

Doos: hi all  
Frank: Your awake and bright this morning....Hi doos  
Doos: hi annie, frank  
Annie: yes, its a beautiful sunny sunday morning here  
Frank: Iahhhh.....moi jelouse  
Annie: let me guess, = you are jealous  
Frank: lousy French but heh it's midnight  
Frank: yes  
Annie: lol  
Doos: j'accuse  
Annie: come over here  
Frank: YES  
Frank: Lots of my family went in the old fays on the ten pound tickets  
Doos: or for free when they took a loaf of bread  
Frank: mmmyes that as well  
Annie: i haven't been so well, so missed half of forum posts this week  
Frank: though I'm sure annies lot were respectable guards...lol  
Annie: I saw there was lots of quizzes  
Doos: heh  
Frank: aw...you sick?  
Annie: i am always sick  
Frank: I gave up reading them for a while....took up too much study time  
Annie: hey, i guess i missed out on H&A again  
Frank: That's a shame Annie...you always seem so..together  
Annie: and it was my friday, when i bid  
Doos: too much quizzes takes the fun out of it  
Annie: so i was well beyond 10 pm  
Frank: yes I agree doos...one at a time lets you think  
Doos: I like ars' idea  
Frank: and you already asked for one at full price  
Annie: yeah, so there might be another one  
Frank: Tell rj you want his  
Doos: demand it  
Frank: yessss  
Annie: but i don't think Robert had the last one, he said  
Frank: said he was keeping one for himself  
Annie: actually it was good to get the auction started again  
Frank: yes  
Doos: annie: demand one, with a whole set of reference stones  
Frank: I wanted the crystal set from before the crash  
Annie: yes  
Frank: ...but not just for ten days  
Annie:  
Annie: and modo was 8 pm in california  
Frank: it's an injustice it is  
Annie: do you think i should stamp my feet  
Frank: do you have calimerc in oz  
Doos: oh yes  
Doos: calimero?  
Frank: a cartoon of a little bird who thinks the world unjust  
Doos: the duck with the eggshell on his head?  
Frank: his punchline is it's an injustice  
Frank: yes  
Annie: yes  
Doos: "cos you are big and I am small, it's not fair"

Frank: never knew he was a duck  
Annie: wack wack, wack  
Doos: lol  
Frank: lol  
Annie: lol  
Frank: Is jen coming  
Doos: she said she would  
Annie: yes, i think so. if she doesn't she'll be on detention  
Frank: I've only got nine questions tonight  
Annie: she knows how tough we are  
Annie: oh wow  
Frank: probably generate another twenty  
Frank: we can serialise them  
Doos: oh dear  
Frank: sorry  
Doos: I think I have a last minute engagement  
Frank: lol  
Frank: at midnight?  
Frank: does your wife know?  
Doos: yes yes, that is how we do that here  
Doos: my wife (girlfriend) left me years ago, cant blame her  
Annie: what, you and your charm, she left, she didn't know what she missed out on ??  
Doos: I'm just too pretty for one woman to handle  
Annie: lol  
Doos: okay, the clock struck  
Doos: time for the studies  
Frank: Ok first pinacoids  
Annie: we wont turn into pumpkins  
Doos: do you remember my matchbox example from two weeks ago frank?  
Frank: If I have a hexagonal crystal which terminates on a domed end...Is the pinacoid only at the top where it is perpendicular to the a & b axis or does it include the angles?  
Frank: yes...great analogy  
Doos: perpendicular to the c axis  
Frank: I've used it to imagine tetragonal and orthorhombics  
Frank: so only the "ridge of the roof"  
Doos: its like chopping of the head of an egg, fist you have a dome, then you cut it and its a pinacoid  
Frank: what would the slanted faces leading to it be reffered as  
Annie: they are normally paralles pairs of similar faces  
Doos: depends what shape they are  
Frank: ah in a hexagon they would be trapeseiums  
Frank: trapezoids?  
Doos: I think we cal that a hexapyramid with a pinacoid  
Doos: annie?  
Annie: i can't spell, now, but yes  
Frank: ty  
Frank: next...define pedion  
Annie: they are named according to their lateral axis to which they are parallel to  
Frank: ty  
Annie: like the base pinacoid is terminal face  
Doos: frank, imagine an egyptian pyramid (again)  
Frank: ok

Doos: the base on which it rests is the pedion  
Frank: ahh not the top  
Doos: if you would mirror the pyramid, you would get a octahedron  
Frank: yes  
Annie: example , a matchbox consists of 3 pinacoid forms  
Frank: but all three cant be parrallel to the a& b axis  
Annie: no, the longest of the macro and the shortest is brachy  
Frank: Technical terms?  
Annie: as in the place which topaz cleaves is parallel to basal  
Annie: ok sorry,  
Frank: no I want to learn them  
Annie: well, since we don't have a blackboard to draw and show you  
Annie: hello  
Annie: ddddd  
Annie: ok  
Frank: with a double pyramid is the pinacoid the shared base?  
Annie: sorry, my computer went all funny  
Annie: now its working again  
Frank: how does that "enclose"  
Doos: holdon, look at this picture <http://yey.be/orthorhombic-matchbox.jpg>  
Annie: you know how we said that there are 3 crystal systems that need that,  
Frank  
Doos: will that help?  
Annie: are you looking at 'yey'  
Frank: going now...had to open another window  
Frank: No I'm not....computer refuses to open another window with thwe chat  
going....I promose to reformat  
it...soon  
Frank: damn dinosaur  
Frank: I'll check it out later and we can discuss it on the next "subjectless"  
chat  
Frank: sorry  
Doos: it is a drawing of the shell of a matchbox on one of the open sides  
Doos: so you can imagine  
Frank: yes  
Doos: so it stands upright  
Frank: yes  
Annie: we may have to come up something easier to explain  
Frank: are pinacoids always flat planes?  
Doos: maybe we should explain what an "open" form is  
Doos: yes  
Annie: this matchbox Doos has is open at the top  
Frank: so any domed parts are after the pinacoid?  
Annie: so thats where you would have your pinacoid to close it or (enclose) it  
Frank: yes annie  
Annie: does that make sense  
Frank: yes  
Annie: have a look at this matchbox later  
Annie: if you can't open another window, for now  
Frank: I got that last lesson...what I want to know is where the pinacoid is on  
a domed termination...at the  
end of the dome or at the base  
Annie: just excuse me, i have to get another coffee  
Doos: okay frank  
Doos: imagine that a pyramid tops the matchbox

Frank: yes  
Doos: that will then be a rhombic pyramid  
Frank: yes  
Doos: not a true pyramid as in egypt, because 2 sides are wider  
Frank: yes  
Doos: then you have a orthorhombic prism with a rhombic pyramid  
Frank: yes  
Doos: (the matchbox is orthorhombic)  
Frank: yes  
Doos: makes sence?  
Frank: yes  
Doos: then you take your knife and top of the pyramid (like with an egg)  
Frank: yes  
Doos: then you will have an orthorhombic prism with a rhombic pyramid and a pinacoid  
Frank: the pinacoid being the flat termination point of the prism  
Doos: the pinacoid being the flat part on top  
Frank: ??  
Doos: yes  
Annie: back  
Frank: ok thats exactly what I wondered  
Frank: thank you  
Doos: read back annie, see if I messed up .. I'll get some tea  
Annie: great, so, its making sense  
Frank: yes  
Annie: i think that well said Doos,  
Annie: Frank, are you happy with that  
Frank: Yes perfect....and easy enough for even me...next question....define pedion  
Doos: now frank, your next question should be "why is that called a pinacoid and not a pedion?"  
Frank: sorry that sound a bit intense and short  
Annie: pedion is only when there is half of that particlar face, that hasn't formed as a full part  
Frank: I'm not sure how to define pedion....seems like its only got two dimensions  
Frank: from the drawings I have  
Doos: well frank, what I just called a pinacoid is just half of the pinacoid  
Frank: like half a plane then dribbles away to unformed structure?  
Annie: yes, only half a face  
Doos: frank, imagine the previous example again  
Frank: yes  
Doos: the rhombic pyramid with a pinacoid  
Frank: yes  
Doos: at the opposite end of the prism, that would be repeated (under ideal circumstances)  
Frank: yes two perfect terminations  
Doos: so there will be two flat terminations  
Frank: yes  
Doos: the two terminations TOGETHER are named a pinacoid  
Frank: ahhh.....and only one is a pedion?  
Annie: one of those flat terminations will not be there  
Doos: so you need two flats to form a pinacoid  
Annie: only one fill be  
Annie: remember they need to be parallel pairs of similar or same faces

Annie: so, say one bottom and top  
Annie: or side to side  
Frank: and if only one has formed (the other being unfinished like a amythest broken from a gourd) its classed as a pedion?  
Doos: uh no  
Frank: lol  
Frank: doh  
Doos: it's all theory  
Frank: Can I say ...A pedion is half a pinacoid  
Frank: or one face of a pinacoid  
Doos: yes, I guess  
Annie: pinacoid is when there is two of those same faces enclosing space  
Frank: OK thanks....it's clear I think...a pedion just terminates an end...but a pinacoid encloses the crystal  
Annie: yes  
Frank: eureka  
Doos: I don't think you can cut a crystal at the base and then call it a pedion  
Annie: sometimes they may look funny in real life  
Doos: or can you annie?  
Frank: but if you cut it at both ends it can be called a pinacoid?  
Annie: like a damburate never has full forms, its always broken at the bottom or something  
Annie: or it its cleaved then it may have perfect plane at bottom, so you can rest it on the table  
Annie: like topaz and danburate are so similar  
Doos: it has to be done by nature frank (and not by cleavage and friends)  
Frank: so I have to imagine the crystal into finished form ignoring breaks etc?  
Annie: both orthorhomic  
Annie: yes  
Annie: but the differences in those is the lozenge shape when you lookfrom top  
Doos: we need a mistery quest for this  
Frank: why?  
Annie: and you could see how danburite would stretch side ways and would have small pinacoids on top maybe  
Annie: we need other people to help us out  
Frank: no your doing excellently  
Frank: can I go to next question?  
Annie: thanks Frank  
Frank: no thank you Annie...and Doos  
Doos: frank: because it is an interesting subject  
Frank: OH YES  
Frank:  
Annie: i think crystallography is one of the most imperative subjects in gemmology  
Frank: dont you think the various couses sort of skim over it?  
Doos: yah  
Annie: yes,  
Frank: I'm reading geology websites for information  
Doos: miller indices etc are just toched  
Annie: and we always say, how well you understand crystals is all related to everything else  
Annie: see i never understood miller indices when i did gemmo,  
Frank: I'm comming to miller in a bit doos...

Doos: heh  
Annie: then when i got to diamonds, it all made sense  
Doos: next question frank  
Frank: So my question about which system is used for notation in gemology numbers or letters...we use millersa system thAN?  
Annie: Jen is definiately on detention now  
Annie: she didn't come  
Doos: yes she will be  
Frank: crap spelling....sorry  
Doos: miller indices are used to describe the planes  
Frank: In a polymorph group can the same chemical makeup form in different crystal syatems?  
Doos: or do you mean 2m/ etc?  
Doos: yes frank  
Frank: more like (110) or {010} or even [111]  
Doos: those are miller indices yes Frank  
Frank: OK  
Doos: want me to explain them?  
Annie: that is description of crystal faces determining if it is parallel to two axes  
Annie: and intersecting to third  
Annie: pr parallel to others  
Doos: frank, remember the math classes (x,y,z coordinates)?  
Annie: so common faces can be either described by letters like xyz  
Frank: yes  
Annie: or exporessions such as cleavage parallel to 010 or twinning on 111  
Annie: and so on  
Doos: now in dr Seuss language?  
Annie: so if two points - parallel to a face to an axis, it is considered to be cutting that axis,  
Frank: I sort of understand....I just wasn't sure if it pertained to gemology or just to geology.....the cat in the hat stepped in on the mat?  
Annie: you hardly use it in gemmo  
Annie: like i said, only if you were to use it for cutting properities and stuff like that  
Annie: you would need to know  
Frank: Yes the gemmo books are very thin on crystallography  
Doos: can I have a go at this?  
Frank: course doos  
Doos: imagine a cube  
Annie: of course  
Doos: the top plane would be pierced by the c-axis  
Doos: or the z coordinate  
Doos: same thing (follow me till now)  
Annie: c is z = right  
Doos: yes  
Trax entered the room.  
Doos: hi trax  
Trax: Hi Doos  
Annie: hi Trax  
Frank: hi trax  
Trax: Hi all..  
Trax: Annie..Frank

Annie: nice to see yu  
Trax: Ty..and you guys too.....  
Annie: Trax, we are just in middle of miller indices  
Doos: the top plane of the cube is only pierced by the z axis, so it will be notated as 001  
Frank: yes  
Trax: OK  
Doos: the first 0 is for the x coordinate (which doesnt touch the top plane)  
Frank: yes  
Doos: the second 0 will be for the second a (or b) axis, which doesnt touch the topplane either, so it gets a 0 aswell  
Frank: yes  
Annie: yes  
Doos: the 3rd is the z axis which does touch the plane so it gets cerdited and will be 1  
Frank: yes  
Annie: we are doing well  
Doos: so what will be the indices for the frontplane?  
Frank: 100?  
Doos: almost  
Frank: or 010  
Trax: 010  
Doos: yah  
Annie: yep  
Doos: it is the y coordinate  
Frank: is the front plane refered to the a or b axis as a rule?  
Doos: what is the right plane?  
Doos: the b  
Frank: 100  
Doos: good frank, and the left plane?  
Trax: 100  
Frank: 100 but with a negative on the 1?  
Annie: start with negative  
Doos: very good frank  
Frank: ok -100  
Doos: yes, the - should be above the 1, but that is hard to do on chat  
Annie: -010  
Frank: back plane  
Annie: very hard indeed to understand in a chat  
Frank: I understand it should go on top  
Trax: 1 wears - as a hat...lol  
Doos: heh  
Doos: hey trax, all well?  
Frank: And as a rule only lapiderists use this in gemmology?  
Annie: yes  
Annie: we need a lapidariest in here  
Trax: yes..doos..is is 20 years when I last studied all this..but great to go over all over again..  
Annie: welcome Trax  
Doos: me aswell trax, I'm rereading it all again for these sessions  
Trax: ty Annie  
Frank: Heh does that mean I got 1 pupil and 3 teachers.....heaven  
Annie: if you dont come each week, you'll get into detention, you understand that don't you

Frank: and sometimes she canes us....thats the best part  
Annie:  
Trax: lol...yup..and fees to pay too  
Annie: yep, got the whip here right beside me  
Frank: no fees trax  
Frank: unless you want to donate  
Frank: this is like the red cross  
Annie: lol  
Frank: help you like it or not  
Trax: Where were you when I was a student...lol  
Frank: so next question ?  
Doos: frank is becomming a spoiled brat, I think he pays jen to not show up  
Annie: ok  
Frank: lol.she does it for the duty free ciggies  
Annie: lol  
Trax: Doos...I general..even the mineralogists..also use the (-)negative notations for the left planes....regular  
Annie: she is still not here.... definetely in detention now  
Frank: funny the americans have the easiest slot at the moment and none of them come  
Doos: yes trax, no other way to do that on a typewriter  
Trax: Yes Frank..they have it TOO good...lol  
Frank: Ok tetragonal syatem...a and b planes equal in length?  
Annie: well, modo said it was too early for her - she should go to bed early and get here fast  
Doos: yes frank, equal  
Doos: also in angles  
Doos: she is working  
Annie: Go on Doos, we are listening to you  
Doos: that was it  
Frank: but if the crystal is rectangular rather than square then the a and b axes would have to go corner to corner to remain equal  
Doos: heh  
Doos: uh then it is orthorhombic  
Trax: yes..Frank..Two equal horizontal..one vertical at right angles  
Doos: so not equal in size, but equal in angles  
Frank: ok orthohombic is equal in angle but not in length but tetragonal is equal in length and angle  
Frank: so must be measured as diagonals  
Doos: you don't measure the angles diagonal in those systems  
Doos: that is cheating and being a smartypants  
Trax: I think it is easier to think in planes..rather than angles...in the first instance  
Frank: I didnt think so....but if a tetragonal crystal is rectangular how can the a and b axes remain the same size?  
Doos: they also need to intersect at the same angles frank  
Trax: Think of a cube as one side shorthed..or elongated  
Doos: not just the lengths make the system, its a combination of both  
Frank: yes....90 degrees but how can they be the same size?  
Frank: in all the books I have it states the c axis is longer or shorter but the a and b axes are the same size....how can I make sense of this??

Doos: frank: the a is the one going from left to right, the b is going from front to back  
Doos: okay an update is needed  
Doos: frank the matchbox again  
Annie: oh doos, last time i said that, i was questioned how it can be from left to right or front to back  
Doos: put it on one of the open sides  
Annie: otherwise jen will be chasing you with the whip  
Doos: heh  
Doos: still with me frank?  
Frank: yes  
Doos: now pierce a needle through the frontplane all the way to the back  
Frank: yes  
Trax has left the room.  
Doos: now pierce one from the left plane through the right one  
Trax entered the room.  
Annie: hello  
Doos: there you have the a and the b axis  
Frank: yes  
Frank: hi trax  
Annie: Trax, you may need to hit your keyboard, otherwise chat kicks you out  
Doos: they are not equal in length (when measured inside the crystal)  
Frank: but at differing lengths  
Trax: Sorry..every time I come into this chat room..I get booted out..  
Frank: yes true doos  
Trax: I am with you Doos..  
Doos: but they do intersect at  $90^\circ$  to eachother  
Frank: yes  
Doos: now pierce one from the top to the bottom (the c axis)  
Frank: yes  
Doos: that is also different in length  
Frank: yes  
Doos: but intersects at the other two at  $90^\circ$   
Frank: yes  
Doos: that is orthorhombic  
Frank: so orthorhombic?  
Frank: yes  
Doos: I'm almost done  
Frank: sorry we type at the same time  
Doos: if you now take away the a and b axes  
Frank: yes  
Doos: and pierce them from corner to corner (horizontal)  
Frank: yes  
Doos: then those two would be of the same length in some miraculous way  
Annie: Trax you from europe  
Frank: yes...maths is true  
Doos: but the angles will no longer be at  $90^\circ$   
Frank: ahhh...yes also true  
Doos: so that isnt the way to do it  
Frank: no I see that  
Trax: Yes Annie..based in London  
Doos: I might have messed up the a and the b axis along the way, but you get the idea  
Annie: ok great, i wanted you to hit your keyboard for me  
Annie:

Trax: thanks Annie..

Doos: frank: in the tetragonal system it doesn't matter if you do it diagonal, the outcome will be the same:  
same lengths and at  $90^\circ$

Annie: ok, Doos, you doing good

Frank: yes but how to determine the difference between a tetragonal description (which states a & b are equal and an orthorhombic where they are not?

Doos: but that is not good practice

Doos: well in a tetragonal system there is no b axis (it is called a<sub>2</sub>)

Frank: no not at 90 degrees if the shape is rectangular?

Frank: ahhh..a<sub>2</sub>....is this like an allowed cheat

Doos: if you pierce 2 needles diagonal through the matchbox, they will not be at  $90^\circ$

Doos: test it

Frank: I see it in my mind

Frank: so the 90 degrees rule takes precedence over the same length rule

Doos: they will be at the same length, but that is not how we measure it, we could do it that way... but then we would need to rewrite all the textbooks

Doos: no, its the combination

Annie: yes, the combination in relationship consists of axes

Doos: just don't measure it diagonal, or we will all be in trouble with the 19th century crystallographics

Frank: so a perfect (Ideal) tetragonal crystal would be square looked at from the c axis

Doos: yes

Annie: a<sub>1</sub> a<sub>2</sub> & C

Annie: two equal and unequal of C

Doos: all at  $90^\circ$

Trax: As per 'Read' - since both a and b are equal..they are represented as 2a ( 2 x a ) and are interchangeable..

Frank: which leads to my next question nicely.....your doing grand work here doos

Annie: yes frank.

Doos: heh, I'll make some tea meanwhile.. anyone else?

Annie: Doos is amazing

Annie: lemon for me

Trax: Mine is with sugar..thanks Doos...lol

Frank: in a tetragonal crystal the c axis is either shorter or longer than the a and a<sub>2</sub> axis (lol)

Annie: ok, tea break

Frank: sorry you all want to stop and continue next week.....I get carried away

Trax: yes Frank...lol

Doos: tea for all

Annie: its fine, we can do another 15 minutes

Annie: ok thanks this tea tastes great

Doos: I'm not tired

Trax: don't forget the cakes..Doos...lol

Doos: oh dear

Frank: I'm saving myself for a wee whiskey when this is finished

Doos: wish I never offered

Annie: what are we having, donuts

Annie: donuts with jam

Doos: frank: as trax said, yes  
Frank: okay...if theres donuts then count me in  
Frank: you want to stop yet?  
Trax: yes donuts..better for Frank... with the hole in the middle...it won't have the c-axis...  
Frank: I got enough questions for years and years  
Doos: in theory, you could make the c axis the same size as the a axes  
Frank: a3 no doubt  
Annie: yep and we won't use the microscope to analyze it  
Doos: then you have a cubic tetragonal thingy  
Frank: no inclusions in the hole at any rate  
Trax: yes..with jam..lol  
Annie: yummy  
Doos: but forget that frank  
Frank: thats my question doos ...welllanticipated....would it be tetragonal / cubic/ or what?  
Doos: tetragonal, but cut off at some part  
Trax: hey any of you have read..Cartiers.. feature in the Journal of gemmology...regarding the Double refraction...you would need a good understanding of them 'axis'....  
Frank: but all those extra symmetries????  
Annie: join the club Trax  
Doos: yes we discussed that a bit trax, interesting article  
Trax: oh ok...yes very interesting  
Annie: we were discussing this with Doos last week, when we were all alone  
Annie: don't you find that interesting, that the definition is now being changed  
Doos: frank, nature will not form it that way (normally)  
Frank: missed it....discussion and all...  
Trax: 'we were all alone' !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Annie: no we understand, you had to attend a dinner function at school  
Annie: Doos & I  
Annie: Trax  
Doos: frank, it is an article in the journal of gemmology  
Trax: oh ok..lol  
Trax: yes Annie  
Annie: ok  
Frank: 4 am....washing dishes and putting away table  
Annie: oh gosh, you probably didn't get to bed till the morning  
Frank: so while the c axis is trying to be longer or shorter there is no possibility in nature of it ending up the same size?  
Frank: 6am  
Frank: same for the kids  
Frank: long lie on Sunday though  
Annie:  
Annie:  
Trax: where are you all based..  
Doos: frank, the final result is what we see as a crystal, the inner structure will stay tetragonal (at a molecular level)  
Frank: raised about £2000 for the school though  
Doos: not bad  
Trax: well done Frank  
Frank: ok doos I can accept that  
Trax: are you in the UK Frank?

Annie: australia, Traz  
Doos: Holland here  
Trax: Ok Annie  
Frank: live in France for past 12 years....Scvottish by inclination though  
Annie: sorry, i misspelled your name Trax  
Annie: hmm , so inclined axis you have, hey frank  
Trax: Ahhhhh..I love Scotland..nice place  
Doos: taz the tasmanian devil?  
Frank: I misspelled Scottish....could face banishment or decapitation for that...lol  
Annie: lol  
Frank: I love it to trax....not enough to live there though  
Trax: Worse....they'll take away your scoth away from you...! lol  
Frank: lol  
Doos: they didnt build that wall for nothing  
Trax: Frank I studied at St. Andrews...loved it there  
Frank: Romans built it to stop us kicking there arses ...almost bankrupt the empire to hide from us....ah  
it's nice to be scots  
Frank: I'm a Fifer born and bred Trax....From levenmouth  
Doos: when I get to the orthorhombic thing on my website, I'll put that diagonal axes thingy in my FAQ's  
Frank: Are you going to post them on the forum...and the previous Guru chats too  
Trax: Fifer...well well  
Doos: sure, or do you have any objections?  
Annie: oh yeah Doos, the previous logs, can you make a new thread, where we can put them all  
Doos: in the FGA forum?  
Annie: yes  
Doos: ok  
Frank: no I have in my gemology folder on my pute... everything in folders except YG, Geminterest and yey...think your building one of the easiest to understand websites on gemology around  
Annie: Trax, you just joined us, didn't you, we had a crash of the forum couple of weeks ago  
Trax: Doos ..do you put all this on your web site too..?  
Doos: yes  
Trax: I gathered that from the messages Annie...shame..  
Annie: yes, but it couldnt be helped  
Doos: frank, I'm just a simple soul, so it comes naturally  
Trax: wealth of information lost..  
Frank: he makes crystallography my 10 year old can understand.... and his colour and clarity section is ....simply the best  
Annie: yes, he is very rare in these things, thats why he is the "doosite"  
Annie:  
Doos: enough  
Annie: oh  
Doos: I hate blushing  
Frank: doos has a knack for reducing the complicated to matchboxes and pyramids....Annie has a brain we all want to download and quotes facts and figures form her head like an encyclopedic autist...between them I reckon I'm having the best gemmo education around

Trax: I will have to check the site out...is there a link to it from your profile...?  
Doos: trax: you were an hour late, did you misunderstand the time or couldnt make it earlier?  
Doos: I'll put it in there again trax .. <http://yey.be>  
Trax: I did understand the time..but couldn't make it back in time...sorry  
Doos: thats okay, just making sure I didnt confuse everyone with the times  
Annie: ok, its fine, you can read the first part of this chat  
Annie: no its its 11 GMT and 5pm Roberts time in San Antonio  
Trax: is this event every Sat.??  
Doos: yes  
Annie: yes  
Annie: well my sunday  
Trax: Ok..thanks..now I know  
Doos: for 3 months now or something .. I lost track  
Frank: last question?  
Doos: shoot  
Frank: rotary inversion axes....are these common...are they included when quoting the the number of axes of symmetry in any crystal syastem...or are they anomalies?  
Frank: sorry last three questions  
Frank: lol  
Doos: those are the negative ends of the axes (if I remember correctly)  
Doos: anyone?  
Annie has left the room.  
Trax: hhhhhhhhhhh..lol  
Doos: heh  
Annie entered the room.  
Frank: In the example I saw it was when the two wnds of the crystal were terminated at 90 degrees from each othe  
Doos: went for a walk annie?  
Annie: sorry, i got kicked out  
Trax: wn annie  
Trax: \*wb  
Annie: but thats because someone was trying all me  
Annie: and my phone cuts in on me  
Doos: I'll look it up if no one knows it ofhand frank  
Frank: when rotated 180degrees on the a or b axis then rotated 180 degrees on the c axis then there was symmetry  
Jen entered the room.  
Doos: hi jen  
Annie: ahhh thats a nice way of putting it  
Annie: Hi Jen  
Jen: hi  
Trax: Hi Jen  
Frank: Jen.....hi  
Jen: hi  
Jen: have i met trax before  
Trax: nope  
Doos: ah frank, might be the miller indices  
Doos: the negatives  
Annie: Jen, you are in detention for today  
Annie:

Jen: i am  
Jen: ok  
Jen: i understand  
Annie: you better sit tight for now  
Jen: i will for now  
Frank: I got this from "an introduction to crystallography and mineral crystal system....I think it was on the awesome rocks website. Its written by Mike and Darcy Howard  
Annie:  
Jen: we may put up the christmas tree tonight  
Doos: rockhound frank?  
Frank: yes  
Doos: good site  
Frank: yes  
Frank: but more into geology than pure gemmology  
Doos: I have a site that explains it with handprints  
Frank: hard to divide the two in my head  
Doos: <http://www.iucr.org/iucr-top/comm/cteach/pamphlets/14/node3.html>  
Frank: I'll try it tomorrow when I can open more windows....will you log this and link it with the previous guru chats onto yg?  
Frank: please  
Frank: so everyone can get the benefits  
Doos: ok  
Frank: ty  
Frank: OK jen....lol....over to you I'm plum outta questions  
Doos: maybe someone on the forum is willing to make a thread of it  
Frank: I'll do it if you like  
Jen: honestly i have no questions for today  
Annie: you been spending too much time with santa  
Jen: nope  
Annie:  
Jen: with myself  
Frank: or post them in the "guru chat" posting  
Trax: Hi Jen..I have just joined recently this forum and YG...nice to meet you  
Jen: yes you too trax  
Annie: just joking Jen  
Jen: yes i know annie  
Annie: ok  
Jen: ok  
Jen: lol  
Doos: anymore questions, or can I go log this? the chitchat can go on  
Annie: i get scared, when you answer "nope"  
Jen: on my side doos you can go log  
Jen: don't get scared annie  
Trax: Ty Doos...  
Frank: Go log Doos...  
Jen: tree time maybe tonight  
Doos: ok brb