Magnetic structure determination from the combined use of representation analysis and magnetic crystallographic symmetry

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(Representation Analysis) and (Magnetic space groups) are complementary and **must** be used together to fully identify the magnetic symmetry.

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- Regular practice for crystal structure transitions: This approach is routinely used by crystallographers in the analysis of crystal phase transition,
- Magnetic transitions: Usually, representation approach with a single arm and general direction of order parameter of propagation vector star. Possible high symmetry Shubnikov subgroups are lost.



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Example of complex magnetic structure

Antiferromagnetic (cycloidal spiral) three sub-lattice ordering in Tb₁₄Au₅₁

P6/m



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Antiferromagnetic order in orthorhombic multiferroic TmMn03

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Magnetic Shubnikov Space group



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Thank you!



Magnetic structure TmMn0₃





