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Symmetry-based computational tool for magnetic crystallography in the Bilbao Crystallographic Server: Hands on tutorial

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Space Groups Retrieval Tools

GENPOS	Generators and General Positions of Space Groups
WYCKPOS	Wyckoff Positions of Space Groups
HKLCD	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
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IDENTIFY GROUP	Identification of a Space Group from a set of generators in an arbitrary setting

Magnetic Symmetry and Applications

MGENPOS	General Positions of Magnetic Space Groups
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MAGNEXT	Extinction Rules of Magnetic Space Groups
IDENTIFY MAGNETIC GROUP	Identification of a Magnetic Space Group from a set of generators in an arbitrary setting

Open access website with crystallographic databases and programs for structural and mathematical crystallography, solid state physics and structural chemistry (PHASE TRANSITIONS).

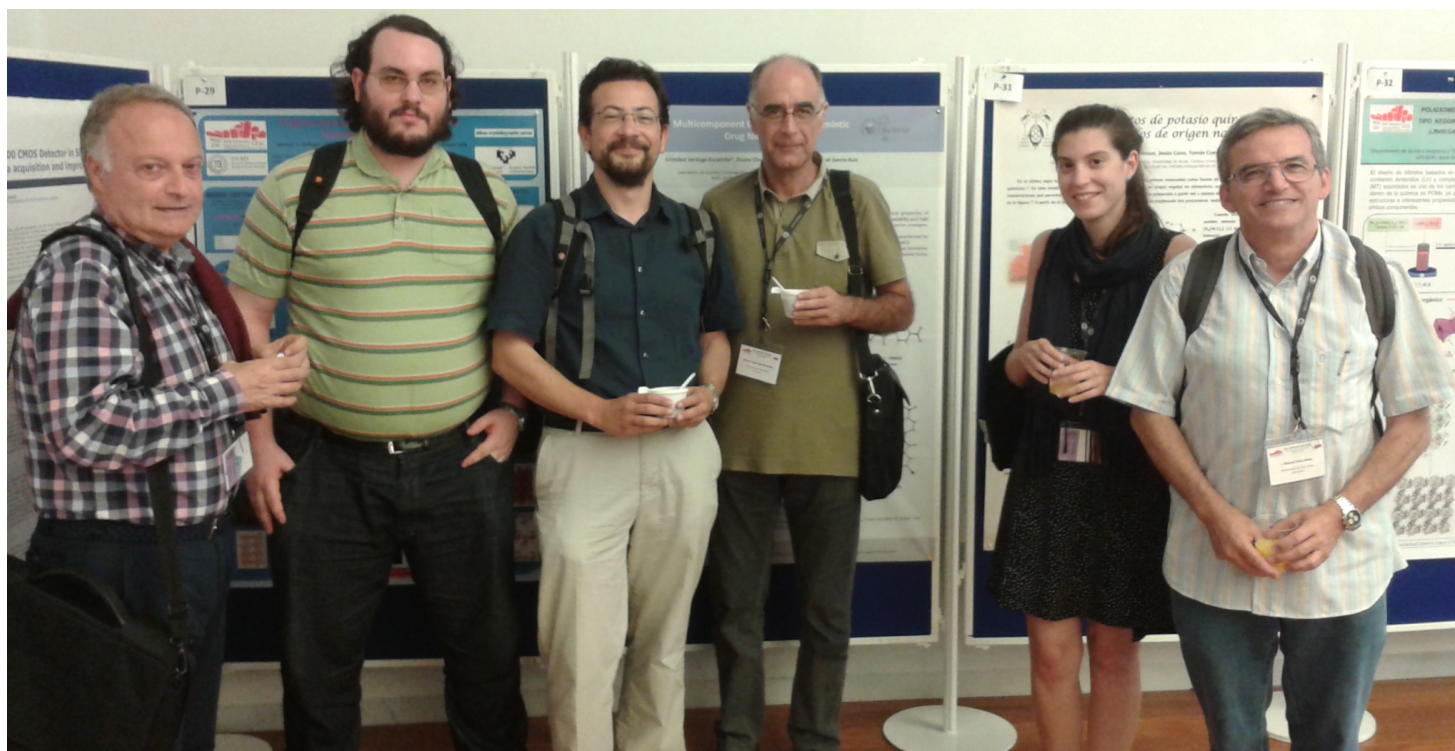
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Magnetic Space Groups

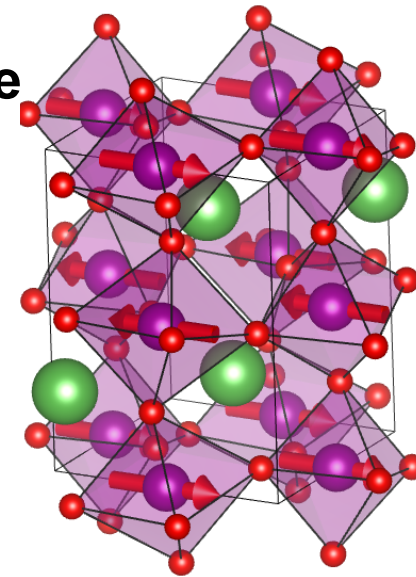
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General Positions of the Group $Pn'ma'$ (#62.448)

For this space group, BNS and OG settings coincide.
Its label in the OG setting is given as: $Pn'ma'$ (#62.8.509)

N	Standard/Default Setting			
	(x,y,z) form	Matrix form	Geom. interp.	Seitz notation
1	$x, y, z, +1$ m_x, m_y, m_z	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$1 \underline{+1}$	$(1 0,0,0)$
2	$-x, -y, -z, +1$ m_x, m_y, m_z	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$-1 \ 0,0,0 \ \underline{+1}$	$(-1 0,0,0)$
3	$-x, y+1/2, -z, +1$ $-m_x, m_y, -m_z$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$2 \ (0,1/2,0) \ 0,y,0 \ \underline{+1}$	$(2_y 0,1/2,0)$
4	$x, -y+1/2, z, +1$ $-m_x, m_y, -m_z$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$m \ x,1/4,z \ \underline{+1}$	$(m_y 0,1/2,0)$
5	$x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z+1/2, -1$ $-m_x, m_y, m_z$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$	$2 \ (1/2,0,0) \ x,1/4,1/4 \ \underline{-1}$	$(2_x' 1/2,1/2,1/2)$
6	$-x+1/2, -y, z+1/2, -1$ $m_x, m_y, -m_z$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$	$2 \ (0,0,1/2) \ 1/4,0,z \ \underline{-1}$	$(2_z' 1/2,0,1/2)$
7	$-x+1/2, y+1/2, z+1/2, -1$ $-m_x, m_y, m_z$	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$	$n \ (0,1/2,1/2) \ 1/4,y,z \ \underline{-1}$	$(m_x' 1/2,1/2,1/2)$
8	$x+1/2, y, -z+1/2, -1$ $m_x, m_y, -m_z$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$	$a \ x,y,1/4 \ \underline{-1}$	$(m_z' 1/2,0,1/2)$

Example



LaMnO_3

$Pn'ma'$ (62.448)

Magnetic Space Groups

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General Positions of Magnetic Space Groups

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Wyckoff Positions of Magnetic Space Groups

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Extinction Rules of Magnetic Space Groups

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Maximal magnetic space groups for a given space group and a propagation vector

Wyckoff Positions of the Group $Pn'ma'$ (#62.448)

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Multiplicity	Wyckoff letter	Coordinates
8	d	$(x,y,z m_x, m_y, m_z)$ $(x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z+1/2 -m_x, m_y, m_z)$ $(-x, y+1/2, -z -m_x, m_y, -m_z)$ $(-x+1/2, -y, z+1/2 m_x, m_y, -m_z)$ $(-x, -y, -z m_x, m_y, m_z)$ $(-x+1/2, y+1/2, z+1/2 -m_x, m_y, m_z)$ $(x, -y+1/2, z -m_x, m_y, -m_z)$ $(x+1/2, y, -z+1/2 m_x, m_y, -m_z)$
4	c	$(x, 1/4, z 0, m_y, 0)$ $(x+1/2, 1/4, -z+1/2 0, m_y, 0)$ $(-x, 3/4, -z 0, m_y, 0)$ $(-x+1/2, 3/4, z+1/2 0, m_y, 0)$
4	b	$(0, 0, 1/2 m_x, m_y, m_z)$ $(1/2, 1/2, 0 -m_x, m_y, m_z)$ $(0, 1/2, 1/2 -m_x, m_y, -m_z)$ $(1/2, 0, 0 m_x, m_y, -m_z)$
4	a	$(0, 0, 0 m_x, m_y, m_z)$ $(1/2, 1/2, 1/2 -m_x, m_y, m_z)$ $(0, 1/2, 0 -m_x, m_y, -m_z)$ $(1/2, 0, 1/2 m_x, m_y, -m_z)$

Site Symmetries of the Wyckoff Positions

WP	Representative	Site symmetry
4a	$(0, 0, 0 m_x, m_y, m_z)$	-1
4b	$(0, 0, 1/2 m_x, m_y, m_z)$	-1
4c	$(x, 1/4, z 0, m_y, 0)$.m.
8d	$(x, y, z m_x, m_y, m_z)$	1

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MAGNEXT: Magnetic Systematic Absences

Extinction rules for any Shubnikov magnetic space group can be obtained introducing the magnetic space group for this purpose at the input form of the structure

or a set of generators in any form compatible with a set of generators for a superspace group

Option A: Systematic absences for a magnetic space group in standard settings

Magnetic Space Group number: Please, enter the label of group or

Other interfaces for alternative uses MAGNEXT are:

- **Option B:** For systematic absences for a magnetic space group **in any setting**, click [here](#)
- **Option C:** For a list of magnetic space groups **compatible with a given set of systematic absences**, click [here](#)
- For systematic absences for *magnetic superspace groups* click [here](#)

Diffraction symmetry (non-polarized) and systematic absences

Non-polarized magnetic diffraction at diffraction vector \mathbf{H} is proportional to the component of $\mathbf{F}_M(\mathbf{H})$ perpendicular to \mathbf{H}

$$\mathbf{H} = h\mathbf{a}^* + k\mathbf{b}^* + l\mathbf{c}^* = (h, k, l)$$

Consequences of a symmetry operation $\{\mathbf{R}, \theta | \mathbf{t}\}$:

non-magnetic: $F(\mathbf{H}) = e^{i2\pi\mathbf{H}\cdot\mathbf{t}} F(\mathbf{H}\cdot\mathbf{R})$ Intensity($\mathbf{H}\cdot\mathbf{R}$)=Intensity(\mathbf{H})

magnetic: $\mathbf{F}_M(\mathbf{H}) = \theta \det(\mathbf{R}) e^{i2\pi\mathbf{H}\cdot\mathbf{t}} \mathbf{R}\cdot\mathbf{F}_M(\mathbf{H}\cdot\mathbf{R})$ Intensity($\mathbf{H}\cdot\mathbf{R}$)=Intensity(\mathbf{H})

$$\mathbf{H}\cdot\mathbf{t} = ht_1 + kt_2 + lt_3$$

$$\mathbf{H}\cdot\mathbf{R} = (h, k, l)\cdot\mathbf{R}$$

Diffraction symmetry (non-polarized) and systematic absences

$$\mathbf{H} = h\mathbf{a}^* + k\mathbf{b}^* + l\mathbf{c}^* = (h, k, l)$$

Extinction rules: (“trivial” cases)

{1' | 0 0 0}
(non-magnetic structures)

$$F(\mathbf{H}) = e^{i2\pi\mathbf{H}\cdot\mathbf{t}} F(\mathbf{H}\cdot\mathbf{R}) \quad \rightarrow \quad F(\mathbf{H}) = F(\mathbf{H}) \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{no condition}$$

$$F_M(\mathbf{H}) = \theta \det(\mathbf{R}) e^{i2\pi\mathbf{H}\cdot\mathbf{t}} \mathbf{R} \cdot F_M(\mathbf{H}\cdot\mathbf{R}) \quad \rightarrow \quad F_M(\mathbf{H}) = -F_M(\mathbf{H}) \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{zero!}$$

{1' | 0 0 1/2}
(type IV MSG)

$$F(\mathbf{H}) = e^{i\pi l} F(\mathbf{H}) \quad \text{Nuclear diffraction: absent } l = \text{odd}$$

$$F_M(\mathbf{H}) = -e^{i\pi l} F_M(\mathbf{H}) \quad \text{Magnetic diffraction: absent } l = \text{even}$$

Diffraction symmetry (non-polarized) and systematic absences

$$\mathbf{H} = h\mathbf{a}^* + k\mathbf{b}^* + l\mathbf{c}^* = (h, k, l)$$

Extinction rules:

$$\{2_z | 000\}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = (0, 0, l)$$

$$\mathbf{H} \cdot 2_z = \mathbf{H}$$

$$F(\mathbf{H}) = e^{i2\pi\mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{t}} F(\mathbf{H})$$

$$\rightarrow F(\mathbf{H}) = F(\mathbf{H})$$

no condition

$$F_M(\mathbf{H}) = \theta \det(2_z) e^{i2\pi\mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{t}} 2_z \cdot F_M(\mathbf{H}) \rightarrow F_M(\mathbf{H}) = 2_z \cdot F_M(\mathbf{H})$$

$$F_M = (0, 0, F_z) \parallel \mathbf{H}$$

absence for all $(0, 0, l)$

$$\{2_z | 00\frac{1}{2}\}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = (0, 0, l)$$

$$\mathbf{H} \cdot 2_z = \mathbf{H}$$

$$F(\mathbf{H}) = e^{i2\pi\mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{t}} F(\mathbf{H})$$

$$\rightarrow F(\mathbf{H}) = e^{i\pi l} F(\mathbf{H})$$

absence
for $l = \text{odd}$

$$F_M(\mathbf{H}) = \theta \det(2_z) e^{i2\pi\mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{t}} 2_z \cdot F_M(\mathbf{H}) \rightarrow$$

$$F_M(\mathbf{H}) = e^{i\pi l} 2_z \cdot F_M(\mathbf{H})$$

$$l = \text{even}: F_M = (0, 0, F_z) \parallel \mathbf{H} \quad \text{absence}$$

$$l = \text{odd} \quad F_M = (F_x, F_y, 0) \text{ not parallel to } \mathbf{H} \quad \text{presence}$$

Systematic absences for $\{2'_z | 00\frac{1}{2}\}$?

5. Using [MAGNEXT](#) in its option B, we re-obtain the systematic absences for the symmetry operations $\{2_z | 0 0 0\}$; and for $\{2_z | 0 0 \frac{1}{2}\}$, and obtain those for the corresponding primed operations.

6. Using [MAGNEXT](#) we obtain the systematic absences that should fulfill the magnetic diffraction of LaMnO_3 (space group $\text{Pn}'\text{ma}'$, moments along x)

Magnetic diffraction Systematic Absences for the group $Pn'ma'$ (#62.448)

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Values of h, k, l : h integer, k integer, l integer

Systematic absences for special reflections:

Diffraction vector type: $(0\ k\ 0)$ \rightarrow Systematic absence: $k = 2n$

For $k = 1$: $I \neq 0$ $F = (F_x, 0, 0)$

For $k = 2$: $I = 0$ $F = (0, F_y, 0)$

Diffraction vector type: $(h\ 0\ 0)$ \rightarrow Systematic absence: $h = 2n + 1$

For $h = 1$: $I = 0$ $F = (0, 0, 0)$

For $h = 2$: $I \neq 0$ $F = (0, F_y, 0)$

Diffraction vector type: $(0\ 0\ l)$ \rightarrow Systematic absence: $l = 2n + 1$

For $l = 1$: $I = 0$ $F = (0, 0, 0)$

For $l = 2$: $I \neq 0$ $F = (0, F_y, 0)$

[Show form of structure factor for every type of reflection]

[Go to the list of the General Positions of the Group \$Pn'ma'\$ \(#62.448\) \[OG: \$Pn'ma'\$ \(#62.8.509\)\]](#)

[Go to the list of the Wyckoff Positions of the Group \$Pn'ma'\$ \(#62.448\) \[OG: \$Pn'ma'\$ \(#62.8.509\)\]](#)

[Show systematic absences in a different setting]

Symmetry-adapted form of the Structure Factors

Magnetic Space Group: $Pn'ma'$ (#62.448) [OG: $Pn'ma'$ (#62.8.509)]

Values of h, k, l : h integer, k integer, l integer

Structure factors for general reflections (produced by centrings):

Diffraction vector type: h,k,l

For any h,k,l : $I \neq 0$ $F = (F_x, F_y, F_z)$

Structure factors for special reflections:

Those diffraction vector types which are fully absent due to the general rule are not listed

Diffraction vector type: $0,k,0$

For $k = 1$: $I \neq 0$ $F = (F_x, 0, 0)$

For $k = 2$: $I = 0$ $F = (0, F_y, 0)$

Diffraction vector type: $h,0,l$

For $h = 1, l = 1$: $I \neq 0$ $F = (0, F_y, 0)$

For $h = 1, l = 2$: $I \neq 0$ $F = (0, F_y, 0)$

For $h = 2, l = 1$: $I \neq 0$ $F = (0, F_y, 0)$

For $h = 2, l = 2$: $I \neq 0$ $F = (0, F_y, 0)$

Diffraction vector type: $h,0,0$

For $h = 1$: $I = 0$ $F = (0, 0, 0)$


For $h = 2$: $I \neq 0$ $F = (0, F_y, 0)$

Diffraction vector type: $0,0,l$

For $l = 1$: $I = 0$ $F = (0, 0, 0)$

For $l = 2$: $I \neq 0$ $F = (0, F_y, 0)$

**For more subtle systematic absences in LaMnO₃
(due to the special position of the magnetic atoms), see:**

research papers	
Journal of Applied Crystallography ISSN 0021-8898	Magnetic symmetry in the Bilbao Crystallographic Server: a computer program to provide systematic absences of magnetic neutron diffraction
Received 26 June 2012 Accepted 8 October 2012	Samuel V. Gallego, Emre S. Tasci, Gemma de la Flor, J. Manuel Perez-Mato* and Moï̄s I. Aroyo
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MGENPOS

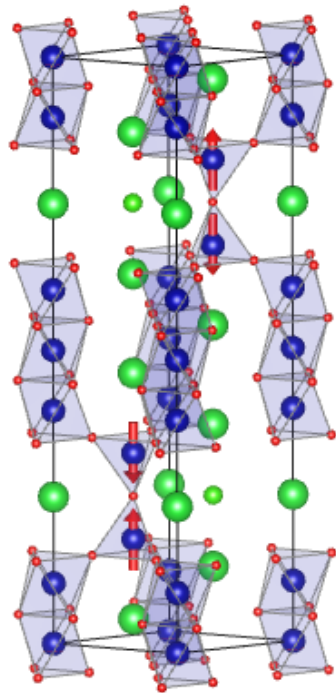
General Positions of Magnetic Space Groups

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Extinction Rules of Magnetic Space Groups



nuclear/positional reflection condition:

$$(2h, -h, l) \quad l=2n$$

(magnetic sites: 2a, 4e, 4f. all $(0,0,m_z)$)

Magnetic diffraction:

Reflection $(2, -1, 3)$ pure magnetic

$$(2h, -h, l)$$

$P6_3'/m'm'c$ (194.268): absent l even
present l odd

$P6_3/m'm'c$ (194.270): absent l odd

(spins are symmetry restricted to be along c in both groups)

Paraelectric phase $P4_2/mnm$

Site 4f

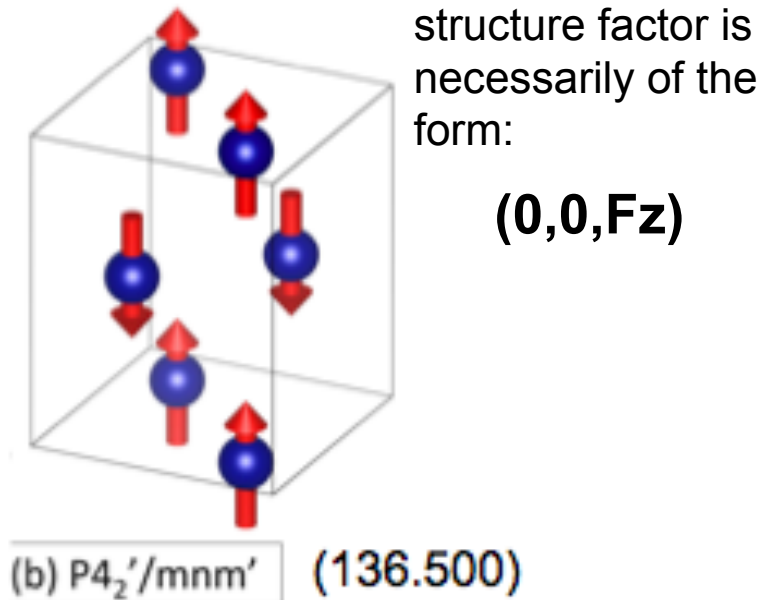
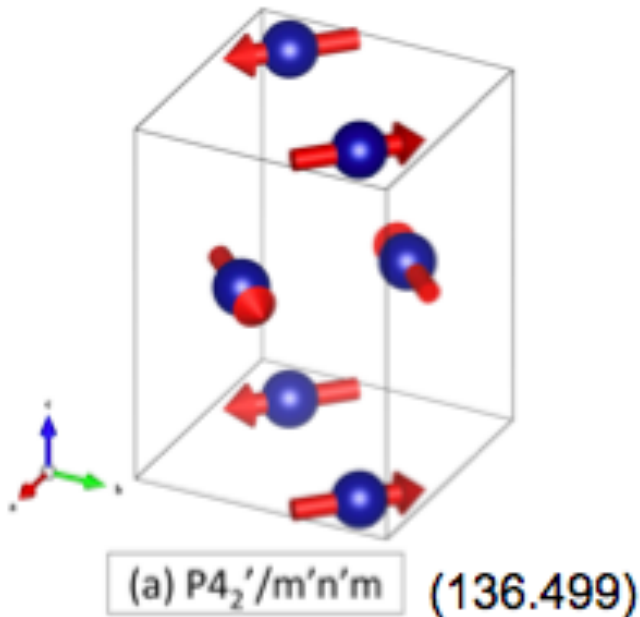
magnetic absences

(common for the two MSGs)

$(h,0,0)$ h even

$(0,k,0)$ k even

$(0,0,l)$ l any



structure factor is necessarily of the form:






$(0,0,Fz)$

$(0,k,l)$ $k+l$ odd $(F_x,0,0)$

$(h,0,l)$ $h+l$ odd $(0,F_y,0)$

absences that permit to distinguish the two MSGs

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MPOINT 	Magnetic Point Group Tables
 MAXMAGN	Maximal magnetic space groups for a given a propagation vector and resulting magnetic structural models
MAGMODELIZE	Magnetic structure models for any given magnetic symmetry
k-SUBGROUPSMAG	Magnetic subgroups consistent with some given propagation vector(s) or a supercell
MAGNDATA 	A collection of magnetic structures with transportable cif-type files
MVISUALIZE 	3D Visualization of magnetic structures with Jmol
MTENSOR 	Symmetry-adapted form of magnetic crystal tensors

MAXMAGN: Maximal magnetic space groups for a given a propagation vector and resulting magnetic structural models

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MAXMAGN provides the possible magnetic space groups that can be assigned to a 1-k commensurate magnetic phase assuming that the magnetic symmetry is a maximal one. The space group of the paramagnetic phase and the observed propagation vector are required as input. Optionally, the parent paramagnetic structure can be introduced (by hand or by a cif file). In this latter case the program provides the constrains for the different possible symmetries and cif-like files can be produced. These files permit the different alternative models to

Structure data of the paramagnetic phase will be included

Non-conventional setting

Please, enter the label of the space group of the paramagnetic phase

choose it

Please, enter the propagation vector k:

k_x

0

k_y

0

k_z

0

Submit

MAXMAGN

The program provides ALL possible MAXIMAL magnetic symmetries for single-k magnetic structures compatible with a known propagation vector.

For each possible symmetry, a starting magnetic structure model is provided, with the symmetry constraints and the parameters to be fitted.

Usually magnetic phases comply with one of these MAXIMAL symmetries. But if necessary, one can descend to lower symmetries, liberating some of the constraints on the magnetic moments (and atomic positions).

For simple propagation vectors: A very efficient and simpler alternative method to representation method

Maximal magnetic space groups for the space group 64 (*Cmce*) and the propagation vector $k = (1, 0, 0)$



Group (BNS)	Transformation matrix	General positions	Systematic absences	Magnetic structure
<i>P_Cnm_a</i> (#62.455)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/4 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
<i>P_Cbca</i> (#61.439)	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
<i>P_Abcn</i> (#60.429)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
<i>P_Bbcm</i> (#57.390)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
<i>P_Accn</i> (#56.374)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
<i>P_Abam</i> (#55.362)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
<i>P_Acca</i> (#54.349)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
<i>P_Cmna</i> (#53.335)	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show

Selected magnetic space group: 5- P_Accn (#56.374)

Setting of the parent group

Lattice parameters: a=5.35700, b=13.14800, c=5.40600, alpha=90., beta=90., gamma=90.

Magnetic Moments associated to magnetic atoms

N	Atom	New WP	Multiplicity	Magnetic moment	Values of M_x, M_y, M_z
1	Cu1 Cu 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000	(0,0,0 $0,m_y,m_z$) (0,1/2,1/2 $0,-m_y,m_z$) (1/2,1/2,0 $0,-m_y,-m_z$) (1/2,0,1/2 $0,m_y,-m_z$)	4	$(0,M_y,M_z)$	$M_y = 0.00000$ $M_z = 0.00000$
2	La1 La 0.00000 0.36110 0.00460	(0,y,z $0,m_y,m_z$) (0,-y+1/2,1/2 $0,-m_y,m_z$) (0,1/2,-z+1/2 $0,-m_y,m_z$) (0,-y,-z $0,m_y,m_z$) (1/2,1/2,0 $0,-m_y,-m_z$) (1/2,-y,1/2 $0,m_y,-m_z$) (1/2,0,-z+1/2 $0,m_y,-m_z$) (1/2,-y+1/2,-z $0,-m_y,-m_z$)	8	-	-
3	O1 O 0.25000 -0.00510 0.25000	(1/4,y,1/4 $0,m_y,0$) (3/4,-y+1/2,3/4 $0,-m_y,0$) (3/4,-y,3/4 $0,m_y,0$) (1/4,1/2,1/4 $0,-m_y,0$) (3/4,1/2,1/4 $0,-m_y,0$) (1/4,-y,3/4 $0,m_y,0$) (1/4,-y+1/2,3/4 $0,-m_y,0$) (3/4,0,1/4 $0,m_y,0$)	8	-	-
4	O2 O 0.00000 0.18300 -0.02430	(0,y,z $0,m_y,m_z$) (0,-y+1/2,1/2 $0,-m_y,m_z$) (0,1/2,-z+1/2 $0,-m_y,m_z$) (0,-y,-z $0,m_y,m_z$) (1/2,1/2,0 $0,-m_y,-m_z$) (1/2,-y,1/2 $0,m_y,-m_z$) (1/2,0,-z+1/2 $0,m_y,-m_z$) (1/2,-y+1/2,-z $0,-m_y,-m_z$)	8	-	-

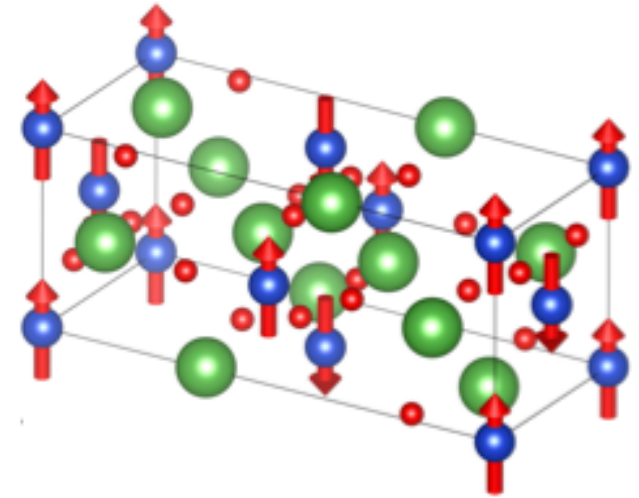
[Go to setting standard (c, a, b ; 0, 0, 0)]

Export data to MCIF file

Go to a subgroup

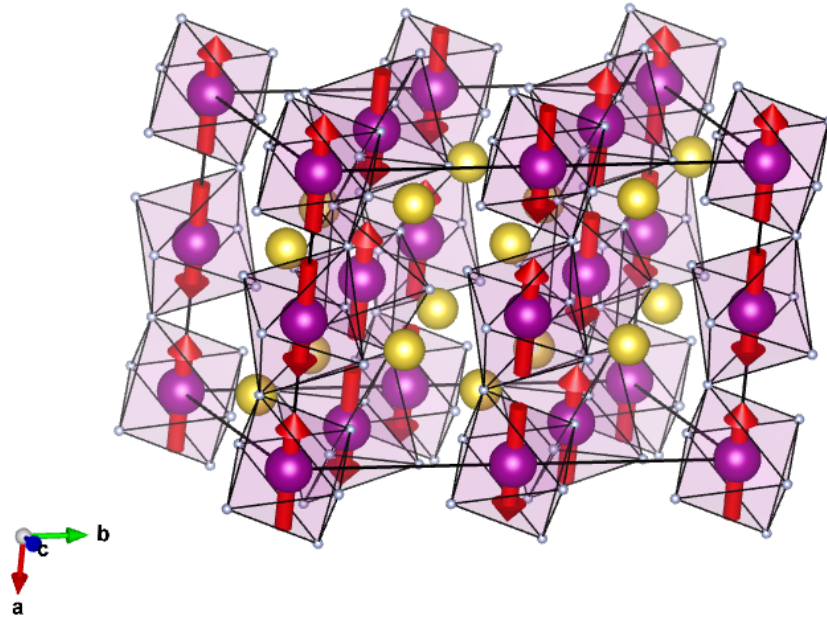
Maximal magnetic space groups for the space group 64 (*Cmce*) and the propagation vector $k = (1, 0, 0)$

Group (BNS)	Transformation matrix	General positions	Systematic absences	Magnetic structure
<i>Pcnma</i> (#62.455)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/4 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
<i>Pcbca</i> (#61.439)	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
<i>Pabcn</i> (#60.429)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
<i>Pbcm</i> (#57.390)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
<i>Paccn</i> (#56.374)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
<i>Pabam</i> (#55.362)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
<i>Pacca</i> (#54.349)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
<i>Pcmna</i> (#53.335)	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show



$P_{A}ccn$ (56.374)

(=0, ≈ 0 , m_z)



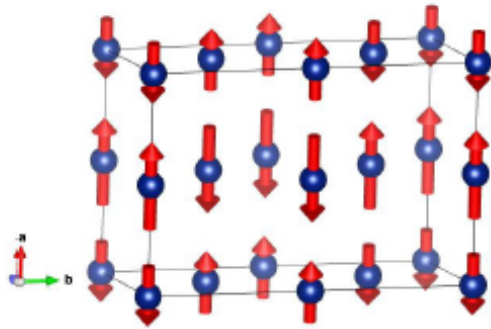
Na₂MnF₅ Parent: P2₁/c

k= (0, 1/2, 0)

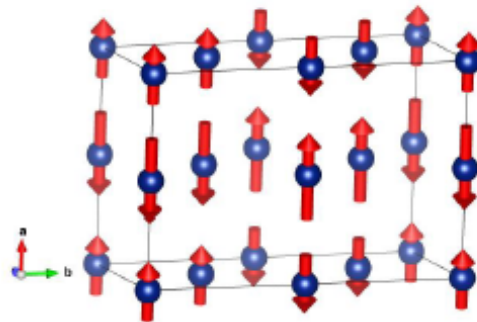
Derive the possible orderings of maximal symmetry

Tutorial MAXMAGN, example 4

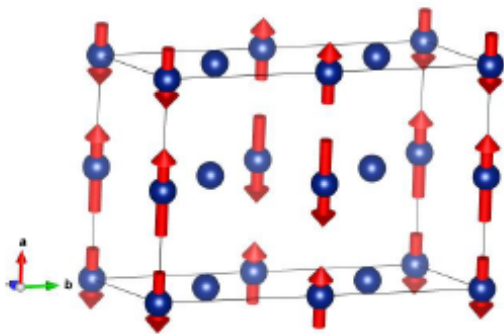
7. From the knowledge of its parent space group and its propagation vector (P2₁/c and k=(0,1/2,0)), use [k-SUBGROUPSMAG](#) to explore all possible symmetries of the magnetic structure of Na₂MnF₅ and check that the system is probably a multiferroic of type II, with the magnetic ordering breaking the symmetry into a polar phase. Assuming that the Fe spins are aligned along a, obtain with MAXMAGN the two possible alternative models of maximal symmetry. See tutorial of MAXMAGN, example 4. (file required: 3.Na2MnF5_parent.cif)



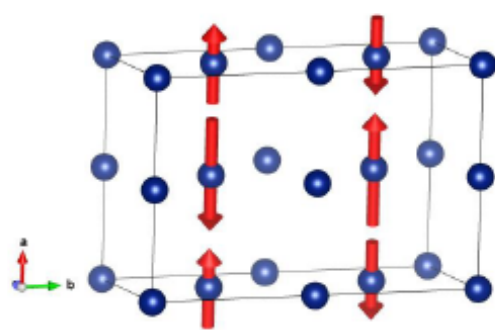
$P_{bc} (a, 2b, c; 0 \ 1/4 \ 0)$



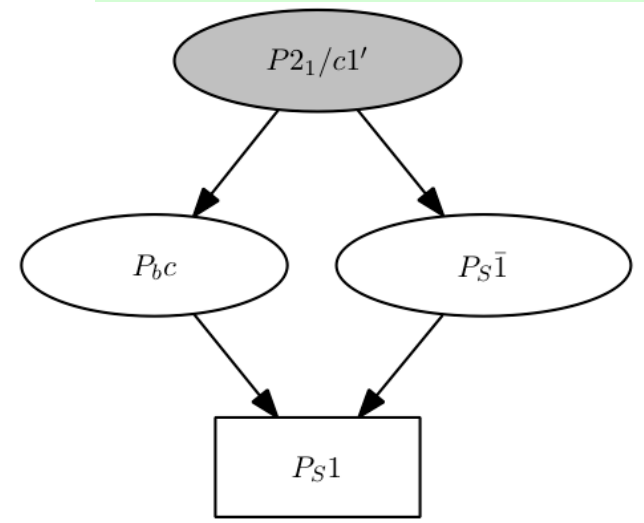
$P_{bc} (a, 2b, c; 0 \ 3/4 \ 0)$



$P_{s-1} (a, -c, 2b; 0 \ 0 \ 0)$



$P_{s-1} (a, -c, 2b; 0 \ 1/2 \ 0)$



Why a $k=(0,1/2,0)$ magnetic ordering in a structure with parent space group $P2_1/c$ breaks necessarily its point group symmetry of the structure?

Because the lattice (and “antilattice”) resulting from this k-vector is incompatible with the screw operation $\{2_y|0 \frac{1}{2} 0\}$...

8. Using [k-SUBGROUPSMAG](#) obtain the k-maximal subgroups for the parent space group $P2/c$ for a propagation vector $k=(0,1/2,0)$, and compare with those obtained for $P2_1/c$. Check that in the case of a parent $P2/c$ symmetry the inversion symmetry is not lost in any of the possible maximal MSGs. This happens for the case of $P2_1/c$ symmetry because the binary rotation includes a non-trivial translation.

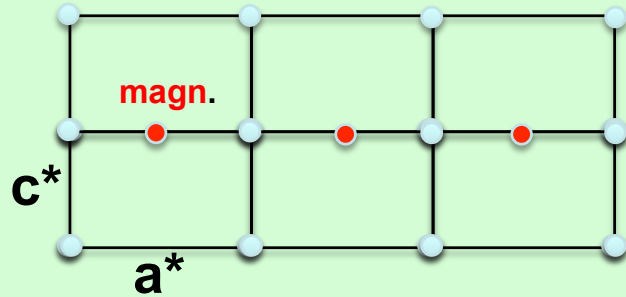
We use [MAXMAGN](#) to explore the four possible alternative models of maximal symmetry for HoMnO_3

9. Obtain with MAXMAGN the four possible alternative models of maximal symmetry for the magnetic structure of HoMnO_3 , which are compatible with its propagation vector $k = (1/2, 0, 0)$ (upload as starting data the cif file of its parent Pnma structure). Obtain the symmetry constraints for the moments of the Ho atoms, in each case. Check that the two possible orthorhombic symmetries can be distinguished by the systematic absence of all reflections of type $(h, 0, l) + k$, which will happen for one of the groups and not the other, if the spins are aligned along a. See tutorial of MAXMAGN, example 2, for a more detailed tutorial exercise. (file required: *4.HoMnO3_parent.cif*).

Tutorial MAXMAGN, example 2

HoMnO₃ (Muñoz et al. Inorg. Chem. 2001)

diffraction peaks:



Gp= Pnma

propagation vector $k=(1/2 \ 0 \ 0)$: point X

Maximal magnetic space groups for the space group 62 (*Pnma*) and the propagation vector $k = (1/2, 0, 0)$

Maximal subgroups which allow non-zero magnetic moments for at least one atom are coloured

N	Group (BNS)	Transformation matrix	General positions	Systematic absences	Magnetic structure
1	<i>P_ana2₁</i> (#33.149)	$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
2	<i>P_bmn2₁</i> (#31.129)	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 & 1/4 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
3	<i>P_c2₁/c</i> (#14.82)	$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show
4	<i>P_a2₁/m</i> (#11.55)	$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Alternatives (twin-related)	Show	Show	Show

P_ana2₁

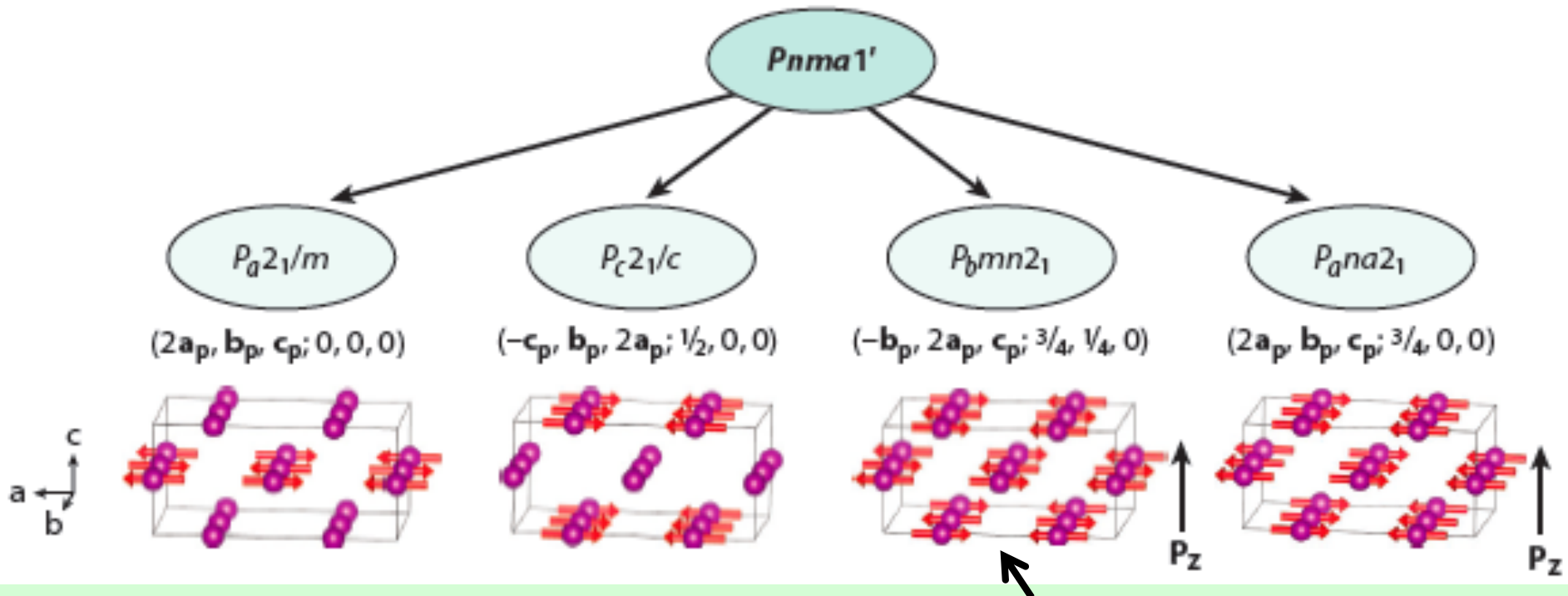
P_anm2₁

P_a2₁/a

P_a2₁/m

HoMnO₃ An Inevitable Multiferroic...

parent space group: Pnma, $k=(1/2,0,0)$

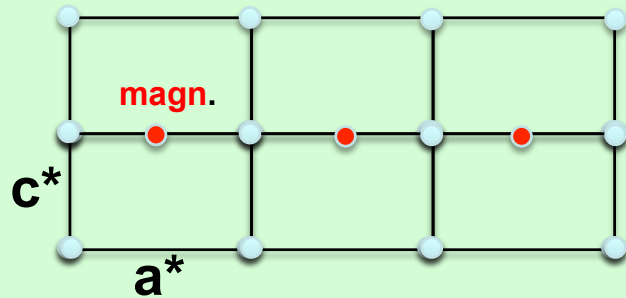


graphic models are depicted assuming collinearity along x (my and mz are symmetry allowed)

Structure reported in 2001, but authors unaware of its multiferroic character

A more complex example : HoMnO_3 (Muñoz et al. Inorg. Chem. 2001)

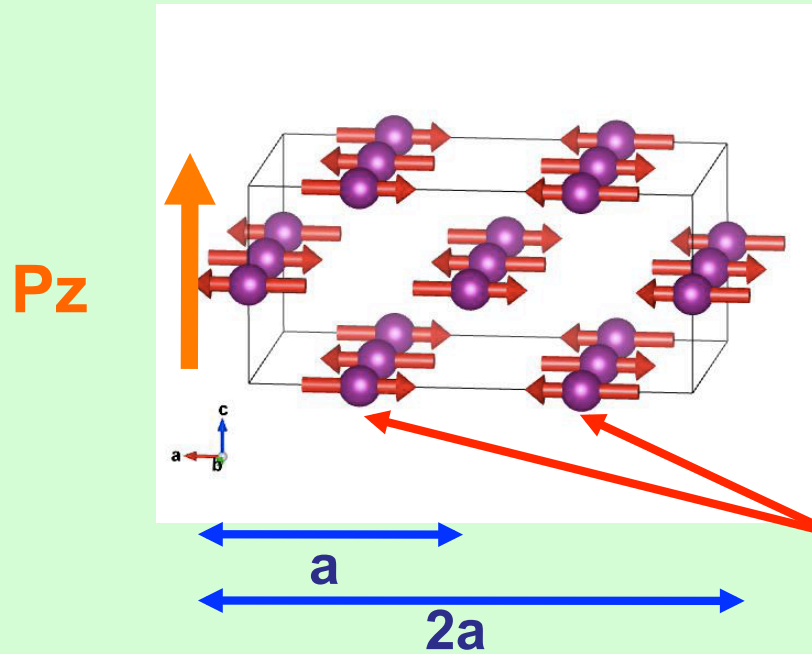
diffraction peaks:



Gp= Pnma

propagation vector $\mathbf{k}=(1/2 \ 0 \ 0)$: point X

point group



Pnma1'

$P_a n m 2_1$

P_z
Induced
polarization:
multiferroic

$mm2 \ 1'$

$P_a 2_1 / m$

$2/m \ 1'$

$P_a n a 2_1$

$mm2 \ 1'$

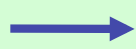
$P_a 2_1 / a$

$2/m \ 1'$

$\{1' | 1/2 \ 0 \ 0\}$

Equivalent to a lattice translation for the positions

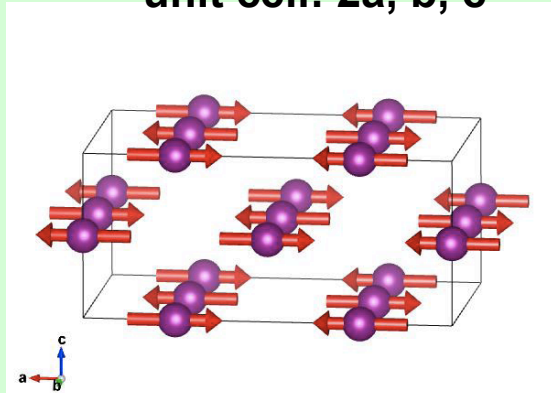
symmetry operation kept: $\{1' | 1/2 \ 0 \ 0\}$



$1'$ belongs to the point group of the magnetic phase

HoMnO₃

unit cell: 2a, b, c



Magnetic space group: **P_anm2₁** (31.129)
(non-conventional setting)

WP	+ (1' 1/2 0 0)
8b	(x, y, z m _x , m _y , m _z), (-x+1/4, -y, z+1/2 -m _x , -m _y , m _z), (x, -y+1/2, z -m _x , m _y , -m _z), (-x+1/4, y+1/2, z+1/2 m _x , -m _y , -m _z)
4a	(x, 1/4, z 0, m _y , 0), (-x+1/4, 3/4, z+1/2 0, -m _y , 0)

Equivalent to the use of space group **Pnm2₁(31)**
with **half cell along a**:

Atomic positions of asymmetric unit:

Ho1	4a	0.04195	0.25000	0.98250	}
Ho2	4a	0.95805	0.75000	0.01750	
Mn1	8b	0.00000	0.00000	0.50000	}
O1	4a	0.23110	0.25000	0.11130	
O12	4a	0.76890	0.75000	0.88870	}
O2	8b	0.15405	0.05340	0.70130	
O22	8b	0.83595	0.55340	0.29870	}

Magnetic moments of the asymmetric unit (μB):

Mn1 3.87 ≈0.0 ≈0.0

Split independent
positions in the lower
symmetry

General position:
x, y, z not restricted
by symmetry!

a CIF-type file can be produced:

These files permit the different alternative models to be analyzed, refined, shown graphically, transported to ab-initio codes etc., with programs as **ISODISTORT**, **JANA2006**, **STRCONVERT**, etc. A controlled descent to lower symmetries is also possible.

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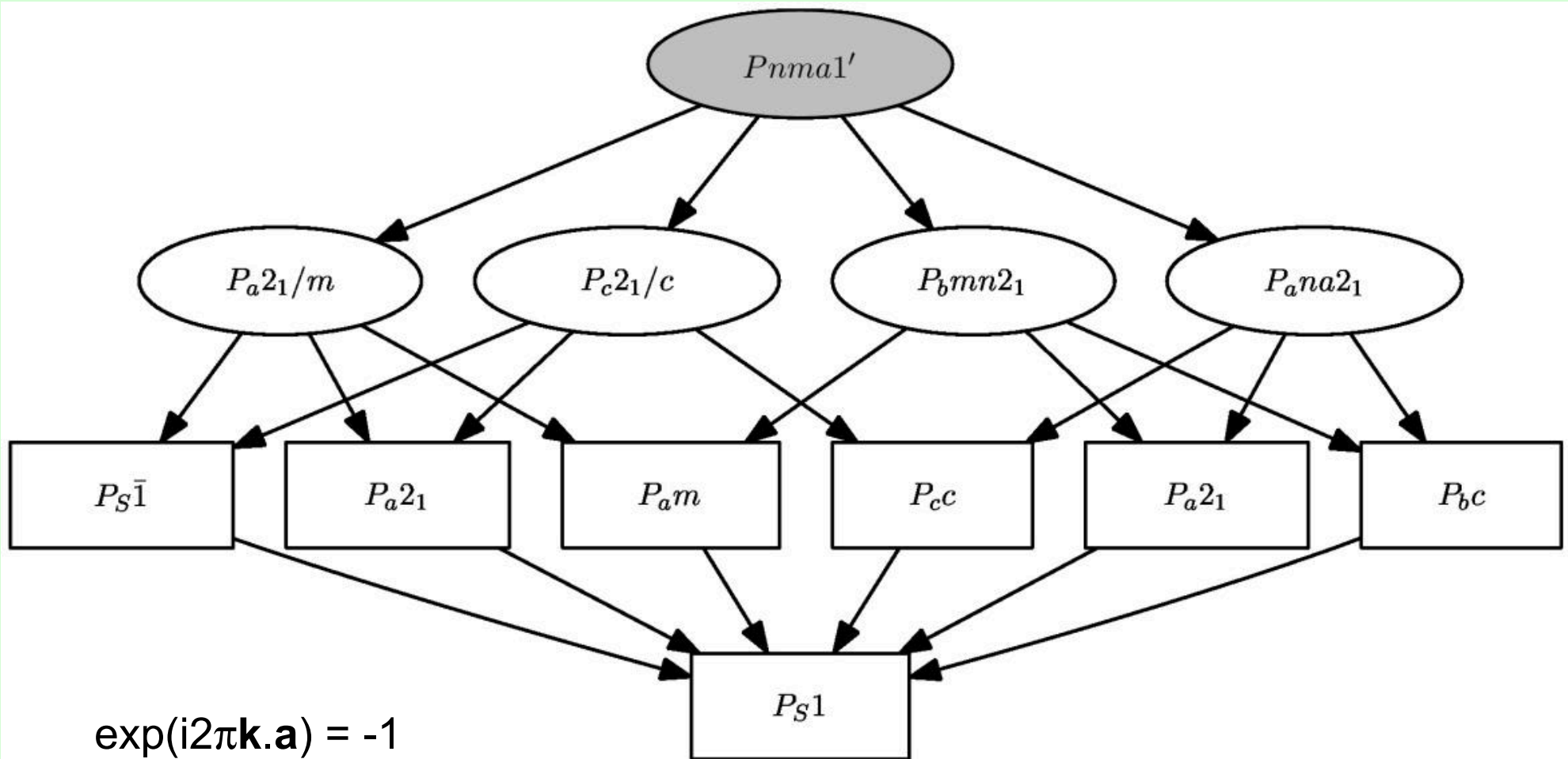
Derive the symmetry constraints on some crystal tensor properties of a magnetic phase using MTENSOR

10. Use [MTENSOR](#) to obtain some of the crystal tensor properties of the magnetic phase of HoMnO_3 (electric polarization, magnetization, linear magnetoelectric tensor, quadratic magnetoelectricity,...). The same for the magnetic phase of LaMnO_3 . (Upload the corresponding mcif files in STRCONVERT, copy the list of symmetry operations in the output of STRCONVERT and paste in the option B of MTENSOR, but deleting the translational parts, so that the point-group operations are left). (*files required: 2.HoMnO3.mcif and 5.LaMnO3.mcif*)

Use of k-SUBGROUPSMAG to explore all possible symmetries for HoMnO_3

11. Using k-SUBGROUPSMAG explore all possible symmetries for the magnetic structure of HoMnO_3 , which are compatible with its propagation vector. Check that there are two different possible MSGs of the same type, namely of type P_a2_1 . From the output of the program for the two groups, determine what makes them different.

Possible magnetic symmetries for a magnetic phase with propagation vector $(1/2,0,0)$ and parent space group $Pnma$



Symmetry operation $\{1'|1/2,0,0\}$ is present in any case: all MSGs are type IV

(magnetic cell = $(2\mathbf{a}_p, \mathbf{b}_p, \mathbf{c}_p)$)