

4. DIFFUSE SCATTERING AND RELATED TOPICS

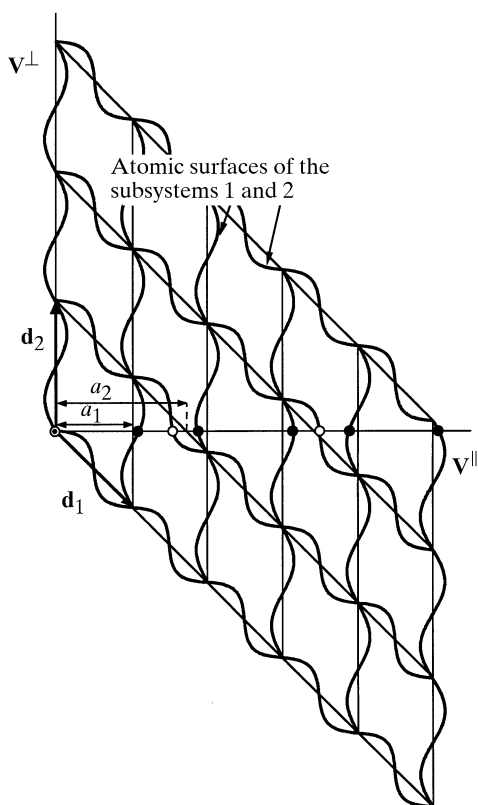


Fig. 4.6.2.5. 2D embedding of a 1D composite structure with mutual interaction of the subsystems causing modulations. Filled and empty circles represent the modulated subsystems with periods  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  of the basic subsystems, respectively. The atoms result from the parallel-space cut of the sinusoidal atomic surfaces running parallel to  $\mathbf{d}_1$  and  $\mathbf{d}_2$ .

The reciprocal-lattice points  $\mathbf{H} = h_1 \mathbf{d}_1^*$  and  $\mathbf{H} = h_2 \mathbf{d}_2^*$ ,  $h_1, h_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , on the main axes  $\mathbf{d}_1^*$  and  $\mathbf{d}_2^*$  are the main reflections of the two subsystems. All other reflections are referred to as satellite reflections. Their intensities differ from zero only in the case of modulated subsystems. Each reflection of one subsystem coincides with exactly one reflection of the other subsystem.

4.6.2.4. 1D quasiperiodic structures

The Fibonacci sequence, the best investigated example of a 1D quasiperiodic structure, can be obtained from the substitution rule  $\sigma: S \rightarrow L, L \rightarrow LS$ , replacing the letter S by L and the letter L by the

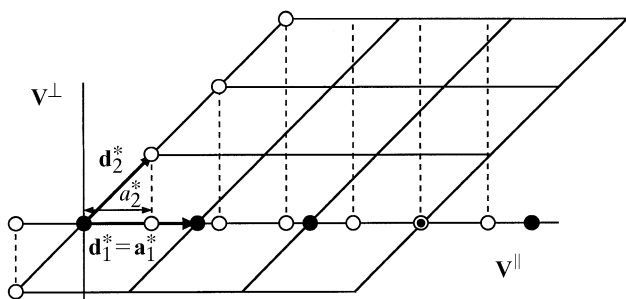


Fig. 4.6.2.6. Schematic representation of the reciprocal space of the embedded 1D composite structure depicted in Fig. 4.6.2.4. Filled and empty circles represent the reflections generated by the subsystems with periods  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ , respectively. The actual 1D diffraction pattern of the 1D CS results from a projection of the 2D reciprocal space onto the parallel space. The correspondence between 2D reciprocal-lattice positions and their projected images is indicated by dashed lines.

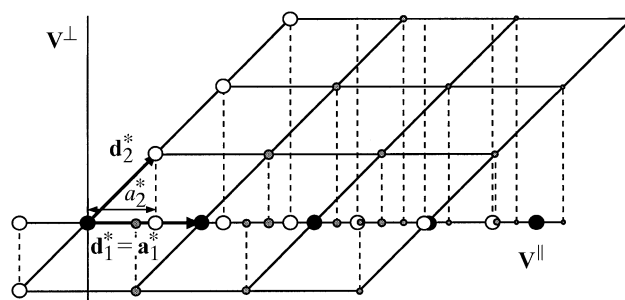


Fig. 4.6.2.7. Schematic representation of the reciprocal space of the embedded 1D composite structure depicted in Fig. 4.6.2.5. Filled and empty circles represent the main reflections of the two subsystems. The satellite reflections generated by the modulated subsystems are shown as grey circles. The diameters of the circles are roughly proportional to the intensities of the reflections. The actual 1D diffraction pattern of the 1D CS results from a projection of the 2D reciprocal space onto the parallel space. The correspondence between 2D reciprocal-lattice positions and their projected images is indicated by dashed lines.

word LS (see e.g. Luck *et al.*, 1993). Applying the substitution matrix

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

associated with  $\sigma$ , this rule can be written in the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} S \\ L \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} S \\ L \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} L \\ L + S \end{pmatrix}.$$

$S$  gives the sum of letters,  $L + S = S + L$ , and not their order. Consequently, the same substitution matrix can also be applied, for instance, to the substitution  $\sigma': S \rightarrow L, L \rightarrow SL$ . The repeated action of  $S$  on the alphabet  $A = \{S, L\}$  yields the words  $A_n = \sigma^n(S)$  and  $B_n = \sigma^n(L) = A_{n+1}$  as illustrated in Table 4.6.2.1. The frequencies of letters contained in the words  $A_n$  and  $B_n$  can be calculated by applying the  $n$ th power of the transposed substitution matrix on the unit vector. From

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{n+1}^A \\ \nu_{n+1}^B \end{pmatrix} = S^T \begin{pmatrix} \nu_n^A \\ \nu_n^B \end{pmatrix}$$

it follows that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_n^A \\ \nu_n^B \end{pmatrix} = (S^T)^n \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In the case of the Fibonacci sequence,  $\nu_n^B$  gives the total number of letters S and L, and  $\nu_n^A$  the number of letters L.

An infinite Fibonacci sequence, *i.e.* a word  $B_n$  with  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , remains invariant under inflation (deflation). Inflation (deflation) means that the number of letters L, S increases (decreases) under the action of the (inverted) substitution matrix  $S$ . Inflation and deflation represent self-similarity (scaling) symmetry operations on the infinite Fibonacci sequence. A more detailed discussion of the scaling properties of the Fibonacci chain in direct and reciprocal space will be given later.

The Fibonacci numbers  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$  form a series with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (F_{n+1}/F_n) = \tau$  {the golden mean  $\tau = [1 + (5)^{1/2}]/2 = 2 \cos(\pi/5) = 1.618 \dots$ }. The ratio of the frequencies of L and S in the Fibonacci sequence converges to  $\tau$  if the sequence goes to infinity. The continued fraction expansion of the golden mean  $\tau$ ,