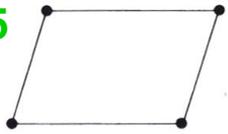




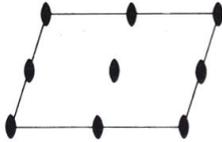
The 17 2-D Plane (Space) Groups based on rotation axes and mirror/glide planes

The combination of a point group with the symmetry of a lattice (previously discussed **5 2-D ones**) gives rise to a space group, or in 2-D a plane group → there are **17 2-D plane groups**:

5



The oblique *p*-lattice



ρ_2 System (Lattice type) **5**

Point group **10**

13 Based directly on point groups + **4** ¹⁷Plane group _{Glide-reflection groups}

Oblique (*p* Parallelogram)

1
2

*p*1
*p*2

Rectangular (*p* Rectangular) (*c* Rectangular)

m

pm
cm

pg

2mm

p2mm
c2mm

p2mg
p2gg

Sometimes abbreviated by omitting the '2'.

Square (*p* Square)

4

p4

4mm

p4mm

p4gm

Hexagonal (*p* Triequiangular)

3

p3

3m

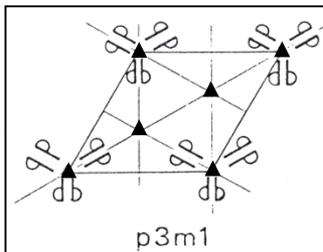
p3m1
p31m

6
6mm

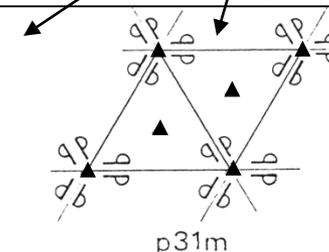
p6
p6mm

ρ_{4mm}

http://neon.mems.cmu.edu/degraeef/pg/pg_gif.html



ρ_{6mm}



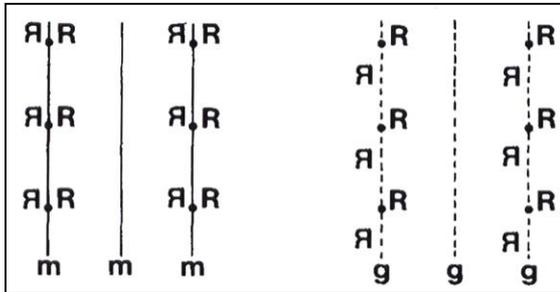
These 2 groups arise because the point group mirror planes can be aligned parallel to either the **medians** (*p3m1*) or the **sides** (*p31m*) of the triangle which make up the triangular lattice.



The 17 2-D Plane (Space) Groups based on rotation axes and mirror/glide planes (cont.)

• It is possible for different symmetry elements to interact to produce new elements, for example in plane groups it is possible for a mirror plane to combine with translational symmetry of the lattice to produce what is called a **glide(translate)-reflection element**.

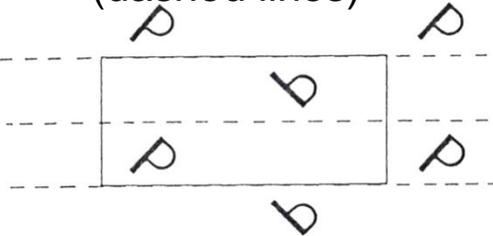
• Consider two patterns on right, which both have a *rectangular lattice*:
 • The mirror (m) plane (solid line) is one of the 10 point groups, while a translation of a half-lattice spacing results in a glide (g) line of symmetry (dashed line).



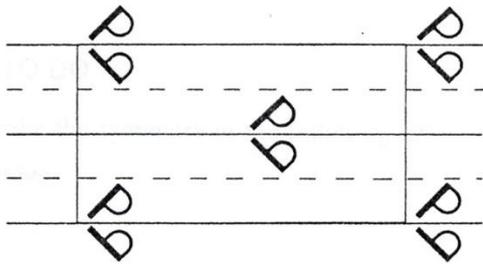
pm

pg

Plane group *pg*:
(dashed lines)

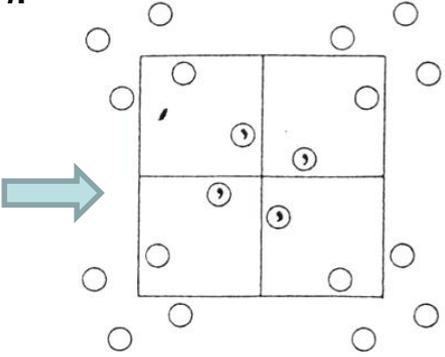
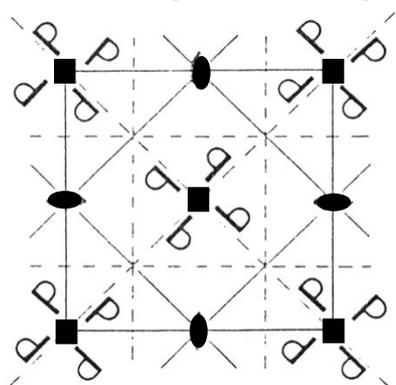


Plane group *cm*:

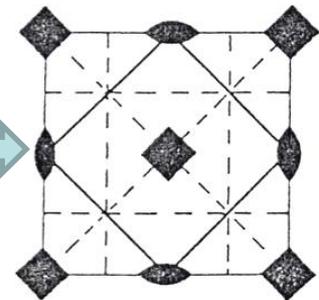


“Contains a set of glide planes which do not appear in the designation, since mirror planes take precedence over glide planes parallel to them.”

Plane group *p4gm*:



Use “o” for element, e.g. *P*, (or *RH*) and “,” for mirrors (or *LH*)

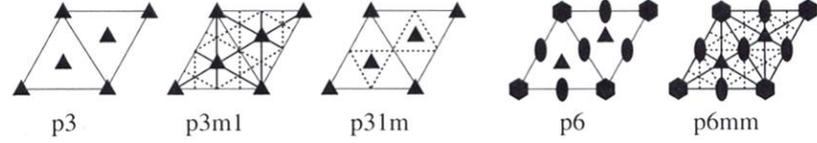
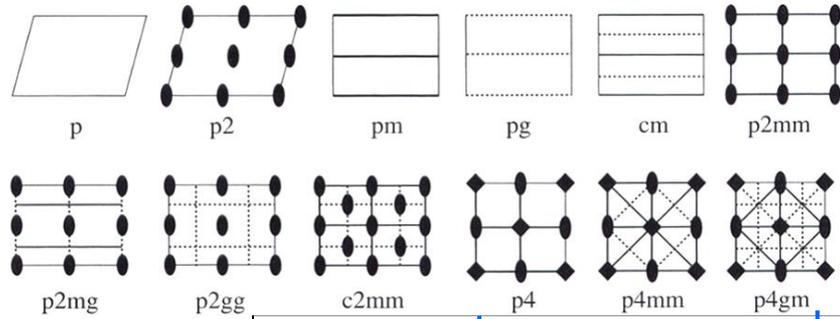


Symmetry elements in separate unit cell

4.9 The plane group *p4gm* as illustrated in *International Tables of X-ray Crystallography*.



The 17 2-D Plane (Space) Groups based on rotation axes and mirror/glide planes (cont.)



<p>p1 (1)</p> <p>pm (3)</p> <p>pg (4)</p> <p>cm (5)</p>	<p>p2 (2)</p> <p>p2mm (6)</p> <p>p2mg (7)</p> <p>c2mm (9)</p> <p>p2gg (8)</p>	<p>p4 (10)</p> <p>p4mm (11)</p> <p>p4gm (12)</p>	<p>p3 (13)</p> <p>p31m (14)</p> <p>p3m1 (15)</p>	<p>p6 (16)</p> <p>p6mm (17)</p>
<p>no axial symmetry</p>		<p>90° symmetry</p>		<p>120° symmetry</p>
<p>180° symmetry</p>		<p>60° symmetry</p>		

Notes:
 Each group has a symbol and a number in ().
 The symbol denotes the lattice type (primitive or centered), and the major symmetry elements
 The numbers are arbitrary, they are those of the International Tables Vol.1, pp 58 - 72

Summary of the 17 2-D Plane (Space) Groups based on rotation axes and mirror/glide planes

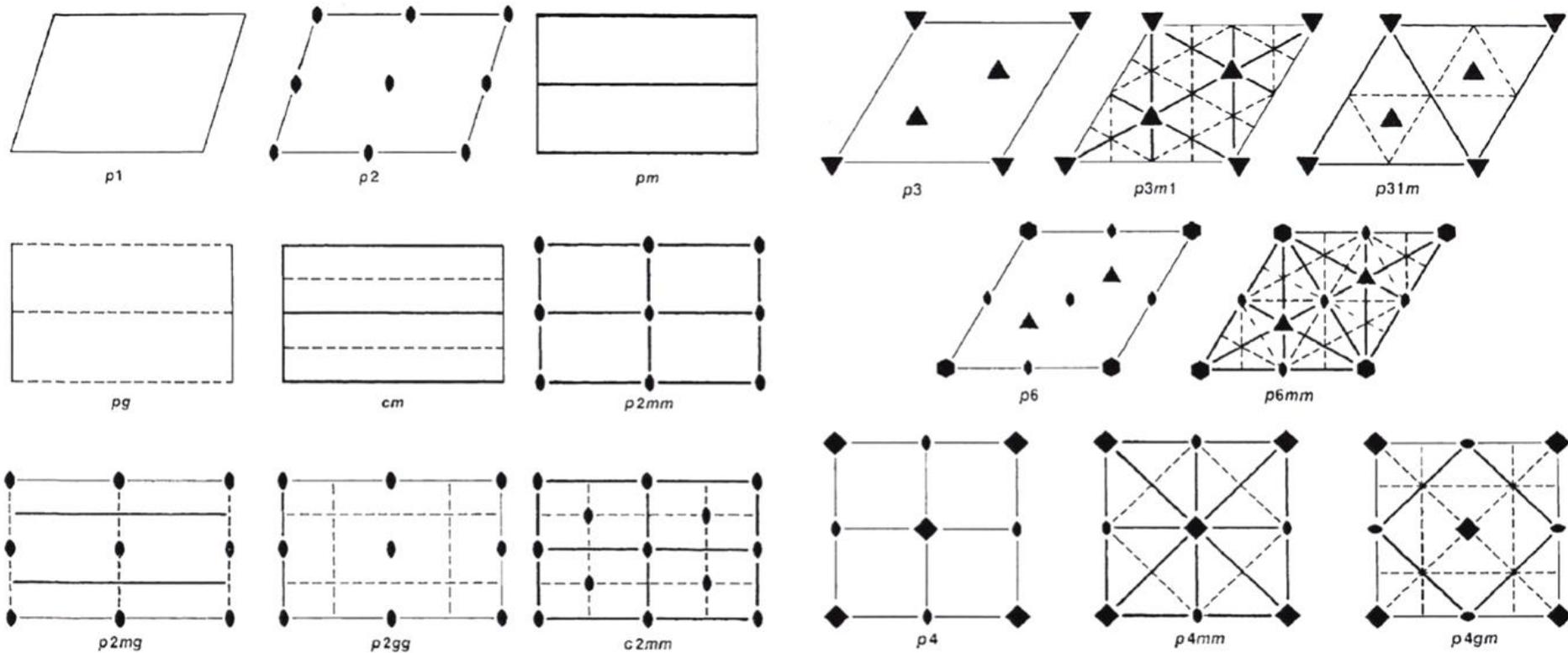
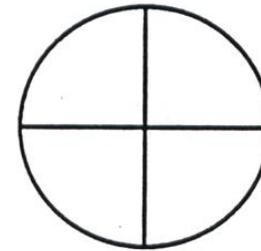
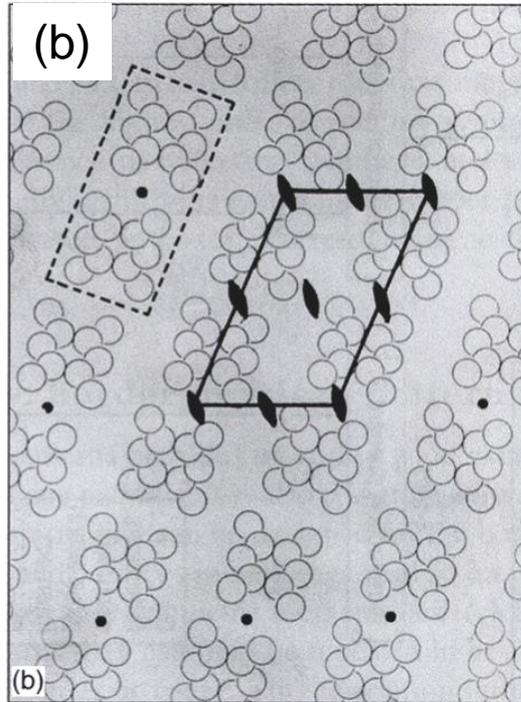
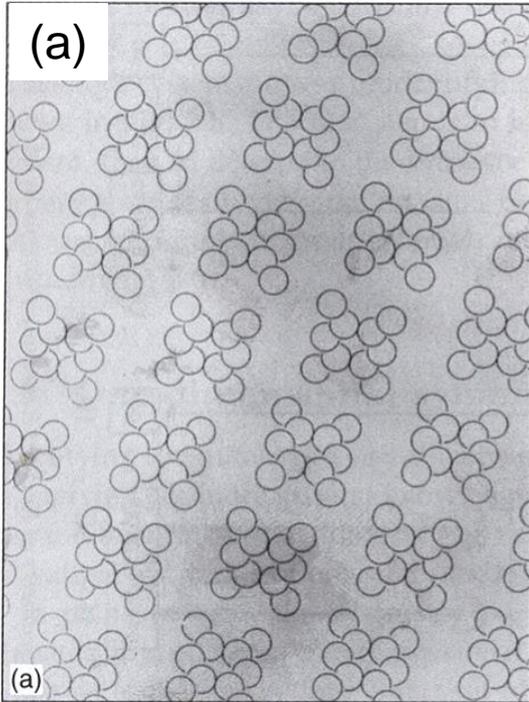


Fig. 2.6. (a) The seventeen plane groups (from *Point and Plane Groups* by K. M. Crennell). The numbering 1–17 is that which is arbitrarily assigned in the International Tables. Note that the ‘shorthand’ symbols do not necessarily indicate all the symmetry elements which are present in the patterns. (b) The symmetry elements outlined within (conventional) unit cells of the seventeen plane groups, heavy solid lines and dashed lines represent mirror and glide lines respectively (from *Manual of Mineralogy* 21st edn, by C. Klein and C. S. Hurlbut, Jr., John Wiley, 1999).

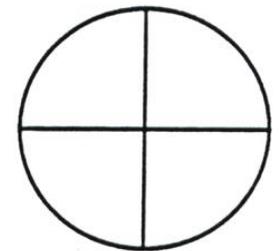
Can superimpose these symmetry elements on top of slide 3 symbols (“R”), which are the equipoints = equivalent points

Recognizing motifs (basis), symmetry elements and lattice types in 2-D

- This is essential to find which of the 17 plane groups they belong.
- Any regular, patterned object will suffice. For example in (a) and (b):



element(s)



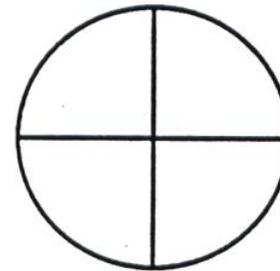
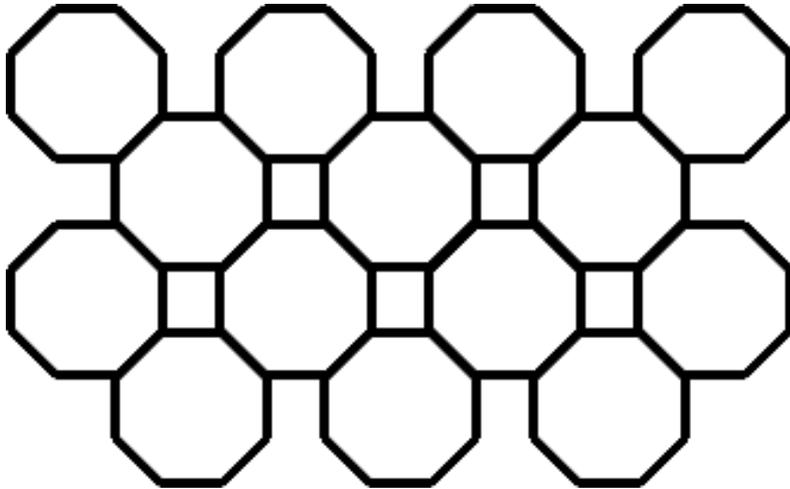
point(s)

- You should recognize that the molecules, or groups of atoms, aren't identical in these 2-D projections.
- The motif is a pair of such molecules and this is the “unit of pattern” that is repeated (i.e. it's the **best** unit cell → *represents the highest symmetry reflected of the pattern/image/motif*).
- Now look for symmetry elements and indicate the positions of all of these on the pattern in (b).
- Finally, insert the lattice points – one for each motif. Anywhere will do, but it is convenient to have them coincide with a symmetry element.

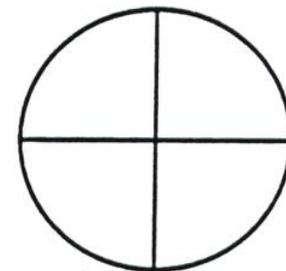


Another Example of recognizing motifs (basis), symmetry elements and lattice types in 2-D

- This is essential to find which of the 17 plane groups they belong (the end result).
- Any regular, patterned object will suffice. For example:



element(s)



point(s)

- The motif is the “unit of pattern” that is repeated (i.e. it’s the **best** unit cell → *represents the highest symmetry reflected of the pattern/image/motif*).
- Now look for symmetry elements and indicate the positions of all of these on the pattern.
- Finally, insert the lattice points – one for each motif. Anywhere will do, but it is convenient to have them coincide with a symmetry element.
- Draw at least 6 lattice points and show the best unit cell. Describe the cells and their centering, if any.
- Inspect the pattern above and locate any rotational and/or mirror symmetry (show some of it on the drawings above).
- The 2-D crystal system=?; 2-D Bravais lattice=?; 2-D point group=?; 2-D plane group=?