ $m\bar{3}$	432 23	$\bar{4}3m$
Tetragonal	$4/mmm$ $4/m$	422 4	$4mm$ $\bar{4}2m$ $\bar{4}$
Orthorhombic	mmm	222	$mm2$
Trigonal	$3m$ 3	32 3	$3m$
Hexagonal	$6/mmm$ $6/m$	622 6	$6mm$ $\bar{6}m2$ $\bar{6}$
Monoclinic	$2/m$	2	m
Triclinic	$\bar{1}$	1	

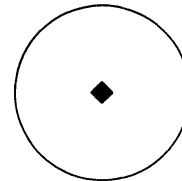
The point groups that can exist in protein crystals

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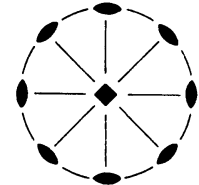


If it helps view as sphere

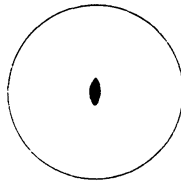
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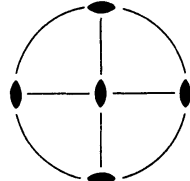
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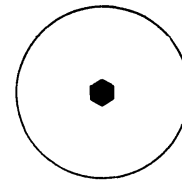
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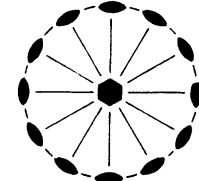
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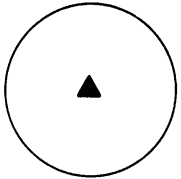
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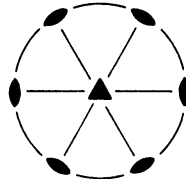
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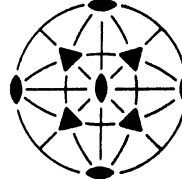
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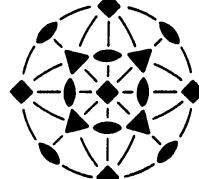
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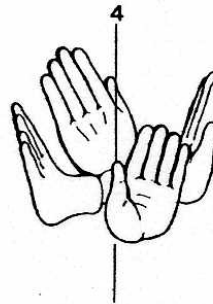
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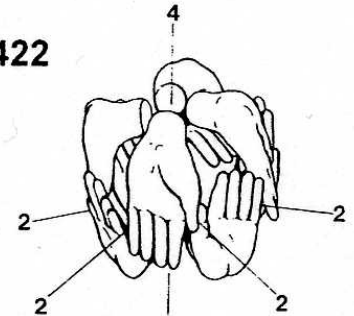


maybe an easier
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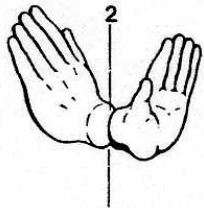
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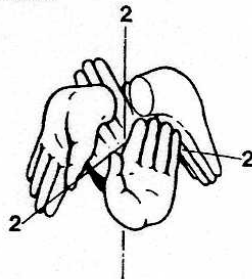
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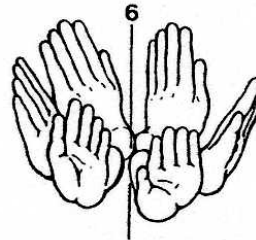
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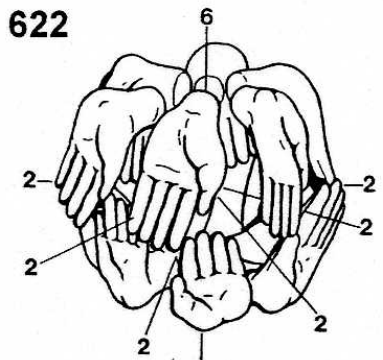
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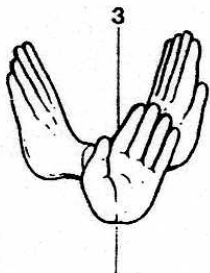
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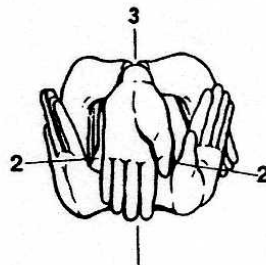
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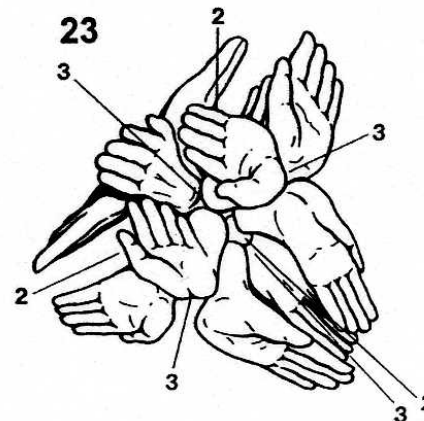
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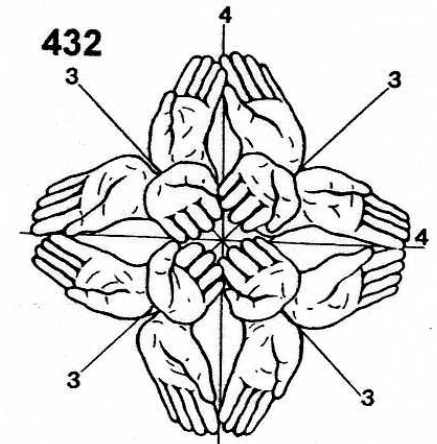
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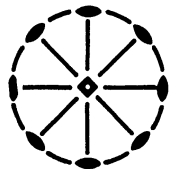
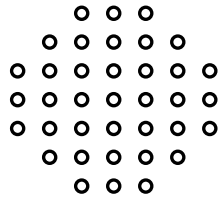
- Example structure (using Coot)
 - examine symmetry operations
 - construct space group
 - assign crystallographic origin
 - identify space group
- Classification of space groups
- Space group symbols
- Symmetry of diffraction pattern
 - point groups
- **SG determination in structure solution process**

How do we deduce the Space Group in practice?

- We start in reciprocal space (point group)
- We go all way back from symmetry in reciprocal space to crystal space group
 - Data processing gives values of the unit cell parameters
 - Lattice symmetry is derived from the unit cell parameters
 - Comparison of related intensities gives crystal point group
 - Systematic absences allow to reduce the number of possible space groups.
 - Space group is only a hypothesis until structure is complete

Space group assignment (e.g. *Pointless*)

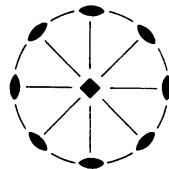
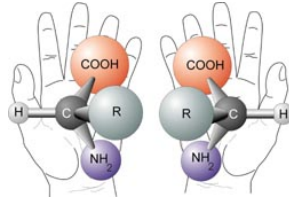
Reciprocal space lattice
(positions of reflections)



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(Approximate)
lattice point group

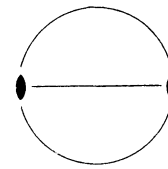
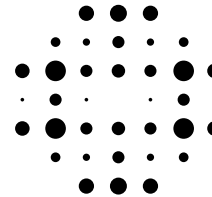
Mirror symmetry is not
allowed in biological
macromolecules



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Highest possible
crystal point group

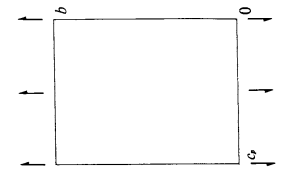
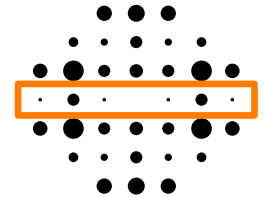
Intensities of
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Probable
crystal point group

Intensities of axial
reflections



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Probable
crystal space group

User: decision making, structure solution, final space group assignment

End