

## Chapter 3 Crystal morphology

**Crystal morphology:** The angular relationships, size, and shape of faces on a crystal.

Steno's law *'The angles between equivalent faces of crystals of the same substance, measure at the same temperature, are constant.'*

**Crystal axis:**

Imaginary reference lines parallel to the intersection edges of major crystal faces. They are designated plus or minus at the end of each axis, where

- +a front  $\Leftrightarrow$  -a back
- +b right  $\Leftrightarrow$  -b left
- +c upper  $\Leftrightarrow$  -c lower

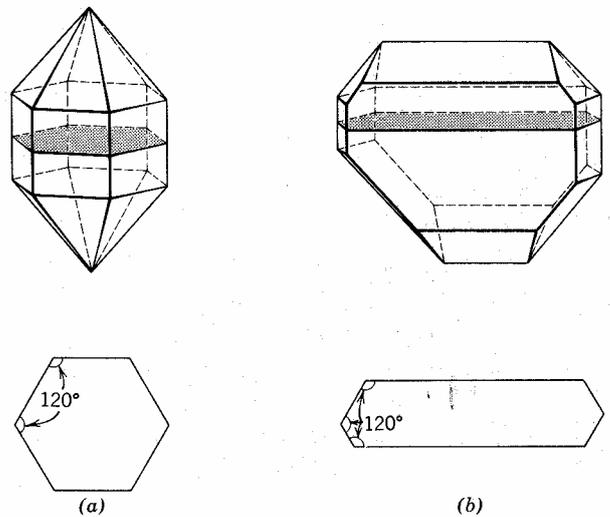


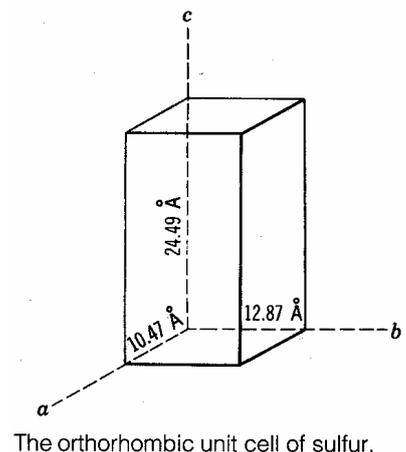
FIG. 2.23. Constancy of interfacial angles as shown in the comparison of a well-formed and highly symmetric quartz crystal (a) and a distorted quartz crystal (b). The sections across the direction of elongation show identical interfacial angles of  $120^\circ$  in both, irrespective of the asymmetric habit in (b).

- Three axes: a, b, c  
Triclinic, Monoclinic, Orthorhombic, Tetragonal, Isometric
- Four axes:  $a_1, a_2, a_3, c$  in Hexagonal

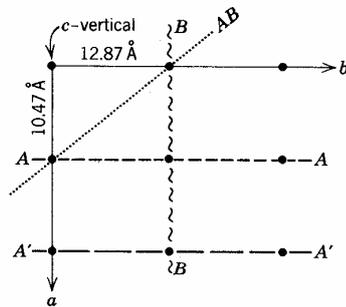
**Axial ratios:**  $a/b : b/b : c/b \quad X : 1 : Y$

Sulphur crystal  $a = 10.47\text{\AA}$ ,  $b = 12.87\text{\AA}$ ,  $c = 24.49\text{\AA}$

$a : b : c = 0.813 : 1 : 1.903$

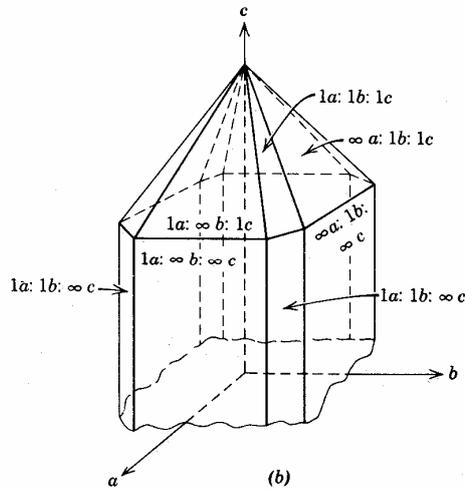


Face intercepts: The relation of crystal faces to the crystallographic axes in terms of the interception



Intercepts for  
 AA- $1a: \infty b: \infty c$   
 A'A'- $2a: \infty b: \infty c$   
 BB- $\infty a: 1b: \infty c$   
 AB- $1a: 1b: \infty c$

(a)



(b)

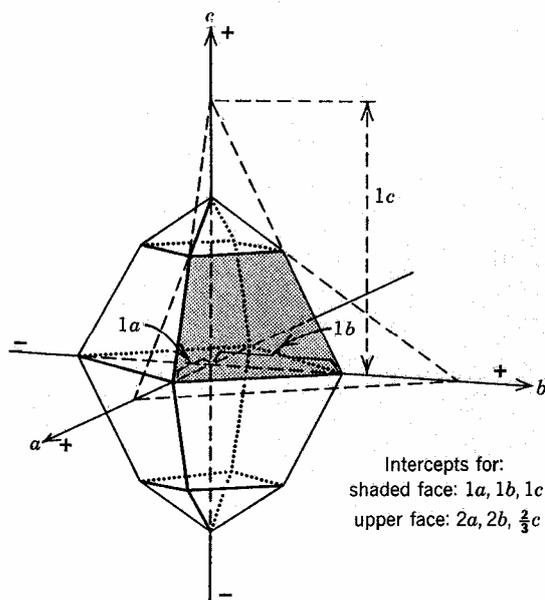
Miller indices: Inversions of intercept numbers, as a result, fraction is cleared.

: use ( )

: use, only in case of two-digit number appear e.g. (1, 14, 3)

: indices on negative intercept use  $\bar{\phantom{x}}$  e.g. (1  $\bar{1}$  1)

: hexagonal system use 4-digit number with (h k  $\bar{i}$  l) always



Intercepts for:  
 shaded face:  $1a, 1b, 1c$   
 upper face:  $2a, 2b, \frac{2}{3}c$

FIG. 2.30. Relative intersections of faces on an orthorhombic crystal, all of which cut three crystallographic axes.

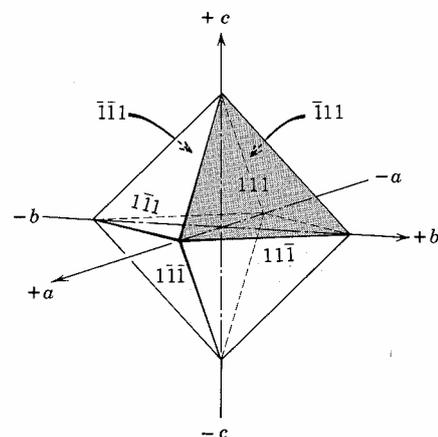


FIG. 2.32. Miller indices with respect to positive and negative ends of crystallographic axes.

FIG. 2.31. (a) Intercepts and Miller indices for some planes in an isometric lattice. (b) Intercepts and Miller indices of some faces modifying the corner of a cube.

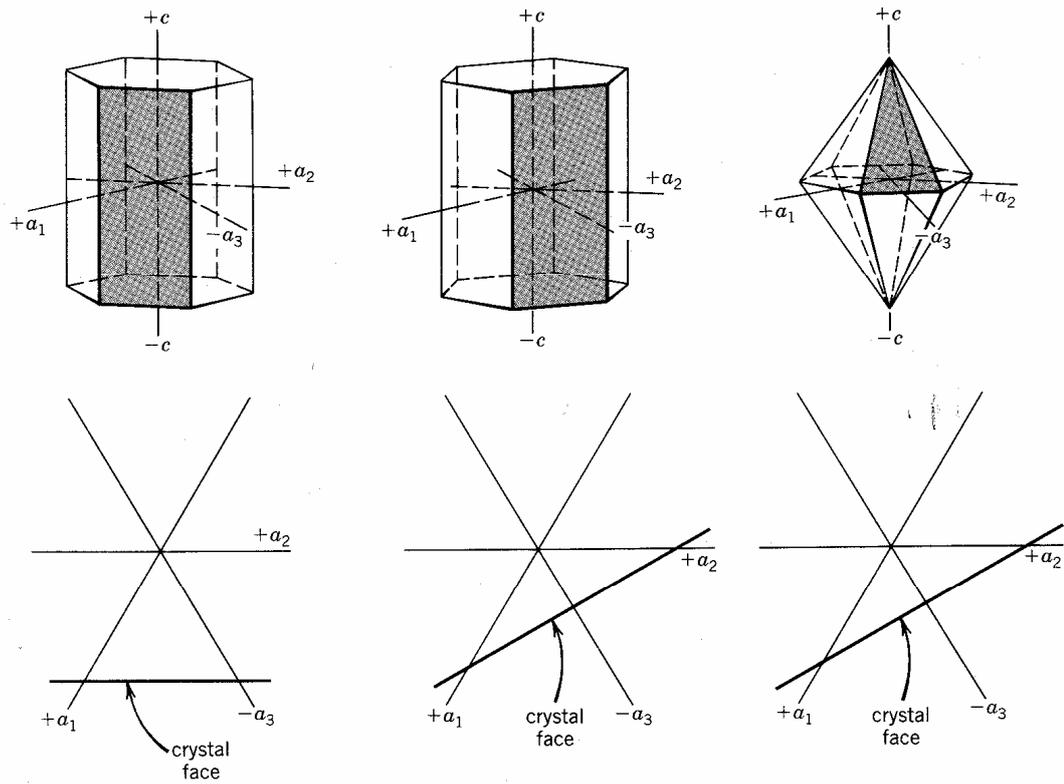
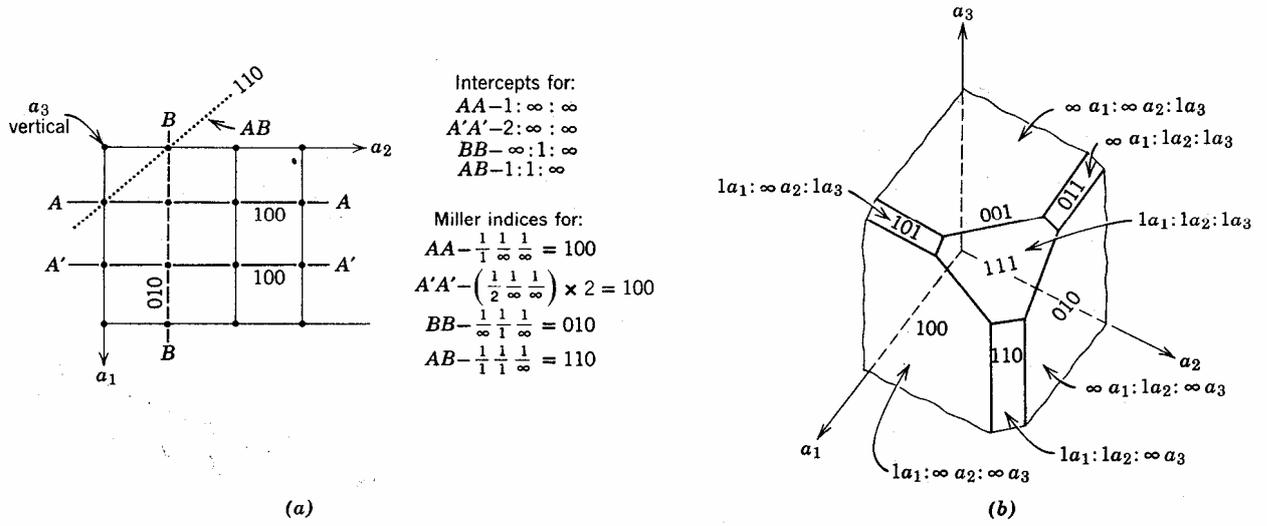


FIG. 2.33. Derivation of the four-digit Bravais-Miller index from the intercepts of three different crystal faces in the hexagonal system.

*Form*: A group of crystal faces, all of which have the same relation to the elements of symmetry and display the same chemical and physical properties because all are underlain by like atoms in the same geometrical arrangement. : use {hkl}

*General form*: the faces of which intersect all of the crystallographic axes at the different length.

An {hkl} face will not be parallel or perpendicular to a symmetry axis or plane, regardless of the crystal system.

*Special form*: consists of faces that are parallel or perpendicular to any of the symmetry elements in the crystals

*Open form*: contains parallel faces and do not enclose space.

*Closed form*: form that encloses space

*Zone*: the arrangement of a group of faces with parallel in the intersections edges.

*Zone axis*: a line through the centre of the crystal that is paralleled to the lines of the face those intersections.

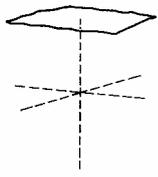
*Classification of forms*: 32 general forms

10 special closed forms of isometric

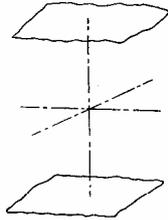
6 special open forms of tetra-, hexagonal

- Pedian: single faced form
- Pinacoid: two parallel faced form
- Dome: two nonparallel faced with mirror plane symmetry
- Sphenoid: two nonparallel faced with 2-fold rotation symmetry
- Prism: 3, 4, 6, 8, or 12 faces all are parallel to the same axis. Except certain prisms in monoclinic, axis is one of xtal axes
- Pyramid: 3, 4, 6, 8, or 12 nonparallel faces that meet at a point
- Dipyramid: closed form having 6, 8, 12, 16, or 24 faces formed from two pyramids by reflection of one of them across a horizontal mirror.
- Trapezohedron: 6, 8, or 12 with 3, 4, or 6 upper faces offset from lower faces.
- Scalenohedron: 8 or 12 faces grouped in symmetrical pairs.
- Rhombohedron: 6 faces of which 3 upper faces offset from 3 lower faces
- Disphenoid: 2 upper faces alternate with 2 lower faces, by  $90^\circ$

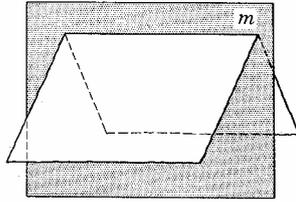
### Non-isometric forms



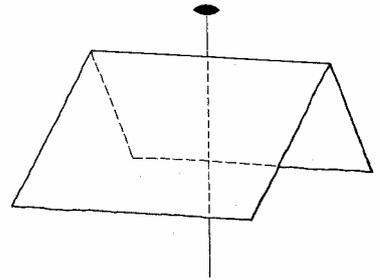
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(Monohedron)



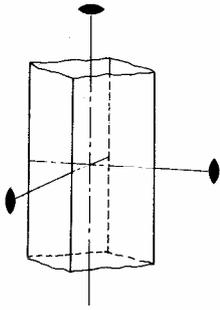
(2) Pinacoid  
(Parallelohedron)



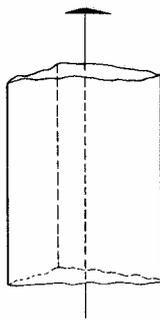
(3) Dome  
(Dihedron)



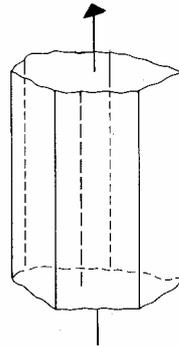
(4) Sphenoid  
(Dihedron)



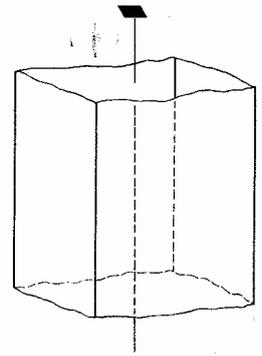
(5) Rhombic prism



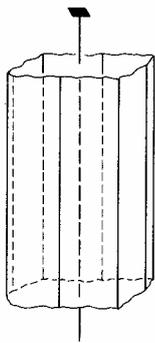
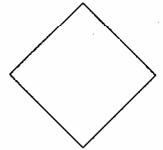
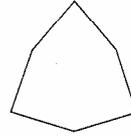
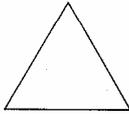
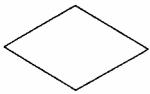
(6) Trigonal prism



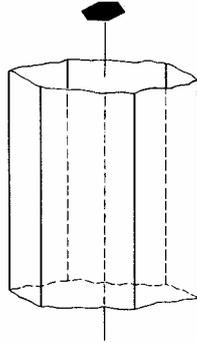
(7) Ditrigonal  
prism



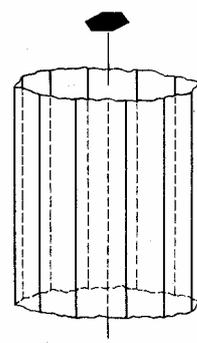
(8) Tetragonal  
prism



(9) Ditetragonal  
prism



(10) Hexagonal prism



(11) Dihexagonal prism

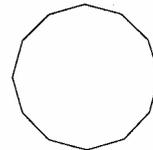
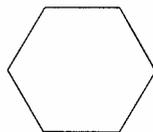
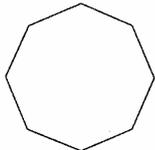
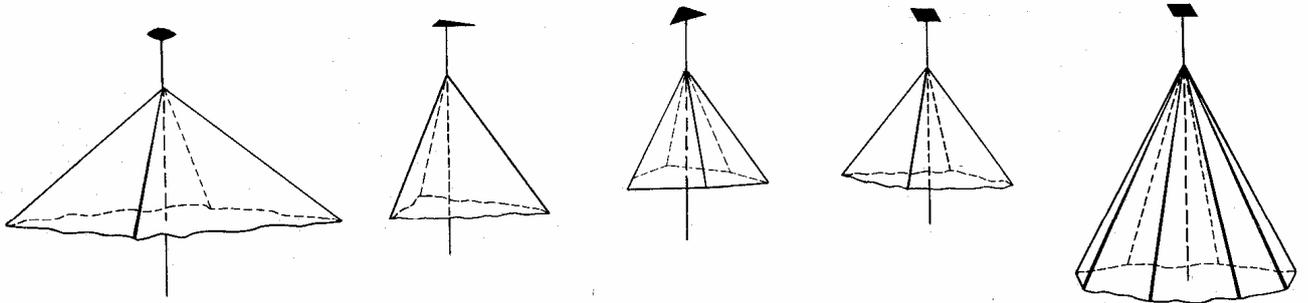


FIG. 2.36. The 48 (or 47) different crystal forms and some of their symmetry elements.

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**Non-isometric forms (cont'd)**



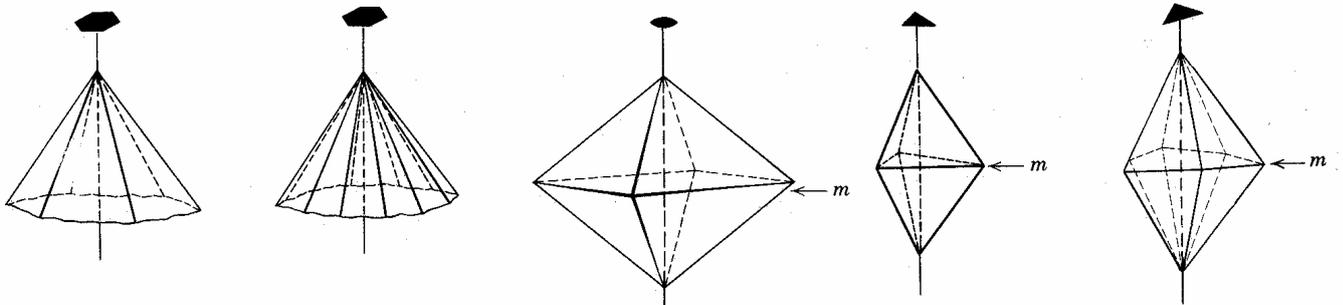
(12) Rhombic pyramid

(13) Trigonal pyramid

(14) Ditrigonal pyramid

(15) Tetragonal pyramid

(16) Ditetragonal dipyrmaid



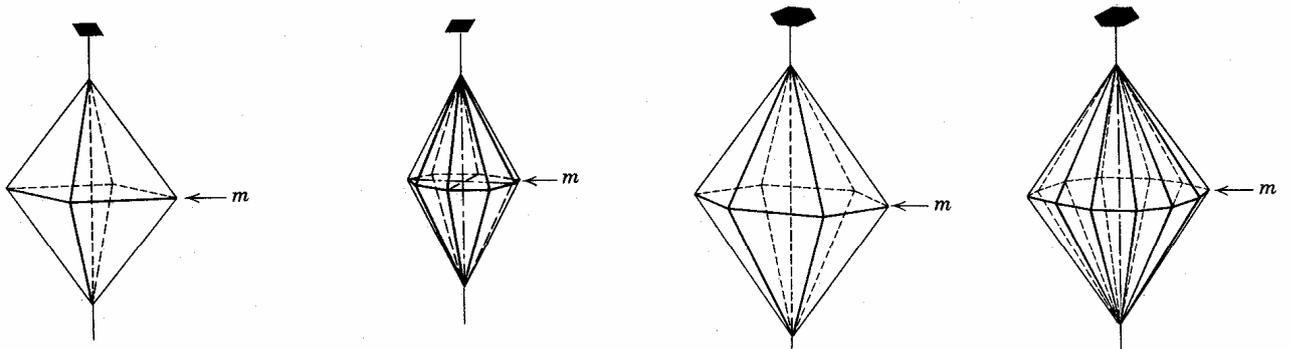
(17) Hexagonal pyramid

(18) Dihexagonal pyramid

(19) Rhombic dipyrmaid

(20) Trigonal dipyrmaid

(21) Ditrigonal dipyrmaid



(22) Tetragonal dipyrmaid

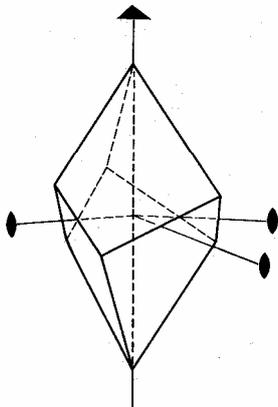
(23) Ditetragonal dipyrmaid

(24) Hexagonal dipyrmaid

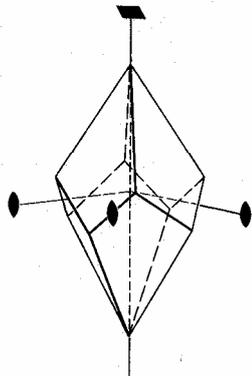
(25) Dihexagonal dipyrmaid

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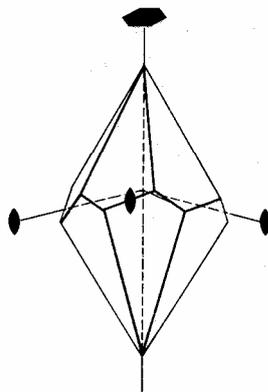
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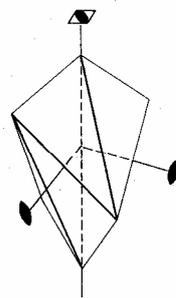
(26) Trigonal trapezohedron



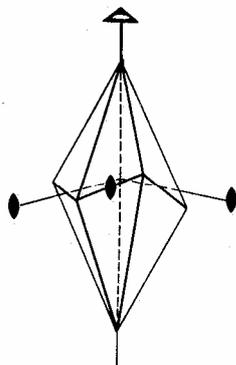
(27) Tetragonal trapezohedron



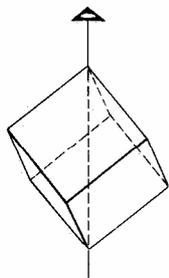
(28) Hexagonal trapezohedron



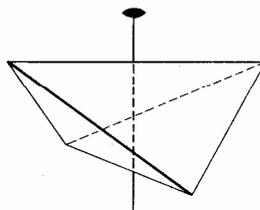
(29) Tetragonal scalenohedron (Rhombic scalenohedron)



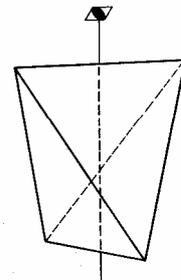
(30) Hexagonal scalenohedron (Ditrigonal scalenohedron)



(31) Rhombohedron

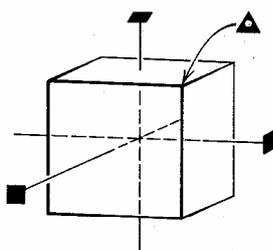


(32) Rhombic disphenoid (Rhombic tetrahedron)

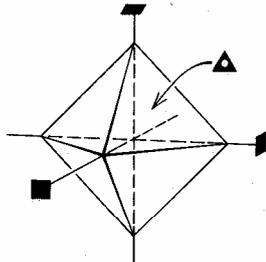


(33) Tetragonal disphenoid (Tetragonal tetrahedron)

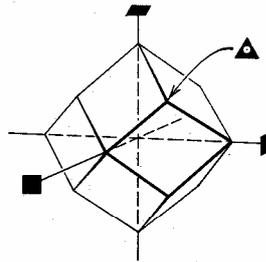
**Isometric forms**



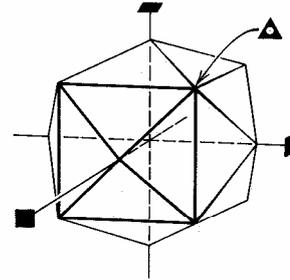
(34) Cube (Hexahedron)



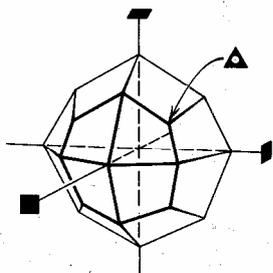
(35) Octahedron



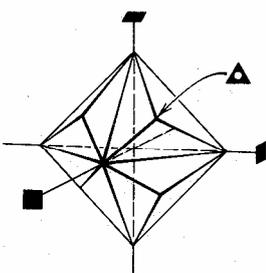
(36) Dodecahedron (Rhomb-dodecahedron)



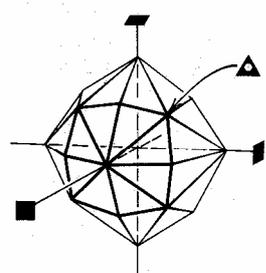
(37) Tetrahexahedron



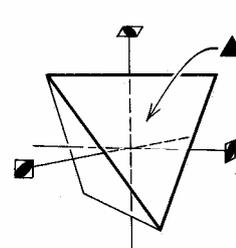
(38) Trapezohedron (Tetragon-trioctahedron)



(39) Trisoctahedron (Trigon-trioctahedron)



(40) Hexoctahedron (Hexaoctahedron)



(41) Tetrahedron

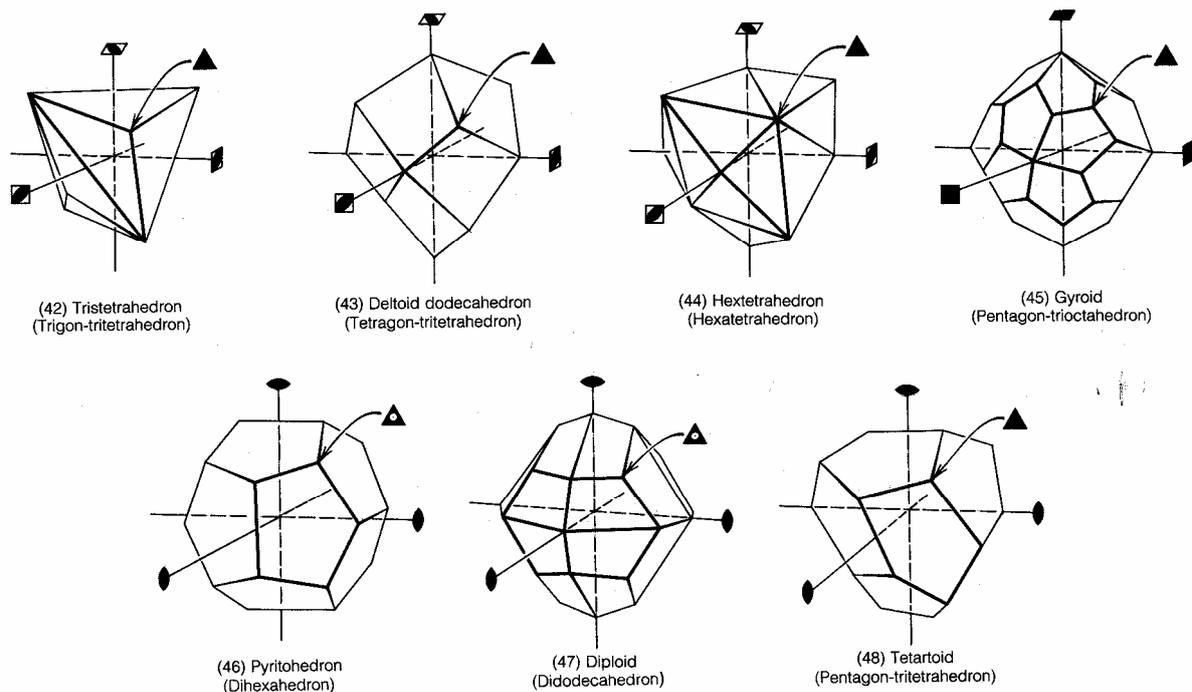


FIG. 2.36. (continued)

*Crystal habit*: denotes the general shapes of crystal such as *cubic*, *octahedral*, *prismatic*. Hence, crystal habit is controlled by the environment during the growth of crystal, it may vary with locality >>> Ideal developed vs. distorted

*Zone*: the arrangement of a group of faces with parallel in the intersections edges.

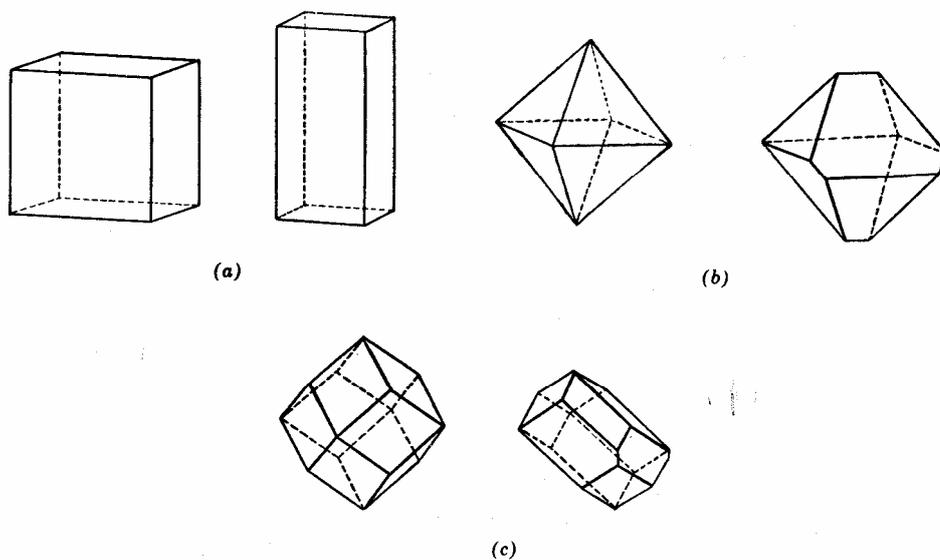


FIG. 2.39. Examples of some crystal habits in the isometric system. (a) Cube and distorted cube. (b) Octahedron and asymmetric octahedron. (c) Dodecahedron and distorted dodecahedron.

*Zone axis*: a line through the centre of the crystal that is paralleled to the lines of the face those intersections.

FIG. 2.37. Conventional lettering of forms on crystal drawings.

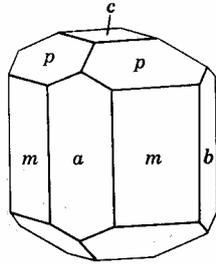
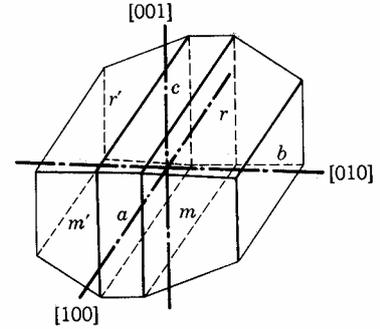
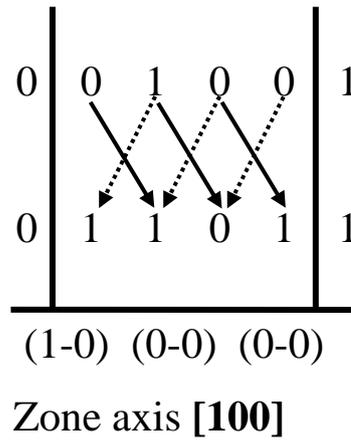


FIG. 2.38. Crystal zones and zone axes.



Example:  $c$  (001) vs  $r$  (011)



$b$  (010) vs  $m$  (110)

