

MS21-1-4 Resonant ‘forbidden’ reflections in aperiodic crystals

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Abstract

Some symmetries in crystal structures are responsible for systematic extinctions of reflections (for instance, in crystals with face-centred lattice, it is well known that reflections are allowed only if h, k and l are of the same parity). Nevertheless, in the case of glide plane and screw axes symmetries, the forbidden reflections can be observed at an X-ray absorption edge of the material, thanks to the anisotropy of the tensor of scattering, which encodes the local electronic anisotropy of the resonant atoms [1,2]. Such resonant “forbidden” reflections are well known for periodic crystals.

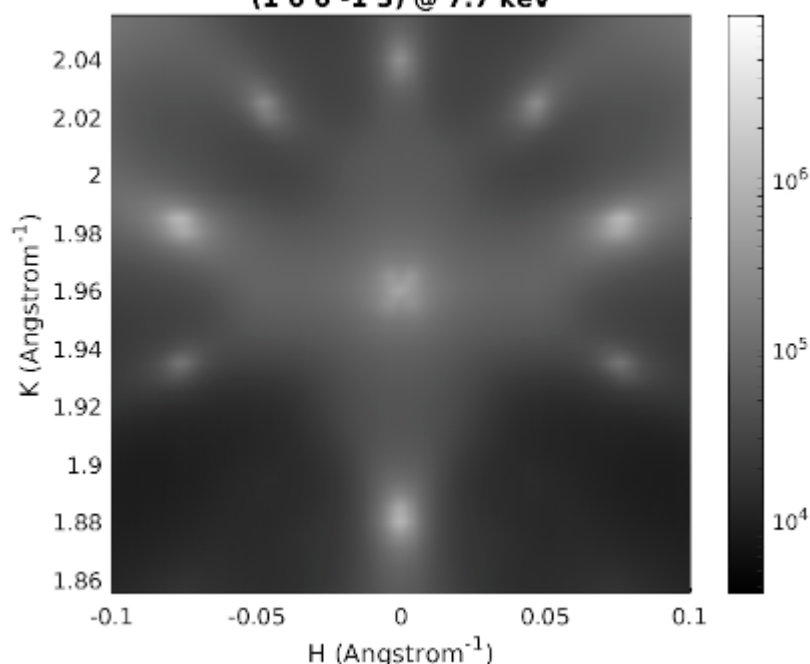
In this contribution, we present the first experimental demonstration (to our knowledge) of such reflections in aperiodic crystals. We present results on crystals from two classes of aperiodic crystals: d-AlCoNi, a decagonal quasicrystal (Figure 1), and Rb₂ZnCl₄, an incommensurately modulated crystal (Figure 2). In the former case, the forbidden reflections are mostly due to the intrinsic symmetry of the quasicrystal. In the latter case, however, the intensity of forbidden reflections can be related to atomic displacements with respect to the symmetric (commensurate) structure [3], similarly to the case of a few periodic crystals [4–9].

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(1 0 0 -1 3) forbidden reflection in Al-Co-Ni

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Spectrum of the 700 reflection of Rb₂ZnCl₄.

