

4.6. RECIPROCAL-SPACE IMAGES OF APERIODIC CRYSTALS

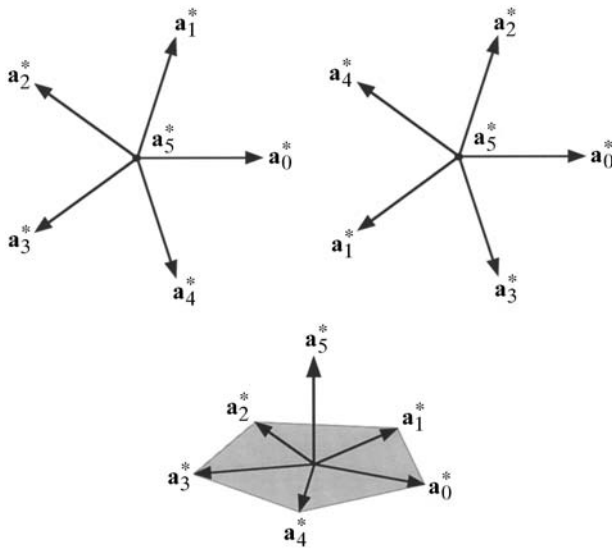


Fig. 4.6.3.12. Reciprocal basis of the decagonal phase in the 5D description projected upon \mathbf{V}^{\parallel} (above left) and \mathbf{V}^{\perp} (above right). Below, a perspective physical-space view is shown.

4.6.3.3.2. Decagonal phases

A structure quasiperiodic in two dimensions, periodic in the third dimension and with decagonal diffraction symmetry is called a decagonal phase. Its holohedral Laue symmetry group is $K = 10/mmm$. All reciprocal-space vectors $\mathbf{H} \in M^*$ can be represented on a basis (V basis) $\mathbf{a}_i^* = a_i^* (\cos 2\pi i/5, \sin 2\pi i/5, 0)$, $i = 1, \dots, 4$ and $\mathbf{a}_5^* = a_5^* (0, 0, 1)$ (Fig. 4.6.3.12) as $\mathbf{H} = \sum_{i=1}^5 h_i \mathbf{a}_i^*$. The vector components refer to a Cartesian coordinate system in physical (parallel) space. Thus, from the number of independent reciprocal-basis vectors necessary to index the Bragg reflections with integer numbers, the dimension of the embedding space has to be at least five. This can also be shown in a different way (Hermann, 1949).

The set M^* of all vectors \mathbf{H} remains invariant under the action of the symmetry operators of the point group $10/mmm$. The symmetry-adapted matrix representations for the point-group generators, the tenfold rotation $\alpha = 10$, the reflection plane $\beta = m_2$ (normal of the reflection plane along the vectors $\mathbf{a}_i^* \mathbf{a}_{i+3}^*$ with $i = 1, \dots, 4$ modulo 5) and the inversion operation $\Gamma(\gamma) = \bar{1}$ may be written in the form

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \bar{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \bar{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{1} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}_D, \quad \Gamma(\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}_D$$

$$\Gamma(\gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{1} \end{pmatrix}_D.$$

By block-diagonalization, these reducible symmetry matrices can be decomposed into non-equivalent irreducible representations. These can be assigned to the two orthogonal subspaces forming the 5D embedding space $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}^{\parallel} \oplus \mathbf{V}^{\perp}$, the 3D parallel (physical) subspace \mathbf{V}^{\parallel} and the perpendicular 2D subspace \mathbf{V}^{\perp} . Thus, using $W\Gamma W^{-1} = \Gamma_V = \Gamma_V^{\parallel} \oplus \Gamma_V^{\perp}$, we obtain

$$\Gamma_V(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\pi/5) & -\sin(\pi/5) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin(\pi/5) & \cos(\pi/5) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & \cos(3\pi/5) & -\sin(3\pi/5) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sin(3\pi/5) & \cos(3\pi/5) \end{pmatrix}_V$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma^{\parallel}(\alpha) & 0 \\ 0 & \Gamma^{\perp}(\alpha) \end{pmatrix}_V,$$

$$\Gamma_V(\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}_V, \quad \Gamma_V(\gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \bar{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{1} \end{pmatrix}_V,$$

where

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} a_1^* \cos(2\pi/5) & a_2^* \cos(4\pi/5) & a_3^* \cos(6\pi/5) & a_4^* \cos(8\pi/5) & 0 \\ a_1^* \sin(2\pi/5) & a_2^* \sin(4\pi/5) & a_3^* \sin(6\pi/5) & a_4^* \sin(8\pi/5) & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_5^* \\ a_1^* \cos(6\pi/5) & a_2^* \cos(2\pi/5) & a_3^* \cos(8\pi/5) & a_4^* \cos(4\pi/5) & 0 \\ a_1^* \sin(6\pi/5) & a_2^* \sin(2\pi/5) & a_3^* \sin(8\pi/5) & a_4^* \sin(4\pi/5) & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The column vectors of the matrix W give the parallel- (above the partition line) and perpendicular-space components (below the partition line) of a reciprocal basis in V space. Thus, W can be rewritten using the physical-space reciprocal basis defined above as

$$W = (\mathbf{d}_1^*, \mathbf{d}_2^*, \mathbf{d}_3^*, \mathbf{d}_4^*, \mathbf{d}_5^*),$$

yielding the reciprocal basis \mathbf{d}_i^* , $i = 1, \dots, 5$, in the 5D embedding space (D space):

$$\mathbf{d}_i^* = a_i^* \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi i/5) \\ \sin(2\pi i/5) \\ 0 \\ \cos(6\pi i/5) \\ \sin(6\pi i/5) \end{pmatrix}_V, \quad i = 1, \dots, 4 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{d}_5^* = a_5^* \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_V.$$

The 5×5 symmetry matrices can each be decomposed into a 3×3 matrix and a 2×2 matrix. The first one, Γ^{\parallel} , acts on the parallel-space component, the second one, Γ^{\perp} , on the perpendicular-space component. In the case of $\Gamma(\alpha)$, the coupling factor between a rotation in parallel and perpendicular space is 3. Thus, a $\pi/5$ rotation in physical space is related to a $3\pi/5$ rotation in perpendicular space (Fig. 4.6.3.12).

With the condition $\mathbf{d}_i^* \cdot \mathbf{d}_j^* = \delta_{ij}$, a basis in direct 5D space is obtained:

$$\mathbf{d}_i = \frac{2}{5a_i^*} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi i/5) - 1 \\ \sin(2\pi i/5) \\ 0 \\ \cos(6\pi i/5) - 1 \\ \sin(6\pi i/5) \end{pmatrix}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 4, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{d}_5 = \frac{1}{a_5^*} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The metric tensors G, G^* are of the type

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & C & C & C & 0 \\ C & A & C & C & 0 \\ C & C & A & C & 0 \\ C & C & C & A & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & B \end{pmatrix}$$

with $A = 2a_1^{*2}, B = a_5^{*2}, C = -(1/2)a_1^{*2}$ for the reciprocal space and $A = 4/5a_1^2, B = 1/a_5^2, C = 2/5a_1^2$ for the direct space. Thus, for the lattice parameters in reciprocal space we obtain