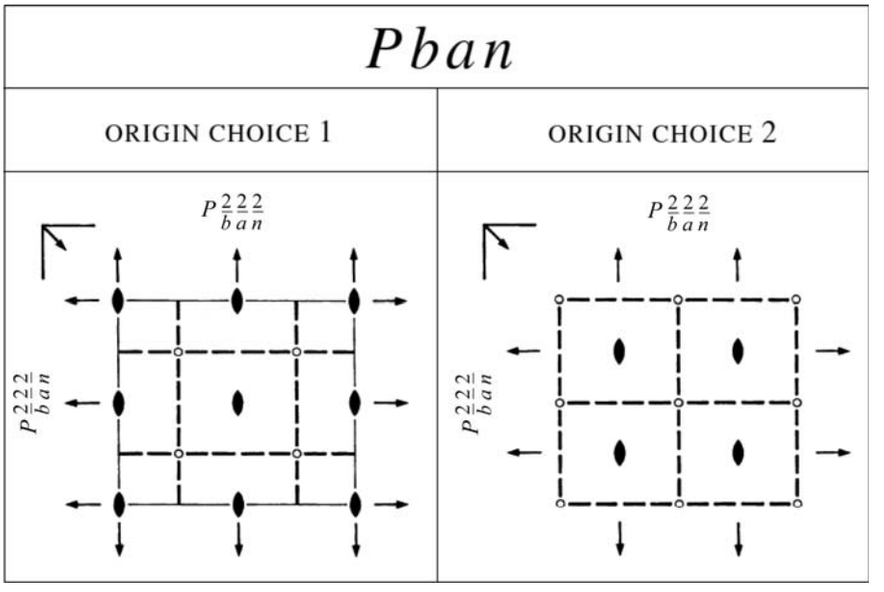

Figure 1.5.3.2
Two possible origin choices for the orthorhombic space group *Pban* (50). Origin choice 1 is on 222, whereas origin choice 2 is on $\bar{1}$.

hexagonal cell ($|\mathbf{a}_{hex}| = |\mathbf{b}_{hex}|$; $\mathbf{c}_{hex} \perp \mathbf{a}_{hex}, \mathbf{b}_{hex}$; $\gamma = 120°$) with a volume three times larger than that of the primitive rhombohedral cell. The second presentation is given with a primitive rhombohedral cell with $a_{rh} = b_{rh} = c_{rh}$ and $\alpha_{rh} = \beta_{rh} = \gamma_{rh}$. The relation between the two types of cell is illustrated in Fig. 1.5.3.3 for the space group *R*3*m* (160). In the hexagonal cell, the coordinates of the special position with site symmetry 3*m* are 0, 0, *z*, whereas in the rhombohedral cell the same special position has coordinates x, x, x. If we refer to the transformations of the primitive rhombohedral cell cited in Table 1.5.1.1, we observe two different centrings with three possible orientations R_1, R_2 and R_3 which are related by ±120° to each other. The two kinds of centrings, called *obverse* and *reverse*, are illustrated in Fig. 1.5.1.6. A rotation of 180° around the rhombohedral axis relates the obverse and reverse descriptions of the rhombohedral lattice. The obverse triple *R* cells have lattice points at $0, 0, 0$; $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}$; $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$, whereas the reverse *R* cells have lattice points at $0, 0, 0$; $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}$; $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$. The triple hexagonal cell R_1 of the obverse setting (*i.e.* $\mathbf{a}_{hex} = \mathbf{a}_{rh} - \mathbf{b}_{rh}$, $\mathbf{b}_{hex} = \mathbf{b}_{rh} - \mathbf{c}_{rh}$, $\mathbf{c}_{hex} = \mathbf{a}_{rh} + \mathbf{b}_{rh} + \mathbf{b}_{rh}$) has been used in the description of the rhombohedral space groups in this volume (*cf.* Table 1.5.1.1 and Fig. 1.5.3.3).

The hexagonal lattice can be referred to a centred rhombohedral cell, called the *D* cell (*cf.* Table 1.5.1.1). The centring points of this cell are $0, 0, 0$, $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$. However, the *D* cell is rarely used in crystallography.

1.5.3.2. Examples

1.5.3.2.1. Transformations between different settings of $P2_1/c$

In the space-group tables of this volume, the monoclinic space group $P2_1/c$ (14) is described in six different settings: for each of the 'unique axis *b*' and 'unique axis *c*' settings there are three descriptions specified by different cell choices (*cf.* Section 2.1.3.15). The different settings are identified by the appropriate full Hermann–Mauguin symbols. The basis transformations $(\boldsymbol{P}, \boldsymbol{p})$ between the different settings are completely specified by the linear part of the transformation, the 3 × 3 matrix $\boldsymbol{P}$ [*cf.* equation (1.5.1.4)], as all settings of $P2_1/c$ refer to the same origin, *i.e.* $\boldsymbol{p} = \boldsymbol{o}$. The transformation matrices $\boldsymbol{P}$ necessary for switching between the different descriptions of $P2_1/c$ can either be read off directly or constructed from the transformation-matrix data listed in Table 1.5.1.1.

(*A*) *Transformation from $P12_1/c1$ (unique axis b, cell choice 1) to $P112_1/a$ (unique axis c, cell choice 1)*. The change of the direction of the screw axis 2_1 indicates that the unique direction **b**

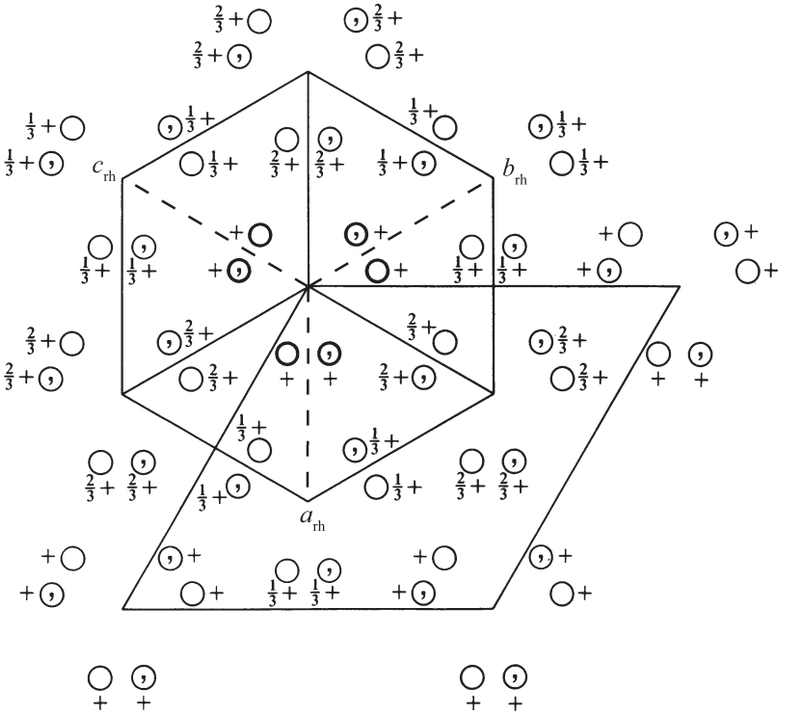

Figure 1.5.3.3
General-position diagram of the space group *R*3*m* (160) showing the relation between the hexagonal and rhombohedral axes in the obverse setting: $\mathbf{a}_{rh} = \frac{1}{3}(2\mathbf{a}_{hex} + \mathbf{b}_{hex} + \mathbf{c}_{hex})$, $\mathbf{b}_{rh} = \frac{1}{3}(-\mathbf{a}_{hex} + \mathbf{b}_{hex} + \mathbf{c}_{hex})$, $\mathbf{c}_{rh} = \frac{1}{3}(-\mathbf{a}_{hex} - 2\mathbf{b}_{hex} + \mathbf{c}_{hex})$.