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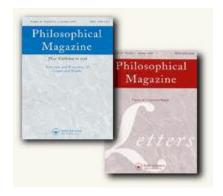
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### **Abstract**

Coloured periodic and quasiperiodic patterns with 25 colours and colour-symmetry were described for four-fold, six-fold, eight-fold, ten-fold, and twelve-fold symmetries. Eight-fold, twelve-fold and some four-fold patterns are related to coincidence site lattices (CSL). The procedures of delineation of coloured patterns with 25 colours must consider the property of a square number. Procedures for ten-fold patterns need special considerations and allow the description of superstructures.

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# 1 Introduction

Colour symmetry was known before the discovery of quasicrystals in 1982 by D. Shechtman (published in 1984) [1]. In particular, black-and-white symmetry (combined with the symmetry operation of time inversion) was used to describe spin orientations 'up' and 'down' in magnetic materials. The black-and-white symmetry groups have been listed in the literature for periodic materials. The subject was dealt with in the textbook by Shubnikov and Koptsik [2] and other remarkable papers [3-7]. Coloured periodic patterns and colour groups can also be found in the standard textbook on tilings [8]. Shechtman's discovery revived the interest in colour symmetry in the context of aperiodic structures.

'Colour' in colour symmetry stands for any property, such as level or label, nucleus or numeral, atom or adornment, and, of course, colour as well. 'Symmetry' means that a crystallographic symmetry operation on some object may be accompanied by a global permutation of colours. The object may be a tiling, a crystal, a quasicrystal, a model or something else. Therefore all colours should be equivalent, and their fractions (relative frequencies) should be equal. Colour symmetry is strongly related to chemical and magnetic superstructures and to coincidence site lattices.

The number 25 has several properties which make the decoration of patterns attractive. There are several rotational symmetries which allow a symmetric decoration with 25 colours. They are 4-, 5-, 6-, 8-, 10-, 12-, 15-, 20-, 24-, 25-, 40-, and 60-fold symmetry as described by M. Baake et al. [9-13], who derived the numbers and its multiplicities by Direclet series and Dedekind zeta-functions. 25 is a square of a prime number, which means that almost all decorations are based on the rank 2 as described by R. Lifshitz [14-19] in extensive group theoretical descriptions including those of magnetic superstructures [17-19]. The rank describes the dimensionality of the numbers indicating the colour. 25 is the square of the number 5, and thus is associated with five-fold symmetry which is essential for icosahedral and decagonal quasicrystals. Some examples of colour symmetry with rank 1 are described in the literature: 2 colours in ten-fold patterns [20], 11 colours in ten-fold patterns [21], 17 colours in eight-fold patterns [22] and 13 colours in twelve-fold patterns [23]. An example of rank 4 is described in [24] where the decoration with 16 colours of a ten-fold tiling is used to model a superstructure of decagonal AlCoNi, and an example for rank 3 with 8 colours in seven-fold patterns is discussed in [13].

This paper is organized as follows: In Section 2 I briefly review some features of four-fold and six-fold periodic patterns with 5 and 25 colours. This is followed (Section 3) by a discussion of 25 colours in eight-and twelve-fold quasiperiodic patterns. The ten-(five-)fold symmetry requires a discussion in more detail. Finally, some remarks on the decoration of various quasiperiodic four-fold grids and six-fold quasiperiodic patterns will be made. Subsets are considered in Section 4, some general comments are added (Section 5). The terms used in the present paper are defined or explained in the Appendix.

# 2 Periodic patterns

The decoration of a square lattice with 5 colours is based on a well-known example for Pythagorean Numbers [25]. The decoration is strongly related to a coincidence site lattice (CSL) with  $\Sigma$ 5. There exist two enantiomorphic decorations. The procedure can be repeated for the derived sublattices to eventually end up with 25 colours. The different combinations result in three decorations [9]. Two enantiomorphic colourings

correspond to CSL decorations of the  $\Sigma 25$  type; these two are the examples which are not based on rank 2. The third one is really based on rank 2; for instance, the first digit may count the horizontal progression (0 through 4) and the second one the vertical progression (0 through 4 as well). Decoration of vertices with 5 or 25 colours uses the operation mod 5, for 25 it is used for both digits. Only the CSL decoration of the square lattice with  $\Sigma 25$  is based on mod 25. Translation is based on adding numbers, rotation is based on multiplication of the additive number by (well-defined) numbers; in case of rank 2 (and higher) it is based on multiplication of the additive vector by matrices. However, there exists a variety of possibilities for the numbers and matrices if a special colour symmetry is considered..

Figure 1 represents simultaneously numbers 0 through 24 and the corresponding colours. The numbers form a so-called Devil's Magic Square. That means that in every 5×5 square of the tiling the sum of columns, rows and diagonals is identical; it is 60 in the present case.

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The six-fold periodic symmetry allows a single decoration with 25 colours which is not related to any CSL and which is not very different from the decoration of the square lattice.

# 3 Quasiperiodic patterns

The multiplicity for eight-fold and twelve-fold patterns is 2 for both, while the rank of decoration is 2. Vertices and tiles can be decorated as well. The decoration of tiles is based on the average of the numbers of adjacent vertices using the mod 5 operation for both digits. Both decorations, of vertices and of tiles, are related to CSL and have two enantiomorphic solutions. As in any other CSL related coloured (two-dimensional) pattern, there are no colour mirror symmetries. First empirical investigations on CSLs of quasicrystals were published in [26-28]. The CSLs were put on a systematic basis [29, 30], more publications [31-37] followed. Figure 2 is a decoration of an eight-fold quasiperiodic pattern with a decoration of 'one of twentyfive' corresponding to a CSL lattice  $\Sigma$ 25. Decoration is shown for vertices and tiles as well. The corresponding illustration for a twelve-fold quasiperiodic pattern is given in Fig. 3.

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The multiplicity for ten-fold patterns is 1. The colouring is not related to a CSL and mirror symmetries for colours do exist. Problems arise from the fact that vertices and tiles cannot be coloured simultaneously with 5 or 25 colours. It is empirically found that patterns with a single translation class can be decorated with 5 and therefore also with 25 colours at vertices. The decoration of the Penrose pentagon pattern (PPP) with 5 colours at vertices was demonstrated in 1987, published with numbers [38] and as a coloured figure afterwards [14, 15]. The sublattice of each one of the five colours forms a tiling [38-40] which is now called the Tübingen triangle tiling (TTT). As the TTT is formed by a single translation class, it can be decorated with 5 colours as well. This procedure can be performed again and again. Table 1 shows this hierarchy; the first column is dedicated to the parent tiling and its subsets of 5, 5<sup>2</sup>, 5<sup>3</sup>,...colours. Their acceptance domain in internal space is a decagon. The second and the third columns refer to tilings with different acceptance domains, these can be derived from the decagons by stellated extensions [41].

'[Insert Table 1 about here]'

There are other decagonal patterns formed by a single translation class, such as e.g. Kepler's Aa patterns [42, 23], and all patterns formed by the zero-level of ' $\Gamma = \frac{1}{2}$ ' patterns, including the so-called anti-Penrose pattern described by Kléman and Pavlovitch [43], the  $t_A$  and  $t_B$  patterns by Ingalls [44], and the 'three-level' binary tiling formed by rhombi [39].

The centres of decagons of Ingalls' t<sub>C</sub> [44] pattern form the zero-level of the anti-Penrose pattern. Therefore, its decagons can be decorated with 25 colours and with full colour symmetry (Fig. 4). Colouring of tiles in ten-fold patterns with 5 and 25 colours is not a simple procedure. The Penrose rhombus pattern is derivable from PPP; the PPP can be decorated at vertices as mentioned above. The fat rhombi are decorated by a vertex of the PPP, its colour can be taken for the decoration of the fat rhombus, the thin rhombi may be decorated according to the colour symmetry of the surroundings. Such coloured patterns with 5 colours were published in the literature [45, 23].

The centres of rhombi of the mentioned three-level tiling are at the zero-level and can therefore be decorated with 5 and 25 colours. The tiles may be coloured with the colour of the centre (see Fig. 5). The centres of all rhombi or of fat rhombi form novel tilings in the same manner as other special points of the Penrose rhombus pattern form the PPP. The novel tilings have a single translation class and are composed of different tiles including pentagons, ten-fold stars and large rhombi; the centres of the ten-fold stars form the TTT.

A third type of special points within the rhombi is determined by crossing points of Ammann bar pentagrids. Several five-colour symmetries were determined for different rhombus patterns from Ammann bar pentagrids coloured with 5 colours, but no analogous solution for 25 colours has been found.

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Four-fold ( $\tau$ -related) Fibonacci-based and ( $\sigma$ -related) Octonacci-based (see e.g. [46-48]) grids and their colourings have been discussed in the literature and at several meetings. Posters dealing with colour-symmetry patterns were presented but not published. Hence, slightly different ideas concerning the definition of colour symmetry exist. Any quasiperiodic sequence – including those with an integer scaling factor or integer ratio of two lengths – can be used to construct a grid with four-fold symmetry. Several examples were tested for the number 25 in the present work. It turned out that for all quasiperiodic patterns decorations according to CSL  $\Sigma$ 25 (with multiplicity 2) do exist. However, an 'unrotated' decoration with 25 colours as in the periodic case was only found for Fibonacci-based grids and for those with an integer ratio of lengths; this was especially found for the 'Copper Mean' with the ratio 2.

There are also six-fold quasiperiodic patterns. A six-fold Fibonacci related tiling was constructed based upon dualisation of Ammann bar tria-grids, 4 different LI (local isomorphism or local indistinguishability) classes resulted [49]. A different method based on substitution of two equilateral triangles and two enantiomorphic parallelograms was presented later [50]. In any case, the six-fold Fibonacci related patterns can be coloured with 25 colours with multiplicity 1. As in the periodic case (Section 2), no CSL related decoration exists for 25 colours. Other six-fold quasiperiodic grids and their duals decorated with 25 colours are a challenge.

# 4 Subsets with five colours

All decorations with 25 colours based upon rank 2 can be subdivided into 5 subsets of 5 colours each. In all cases there are 6 systems of formation. In the simple case of a periodic square lattice, these subsets are rows, columns, 2 diagonals and two enantiomorphic sets related to a CSL with  $\Sigma$ 5. This is based on the fact that the field of  $5\times5$  numbers can be separated by the additive vectors into 5 sets of 5 numbers each. Single sets are formed by the additive vectors (0,1); (1,0); (1,1); (1,4); (1,2); and (2,1). All other pairs of numbers will result in one of these sets due to the mod 5 argument.

The correlation of these sets with with coloured patterns was checked. A similar result as for periodic patters was found for all quasiperiodic four-fold lattices which are not related to  $\Sigma 25$ . In case of six-fold periodic and Fibonacci related patterns these are 3+3 lines in different orientations. For ten-fold patterns based on a single translation class 5 lines according to symmetry and one superstructure [38] are found. Only lines and no superstructures were found for eight-fold, twelve-fold and  $\Sigma 25$  related four-fold patterns.

# 5 Concluding remarks

The present synopsis summarizes some key points for coloured periodic and quasiperiodic tilings in Euclidean 2D geometry. There is no general problem to extend colour symmetry to higher dimensions; visualisation may be more difficult. Extension to spherical geometry is almost trivial, whereas extension to hyperbolic geometry opens a new field. Some colour symmetries are known from M. Escher's coloured wood engravings 'Circle limit I – IV'; in recent papers [51, 52] special hyperbolic tilings and its colourings are discussed. A symmetric decoration with 25 colours in hyperbolic space should be possible.

In all cases, superstructures of one or more colours are related to chemically or magnetically ordered (quasi-) crystals. Sublattices formed by colour symmetry bear the opportunity to build up novel tilings.

The problems described for 25 (and 5) colours are similar for 49 (and 7) colours in eight-, twelve- and fourteen-(seven-)fold patterns. Features of 9 colours in eight-fold patterns are similar to those of 25 colours in eight-fold patterns; however, the problem of 9 colours in twelve-fold patterns is similar to that of 25 (5) colours in ten-fold patterns. Vertices can be decorated with 9 colours provided there is a single translation class.

The permutation of colours caused by a symmetry operation is assigned to so-called orbits [51]. Colours permute cyclically or do not change within an orbit. A twelve-fold rotation separates 25 colours into 3 orbits, one orbit with a single colour and two orbits with 12 colours each. In case of eight-fold rotation, 25 colours are distributed on 4 orbits, one with a single colour and three with 8 colours. The separation at a ten-fold centre is more complex, there are five orbits, one with a single colour, two with 2 colours and two with 10 colours. If there is no orbit with a single colour, the rotation centre can not be coloured, this was found for five-fold centres and 25 colours; there are five orbits with 5 colours each. The distribution of 25 colours on the orbits and the sequence of colours within an orbit follows the rules of forming subsets (Section 4) and depends on the rotation centre.

A question concerning the relation of colouring and projection may arise. In order to investigate this issue, the coloured vertices should be lifted to superspace. Lifting is not a simple process; results are often not

unique; it depends on the number of dimensions of the selected superspace. Even for a well-defined superspace different lattices can result. The colouring of vertices is generally connected with a formation of superlattices in superspace. In most cases the symmetry of superlattices is reduced with respect to the symmetry of the superspace lattice. However, the symmetry along the projection direction survives. For instance., each one of five colours may form a separated level in superspace. Colouring Ammann bar pentagrids is based on the projection of a coloured square lattice with five colours of the  $\Sigma 5$  type.

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# **Appendix**

In the following a glossary of a few used terms is listed.

Coincidence site lattice (CSL) [26-37]. The common lattice points of two lattices of the same type after a rigid rotation about a common lattice point. The fraction of common points of periodic lattices is given by  $1/\Sigma$ .  $\Sigma 5$  indicates that 1/5 of lattice points coincide. The  $\Sigma$  index is used to characterize coincidence grain boundaries. In case of quasiperiodic lattices, the fraction of common points is additionally influenced by the common area of the two acceptance domains in internal space. Several colour symmetries are characterized by a relationship to CSL, the fraction of each colour is  $1/\Sigma$ . The CSL related colourings occur as enantiomophic pairs and do not have a colour mirror symmetry, whereas the non-CSL type colourings have.

Colour Group [15, 51]. A symmetry group of an uncoloured pattern is subdivided into several subgroups: (i) operations leaving all colours unchanged; (ii) operations permuting systematically at least some colours depending on the involved orbits; (iii) operations not being symmetry operations of the coloured pattern, these can be mirror operations as found for several CLS type colourings.

*Colour Symmetry Operation* [15, 51]. A symmetry operation which permutes systematically at least some colours, some others may be unchanged.

*Enantiomorphic Pairs*. If the mirror symmetry of the uncoloured crystal is broken by colouring (c.f. CSL), the pattern appears in right-handed and left-handed versions.

Multiplicity [9]. Number of different coloured versions of a pattern for a fixed number of colours.

PPP. Penrose pentagon pattern [8, 38].

*Orbits of Colours* [51]. Orbits are formed by symmetry operations and the number of different orbits is determined by the number of colours. Colours permute cyclically or do not change within a single orbit.

Pythagorean Numbers [25]. A set of natural numbers which fulfil the condition  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \dots = d^2$ , depending on the number of dimensions.

*Rank*. According to R. Lifshitz [15] it is the smallest number of permutations that can generate the colour permution group. For the present purpose, it is used for the dimensionality of the numbers indicating the colour [13, 24].

Sigma Index  $\Sigma$  [25-37].  $1/\Sigma$  indicates the fraction (or relative frequency) of common lattice points of a CSL.  $\Sigma$ =5 is usually written as  $\Sigma$ 5.

Single Translation Class. The acceptance domain occupies only a single level in internal space.

Sublattice, Superstructure. A subset of lattice points (vertices) forms a novel lattice different from the parent lattice. All sublattices of a parent lattice form a superstructure. A single colour of a coloured lattice forms a sublattice.

TTT. Tübingen triangle tiling [38-49].

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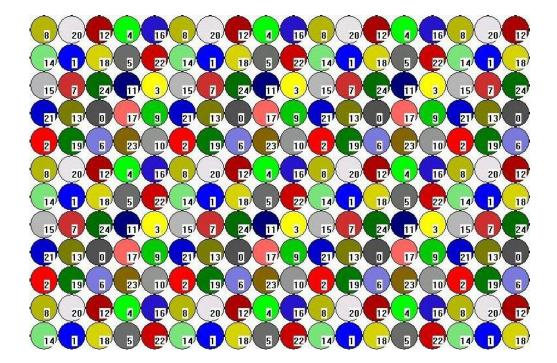
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- Fig. 3 Twelve-fold quasiperiodic pattern with a colour decoration 'one of twentyfive' to a CLS with  $\Sigma 25$ .
- Fig. 4 Ingalls' ten-fold t<sub>C</sub> pattern [44] decorated at decagons with 25 colours.
- Fig. 5 A ten-fold quasiperiodic 'three-level-tiling' decorated with 25 colours.

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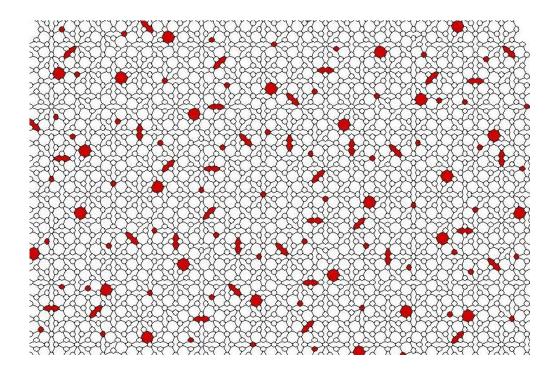
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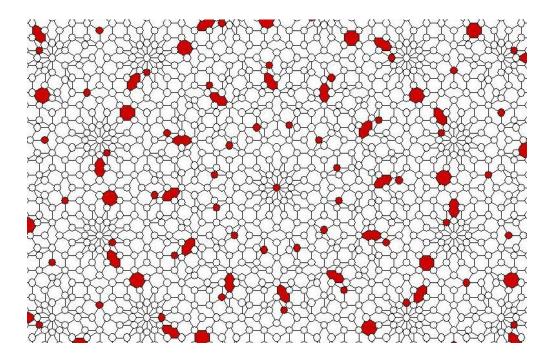
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25-colour sublattice of PPP	1st stellation of 25 c.s. PPP	2nd stellation of 25 c.s. PPP
= 5-colour sublattice of TTT		
125-colour sublattice of PPP	1st stellation of 25c.s. TTT	2nd stellation of 25 c.s. TTT
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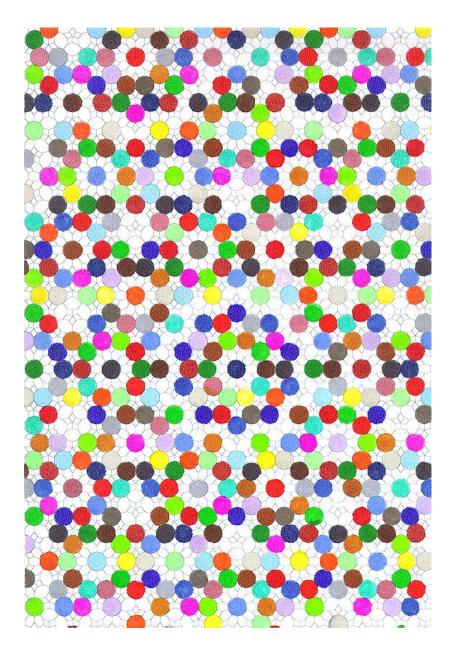
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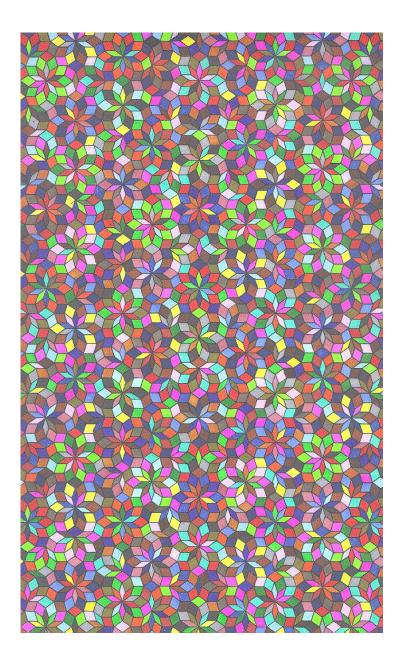
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# 1 Introduction

\_Colour symmetry was known before the discovery of quasicrystals in 1982 by D. Shechtman (published in 1984) [1]. In particular, black-and-white symmetry (combined with the symmetry operation of time inversion) was used to describe spin orientations 'up' and 'down' in magnetic materials. The black-and-white symmetry groups have been listed in the literature for periodic materials. The subject was dealt within the textbook by Shubnikov and Koptsik [2] and other remarkable papers [3-7]. Coloured periodic patterns and colour groups can also be found in the standard textbook on tilings [8]. Shechtman's discovery revived the interest in colour symmetry in the context of aperiodic structures.

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\_\_'Colour' in colour symmetry stands for any property, such as level or label, nucleus or numeral, atom or adornment, and, of course, colour as well. 'Symmetry' means that a crystallographic symmetry operation on some object may be accompanied by a global permutation of colours. The object may be a tiling, a crystal, a quasicrystal, a model or something else. Therefore all colours should be equivalent, and their fractions (relative frequencies) should be equal. Colour symmetry is strongly related to chemical and magnetic superstructures and to coincidence site lattices.

\_\_The number 25 has several properties which make the decoration of patterns attractive. There are several rotational symmetries which allow a symmetric decoration with 25 colours. They are 4-, 5-, 6-, 8-, 10-, 12-, 15-, 20-, 24-, 25-, 40-, and 60-fold symmetry as described by M. Baake et al. [9-13], who derived the numbers and its multiplicities by Direclet series and Dedekind zeta-functions. 25 is a square of a prime number, which means that almost all decorations are based on the rank 2 as described by R. Lifshitz [14-19] in extensive group theoretical descriptions including those of magnetic superstructures [17-19]. The rank describes the dimensionality of the numbers indicating the colour. 25 is the square of the number 5, and thus is associated with five-fold symmetry which is essential for icosahedral and decagonal quasicrystals. Some examples of colour symmetry with rank 1 are described in the literature: 2 colours in ten-fold patterns [20], 11 colours in ten-fold patterns [21], 17 colours in eight-fold patterns [22] and 13 colours in twelve-fold patterns [23]. An example of rank 4 is described in [24] where the decoration with 16 colours of a ten-fold tiling is used to model a superstructure of decagonal AlCoNi, and an example for rank 3 with 8 colours in seven-fold patterns is discussed in [13].

This paper is organized as follows: In Section 2 I briefly review some features of four-fold and six-fold periodic patterns with 5 and 25 colours. This is followed (Section 3) by a discussion of 25 colours in eight-and twelve-fold quasiperiodic patterns. The ten-(five-)fold symmetry requires a discussion in more detail. Finally, some remarks on the decoration of various quasiperiodic four-fold grids and six-fold quasiperiodic patterns will be made. Subsets are considered in Section 4, some general comments are added (Section 5). The terms used in the present paper are defined or explained in the Appendix.

# 2 Periodic patterns

\_The decoration of a square lattice with 5 colours is based on a well-known example for Pythagorean Numbers [25]. The decoration is strongly related to a coincidence site lattice (CSL) with  $\Sigma$ 5. There exist two enantiomorphic decorations. The procedure can be repeated for the derived sublattices to eventually end up with 25 colours. The different combinations result in three decorations [9]. Two enantiomorphic colourings

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correspond to CSL decorations of the  $\Sigma 25$  type; these two are the examples which are not based on rank 2. The third one is really based on rank 2; for instance, the first digit may count the horizontal progression (0 through 4) and the second one the vertical progression (0 through 4 as well). Decoration of vertices with 5 or 25 colours uses the operation mod 5, for 25 it is used for both digits. Only the CSL decoration of the square lattice with  $\Sigma 25$  is based on mod 25. Translation is based on adding numbers, rotation is based on multiplication of the additive number by (well-defined) numbers; in case of rank 2 (and higher) it is based on multiplication of the additive vector by matrices. However, there exists a variety of possibilities for the numbers and matrices if a special colour symmetry is considered.

\_Figure 1 represents simultaneously numbers 0 through 24 and the corresponding colours. The numbers form a so-called Devil's Magic Square. That means that in every 5×5 square of the tiling the sum of columns, rows and diagonals is identical; it is 60 in the present case.

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\_The six-fold periodic symmetry allows a single decoration with 25 colours which is not related to any CSL and which is not very different from the decoration of the square lattice.

# 3 Quasiperiodic patterns

\_\_The multiplicity for eight-fold and twelve-fold patterns is 2 for both, while the rank of decoration is 2. Vertices and tiles can be decorated as well. \_\_The decoration of tiles is based on the average of the numbers of adjacent vertices using the mod 5 operation for both digits. Both decorations, of vertices and of tiles, are related to CSL and have two enantiomorphic solutions.\_ As in any other CSL related coloured (two-dimensional) pattern, there are no colour mirror symmetries.\_ First empirical investigations on CSLs of quasicrystals were published in [26-28].\_ The CSLs were put on a systematic basis [29, 30], more publications [31-37] followed. \_Figure 2 is a decoration of an eight-fold quasiperiodic pattern with a decoration of \_'one of twentyfive' corresponding to a CSL lattice Σ25. Decoration is shown for vertices and tiles as well. \_The corresponding illustration for a twelve-fold quasiperiodic pattern is given in Fig. 3.

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\_\_The multiplicity for ten-fold patterns is 1.\_ The colouring is not related to a CSL and mirror symmetries for colours do exist.\_ Problems arise from the fact that vertices and tiles cannot be coloured simultaneously with 5 or 25 colours.\_ It is empirically found that patterns with a single translation class can be decorated with 5 and therefore also with 25 colours at vertices.\_ The decoration of the Penrose pentagon pattern (PPP) with 5 colours at vertices was demonstrated in 1987, published with numbers [38] and as a coloured figure afterwards [14, 15].\_ The sublattice of each one of the five colours forms a tiling [38-40] which is now called the Tübingen triangle tiling (TTT).\_ As the TTT is formed by a single translation class, it can be decorated with 5 colours as well.\_ This procedure can be performed again and again.\_ Table 1 shows this hierarchy; the first column is dedicated to the parent tiling and its subsets of 5, 5², 5³,...colours.\_ Their acceptance domain in internal space is a decagon.\_ The second and the third columns refer to tilings with different acceptance domains, these can be derived from the decagons by stellated extensions [41].

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\_There are other decagonal patterns formed by a single translation class, such as e.g. Kepler's Aa patterns [42, 23], and all patterns formed by the zero-level of ' $\Gamma = \frac{1}{2}$ ' patterns, including the so-called anti-Penrose pattern described by Kléman and Pavlovitch [43], the  $t_A$  and  $t_B$  patterns by Ingalls [44], and the 'three-level' binary tiling formed by rhombi [39].

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\_\_The centres of decagons of Ingalls' t<sub>C</sub> [44] pattern form the zero-level of the anti-Penrose pattern. Therefore, its decagons can be decorated with 25 colours and with full colour symmetry (Fig. 4). Colouring of tiles in ten-fold patterns with 5 and 25 colours is not a simple procedure. The Penrose rhombus pattern is derivable from PPP; the PPP can be decorated at vertices as mentioned above. The fat rhombi are decorated by a vertex of the PPP, its colour can be taken for the decoration of the fat rhombus, the thin rhombi may be decorated according to the colour symmetry of the surroundings. Such coloured patterns with 5 colours were published in the literature [45, 23].

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\_\_The centres of rhombi of the mentioned three-level tiling are at the zero-level and can therefore be decorated with 5 and 25 colours. The tiles may be coloured with the colour of the centre (see Fig. 5). The centres of all rhombi or of fat rhombi form novel tilings in the same manner as other special points of the Penrose rhombus pattern form the PPP. The novel tilings have a single translation class and are composed of different tiles including pentagons, ten-fold stars and large rhombi; the centres of the ten-fold stars form the TTT.

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\_A third type of special points within the rhombi is determined by crossing points of Ammann bar pentagrids. Several five-colour symmetries were determined for different rhombus patterns from Ammann bar pentagrids coloured with 5 colours, but no analogous solution for 25 colours has been found.

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\_Four-fold (r-related) Fibonacci-based and (r-related) Octonacci-based (see e.g. [46-48]) grids and their colourings have been discussed in the literature and at several meetings. Posters dealing with colour-symmetry patterns were presented but not published. Hence, slightly different ideas concerning the definition of colour symmetry exist. Any quasiperiodic sequence – including those with an integer scaling factor or integer ratio of two lengths – can be used to construct a grid with four-fold symmetry. Several examples were tested for the number 25 in the present work. It turned out that for all quasiperiodic patterns decorations according to CSL Σ25 (with multiplicity 2) do exist. However, an 'unrotated' decoration with 25 colours as in the periodic case was only found for Fibonacci-based grids and for those with an integer ratio of lengths; this was especially found for the 'Copper Mean' with the ratio 2.

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\_There are also six-fold quasiperiodic patterns.\_ A six-fold Fibonacci related tiling was constructed based upon dualisation of Ammann bar tria-grids, 4 different LI (local isomorphism or local indistinguishability) classes resulted [49].\_ A different method based on substitution of two equilateral triangles and two enantiomorphic parallelograms was presented later [50].\_ In any case, the six-fold Fibonacci related patterns can be coloured with 25 colours with multiplicity 1.\_As in the periodic case (Section 2), no CSL related decoration exists for 25 colours.\_ Other six-fold quasiperiodic grids and their duals decorated with 25 colours are a challenge.

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# 4 Subsets with five colours

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\_All decorations with 25 colours based upon rank 2 can be subdivided into 5 <u>subsets</u> of 5 colours each. In all cases there are 6 systems of formation. In the simple case of <u>a</u> periodic square lattice, these subsets are rows, columns, 2 diagonals and two enantiomorphic sets related to a CSL with  $\Sigma$ 5. This is based on the fact that the field of 5×5 numbers can be separated by the additive vectors into 5 sets of 5 numbers each. Single sets are formed by the additive vectors (0,1); (1,0); (1,1); (1,4); (1,2); and (2,1). All other pairs of numbers will result in one of these sets due to the mod 5 argument.

The correlation of these sets with with coloured patterns was checked. A similar result as for periodic patters was found for all quasiperiodic four-fold lattices which are not related to  $\Sigma$ 25. In case of six-fold periodic and Fibonacci related patterns these are 3 + 3 lines in different orientations. For ten-fold patterns based on a single translation class 5 lines according to symmetry and one superstructure [38] are found. Only lines and no superstructures were found for eight-fold, twelve-fold and  $\Sigma$ 25 related four-fold patterns.

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### 5 Concluding remarks

- \_The present synopsis summarizes some key points for coloured periodic and quasiperiodic tilings in Euclidean 2D geometry. There is no general problem to extend colour symmetry to higher dimensions; visualisation may be more difficult. Extension to spherical geometry is almost trivial, whereas extension to hyperbolic geometry opens a new field. Some colour symmetries are known from M. Escher's coloured wood engravings 'Circle limit I IV'; in recent papers [51, 52] special hyperbolic tilings and its colourings are discussed. A symmetric decoration with 25 colours in hyperbolic space should be possible.

  In all cases, superstructures of one or more colours are related to chemically or magnetically ordered (quasi-) crystals. Sublattices formed by colour symmetry bear the opportunity to build up novel tilings.
- \_The problems described for 25 (and 5) colours are similar for 49 (and 7) colours in eight-, twelve- and fourteen-(seven-)fold patterns. Features of 9 colours in eight-fold patterns are similar to those of 25 colours in eight-fold patterns; however, the problem of 9 colours in twelve-fold patterns is similar to that of 25 (5) colours in ten-fold patterns. \_Vertices can be decorated with 9 colours provided there is a single translation class.
- \_\_The permutation of colours caused by a symmetry operation is assigned to so-called orbits [51].\_ Colours permute cyclically or do not change within an orbit.\_ A twelve-fold rotation separates 25 colours into 3 orbits, one orbit with a single colour and two orbits with 12 colours each.\_ In case of eight-fold rotation, 25 colours are distributed on 4 orbits, one with a single colour and three with 8 colours.\_ The separation at a ten-fold centre is more complex, there are five orbits, one with a single colour, two with 2 colours and two with 10 colours.\_ If there is no orbit with a single colour, the rotation centre can not be coloured, this was found for five-fold centres and 25 colours; there are five orbits with 5 colours each.\_ The distribution of 25 colours on the orbits and the sequence of colours within an orbit follows the rules of forming subsets (Section 4) and depends on the rotation centre.

A question concerning the relation of colouring and projection may arise. In order to investigate this issue, the coloured vertices should be lifted to superspace. Lifting is not a simple process; results are often not

unique; it depends on the number of dimensions of the selected superspace. Even for a well-defined superspace different lattices can result. The colouring of vertices is generally connected with a formation of superlattices in superspace. In most cases the symmetry of superlattices is reduced with respect to the symmetry of the superspace lattice. However, the symmetry along the projection direction survives. For instance, each one of five colours may form a separated level in superspace. Colouring Ammann bar pentagrids is based on the projection of a coloured square lattice with five colours of the  $\Sigma 5$  type.

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# **Appendix**

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Coincidence site lattice (CSL) [26-37]. The common lattice points of two lattices of the same type after a rigid rotation about a common lattice point. The fraction of common points of periodic lattices is given by  $1/\Sigma$ .  $\Sigma 5$  indicates that 1/5 of lattice points coincide. The  $\Sigma$  index is used to characterize coincidence grain boundaries. In case of quasiperiodic lattices, the fraction of common points is additionally influenced by the common area of the two acceptance domains in internal space. Several colour symmetries are characterized by a relationship to CSL, the fraction of each colour is  $1/\Sigma$ . The CSL related colourings occur as enantiomophic pairs and do not have a colour mirror symmetry, whereas the non-CSL type colourings have.

Colour Group [15, 51]. A symmetry group of an uncoloured pattern is subdivided into several subgroups:

(i) operations leaving all colours unchanged; (ii) operations permuting systematically at least some colours depending on the involved orbits; (iii) operations not being symmetry operations of the coloured pattern, these can be mirror operations as found for several CLS type colourings.

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Enantiomorphic Pairs. If the mirror symmetry of the uncoloured crystal is broken by colouring (c.f. CSL), the pattern appears in right-handed and left-handed versions.

Multiplicity [9]. Number of different coloured versions of a pattern for a fixed number of colours.

*PPP.* Penrose pentagon pattern [8, 38].

*Orbits of Colours* [51]. Orbits are formed by symmetry operations and the number of different orbits is determined by the number of colours. Colours permute cyclically or do not change within a single orbit.

Pythagorean Numbers [25]. A set of natural numbers which fulfil the condition  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \dots = d^2$ , depending on the number of dimensions.

*Rank*. \_According to R. Lifshitz [15] it is the smallest number of permutations that can generate the colour permution group. \_For the present purpose, it is used for the dimensionality of the numbers indicating the colour [13, 24].

Sigma Index  $\Sigma$  [25-37].  $1/\Sigma$  indicates the fraction (or relative frequency) of common lattice points of a CSL.  $\Sigma$ =5 is usually written as  $\Sigma$ 5.

Single Translation Class. The acceptance domain occupies only a single level in internal space.

Sublattice, Superstructure. A subset of lattice points (vertices) forms a novel lattice different from the parent lattice. All sublattices of a parent lattice form a superstructure. A single colour of a coloured lattice forms a sublattice.

TTT. Tübingen triangle tiling [38-49].

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### Figure Captions

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Fig. 5 A ten-fold quasiperiodic 'three-level-tiling' decorated with 25 colours.

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Table 1. Hierarchy of ten-fold tilings with a single translation class and its subsets of 5, 5<sup>2</sup>, 5<sup>3</sup>,...colours. The second and third columns are designated to tilings of stellated extensions of acceptance domains. The dotted lines at the top and at the bottom indicate that the table can be extended in both directions to an infinitely large number of classes which have, however, a decreasing significance.

# Table 1. Hierarchy of 5<sup>n</sup> colour sublattices

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Penrose Pentagon Pattern (PPP)	1st stellation of PPP	2nd stellation of PPP
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undetermined pattern.		
TTT, 5-colour sublattice of PPP	1st stellation of TTT	2nd stellation of TTT
25-colour sublattice of PPP	1st stellation of 25 c.s. PPP	2nd stellation of 25 c.s. PPP
= 5-colour sublattice of TTT		
125-colour sublattice of PPP	1st stellation of 25c.s. TTT	2nd stellation of 25 c.s. TTT
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Table 1. Hierarchy of ten-fold tilings with a single translation class and its subsets of  $5, 5^2, 5^3,...$ colours. The second and third columns are designated to tiling of stellated extension of acceptance domains. The dotted lines at the top and at the bottom indicate that the table can be extended in both directions to an infinitely large number of classes which have, however, a decreasing significance.

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