

4) Diffraction and the autocorrelation

Consider an assembly of N identical structureless atoms at positions

x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N . One can model the system by the delta measure:

$$\rho = \sum_{j=1}^N \delta_{x_j} \text{ (bounded)}$$

If this assembly is irradiated by a radiation of wavelength λ from the direction Q_0 , then the intensity of radiation scattered elastically into Q is given by

$$I(q) = \left| \sum_{j=1}^N e^{-2\pi i(q, x_j)} \right|^2, \text{ with } q = \frac{Q - Q_0}{\lambda}$$

I is called "distribution of scattering power" or "diffraction intensity".

Recall

$$1) \hat{\delta}_a(\cdot) = e^{-2\pi i(a, \cdot)}$$

$$2) \hat{\hat{\rho}} = \bar{\rho}$$

$$3) \widehat{\mu * \nu} = \hat{\mu} \hat{\nu}$$

One observes: $I(q) = |\hat{\rho}|^2 = \hat{\rho} \bar{\hat{\rho}} = \hat{\rho} \hat{\tilde{\rho}} = \widehat{\rho * \tilde{\rho}}$

$\rho * \tilde{\rho}$ is known as "Patterson function" (actually a measure)

One can prove that

$$\int I(q) [\phi * \tilde{\phi}](q) dq \geq \int N [\phi * \tilde{\phi}](q) dq \quad \forall \phi \in \mathcal{K}$$

$$\because I(q) = \left(\sum_{j=1}^N e^{-2\pi i(q, x_j)} \right) \left(\sum_{l=1}^N e^{2\pi i(q, x_l)} \right) = N + \sum_{j \neq l} e^{2\pi i(q, x_0 - x_j)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int I(q) [\phi * \tilde{\phi}](q) dq = N \int [\phi * \tilde{\phi}](q) dq + \sum_{j \neq l} \int e^{2\pi i(q, x_0 - x_j)} [\phi * \tilde{\phi}](q) dq$$

$$\geq N \int [\phi * \tilde{\phi}](q) dq + 0 \quad \square$$

$I(q)$ won't converge as $N \rightarrow \infty$.

Instead, one has to consider $\frac{I}{N}$, scattering power per atom

One has that if the infinite system has a unique autocorrelation γ ,

then $\frac{I}{N} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\hat{\rho}}{\hat{\rho}(\{0\})}$ $\gamma(\{0\})$ is called "particle density"

One has $\hat{\gamma} = \hat{\gamma}_{pp} + \hat{\gamma}_{ac} + \hat{\gamma}_{sc}$

$\hat{\gamma}_{pp}$: sign of order. Note that point mass at 0 is always present.

$\hat{\gamma}_{ac}$: sign of disorder

$\hat{\gamma}_{sc}$: sign of order between quasisperiodic and randomness

Remark: I/N is continuous (a.c. measure)

Discrete and s.c. parts only appear in the limit of definite system

Ex: For a crystal, of which lattice is \mathbb{Z}^d : $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}^d$, $|\hat{\Gamma}| = 1$, $\Gamma^* = \mathbb{Z}^d$

Let ϱ be a decorator of unit cell by N atoms

(i.e. all coordinate x_j between $0 \sim 1$).

Then the crystal is modeled by

$$\mu = \varrho * \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \delta_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_\mu = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{L^d} (\mu_{C_L} * \tilde{\mu}_{C_L}) = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{L^d} ((\varrho * \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \delta_n) * (\tilde{\varrho} * \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \tilde{\delta}_n))$$

$$= \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{L^d} [(\overset{\text{rho}}{\varrho} * \tilde{\varrho}) * (\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \delta_n * \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \tilde{\delta}_n)]$$

$$\stackrel{\text{L.D.C.}}{=} (\varrho * \tilde{\varrho}) * \left(\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{L^d} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \delta_{n_{C_L}} * \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \delta_{n_{C_L}} \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{S.H.'s presentation}}{=} (\varrho * \tilde{\varrho}) * \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \delta_n$$

$$\hat{\gamma}_\mu = (\varrho * \tilde{\varrho}) \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \hat{\delta}_n$$

From Poisson summation formula

$$\hat{\delta}_{\Gamma^*} = |\hat{\Gamma}| \delta_\Gamma = 1 \cdot \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \delta_n$$

$$= |\hat{\varrho}|^2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \delta_n$$

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