THE FIVE TYPES OF PLANAR 2-D LATTICES











(a) <u>OBLIQUE LATTICE</u> - NO RESTRICTIONS ON ANGLES BETWEEN THE UNIT CELL EDGES

(b) <u>**RECTANGULAR LATTICE</u>** - ANGLE BETWEEN UNIT CELL EDGES ARE 90 DEG.</u>

(c) <u>SQUARE LATTICE</u> - ANGLE BETWEEN UNIT CELL EDGES ARE 90 DEG.AND a = b

(d), (e) **CENTERED LATTICE**

(d) a=b, BUT ANGLE IS NOT 90 DEG.(e) a=b, WITH 90 DEG. ANGLE AND A

LATTICE POINT IN THE CENTER

(PRIMITIVE AND CENTERED ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF UNIT CELLS IN 2-D AND 3-D. PRIMITIVE HAS LATTICE POINTS ONLY AT THE CORNERS WHEREAS CENTERED HAS ONE IN THE CENTER AS WELL. THE POINT IN THE CENTER IS NOT DIFFERENT THAN THE ONES AT THE CORNERS - IT IS GENERATED BY CORNER POINTS.

(f) <u>HEXAGONAL SYMMETRY</u> - ANGLES BETWEEN UNIT CELL EDGES ARE 60 DEG. OR 120 DEG. (SIX-FOLD ROTATIONAL SYMMETRY)

IN THE HEXAGONAL 2-D LATTICE, ANY GIVEN LATTICE POINT HAS SIX POINTS AROUND IT IN THE SHAPE OF A HEXAGON, i.e., IT HAS A SIX-FOLD ROTATION AXIS PERPENDICULAR TO THE PLANE



PART OF THE HEXAGON AROUND THE RED LATTIC POINT

ARBITRARY LATTICE POINT

IN FACT, EACH OF THE FIVE, 2-D LATTICE HAVE ROTATIONAL AXES THAT ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE PLANE

SYMBOLS USED TO DENOTE SYMMETRY IN LATTICES:

n = ROTATIONAL AXIS OF ORDER "n"

m = MIRROR LINES OR PLANES

P = PRIMITVE LATTICE

C = CENTERED LATTICE

PICTORIAL REPRESENTATIONS:



ROTATION AXES PERPENDICULAR TO THE PLANE OF THE PAPER

A LINE DENOTES A MIRROR

*ONE CANNOT HAVE 5-FOLD, 7-FOLD, 8-FOLD ETC., ROTATIONAL SYMMETRY IN A LATTICE WHY? PROVE IT





These symbols are for three different types of C_2 axes they are drawn in three different orientations so

one can distinguish them from each another



only symmetry element



p means primitive and two m symbols mean two types of mirror planes (the 2 in parentheses is redundant because the C_2 axes are generated by the mirrors)

the minimum amount of symmetry to generate the rest is used



ONE UNIT CELL OF THE SQUARE LATTICE

CAN BE DRAWN AS:



p means primitive and the 4 means a C_4 axis (the m's and 2 in parentheses are redundant because they are generated by the C_4)



c means centered and two m symbols mean two types of mirror planes (the 2 in parentheses is redundant because the C_2 axes are generated by the mirrors)



ONE UNIT CELL OF THE HEXAGONAL LATTICE

CAN BE DRAWN AS



These symbols are for C_6 , C_3 and three types of C_2 axes The lines are mirrors



p means primitive and C₆ is the higest order symmetry element - the others can be generated from it

EXAMINE THE 2-D LATTICES WITH CENTERING IN MIND:



We know that adding the centering point (which is really just a glide) leads to new symmetry because we can draw it a different way as in (d)



(a and b are equal but not 90 degree angles)

<u>Main Point</u> is that , in this particular case, the Primitve lattice + Centering Generated a New Lattice Type IS THIS ALWAYS TRUE? So, with this in mind, go back and center the oblique primitive lattice and the square lattice





ARBITRARY (IT IS NOT 90)

FOLLOW THE MOVEMENT OF THIS ONE WITH APPLICATION OF THE UNIT TRANSLATIONS



THIS IS ONE FULL UNIT CELL, THE OTHERS ARE DIFFERENT UNIT CELLS THAT INTERSECT WITH THIS ONE ADD A C₂ TO P1

p2

UNIT CELL TRANSLATIONS 1 AND 2 (or a & b) ARE NOT EQUIVALENT AND THE ANGLE γ BETWEEN THEM IS ARBITRARY <u>BUT WE ADD A C₂ AXIS AT THE CORNERS</u>

FOLLOW THE MOVEMENT OF THIS ONE WITH APPLICATION OF THE FIRST C₂ AND APPLY TRANSLATIONS AFTER THAT.

THESE C₂'S ARE GENERATED BY APPLYING THE UNIT TRANSLATIONS TO



ADD A C₃ TO UNIT TRANSLATIONS a = b and angles are 60° and 120°



THESE C₃'S \triangle ARE GENERATED BY APPLYING THE UNIT TRANSLATIONS TO \triangle AND THESE \triangle ARE GENERATED BY THE COMBINATION OF UNIT TRANSLATIONS AND APPLICATION OF \triangle



ADD A C₄ TO UNIT TRANSLATIONS IN THIS CASE 1=2 (OR a = b)

UNIT CELL TRANSLATIONS 1 AND 2 (or a & b) ARE EQUIVALENT AND THE ANGLE γ BETWEEN THEM IS 90° <u>- ADD A C₄ AXIS AT THE CORNERS</u>

> FOLLOW THE MOVEMENT OF THIS ONE WITH APPLICATION OF THE FIRST C₄ ■ AND APPLY TRANSLATIONS AFTER THAT.



THIS C_4 IS GENERATED BY THE ORIGINAL C_4 PLUS THE UNIT CELL TRANSLATIONS

ADD A C₆ TO UNIT TRANSLATIONS

FOLLOW THE MOVEMENT OF THIS ONE WITH APPLICATION OF THE FIRST C₆ O AND APPLY TRANSLATIONS AFTER THAT.



The C₆ AND THE UNIT CELL TRANSLATIONS GENERATE THE C₃'s \triangle and the C₂'s

BESIDES ADDING ROTATIONAL AXES, <u>ONE CAN ADD REFLECTIONS</u> (MIRROR LINES IN 2-D) CAN ONLY BE DONE FOR NON-OBLIQUE LATTICES WITH 90°, 60°, AND 120°

pm

Add one parallel mirror line to the unit translations of the rectangular lattice



GENERATED BY THE ORIGINAL SET

pmm

Add to the unit translations of the rectangular lattice, <u>one</u> <u>parallel mirror line and a</u> <u>perpendicular mirror line</u>

FOLLOW THE MOVEMENT OF THIS ONE WITH APPLICATION OF THE TWO MIRROR LINES (DARK LINES) AND THE UNIT TRANSLATIONS



So far, this gives us 9 uniques 2-D Space Symmetries or Space Groups: p1, p2, p3, p4, p6, pm, pmm, pg, pgg

Now we need to add a combination of mirror and glide lines.









If one places the two perpendicular mirror lines and the glide into the diagram, it leads to a c-centered lattice type. There is no need to specify the glide in the symbol for the space symmetry, because "c" takes care of it.

THERE ARE 5 REMAINING 2-D SPACE SYMMETRIES THAT ARE OBTAINED BY ADDING MIRROR LINES (REFLECTIONS) TO THE p3, p4 and p6 groups.

p3m1

p31m

MIRRORS PASS THROUGH ALL THE 3-FOLD AXES

MIRRORS PASS THROUGH EVERY OTHER 3-FOLD AXIS

THE NUMBER "1" HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SYMMETRY. IT IS USED TO DISTINGUISH REFLECTIONS THAT PASS THROUGH ALL 3-FOLD AXES FROM THOSE THAT PASS THROUGH ONLY ALTERNATE 3-FOLDS. THIS DIFFERENCE LEADS TO TWO DIFFERENT SPACE SYMMETRIES - THE ONES SHOWN ABOVE.

p4m

p4g

MIRRORS ARE ALONG UNIT CELL EDGES AND PASS THROUGH ALL THE 4-FOLD AXES BETWEEN THE 4-FOLD AXES

MIRRORS BISECT THE UNIT CELL EDGES AND PASS

THESE TWO ARE DIFFERENT BECAUSE OF WHERE THE MIRRORS ARE PLACED. THE SECOND SYMBOL ACTUALLY DOESN'T EVEN INCLUDE A MIRROR BECAUSE THE GLIDE PERPENDICULAR TO THE C₄ GENERATES THE MIRROR AND IT IS EASIER TO WRITE THE GLIDE THAN TO FIND ANOTHER WAY TO WRITE THE DIAGONAL MIRROR THAT PASSES THROUGH THE C4 AND GENERATES THE GLIDE.

p6m

MIRRORS ALONG THE UNIT CELL EDGE PASS THROUGH ALL THE 6-FOLD AXES







C4 in the middle and C2's along the edges and diagonal are generated by other symmetry

p4g



introduce this mirror and all the others are generated

