

# Introduction to Magnetic space groups (Shubnikov groups)

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# **Magnetic moments as axial vectors**



The magnetic moment (shortly called "spin") of an atom can be considered as an "axial vector". It may be associated to a "current loop". The behaviour of elementary current loops under symmetry operators can be deduced from the behaviour of the "velocity" vector that is a "polar" vector.

Time reversal = spin reversal

(change the sense of the current)



A new operator can be introduced and noted as 1', it flips the magnetic moment. This operator is called "spin reversal" operator or classical "time reversal" operator

# Magnetic moments as axial vectors





# Souppikov Magnetic Space Groups



The group  $\mathbf{R} = \{1, 1'\}$  is called the time/spin reversal group Magnetic point and space groups can be obtained as outer direct product of point and space groups with  $\mathbf{R}$ . The operators of a magnetic group are called "primed" if they result from the combination of the crystallographic operator with the element 1' of  $\mathbf{R}$ . Those combined with 1 are called "unprimed"

A general operator  $g = \{h | \mathbf{t}_h + \mathbf{n}\}$  acting on an atom  $\mathbf{r}_j$  in the cell at the origin (zero-cell) having a magnetic moment  $\mathbf{m}_j$  is transformed as follows:

$$\mathbf{r}_{j}' = g \mathbf{r}_{j} = \{h \mid \mathbf{t}_{h} + \mathbf{n}\}\mathbf{r}_{j} = h\mathbf{r}_{j} + \mathbf{t}_{h} + \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{r}_{i} + \mathbf{a}_{gj}$$

$$\mathbf{m}_j = g \mathbf{m}_j = \det(h) \,\delta h \mathbf{m}_j$$

The "signature" is  $\delta = 1$  for unprimed elements and  $\delta = -1$  for primed elements The position of an arbitrary atom in the crystal described by a magnetic space group can be deduced using the following formula:

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Atom positions in a crystal:  $\mathbf{R}_{ljs} = \mathbf{R}_{l} + \mathbf{r}_{js} = \mathbf{R}_{l} + \{h \mid \mathbf{t}_{h}\}_{s} \mathbf{r}_{j} = l_{1}\mathbf{a} + l_{2}\mathbf{b} + l_{3}\mathbf{c} + \{h \mid \mathbf{t}_{h}\}_{s} (x_{j}\mathbf{a} + y_{j}\mathbf{b} + z_{j}\mathbf{c})$   $\mathbf{R}_{ljs} = (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{c}) \begin{pmatrix} l_{1} \\ l_{2} \\ l_{3} \end{pmatrix} + (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{c}) \begin{pmatrix} h_{1}^{s} & h_{12}^{s} & h_{13}^{s} \\ h_{21}^{s} & h_{22}^{s} & h_{23}^{s} \\ h_{31}^{s} & h_{32}^{s} & h_{33}^{s} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{j} \\ y_{j} \\ z_{j} \end{pmatrix} + (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{c}) \begin{pmatrix} t_{1}^{s} \\ t_{3}^{s} \\ t_{3}^{s} \end{pmatrix}$   $\mathbf{R}_{ljs} = (\mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{c}) \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} l_{1} + t_{1}^{s} \\ l_{2} + t_{2}^{s} \\ l_{3} + t_{3}^{s} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} h_{11}^{s} & h_{12}^{s} & h_{13}^{s} \\ h_{21}^{s} & h_{22}^{s} & h_{23}^{s} \\ h_{31}^{s} & h_{32}^{s} & h_{33}^{s} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{j} \\ y_{j} \\ z_{j} \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$ 

*l* : index of a direct lattice point (origin of an arbitrary unit cell)

- *j* : index for a Wyckoff site (orbit)
- s: index of a sublattice of the *j* site

For a primitive basis the indices  $l_i$  are integers. For a centred cell they can also be rational numbers. In general, the fractional coordinates giving the atom positions in the asymmetric unit are real numbers.

The magnetic moment of an arbitrary magnetic atom in the crystal can be deduced

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Magnetic moment of atoms in a crystal with a commensurate magnetic structure:  $\mathbf{m}_{ljs} = \mathbf{m}_{js} \quad (the magnetic unit cell is used !)$  $\mathbf{m}_{ljs} = \det(h)\delta\left(\mathbf{e}_{x} \quad \mathbf{e}_{y} \quad \mathbf{e}_{z}\right)\begin{pmatrix}h_{11}^{s} & h_{12}^{s} & h_{13}^{s}\\h_{21}^{s} & h_{22}^{s} & h_{23}^{s}\\h_{31}^{s} & h_{32}^{s} & h_{33}^{s}\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}m_{xj}\\m_{yj}\\m_{zj}\end{pmatrix}$ 

det(*h*) : determinant of the matrix corresponding to the operator  $g = \{h | \mathbf{t}_h\}$  $\delta$ : signature of the operator g,  $\delta = 1$  when g **is not associated** with time reversal, and  $\delta = -1$  when g **is associated** with time reversal: g is primed. Example from ITC: Space groups



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	[2] <i>P n c</i> 2	2	$1; 2; (3; 4) + (\frac{1}{2},$	1/2 , 1/2)			
	[2] <i>P n a</i> 2	21	$1; 3; (2; 4) + (\frac{1}{2},$	1/2 , 1/2)			
	[2] <i>P m c</i>	$2_{1}$	$1; 4; (2; 3) + (\frac{1}{2},$	$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$			
IIb	none	1	· · · ·	·			



Whatever crystallographic magnetic group, M, can be obtained as a subgroup of the outer direct product of R by the crystallographic group G:  $M \subset G \otimes R$ .

Magnetic space groups

The group G is always a magnetic group ("colourless") Paramagnetic ("grey") groups are of the form: P=G+G1'.

Nontrivial groups ("black-white" groups) Constructive lemma: the magnetic groups derived from the crystallographic group G can be constructed considering the index 2 subgroups H of G as constituting the "unprimed" elements and the rest of operators, G – H, those that are multiplied by the time reversal operator.

The magnetic group is then related to the subgroup  $H \subset G$  (of index 2) by the expression: M = H + (G - H) 1'.

This is valid for all kind of groups: point groups, translation groups and space groups. This is a consequence of "primed" × "primed" = "unprimed"

# Example: construction of magnetic point groups

ITA: maximal subgroups and minimal super-groups of point groups



Fig. 10.3.2. Maximal subgroups and minimal supergroups of the three-dimensional crystallographic point groups. Solid lines indicate maximal normal subgroups; double or triple solid lines mean that there are two or three maximal normal subgroups with the same symbol. Dashed lines refer to sets of maximal conjugate subgroups. The group orders are given on the left. Full Hermann-Mauguin symbols are used.

It is easy to apply the constructive lemma to the crystallographic point groups and deduce that we have 32 trivial magnetic point groups (identical to the 32 crystallographic point groups), 32 paramagnetic groups, and <3+3>+(5)+(13+5)+[5]+[13+8]+3=58 black-white point groups.

This is obtained by counting the number of lines connecting groups with subgroups of index 2 in the previous figure.

The symbols <>, (), [] surrounding the figures refers to cubic, hexagonal-trigonal and tetragonal-orthorhombic groups; the absence of parenthesis for the last figure refers to monoclinic-triclinic point groups.

### Example: magnetic point groups from 4/m

Consider the point group G=4/m of order 8. Its subgroups of index 2 are  $H_1=4$ ,  $H_2=$  and  $H_3=2/m$ . There are then four magnetic point groups derived from G, they have the following elements:

 $\mathbf{G} = 4 / m = \{1, 4_z^+, 2_z, 4_z^-, \bar{1}, m_z, \overline{4_z^+}, \overline{4_z^-}\}$  $\mathbf{H}_1 = 4 = \{1, 4_z^+, 2_z, 4_z^-\}$  $\mathbf{H}_2 = \bar{4} = \{1, \overline{4_z^+}, 2_z, \overline{4_z^-}\}$  $\mathbf{H}_3 = 2 / m = \{1, 2_z, \bar{1}, m_z\}$ 

 $\mathbf{M}_0 = \mathbf{G} = 4 / m$ 

 $\mathbf{M}_{1} = \mathbf{H}_{1} + (\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{H}_{1})\mathbf{1}' = \{\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{4}_{z}^{+}, \mathbf{2}_{z}, \mathbf{4}_{z}^{-}, \bar{\mathbf{1}}', m_{z}^{+}, \bar{\mathbf{4}}_{z}^{-}, \bar{\mathbf{4}}_{z$ 



In magnetically ordered systems, the magnetic point group of a magnetic atom cannot be one of the paramagnetic groups. Moreover many of the colourless and black-white magnetic point groups cannot be realized in ordered system.

**Admissible point groups** 

Let us consider the magnetic point group M3=4'/m.



# Admissible point groups



### Admissible magnetic point groups

### Admissible spin direction

1					Any direction [1]	
2′	2'/m'	<i>m'm2'</i>			Perpendicular to the 2-fold axis [3]	
m'					Any direction within the plane [1]	
т					Perpendicular to the plane [1]	
m'm'r	n				Perpendicular to the unprimed plane	[1]
2'2'2					Along the unprimed axis []	1]
2	2/ <i>m</i>	<i>m'm</i> '2			Along the 2-fold axis [3	3]
4		4/m	42'2'		Along the four-fold axis [3]	3]
4 <i>m'm</i>	1	2 <i>m</i> ′		4/ <i>mm</i> 'm'	Along the four-fold axis [3	3]
3		32'	3 <i>m</i> ′	m'	Along the three-fold axis [4	4]
6		6/ <i>m</i>	62'2'		Along the six-fold axis [3]	3]
6 <i>m'm</i>	1	<i>m</i> ′2′		6/ <i>mm'm</i> '	Along the six-fold axis [3	3]

### 27 admissible magnetic point groups!



For primitive Bravais lattices integer linear combinations of the three vectors  $\{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$  generate the whole lattice:

 $\mathbf{T}_{\mathrm{P}} = \{ \mathbf{t} \mid \mathbf{t} = l_1 \, \mathbf{a}_1 + l_2 \, \mathbf{a}_2 + l_3 \, \mathbf{a}_3, \, l_i \in \mathbb{Z} \}$ 

If we consider centred lattices the whole group is generated not only by the integer linear combinations of the basis vector representing the conventional cell but by adding centring vectors  $\mathbf{t}_{cn}$  (n=1...m):

 $\mathbf{T}_{\mathrm{C}} = \{ \mathbf{t} \mid \mathbf{t} = l_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + l_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + l_3 \mathbf{a}_3 + n_1 \mathbf{t}_{c1} + n_2 \mathbf{t}_{c2} + \dots n_{\mathrm{cm}} \mathbf{t}_{\mathrm{cm}}; \ l_i \in \mathbb{Z}, n_i \in \{0, 1\} \}$ 

The centring vectors have rational components when referred to the conventional basis:  $\mathbf{t}_{ci} = q_{1i} \mathbf{a}_1 + q_{2i} \mathbf{a}_2 + q_{3i} \mathbf{a}_3 (q_i \in \mathbb{Q})$ 

A subgroup, of index 2, of the translation group can be obtained just by suppressing half the translations, for instance if we take  $l_1=2n$  we obtain a lattice L that is described with a unit cell with  $a_1'=2a_1$ .

This lattice is generates a subgroup of index 2 of T ( $L \subset T$ , [i]=n(T)/n(L)=2), the lost translations (T-L) can be associated with time reversal for constructing the magnetic lattice:  $M_L=L + (T-L)1'$ .



### Open circles: Translations Black circles: Anti-translations (primed)

# Magnetic Lattices of the Triclinic System





Magnetic Lattices of the Monoclinic System



### Magnetic Lattices of the Orthorhombic System





# Magnetic Lattices of the **Tetragonal System**





P<sub>2c</sub>(P<sub>c</sub>)



Magnetic Lattices of the Hexagonal and Trigonal Systems





# Magnetic Lattices of the Cubic System

# Shubnikov Groups: Magnetic Space Groups

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The same procedure points groups and Bravais lattices can be applied to space groups. One obtains a total of **1651** types of Shubnikov groups.

T1: 230 are of the form  $M_0=G$  ("monochrome", "colourless" groups), T2: 230 of the form P=G+G1' ("paramagnetic" or "grey" groups)

**1191** of the form M = H + (G - H)1' ("black-white", BW, groups).

T3: Among the BW group there are 674 in which the subgroup  $H \subset G$  is an equi-translation group: H has the same translation group as G (first kind, BW1).

**T4:** The rest of black-white groups, **517**, are equi-class group (second kind, BW2). In this last family the translation subgroup contains "anti-translations" (pure translations associated with the spin reversal operator).

# **Shubnikov Groups: Magnetic Space Groups**

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There are two notations to denote the magnetic space groups: the Opechowsky-Guccione (OG) and the Belov-Neronova-Smirnova (BNS) notations. They differ in the notation for the magnetic lattices and for the **BW2** groups. In the BNS notations the primed elements do not appear in the symbol of the group, they can be deduced from the magnetic lattice type.

In the **BW1** groups (**type 3**) the subgroup of translations is the same as that of the space group of which they derive, so the spin reversal operator is not associated with translations: the magnetic unit cell is the same as the crystallographic cell.

In the **BW2** groups (**type 4**) there are some translations associated with spin reversal, so that the "magnetic primitive cell" is bigger than the crystal primitive cell. **Shubnikov Groups: Example using ITA** 



The magnetic space groups can be constructed using the International Tables of Crystallography (Volume A). Example: group number 46, Ima2

Site symmetry and positions of space group Ima2  $(0, 0, 0) + (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) +$ 8 c 1 (1) x, y, z (2) -x, -y, z(3)  $x+\frac{1}{2}, -y, z$ (4)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}$ , v, z 4 b  $m \dots \frac{1}{4}, y, z$   $\frac{1}{4}, -y, z$  $4 a \dots 2 \qquad 0, 0, z \qquad \frac{1}{2}, 0, z$ Symmetry operations For (0, 0, 0)+ set (1) 1 (2) 2 0,0,z (3) a = x,0,z (4)  $m = \frac{1}{4}, y,z$ For  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ + set (1)  $t(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  (2)  $2(0,0, \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, z$  (3)  $c = x, \frac{1}{4}, z$  (4)  $n(0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) = 0, y, z$ Maximal non-isomorphic subgroups of Ima2 **I** [2] I 1 1 2 (C 2) (1; 2)+ [2] I 1 a 1 (C c) (1; 3) +[2] Im 1 1 (Cm) (1; 4)+**IIa** [2] *P m a* 2 1; 2; 3; 4 [2] P n c 2 1; 2; (3; 4) + ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) [2]  $P n a 2_1$  1; 3; (2; 4) + ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) [2]  $P m c 2_1$  1; 4; (2; 3) + ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) **IIb** none

# **Shubnikov Groups: Example using ITA**



The groups **I** correspond to the *translationengleiche* of *t*-subgroups and the groups **II** to the *klassengleiche* or *k*-subgroups that are also subdivided in order to distinguish those having the same conventional cell (**IIa**) from those having a multiple cell (**IIb**). The division I and II correspond to the **BW1** and **BW2** respectively.

Applying the formula  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{H} + (\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{H}) \mathbf{1'}$  we obtain:

Colourless trivial magnetic group:  $\mathbf{M}_0 = I \ m \ a \ 2 = \{1, 2_z, a_y, m_x\}\mathbf{T}$ For simplicity we remove the translation group and use only the coset representatives.

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{M}_1 = I \ 1 \ 1 \ 2 & +(\mathrm{I} \ \mathrm{m} \ \mathrm{a} \ 2 - I \ 1 \ 1 \ 2 \ ) 1' = \ \{1, \ 2_z\} + \{\ a_y, \ m_x\} \ 1' = I \ m' \ a' \ 2 \\ & \mathbf{M}_2 = I \ 1 \ a \ 1 & +(\mathrm{I} \ \mathrm{m} \ \mathrm{a} \ 2 - I \ 1 \ a \ 1 \ ) 1' = \ \{1, \ a_y\} + \{\ 2_z, \ m_x\} \ 1' = I \ m' \ a \ 2' \\ & \mathbf{M}_3 = I \ m \ 1 \ 1 & +(\mathrm{I} \ \mathrm{m} \ \mathrm{a} \ 2 - I \ m \ 1 \ 1) 1' = \ \{1, \ m_x\} + \{2_z, \ a_y\} \ 1' = I \ m \ a' \ 2' \\ \end{split}$$

For the BW2 groups, the translation subgroup is that formed by integer linear combinations of conventional cell parameters. The centring translations  $\mathbf{t}_c = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  become anti-translations, so the magnetic lattice contains the following set of translations and anti-translations

$$\mathbf{L} = \{ \mathbf{t} \mid \mathbf{t} = l_1 \, \mathbf{a}_1 + l_2 \, \mathbf{a}_2 + l_3 \, \mathbf{a}_3; \ l_i \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$
  
$$\mathbf{L}' = (\mathbf{T} - \mathbf{L}) \mathbf{1}' = \{ \mathbf{t}' \mid \mathbf{t}' = l_1 \, \mathbf{a}_1 + l_2 \, \mathbf{a}_2 + l_3 \, \mathbf{a}_3 + \mathbf{t}_c; \ l_i \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$
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### **Shubnikov Groups: Example using ITA**



**IIa** We write below the BW2 groups using the data of the ITA and show the BNS and the OG notation. It is clearly seen that the BNS notation correspond directly to the subgroups written in ITA by putting the lattice symbol  $P_I$  for stating that an original body centred lattice becomes primitive and the centring translations become anti-translations. None of the generators appearing in the symbol is primed. This is a characteristic of the BNS notation for all BW2 groups.

On the contrary the OG conserves the original HM symbol changing the lattice type to  $I_p$  and using primed generators when they appear. From the information given in the decomposition of the magnetic group in terms of translations and anti-translations one can derive easily the BNS (makes reference to the coset representatives with respect to L) or the OG notation (makes reference to the coset representatives with respect to L').

ITA	Notations: BNS	OG
[2] <i>P m a</i> 2	$\mathbf{M}_4 = \{1, 2_z, a_v, m_x\}\mathbf{L} + \{1, 2_{1z}, c_v, n_x\}\mathbf{L}' = \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{I}} m a 2$	$I_P m a 2$
[2] <i>P n c</i> 2	$\mathbf{M}_{5} = \{1, 2_{z}, c_{y}, n_{x}\}\mathbf{L} + \{1, 2_{1z}, a_{y}, m_{x}\}\mathbf{L}' = \mathbf{P}_{I} n c 2$	I <sub>P</sub> <i>m' a'</i> 2
[2] <i>P n a</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>	$\mathbf{M}_{6} = \{1, a_{y}, 2_{1z}, n_{x}\}\mathbf{L} + \{1, 2_{z}, c_{y}, m_{x}\}\mathbf{L}' = \mathbf{P}_{I} n a 2_{I}$	$I_P m' a 2'$
[2] <i>P m c</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>	$\mathbf{M}_7 = \{1, m_x, 2_{1z}, c_y\}\mathbf{L} + \{1, 2_z, a_y, n_x\}\mathbf{L}' = \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{I}} m c 2_1$	$I_P m a' 2'$

**2001:** Daniel B. Litvin provides for the first time the full description of all Shubnikov (Magnetic Space) Groups. Acta Cryst. **A57**, 729-730

**Magnetic Structure Description and Determination** 

http://www.bk.psu.edu/faculty/litvin/home.html



### Magnetic Structure Description and Determinations

### Magnetic Group Tables

1-, 2- and 3-Dimensional Magnetic Subperiodic

Groups and Magnetic

Space Groups

Part 2. Tables of Magnetic Groups

Daniel B. Litvin

We are concerned here with the tables of Magnetic Groups, but many other papers from D.B. Litvin can be downloaded from its personal page at

http://www.bk.psu.edu/faculty/litvin/

The first part is a comprehensive introduction to the tables and the second part contain each individual Magnetic Space Group item with Wyckoff positions and diagrams

### Magnetic Structure Description and Determinations

#### Group Ordering Number (BNS): 548, BNS: 62.450, OG: 59.9.486





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P<sub>2e</sub>m'mn

### Only recently the magnetic space groups have been made available in a computer database

### **Magnetic Space Groups**

Compiled by Harold T. Stokes and Branton J. Campbell Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA June 2010

These data are based on data from: Daniel Litvin, **Magnetic Space Group Types**, Acta Cryst. **A57** (2001) 729-730. http://www.bk.psu.edu/faculty/litvin/Download.html

Symmetry of Special Projections

Along [0,0,1]	c2mm1'
a*=a b*=b	
Origin at 0,0,z	

Along [1,0,0] p2mg a\* = b b\* = c Origin at x,1/4,0 Along [0,1,0] p2mg1' a\* = -a b\* = c Origin at 1/4,y,0

### **Shubnikov Groups: Computing tools**



### **ISOTROPY Software Suite**

Harold T. Stokes, Dorian M. Hatch, and Branton J. Campbell, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah 84606, USA, stokesh@byu.edu

Description: The ISOTROPY software suite is a collection of software which applies group theoretical methods to the analysis of phase transitions in crystalline solids. How to cite: ISOTROPY Software Suite, iso.byu.edu.

#### **References and Resources**

#### Isotropy subgroups and distortions

- ISODISTORT: Explore and visualize distortions of crystalline structures. Possible distortions include atomic displacements, atomic ordering, strain, and magnetic moments.
- ISOSUBGROUP: Coming soon!
- · ISOTROPY: Interactive program using command lines to explore isotropy subgroups and their associated distortions.
- · SMODES: Find the displacement modes in a crystal which brings the dynamical matrix to block-diagonal form, with the smallest possible blocks.
- · FROZSL: Calculate phonon frequencies and displacement modes using the method of frozen phonons.

#### Space groups and irreducible representations

- ISOCIF: Create or modify CIF files.
- · FINDSYM: Identify the space group of a crystal, given the positions of the atoms in a unit cell.
- New! ISO-IR: Tables of Irreducible Representations. The 2011 version of IR matrices.
- ISO-MAG: Tables of magnetic space groups, both in human-readable and computer-readable forms.

#### Superspace Groups

- ISO(3+d)D: (3+d)-Dimensional Superspace Groups for d=1,2,3
- ISO(3+1)D: Isotropy Subgroups for Incommensurately Modulated Distortions in Crystalline Solids: A Complete List for One-Dimensional Modulations
- · FINDSSG: Identify the superspace group symmetry given a list of symmetry operators.
- TRANSFORMSSG: Transform a superspace group to a new setting.

#### **Phase Transitions**

- . COPL: Find a complete list of order parameters for a phase transition, given the space-group symmetries of the parent and subgroup phases.
- · INVARIANTS: Generate invariant polynomials of the components of order parameters.
- · COMSUBS: Find common subgroups of two structures in a reconstructive phase transition

#### Linux

• ISOTROPY Software Suite for Linux: includes ISOTROPY, FINDSYM, SMODES, COMSUBS.

### **Shubnikov Groups: Computing tools**





# bilbao crystallographic server



[The crystallographic site at the Condensed Matter Physics Dept. of the University of the Basque Country]

[ Space Groups ] [ Layer Groups ] [ Rod Groups ] [ Frieze Groups ] [ Wyckoff Sets ]



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#### NEW!

#### Satellite workshop of the 2014 IUCr Congress:

Role of Magnetic Symmetry in the Description and Determination of Magnetic Structures. Hamilton, Canada 14-16 August 2014

#### Space Groups Retrieval Tools

GENPOS	Generators and General Positions of Space Groups
WYCKPOS	Wyckoff Positions of Space Groups
HKLCOND	Reflection conditions of Space Groups
MAXSUB	Maximal Subgroups of Space Groups
SERIES	Series of Maximal Isomorphic Subgroups of Space Groups
WYCKSETS	Equivalent Sets of Wyckoff Positions
NORMALIZER	Normalizers of Space Groups
KVEC	The k-vector types and Brillouin zones of Space Groups
SYMMETRY OPERATIONS	Geometric interpretation of matrix column representations of symmetry operations

#### **Magnetic Symmetry and Applications**

MGENPOS	General Positions of Magnetic Space Groups
MWYCKPOS	Wyckoff Positions of Magnetic Space Groups
MAGNEXT	Extinction Rules of Magnetic Space Groups
MAXMAGN 🛆	Maximal magnetic space groups for a given space group and a propagation vector

Sections

Retrieval Tools Magnetic Symmetry and Applications Group-Subgroup



The program Mag\_Info has been included, as a console application, for obtaining information about magnetic space groups. In the near future this program will be extended with a GUI and a wizard to create PCR files for magnetic structures using Shubnikov groups in whatever setting.

The program reads the database 'magnetic\_data.txt' compiled by Harold T. Stokes and Branton J. Campbell (Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA) based on data from: Daniel Litvin,"Magnetic Space Group Types", Acta Cryst A57 (2001) 729. http://www.bk.psu.edu/faculty/litvin/Download.html

### Shubnikov Groups: Computing tools



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**Programs for symmetry analysis** 

The irreducible representations of space groups can be obtained consulting tables or using computer programs for calculating them.

The basis functions of the irreducible representations depend on the particular problem to be treated and they have to be calculated by using projection operator formula. A series of programs allow these kind of calculations to be done. Doing that by hand may be quite tedious and prone to errors.

Concerning magnetic structures three programs are of current use: **BasIreps** (J. Rodríguez-Carvajal), **SARAh** (Andrew Wills) and **MODY** (Wiesława Sikora). One can use also **BCS** (Perez-Mato et al.) or **ISODISTORT** (B.Campbell and H. Stokes)

# Programs for symmetry analysis



A series of computing tools for crystallography including magnetic structures are available at Bilbao Crystallographic Server

### bilbao crystallographic server



[The crystallographic site at the Condensed Matter Physics Dept. of the University of the Basque Country]

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#### NEW!

Satellite workshop of the 2014 IUCr Congress:

Role of Magnetic Symmetry in the Description and Determination of Magnetic Structures. Hamilton, Canada 14-16 August 2014

Generators and General Positions of Space Groups
Wyckoff Positions of Space Groups
Reflection conditions of Space Groups
Maximal Subgroups of Space Groups
Series of Maximal Isomorphic Subgroups of Space Groups
Equivalent Sets of Wyckoff Positions
Normalizers of Space Groups
The k-vector types and Brillouin zones of Space Groups
Geometric interpretation of matrix column representations of symmetry operations
Identification of a Space Group from a set of generators in an arbitrary setting

# Programs for symmetry analysis Interiors

#### **Magnetic Symmetry and Applications**

MGENPOS		General Positions of Magnetic Space Groups				
MWYCKPOS		Wyckoff Positions of Magnetic Space Groups				
M	AGNEXT	Extinction Rules of Magnetic Space Groups				
ID	ENTIFY MAGNETIC GROUP 🛆	Identification of a Magnetic Space Group from a set of generators in an arbitrary setting				
M	AXMAGN 🛆	Maximal magnetic space groups for a given a propagation vector and resulting magnetic structural models				
k-	SUBGROUP SMAG 🛆	Magnetic subgroups consistent with some given propagation vector(s) or a supercell				
M	AGNDATA 🛆	A collection of magnetic structures with transportable cif-type files				
	Structure Utilities					
	CELLTRAN	Transform Unit Cells				
	STRAIN	Strain Tensor Calculation				
	WPASSIGN	Assignment of Wyckoff Positions				
	TRANSTRU	Transform structures.				
	SETSTRU 🕰	Alternative Settings for a given Crystal Structure				
	EQUIVSTRU	Equivalent Descriptions for a given Crystal Structure				
	STRCONVERT	Convert & Edit Structure Data (supports the CIF, mCIF, VESTA, VASP formats with magnetic information where available)				
	VISUALIZE	Visualize structures using Jmol				
	COMPSTRU 🛆	Comparison of Crystal Structures with the same Symmetry				
	STRUCTURE RELATIONS $oldsymbol{\Delta}$	Evaluation of structure relationships [transformation matrix] between group-subgroup related phases				
	PSEUDOLATTICE	Pseudosymmetry of a lattice and compatible supergroups				

### Programs for symmetry analysis HEUTRONS FOR SCIENCE ®

### **ISOTROPY Software Suite**

Harold T. Stokes, Dorian M. Hatch, and Branton J. Campbell, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah 84606, USA, stokesh@byu.edu

Description: The ISOTROPY software suite is a collection of software which applies group theoretical methods to the analysis of phase transitions in crystalline solids. How to cite: ISOTROPY Software Suite, iso.byu.edu.

A huge amount of work on symmetry has been developed by Harold Stokes, Dorian Hatch and Branton Campbell. Stokes developed ISOTROPY and many algorithms for working with space groups and representations. Together with the programs they have made available databases to be used by external software

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#### Superspace Gro

- ISO(3+d)D: (3+d)-Di
- ISO(3+1)D: Isotropy
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- TRANSFORMSSG:

#### Phase Transition

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- INVARIANTS: Gene
- COMSUBS: Find co

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New facilities for Magnetic Structures in FullProf

- FullProf is now able to produce a magnetic CIF file (extension mCIF) for commensurate magnetic structures described in the magnetic cell. This mCIF file can be directly read by FP\_Studio and also by the program VESTA.

The program converts the user-description of the magnetic structure, using the crystal cell and propagation vector and MSYM operators or basis functions, to the magnetic cell with all the magnetic atoms inside that cell.

This mCIF file may be used to determine the Shubnikov group of the used model thanks to the program ISOCIF that can be executed via the Web at http://stokes.byu.edu/iso/isocif.php New facilities for Magnetic Structures in FullProf

A new option for reading symmetry operators for magnetic structures in FullProf has been implemented.

These operators are for commensurate structures and the mix in some sense SYMM and MSYM operators.

The value Isy=2 is used to inform the program that this kind of operator will be provided. Four forms are recognized by FullProf, examples of these operators for are given below:

1->	SHUB	x+1/2,-y,z	-u,v,-w
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2->	SHUB	x+1/2, -y, z	-mx,my,-mz	+1
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3-> SHUB x+1/2,-y,z +1

4-> SHUB x+1/2,-y,z,+1

The three operator are identical (the +1 indicated that time reversal is not associated to the operator, a -1 indicates the opposite situation). The keyword SHUB is not strictly needed, it may be replaced by any word or number but it cannot be omitted. The complete list of symmetry operators corresponding to a particular setting of any magnetic space group may be obtained through the Bilbao Crystallographic Server using the programs MAXMAGN or STRCONVERT.

A console program converting mCIF files (as produced by the **Bilbao Crystallographic Server** or by **ISOCIF**) to PCR files has been included in the new **FullProf Suite**. The console program is called **mCIF\_to\_PCR** and will be extended with a GUI in the near future. Presently the provided PCR file is adequate for a simulation and the user should change by hand the parameters.

### v facilities for Magnetic Structures



Title:	New Structure		
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:	Source DOI:		
		Update Structure	

Atomic Positions & Displacements

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Space Group #: 1 (P1)

#### Lattice Parameters

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#### Symmetry Operations [Show/Hide]

	Switch to the treatment of the vectors as: Magnetic Moments P1 (#1.1) Type I - Go!								
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**Longest Arrow size:** 1.000 [for VESTA format export: Å (*Default: min(a,b,c)/4*)] [for Jmol visualize: a proportional coefficient]

Export to BCS format Export to VESTA format (displacement)
Export to Standard CIF format   Export to MCIF format (displacement)
Export to VASP format   Transform the structure to P1 setting
Remove the magnetic information   Re-order the sites   Visualize (displacement)

Find Symmetry	Tolerance:	0.01
[via FINDSYM by	Stokes & C	ampell]

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# Superspace Symmetry





Pim de Wolff (1919–1998), Delft Institute of Technology, The Nederland

The introduction of superspace approach was a breakthrough that allowed to treat "aperiodic crystals" diffraction data

# Superspace Symmetry





Seminal papers on superspace approach

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#### Aperiodic crystals and superspace concepts

For several decades the lattice periodicity of crystals, as shown by Laue, was considered to be their essential property. In the early sixties of the last century compounds were found which for many reasons should be called crystals, but were not lattice periodic. This opened the field of aperiodic crystals. An overview of this development is given. Many materials of this kind were found, sometimes with very interesting properties. In the beginning the development was slow, but the number of structures of this type increased enormously. In the meantime hundreds of scientists have contributed to this field using a multi-disciplinary approach. Received 12 June 2014 Accepted 24 June 2014

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### TOPICAL REVIEW

# Magnetic superspace groups and symmetry constraints in incommensurate magnetic phases

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The future of Magnetic Crystallography is clearly an unified approach of symmetry invariance and representations

# uperspace operations

$$\mathbf{r}_{l\mu} = \mathbf{l} + \mathbf{r}_{\mu} \quad x_{4} = \mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}_{l\mu}$$
$$\mathbf{M}_{\mu}(x_{4}) = \mathbf{M}_{\mu,0} + \sum_{n} [\mathbf{M}_{\mu,ns} \sin(2\pi n x_{4}) + \mathbf{M}_{\mu,nc} \cos(2\pi n x_{4})]$$
$$(\mathbf{R}, \theta \mid \mathbf{t}) \in \Omega_{b} \quad \theta = -1 (time \ reversal) \ \theta = 1 (otherwise)$$

The application of  $(\mathbf{R}, \theta | \mathbf{t})$  operation to the modulated structure change the structure to another one with the modulation functions changed by a translation in the fourth coordinate

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mu} = \mathbf{M}_{\mu}(x_4 + \tau)$$

The original structure can be recovered by a translation in the internal space and one can introduce a symmetry operator

$$(\boldsymbol{R}, \boldsymbol{\theta} \,|\, \mathbf{t}, \tau)$$



If  $(\mathbf{R}, \theta | \mathbf{t}, \tau)$  belongs to the (3+1)-dim superspace group of an incommensurate magnetic phase, the action of **R** on its propagation vector **k** necessarily transforms this vector into a vector equivalent to either **k** ( $R_I$  = +1) or -**k** ( $R_I$  = -1).

### $\mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{R} = R_I \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{H}_R$

 $\mathbf{H}_{R}$  is a reciprocal lattice vector of the basic structure and is different of zero only if **k** contains a commensurate component. If in the basic structure  $(\mathbf{R} | \mathbf{t})\mathbf{r}_{v} = \mathbf{r}_{u} + \mathbf{l}$  their atomic

modulation functions are not independent and should verify

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mu}(R_{I}x_{4} + \tau_{0} + \mathbf{H}_{R}\mathbf{r}_{\nu}) = \theta \det(R)R\mathbf{M}_{\nu}(x_{4})$$
$$\mathbf{u}_{\mu}(R_{I}x_{4} + \tau_{0} + \mathbf{H}_{R}\mathbf{r}_{\nu}) = R\mathbf{u}_{\nu}(x_{4})$$
$$\tau_{0} = \tau + \mathbf{kt}$$

The operators of the **magnetic superspace groups** are the same a those of **superspace groups** just extended with the time inversion label  $\theta$ 

uperspace operations

- The operators of the form:  $(\mathbf{1}, +1 | \mathbf{t}, -\mathbf{k} \mathbf{t})$  constitute the lattice of the (3+1)-dim superspace group
- The basic lattice translations are:
- $(\mathbf{1}, +1 | 100, -k_x), (\mathbf{1}, +1 | 010, -k_y), (\mathbf{1}, +1 | 001, -k_z), (\mathbf{1}, +1 | 000, 1)$

Using the above basis the we can define 3+1 symmetry operators of the form:

$$(\mathbf{R}, \theta \,|\, \mathbf{t}, \tau) \rightarrow (\mathbf{R}_{S}, \theta \,|\, \mathbf{t}_{S}) \quad \mathbf{t} = (t_{1}, t_{2}, t_{3}) \quad \tau_{0} = \tau + \mathbf{k}\mathbf{t}$$
$$\mathbf{R}_{S} = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} & R_{13} & 0 \\ R_{21} & R_{22} & R_{23} & 0 \\ R_{31} & R_{32} & R_{33} & 0 \\ H_{R1} & H_{R2} & H_{R3} & R_{I} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{t}_{S} = (t_{1}, t_{2}, t_{3}, \tau_{0})$$

## **Superspace** operations



Simplified Seitz symbols for 3+1 symmetry operators  $(\mathbf{R}, \theta | \mathbf{t}, \tau) \rightarrow (\mathbf{R}_{s}, \theta | \mathbf{t}_{s}) \quad \mathbf{t}_{s} = (t_{1}, t_{2}, t_{3}, \tau_{0}) \quad \tau_{0} = \tau + \mathbf{k}\mathbf{t}$   $(\mathbf{R}, \theta | \mathbf{t}, \tau) \rightarrow \{\mathbf{R}, \theta | t_{1}t_{2}t_{3}\tau_{0}\} \rightarrow \{\mathbf{R} | t_{1}t_{2}t_{3}\tau_{0}\} \text{ or } \{\mathbf{R}' | t_{1}t_{2}t_{3}\tau_{0}\}$   $(\mathbf{R}, \theta | 00\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\gamma) \rightarrow \{\mathbf{R}, \theta | 00\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}\} \quad \text{with } \mathbf{k} = \gamma \mathbf{c}^{*}$ Simple example

Simple example

 $P\bar{1}1'(\alpha\beta\gamma)0s$   $\{1 \mid 0000\} \qquad x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, +1$   $\{\bar{1} \mid 0000\} \qquad -x_1, -x_2, -x_3, -x_4, +1$   $\{1' \mid 0001/2\} \qquad x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 + 1/2, -1$   $\{\bar{1}' \mid 0001/2\} \qquad -x_1, -x_2, -x_3, -x_4 + 1/2, -1$ 

# Magnetic Structure Factor



Simplified magnetic structure factor in the superspace description with the notation used in JANA-2006

$$\mathbf{r}_{l\mu} = \mathbf{l} + \mathbf{r}_{\mu} \quad x_{4} = \mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}_{l\mu}$$
$$\mathbf{M}_{\mu}(x_{4}) = \mathbf{M}_{\mu,0} + \sum_{n} [\mathbf{M}_{\mu,ns} \sin(2\pi n x_{4}) + \mathbf{M}_{\mu,nc} \cos(2\pi n x_{4})]$$
$$\mathbf{F}_{mag}(\mathbf{H} \pm m \mathbf{k}) = p \sum_{\mu=1}^{n} f_{\mu} (|\mathbf{H} \pm m \mathbf{k}|) T(\mathbf{H} \pm m \mathbf{k}) \frac{\mathbf{M}_{\mu,mc} \pm i \mathbf{M}_{\mu,ms}}{2} \exp\{2\pi i \mathbf{H}\mathbf{r}_{\mu}\}$$



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Simplified magnetic structure factor in the description used in **FullProf** (with notations adapted to those used in superspace approach)

$$\mathbf{M}_{l\mu} = \sum_{\{\mathbf{k}\}} \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{k}\mu} \exp\{-2\pi i \mathbf{k} \mathbf{l}\} = \sum_{\{\mathbf{k}\}} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{k}\mu} \exp\{-2\pi i \mathbf{k} \mathbf{r}_{l\mu}\}$$
$$\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{k}\mu} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{k}\mu} + i \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{k}\mu}) \exp\{-2\pi i \phi_{\mathbf{k}}\} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{k}\mu,c} + i \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{k}\mu,s}) \exp\{-2\pi i \mathbf{k} \mathbf{r}_{\mu}\}$$

$$\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{h}) = p \sum_{\mu=1}^{n} f_{\mu}(h) T_{\mu} \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{k}\mu} exp\{2\pi i (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{k}) \mathbf{r}_{\mu}\}$$
$$\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{2} p \sum_{\mu=1}^{n} f_{\mu}(h) T_{\mu} (\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{k}\mu,c} + i \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{k}\mu,s}) exp\{2\pi i \mathbf{H} \mathbf{r}_{\mu}\}$$



# Thank you for your attention!