

Decagonal quasicrystals

higher dimensional description & structure determination

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The section method

Diffraction symmetry \mathcal{R}_{I} Space groups of d-QC's

Diffraction patterns of a decagonal quasicrystal

 $-1 - 2 - 2 - 10$ Q 21-1-20 2_{x} $2_y \uparrow$. $d-AI_{75.2}Ni_{14.6}Ru_{10.2}$

a = 0.2764 nm *c* = 1.6523 nm $h_1 h_2 h_3 h_4 0$ reciprocal lattice plane $\mathbf{d}_1^{*\epsilon}$ $\mathbf{d}_2^{*\epsilon}$

 \mathbf{d}_4^{*e}

 $\mathbf{d}_3^{*\epsilon}$

$h_1 h_2 h_2 h_1 h_5$

 $h_1h_2\overline{h}_2\overline{h}_1h_5$

No reflection condition

Reflection condition: $h_5 = 2n$ for $h_1 h_2 \overline{h}_2 \overline{h}_1 h_5$

 $h_1 h_2 h_3 h_4 0$

$h_1 h_2 h_2 h_1 h_5$

 $h_1h_2\overline{h}_2\overline{h}_1h_5$

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Decagonal space groups in 5D space with highest symmetries

* The order of the point group is 40.

There are 34 decagonal non-equivalent space groups.

Cf. D.A.Rabson *et al*., *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **63** (1990) 699-733.

Unit vectors in decagonal system

A flowchart representing a process for determining the unit vectors of d-QC's

Reciprocal lattice vectors **Direct lattice vectors**

 \mathbf{d}_i^* $(i = 1, 2, \ldots, 5)$ \longrightarrow \mathbf{d}_i $(i = 1, 2, \ldots, 5)$

$$
\begin{pmatrix}\n\mathbf{d}_{i} = \sum_{j=1}^{5} M_{ij} \mathbf{a}_{j} & M = \frac{2a}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix}\n\frac{c_{1} - 1}{2} & s_{1} & c_{2} - 1 & s_{2} & 0 \\
\frac{c_{2} - 1}{2} & s_{2} & c_{4} - 1 & s_{4} & 0 \\
\frac{c_{3} - 1}{2} & s_{3} & c_{1} - 1 & s_{1} & 0 \\
\frac{c_{4} - 1}{2} & s_{4} & c_{3} - 1 & s_{3} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{5}c/(2a)\n\end{pmatrix}
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$$
c_{j} = \cos(2\pi j/5), \ s_{j} = \sin(2\pi j/5)
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$$
a = 1/a^{*}, \ c = 1/c^{*}
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$$
(j = 1, 2, 3, 4)
$$

Projections of the unit vectors \mathbf{d}_i

Similarity transformation

Choice of \mathbf{d}_i^* is not unique.

- The first four vectors, \mathbf{d}_i^* $(i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$, are relevant to the quasi-periodic plane of d-QC.
- Choice of a^* is not unique.
- A similarity transformation does not change the size of the 5D unit cell, but changes the scale of the projected vectors in the external and internal spaces.

Description of d-QC structures

D-QC structure

- Periodic stacking of atom planes along the 10-fold axis.
- Each plane has a quasiperiodic atomic order.
	- A decorated Penrose tiling with atoms would give an example of such atomic plane.

Construction of the Penrose tiling

Occupation domains:

Point density

- The point density is the number of vertices per unit area (or volume) of a tiling.
- Because the density of QC's is a fundamental quantity, therefore it has to be explained by their models.
- The density calculations are based on the fact that an OD at some lattice point \boldsymbol{n} intersects the external space at a point and the set of all possible cross points covers the OD homogeneously.

Point density:
$$
\rho_{\rm pd} = \Omega^1/\Omega_0
$$

Point density of the primitive 4D decagonal lattice

Primitive 4-dimensional decagonal lattice: \mathbf{d}_i $(j = 1, 2, 3, 4)$

The unit-cell volume:
$$
\varOmega_0 = \det |M| = 4\sqrt{5}a^4
$$

Area of the unit cell in the internal space: $\Omega_0^i = 4\tau^3 \sin(\pi/5) a^2$

Point density: $\rho_0 = \Omega_0^1/\Omega_0 = \tau^3 \sin(\pi/5)/(\sqrt{5}a^2)$

Simple models of d-QC's

Feature of simple models

Simple models

- based on the Penrose tiling.
- explain diffraction intensity qualitatively.
- consider no atom shifts from ideal positions.
- can't explain density.

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Modified Al-Mn model

A.Yamamoto & K.N. Ishihara, Acta Cryst. (1988). **A44**, 707-714.

Symmetry & Space group of d-QC's in a little more details

Symmetry of d-QC's

- Symmetry reflected in diffraction patterns is that of 5D crystals.
- If a 5D crystal has a (hyper-) glide plane or (hyper-) screw axis, it cause a systematic extinction of reflections.
- Rotational symmetry Diffraction symmetry
- Non-primitive translation <>>
Reflection conditions

- In many cases, OD's are located at the special position of the space group.
- Those OD's are invariant under the sitesymmetry group, which is a subgroup of the point group of the space group.
- The site symmetry restricts the shape of the OD, since the shape has to be invariant under the site-symmetry group.

Decagonal space groups with reflection conditions

Cf. D.A.Rabson *et al*., *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **63** (1990) 699-733.

International School on Aperiodic Crystals 26 Sept. - 2 Oct. 2010, La Valérane Carqueiranne, France Matrix representation of the generators of 5D space group $P10_5/mmc$ $R(C_{10}) = \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$ (hyper-) screw ${C_{10}|0000\frac{1}{2}}$ $\overline{0}$ (hyper-) glide plane

 $\{\sigma' | 0000\frac{1}{2}\}\$

$$
R(\sigma') = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}
$$

What to Remember

A Vector in the external or internal space is transformed into a vector in the same space by a symmetry operation.

Cluster based models of d-QC's

Cluster based model of QC's

First applied to

icosahedral quasicrystals by

A.Yamamoto and K. Hiraga, 'Structure of an icosahedral Al-Mn quasicrystal' , *Physical Review* B, **37** (1988) 6207-6214.

model + structure refinement

decagonal quasicrystals by

S. E. Burkov, 'Structure model of the Al-Cu-Co decagonal quasicrystal' , *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **67** (1991) 614-617.

model, no refinement

Feature of the Burkov model

- Space group $P10_5/mmc$
- Two layered structure ~ 0.4 nm period
- Two types of atom clusters:

decagon and pentagon

- \rightarrow 2 nm 10-fold atomic cluster
- **1.2 nm cluster linkage**

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Feature of the Yamamoto 2nm model

- Space group $P10_5/mmc$
- Two layered structure ~ 0.4 nm period
- Three types of atom clusters:

decagon, pentagon, and star

- \rightarrow 2 nm 10-fold atomic cluster
- **→** 2 nm cluster linkage

Pentagonal Penrose tiling

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Construction of cluster based model

$$
\pm \mathbf{e}_i^{\text{e}} = \mp \mathbf{e}_i^{\text{i}} \pm \mathbf{d}_i \mp \sum_{l=1}^4 \mathbf{d}_l / 5
$$

$$
\begin{cases}\n\bullet \mathbf{ d}_i = \mathbf{ d}_i^e + \mathbf{ d}_i^i \\
\bullet \left\{ \begin{array}{l}\n\mathbf{ e}_i^e = \mathbf{ d}_i^e - \sum_{l=1}^4 \mathbf{ d}_l^e / 5 \\
\mathbf{ e}_i^i = \mathbf{ d}_i^i - \sum_{l=1}^4 \mathbf{ d}_l^i / 5\n\end{array}\n\right. \\
\bullet \quad \mathbf{ e}_i^e + \mathbf{ e}_i^i = \quad \mathbf{ d}_i^e + \mathbf{ d}_i^i - \sum_{l=1}^4 (\mathbf{ d}_l^e / 5 + \mathbf{ d}_l^i / 5)\n\end{cases} \\
= \quad \mathbf{ d}_i - \sum_{l=1}^4 \mathbf{ d}_l / 5
$$

$$
\begin{array}{rcl}\n\mathbf{e}_{1}^{e} & = & -\mathbf{e}_{1}^{i} + \mathbf{d}_{1} - \sum_{l=1}^{4} \mathbf{d}_{l} / 5 \\
& = & -\mathbf{e}_{1}^{i} + \frac{4}{5} \mathbf{d}_{1} - \frac{1}{5} \mathbf{d}_{2} - \frac{1}{5} \mathbf{d}_{3} - \frac{1}{5} \mathbf{d}_{4} \\
& \equiv & -\mathbf{e}_{1}^{i} - \sum_{l=1}^{4} \mathbf{d}_{l} / 5\n\end{array}
$$

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Structure-factor formula for QC's

Structure factor formula

$$
F(\mathbf{h}) = \sum_{\mu} \sum_{\{R|\mathbf{t}\}^{\mu}} f^{\mu}(\mathbf{h}^{\mathbf{e}}) p^{\mu} \exp\{-B^{\mu}(\mathbf{h}^{\mathbf{e}})^{2}/4\}
$$

$$
\times \exp\{2\pi i \mathbf{h} \cdot (R \mathbf{r}^{\mu} + \mathbf{t})\} F_{0}^{\mu} (R^{-1} \mathbf{h})
$$

 μ : Independent occupation domain

Symmetry operators of space group which generate equivalent occupation domains in a unit cell from the independent occupation domain μ

Provided that the occupation domain consists of v independent triangles (or tetrahedra), it is given by

$$
F_0^{\mu}(\mathbf{h}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \sum_{R'} F_{0i}^{\mu}(R'^{-1}\mathbf{h})
$$

 R' : Rotational part of site-symmetry operator

 $F_{0i}^{\mu}(\mathbf{h}) = -iV \frac{q_2 q_3 q_4 \exp(iq_1) + q_3 q_1 q_5 \exp(iq_2) + q_1 q_2 q_6 \exp(iq_3) + q_4 q_5 q_6}{2}$ $q_1q_2q_3q_4q_5q_6$

