

## PHY 752 Solid State Physics 11-11:50 AM MWF Olin 103

### Plan for Lecture 8:

Reading: Chap. 2 in GGGPP;

Conclude brief introduction to group theory

1. Compatibility relations for representations
2. Crystal field splitting
3. International Tables for Crystallography

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### Course schedule

(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.)

|    | Date           | F&W Reading    | Topic                                             | Assignment |
|----|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1  | Wed, 8/26/2015 | Chap. 1.1-1.2  | Electrons in a periodic one-dimensional potential | #1         |
| 2  | Fri, 8/28/2015 | Chap. 1.3      | Electrons in a periodic one-dimensional potential | #2         |
| 3  | Mon, 8/31/2015 | Chap. 1.4      | Tight binding models                              | #3         |
| 4  | Wed, 9/02/2015 | Chap. 1.6, 2.1 | Crystal structures                                | #4         |
| 5  | Fri, 9/04/2015 | Chap. 2        | Group theory                                      | #5         |
| 6  | Mon, 9/07/2015 | Chap. 2        | Group theory                                      | #6         |
| 7  | Wed, 9/09/2015 | Chap. 2        | Group theory                                      | #7         |
| 8  | Fri, 9/11/2015 | Chap. 2        | Group theory                                      | #7         |
| 9  | Mon, 9/14/2015 |                |                                                   |            |
| 10 | Wed, 9/16/2015 |                |                                                   |            |

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Results from last time --

The great orthogonality theorem

Notation:  $h \equiv$  order of the group

$R \equiv$  element of the group

$\Gamma^i(R)_{\alpha\beta} \equiv$   $i$ th representation of  $R$

$\alpha\beta$  denote matrix indices

$l_i \equiv$  dimension of the representation

$$\sum_R \left( \Gamma^i(R)_{\mu\nu} \right)^* \Gamma^j(R)_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{h}{l_i} \delta_{ij} \delta_{\mu\alpha} \delta_{\nu\beta}$$

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Results from last time -- continued

$$\sum_i l_i^2 = h$$

Character orthogonality theorem:

$$\chi^j(R) \equiv \sum_{\mu=1}^{l_j} \Gamma^j(R)_{\mu\mu}$$

$$\sum_R \left( \chi^i(R) \right)^* \chi^j(R) = h \delta_{ij}$$

In terms of classes:

$$\sum_{\mathcal{C}} N_{\mathcal{C}} \left( \chi^i(\mathcal{C}) \right)^* \chi^j(\mathcal{C}) = h \delta_{ij}$$



Number of elements in class  $\mathcal{C}$

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Summary of relationships between the characters and classes of a group which follow from the great orthogonality theorem

$$\sum_{\mathcal{C}} N_{\mathcal{C}} \left( \chi^i(\mathcal{C}) \right)^* \chi^j(\mathcal{C}) = h \delta_{ij}$$

$$\sum_i \left( \chi^i(\mathcal{C}_a) \right)^* \chi^i(\mathcal{C}_b) = \frac{h}{N_{\mathcal{C}_a}} \delta_{ab}$$

These results also imply that the number of classes is the same as the number of characters in a group.

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Example character table for cubic group corresponding to point symmetry of Brillouin zone at  $\mathbf{k}=0$

TABLE I. Characters of small representations of  $\Gamma$ ,  $R$ ,  $H$ .

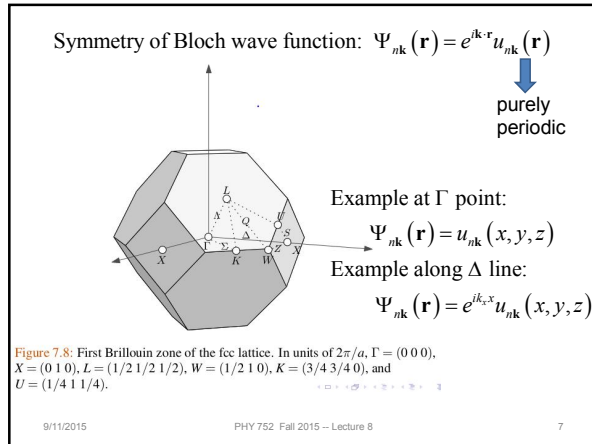
| $\Gamma, R, H$ | $E$ | $3C_2$ | $6C_4$ | $6C_2$ | $8C_3$ | $J$ | $3JC_2$ | $6JC_4$ | $6JC_2$ | $8JC_3$ |
|----------------|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| $\Gamma_1$     | 1   | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1   | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       |
| $\Gamma_2$     | 1   | 1      | -1     | -1     | 1      | 1   | 1       | -1      | -1      | 1       |
| $\Gamma_{12}$  | 2   | 2      | 0      | 0      | -1     | 2   | 2       | 0       | 0       | -1      |
| $\Gamma_{15}$  | 3   | -1     | 1      | -1     | 0      | 3   | -1      | 1       | -1      | 0       |
| $\Gamma_{15}'$ | 3   | -1     | -1     | 1      | 0      | 3   | -1      | -1      | 1       | 0       |
| $\Gamma_4'$    | 1   | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | -1  | -1      | -1      | -1      | -1      |
| $\Gamma_4''$   | 1   | 1      | -1     | -1     | 1      | -1  | -1      | 1       | 1       | -1      |
| $\Gamma_{12}'$ | 2   | 2      | 0      | 0      | -1     | -2  | -2      | 0       | 0       | 1       |
| $\Gamma_{15}$  | 3   | -1     | 1      | -1     | 0      | -3  | 1       | -1      | 1       | 0       |
| $\Gamma_{15}'$ | 3   | -1     | -1     | 1      | 0      | -3  | 1       | 1       | -1      | 0       |

$$\sum_{\mathcal{C}} N_{\mathcal{C}} \left( \chi^i(\mathcal{C}) \right)^* \chi^j(\mathcal{C}) = h \delta_{ij}$$

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Example at  $\Gamma$  point:  
 $\Psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r}) = u_{nk}(x, y, z) \Rightarrow h = 48$

Example along  $\Delta$  line:  
 $\Psi_{nk}(\mathbf{r}) = e^{ik_x x} u_{nk}(x, y, z) \Rightarrow h = 8$

TABLE II. Characters for the small representations of  $\Delta$ ,  $T$ .

| $\Delta, T$ | $E$ | $C_4$ | $2C_2$ | $2JC_4$ | $2JC_2$ |
|-------------|-----|-------|--------|---------|---------|
| $\Delta_1$  | 1   | 1     | 1      | 1       | 1       |
| $\Delta_2$  | 1   | 1     | -1     | 1       | -1      |
| $\Delta_3$  | 1   | 1     | -1     | -1      | 1       |
| $\Delta_4$  | 1   | 1     | 1      | -1      | -1      |
| $\Delta_5$  | 2   | -2    | 0      | 0       | 0       |

How do states at  $\mathbf{k}=0$  “connect” with states with  $\mathbf{k} = k_x \hat{x}$ ?

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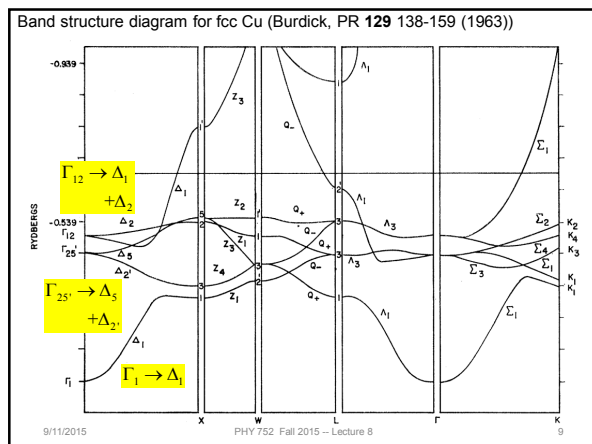
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| $\Gamma, R, H$ | $E$ | $3C_4^2$ | $6C_4$ | $6C_2$ | $8C_3$ | $J$ | $3JC_4^2$ | $6JC_4$ | $6JC_2$ | $8JC_3$ |
|----------------|-----|----------|--------|--------|--------|-----|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| $\Gamma_1$     | 1   | 1        | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1   | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1       |
| $\Gamma_2$     | 1   | 1        | -1     | -1     | 1      | 1   | 1         | -1      | -1      | 1       |
| $\Gamma_{12}$  | 2   | 2        | 0      | 0      | -1     | 2   | 2         | 0       | 0       | -1      |
| $\Gamma_{15}$  | 3   | -1       | 1      | -1     | 0      | 3   | -1        | 1       | -1      | 0       |
| $\Gamma_{15}'$ | 3   | -1       | -1     | 1      | 0      | 3   | -1        | -1      | 1       | 0       |

| $\Delta, T$ | $E$ | $C_4^2$ | $2C_4$ | $2JC_4^2$ | $2JC_2$ |
|-------------|-----|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
| $\Delta_1$  | 1   | 1       | 1      | 1         | 1       |
| $\Delta_2$  | 1   | 1       | -1     | 1         | -1      |
| $\Delta_2'$ | 1   | 1       | -1     | -1        | 1       |
| $\Delta_5$  | 2   | -2      | 0      | 0         | 0       |

Arrows indicate compatibility relations:  $\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1$ ,  $\Gamma_2 \rightarrow \Delta_2, \Delta_2'$ ,  $\Gamma_{12} \rightarrow \Delta_2, \Delta_2'$ ,  $\Gamma_{15} \rightarrow \Delta_5$ ,  $\Gamma_{15}' \rightarrow \Delta_5$ .

TABLE VII. Compatibility relations between  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta, \Lambda, \Sigma$ .

| $\Gamma_1$ | $\Gamma_2$ | $\Gamma_{12}$      | $\Gamma_{15}'$      | $\Gamma_{15}$       |
|------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| $\Delta_1$ | $\Delta_2$ | $\Delta_1\Delta_2$ | $\Delta_1'\Delta_5$ | $\Delta_2'\Delta_5$ |

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| $\Gamma, R, H$ | $E$ | $3C_4^2$ | $6C_4$ | $6C_2$ | $8C_3$ | $J$ | $3JC_4^2$ | $6JC_4$ | $6JC_2$ | $8JC_3$ |
|----------------|-----|----------|--------|--------|--------|-----|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| $\Gamma_1$     | 1   | 1        | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1   | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1       |
| $\Gamma_2$     | 1   | 1        | -1     | -1     | 1      | 1   | 1         | -1      | -1      | 1       |
| $\Gamma_{12}$  | 2   | 2        | 0      | 0      | -1     | 2   | 2         | 0       | 0       | -1      |
| $\Gamma_{15}'$ | 3   | -1       | 1      | -1     | 0      | 3   | -1        | 1       | -1      | 0       |
| $\Gamma_{15}$  | 3   | -1       | -1     | 1      | 0      | 3   | -1        | -1      | 1       | 0       |

Example

| $\Delta$       | $E$ | $C_4^2$ | $2C_4$ | $2JC_4^2$ | $2JC_2$ |
|----------------|-----|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
| $\Gamma_{25'}$ | 3   | -1      | -1     | -1        | 1       |
| $\Delta_2'$    | 1   | 1       | -1     | -1        | 1       |
| $\Delta_5$     | 2   | -2      | 0      | 0         | 0       |

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Use of character table analysis in crystal field splitting  
 Question: What happens to a spherical atom when placed in a crystal?

In a spherical environment, an atomic wave function has the form:

$$\Psi_{nlm}(\mathbf{r}) = R_{nl}(r)Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$$

with  $m = -l, -l+1, \dots, 0, 1, \dots, l-1, l$   $2l+1$  values

The group which describes the general rotations in 3-dimensions has an infinite number of members, but an important representation of this group is the matrix which rotates to coordinate system about the origin  $\mathcal{R}$ , transforming  $Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \rightarrow Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}')$ .

It can be shown that:  $\mathcal{R}Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) = \Gamma_{mm'}^l(\mathcal{R})Y_{lm'}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}')$

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Analysis of the 3-dimensional rotation group -- continued

$$\mathcal{R}Y_{lm}(\hat{r}) = \Gamma_{mm'}^l(\mathcal{R})Y_{lm}(\hat{r})$$

$$\chi^l(\mathcal{R}) = \sum_{m=-l}^l \Gamma_{mm}^l(\mathcal{R})$$

Note that for  $\mathcal{R}$  corresponding to a rotation of  $\phi$  about the  $z$ -axis,

$$\Gamma_{mm'}^l(\mathcal{R}) = e^{im\phi} \delta_{mm'}$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi^l(\mathcal{R}) = \sum_{m=-l}^l e^{im\phi} = \frac{\sin\left((l + \frac{1}{2})\phi\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right)}$$

Note that the character for inversion is  $\chi^l(\mathcal{I}) = (2l+1)(-1)^l$

$$\text{and } \chi^l(\mathcal{J}\mathcal{R}) = (-1)^l \frac{\sin\left((l + \frac{1}{2})\phi\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right)}$$

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Compatibility of continuous rotation group with the cubic group:

| $\Gamma, R, H$ | $E$ | $3C_4$ | $6C_4$ | $6C_2$ | $8C_3$ | $J$ | $3JC_4$ | $6JC_4$ | $6JC_2$ | $8JC_3$ |
|----------------|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| $\Gamma_1$     | 1   | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1   | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       |
| $\Gamma_2$     | 1   | 1      | -1     | -1     | 1      | 1   | 1       | -1      | -1      | 1       |
| $\Gamma_{12}$  | 2   | 2      | 0      | 0      | -1     | 2   | 2       | 0       | 0       | -1      |
| $\Gamma_{15}'$ | 3   | -1     | 1      | -1     | 0      | 3   | -1      | 1       | -1      | 0       |
| $\Gamma_{15}$  | 3   | -1     | -1     | 1      | 0      | 3   | -1      | -1      | 1       | 0       |
| $\Gamma_1'$    | 1   | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | -1  | -1      | -1      | -1      | -1      |
| $\Gamma_2'$    | 1   | 1      | -1     | -1     | 1      | -1  | -1      | 1       | 1       | -1      |
| $\Gamma_{12}'$ | 2   | 2      | 0      | 0      | -1     | -2  | -2      | 0       | 0       | 1       |
| $\Gamma_{15}$  | 3   | -1     | 1      | -1     | 0      | -3  | 1       | -1      | 1       | 0       |
| $\Gamma_{15}'$ | 3   | -1     | -1     | 1      | 0      | -3  | 1       | 1       | -1      | 0       |
| $l=0$          | 1   | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1   | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1       |
| $l=1$          | 3   | -1     | 1      | -1     | 0      | -3  | 1       | -1      | 1       | 0       |
| $l=2$          | 5   | 1      | -1     | 1      | -1     | 5   | 1       | -1      | 1       | -1      |

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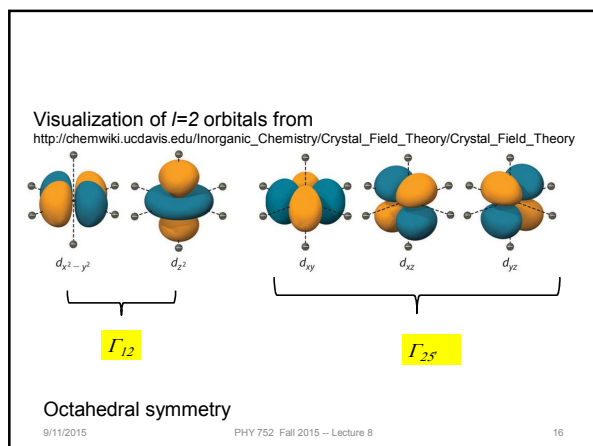
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| $\Gamma, R, H$ | $E$ | $3C_4$ | $6C_4$ | $6C_2$ | $8C_3$ | $J$ | $3JC_4$ | $6JC_4$ | $6JC_2$ | $8JC_3$                     |
|----------------|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------------|
| $\Gamma_1$     | 1   | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1   | 1       | 1       | 1       | 1                           |
| $\Gamma_2$     | 1   | 1      | -1     | -1     | 1      | 1   | 1       | -1      | -1      | 1                           |
| $\Gamma_{12}$  | 2   | 2      | 0      | 0      | -1     | 2   | 2       | 0       | 0       | -1                          |
| $\Gamma_{15}'$ | 3   | -1     | 1      | -1     | 0      | 3   | -1      | 1       | -1      | 0                           |
| $\Gamma_{15}$  | 3   | -1     | -1     | 1      | 0      | 3   | -1      | -1      | 1       | 0                           |
| $\Gamma_1'$    | 1   | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | -1  | -1      | -1      | -1      | -1                          |
| $\Gamma_2'$    | 1   | 1      | -1     | -1     | 1      | -1  | -1      | 1       | 1       | -1                          |
| $\Gamma_{12}'$ | 2   | 2      | 0      | 0      | -1     | -2  | -2      | 0       | 0       | 1                           |
| $\Gamma_{15}$  | 3   | -1     | 1      | -1     | 0      | -3  | 1       | -1      | 1       | 0                           |
| $\Gamma_{15}'$ | 3   | -1     | -1     | 1      | 0      | -3  | 1       | 1       | -1      | 0                           |
| $l=0$          | 1   | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1   | 1       | 1       | 1       | $\Gamma_1$                  |
| $l=1$          | 3   | -1     | 1      | -1     | 0      | -3  | 1       | -1      | 1       | $\Gamma_{15}$               |
| $l=2$          | 5   | 1      | -1     | 1      | -1     | 5   | 1       | -1      | 1       | $\Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{25}$ |

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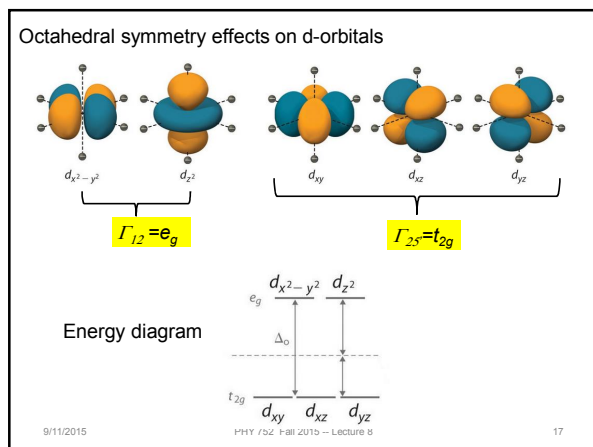
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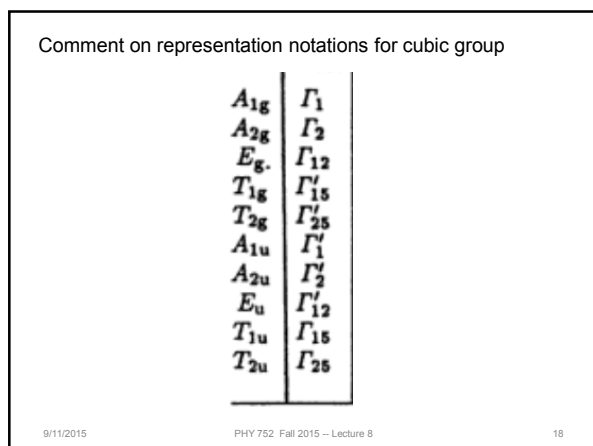
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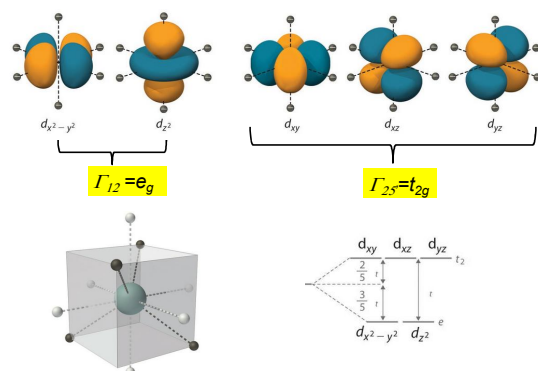
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## Tetrahedral symmetry effects on d-orbitals



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Symmetry information available in the  
International Tables for Crystallography  
<http://it.iucr.org/>

$P2_1/c$   $C_{2h}^5$   $2/m$  Monoclinic  
No. 14  $P12_1/c1$  Patterson symmetry  $P12_1/m1$   
UNIQUE AXIS  $b$ , CELL CHOICE 1

Origin at  $\bar{1}$ Asymmetric unit  $0 \leq x \leq 1; 0 \leq y \leq \frac{1}{2}; 0 \leq z \leq 1$ 

Symmetry operations

(1)  $I$  (2)  $2(0, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$   $0, y, \frac{1}{2}$  (3)  $I$   $0, 0, 0$  (4)  $c$   $x, \frac{1}{2}, z$ 

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 $P2_1/c$ Generators selected (1);  $x(1, 0, 0)$ ;  $y(0, 1, 0)$ ;  $z(0, 0, 1)$ ; (2); (3)

Positions

Multiplicity

Wyckoff letter

Site symmetry

Coordinates

Reflection conditions

General:

 $hkl : l = 2n$  $0k0 : k = 2n$  $00l : l = 2n$ 

Special: as above, plus

 $hkl : k + l = 2n$  $hkl : k + l = 2n$  $hkl : k + l = 2n$  $hkl : k + l = 2n$ 

Symmetry of special projections

Along  $[001]$   $p2_1$  $a' = a$   $b' = b$ Origin at  $0, 0, z$ Along  $[100]$   $p2gg$  $a' = b$   $b' = c$ Origin at  $x, 0, 0$ Along  $[010]$   $p2$  $a' = a$   $b' = b$ Origin at  $0, y, 0$ 

Maximal non-isomorphic subgroups

 $I$   $[2]P1c1(Pc, 7)$   $1: 4$  $[2]P12_1(P2_1, 4)$   $1: 2$  $[2]P1(2)$   $1: 2$  $Ia$  none $Ib$  none

Maximal isomorphic subgroups of lowest index

 $Ic$   $[2]P12_1/c1(a' = 2a \text{ or } a' = 2b, c' = 2c \text{ or } c' = 2a \text{ or } c' = 2b)(P2_1/c, 14)$ 

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