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**A new approach to phason disorder for a decagonal quasicrystal:  
the moment series expansion of the tiling distribution function for  
AlCuRh**

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### Appendix A

Here we submit the list of the refined parameters. Table S1 contains parameters for the structure refined without the general Debye-Waller factor. Table S2 contains information about the structure parameters with the general Debye-Waller factor. Coordinates  $x$  and  $y$  are given in a rhombus-spanning base, what means real-structure  $\mathbf{r}$  coordinate vector in 2D plane is obtained as follows:  $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{d}_2 + y\mathbf{d}_3$ , where  $\mathbf{d}_2$  and  $\mathbf{d}_3$  are vectors spanning the rhombic tile ( $\mathbf{d}_2$  and  $\mathbf{d}_4$  for thin rhombus). The 'z' coordinate is given in Å. The letter 'L' stands for a thick rhomb and the letter 'S' stands for a thin rhombus. SOF defines site of fraction: 1 means the position is fully occupied, 0 means there is no atom there. The column labeled „Fraction” gives the ratio of atom inside a rhombus depending on its position in a rhombus f. i. atom on the edge is only in half inside a rhombus. Variables  $d_{xy}$ ,  $d_{zz}$  define components of atomic displacement parameters. Table S3 contains refined values of the moments and the shift vector.

**Table S1.** The list of refined parameters without the general Debye-Waller factor. The model of the expansion of the distribution function into series with moments was used only.

No.	Rhomb	x	y	z	Al	Cu	Rh	SOF	$d_{xy}$	$d_{zz}$	Fraction
1	L	0	0	1.08176	0	0	1	1	1.962338	3.320625	0.2
2	L	0.23079	0.22949	2.33003	0	0	1	0.715503	1.023047	1.834955	1
3	L	0.31644	0.31613	1.11511	1	0	0	1	0.686323	0.924195	1
4	L	0.53334	0.53263	1.0695	0	0	1	1	0.593798	0.245706	1
5	L	0.76579	0.76364	1.24532	1	0	0	1	6.393461	4.896138	1
6	L	0.85131	0.85203	1.0695	0	0	1	1	1.570548	0.602379	1
7	L	0.1506	-0.00162	1.24532	1	0	0	1	6.89039	4.397178	1
8	L	0.45834	-0.00008	1.0695	1	0	0	1	0.36323	0.173149	0.5
9	L	0.86032	0	1.14941	0	1	0	1	0.950083	0.798045	0.5
10	L	1	0	2.31168	0	1	0	0.727526	1.551222	0.79255	0.3
11	L	1	0.37897	1.08665	0	0	1	1	0.240539	0.201887	0.5
12	L	1.00001	0.85079	1.08082	1	0	0	1	0.130773	1.352856	0.5
13	L	0.27307	0.06222	1.0695	0	1	0	0.5	1.975568	1.445056	1
14	L	0.37887	0.14687	1.0695	0	0	1	1	0.523905	1.076681	1
15	L	0.52379	0.14939	1.0695	1	0	0	1	0.460367	0.248695	1
16	L	0.70879	0.08511	1.22812	1	0	0	1	0.154357	1.661275	1
17	L	0.61639	0.24171	1.0695	0	0	1	1	0.562472	1.076089	1
18	L	0.77712	0.22557	1.12214	1	0	0	1	0.029688	0.101955	1
19	L	0.62133	0.38263	1.32062	1	0	0	1	5.468231	1.855598	1
20	L	0.91676	0.13472	1.0695	0	1	0	1	0.473769	1.421129	1
21	L	0.9104	0.28498	1.1051	1	0	0	1	0.782978	2.384478	1
22	L	0.85233	0.47636	1.18412	1	0	0	1	0.283633	1.420402	1
23	L	0.7556	0.62346	1.0695	0	1	0	1	0.25472	1.64595	1
24	L	0.14989	0.15	2.95038	1	0	0	1	0.119373	2.100859	1
25	L	0.38165	0.38251	3.16927	0	0	1	1	0.262706	0.236688	1
26	L	0.47217	0.47442	3.04386	1	0	0	1	0.156699	1.806543	1
27	L	0.68077	0.67825	3.15658	1	0	0	1	1.476138	0.955337	1
28	L	0.91759	0.91794	3.13195	0	1	0	1	0.88616	1.461657	1
29	L	1	1	1.94595	0	1	0	0.727526	0.251843	0.993838	0.2
30	L	0.23671	0	3.18986	0	0	1	1	0.128845	0.780386	0.5
31	L	0.6208	0	2.59388	1	0	0	1	0.128715	3.244373	0.5

32	L	0.76044	0	3.19262	0	1	0	1	0.712842	1.057451	0.5
33	L	1	0.16316	3.13859	1	0	0	1	0.295849	0.598875	0.5
34	L	1	0.47243	2.97355	1	0	0	0.5	0.803567	4.371369	1
35	L	1	0.52702	1.27265	1	0	0	0.5	0.803527	4.371386	1
36	L	1	0.62212	3.15379	0	0	1	1	0.481152	1.356349	0.5
37	L	0.34182	0.08236	3.12743	1	0	0	1	1.166503	1.140321	1
38	L	0.4866	0.08909	3.20850	0	1	0	1	0.164988	0.929828	1
39	L	0.39493	0.22859	3.16718	1	0	0	1	0.093377	0.57855	1
40	L	0.62975	0.13601	3.20850	1	0	0	1	0.117395	0.19916	1
41	L	0.52699	0.28911	2.94759	1	0	0	1	3.540974	3.440886	1
42	L	0.85098	0.08966	3.18848	1	0	0	1	3.133096	1.52894	1
43	L	0.8469	0.2344	3.20850	0	0	1	1	0.309744	0.780133	1
44	L	0.6244	0.46744	3.19304	1	0	0	0.401	3.197127	2.341559	1
45	L	0.77561	0.38254	2.98843	1	0	0	1	0.149002	5.697984	1
46	L	0.93874	0.34443	3.19550	0	1	0	0.5	1.889442	0.935681	1
47	L	0.77008	0.51763	3.18733	0	0	1	1	0.43795	1.152377	1
48	L	0.85393	0.61687	3.07537	1	0	0	1	0.099213	4.428776	1
49	L	0.90441	0.7693	3.12954	1	0	0	1	1.398477	2.445681	1
50	L	0.89546	0.67721	1.0695	1	0	0	1	0.047868	0.14797	1
51	L	0.05694	0.05691	3.17273	1	0	0	0.4	0.743171	2.061805	1
52	L	0.4377	0.42162	1.25634	1	0	0	0.5	4.074812	0.497662	1
53	L	0.67878	0.53313	1.12725	1	0	0	1	2.170396	1.420691	1
54	L	0.68309	0.28712	3.20850	1	0	0	1	0.777904	0.548571	1
55	L	0.23406	0.23294	1.43507	0	0	1	0.284497	0.232886	0.673614	1
56	L	1	0	1.44081	0	1	0	0.21	0.704908	0.7216	0.3
57	L	1	1	2.80664	0	1	0	0.21	1.143743	1.641185	0.2
1	S	0	0	1.08033	0	0	1	1	2.301184	3.703445	0.4
2	S	0.23934	0.23859	1.38464	1	0	0	1	2.074125	2.019286	1
3	S	0.75581	0.75753	1.10212	1	0	0	1	2.068138	1.404507	1
4	S	0	0.15019	1.17113	1	0	0	1	0.216201	0.986457	0.5
5	S	0.0015	0.46889	1.25406	1	0	0	1	0.792806	3.068661	1
6	S	0	0.86019	1.11868	0	1	0	1	0.466248	1.361471	0.5
7	S	-0.00001	0.99967	2.08582	0	1	0	0.727526	0.310816	2.405977	0.1
8	S	0.38058	0.99875	1.11084	0	0	1	1	2.852561	0.911862	0.5
9	S	0.52823	0.99974	1.27176	1	0	0	0.5	1.526587	4.340512	1
10	S	0.83696	0.99946	1.15351	1	0	0	1	0.378469	0.693835	0.5
11	S	0.16872	0.39912	1.0695	0	1	0	1	1.610797	0.565633	1
12	S	0.24514	0.61355	1.126	0	0	1	1	0.145906	0.297515	1
13	S	0.37734	0.47284	1.0695	1	0	0	1	0.957998	0.268036	1
14	S	0.13889	0.84788	1.25729	1	0	0	1	0.202989	0.543117	1
15	S	0.24005	0.76346	1.09056	1	0	0	1	0.340542	0.94394	1
16	S	0.37963	0.61853	2.32280	0	0	1	1	0.498515	0.736411	1
17	S	0.51438	0.84515	1.0695	0	1	0	1	2.098595	0.302425	1
18	S	0.61823	0.77241	1.0695	0	0	1	1	0.63721	0.305768	1
19	S	0.40002	0.40055	3.11278	0	1	0	1	0.874773	0.224884	1
20	S	0.99986	1.00017	1.95488	0	1	0	0.727526	1.967803	1.410172	0.4
21	S	0	0.23782	3.11695	0	0	1	1	0.2804	0.447393	0.5
22	S	-0.00001	0.62222	3.02897	1	0	0	1	0.68737	3.389485	0.5

23	S	0	0.76027	3.19218	0	1	0	1	0.851687	1.114681	0.5
24	S	0.14916	0.9999	3.17807	1	0	0	1	0.219851	1.506929	0.5
25	S	0.46987	0.99769	2.96778	1	0	0	0.5	0.222311	3.119826	1
26	S	0.6196	0.99919	3.17206	0	0	1	1	0.460044	0.513857	0.5
27	S	0.15126	0.48116	3.18107	1	0	0	1	0.03809	0.618578	1
28	S	0.23722	0.38274	3.10807	1	0	0	1	1.665278	3.479037	1
29	S	0.12486	0.59985	3.20850	0	1	0	1	0.100429	0.704334	1
30	S	0.24029	0.86589	3.20850	1	0	0	0.5	0.418107	0.164773	1
31	S	0.3753	0.76109	3.16621	1	0	0	1	1.905218	0.388858	1
32	S	0.53015	0.62845	3.07912	1	0	0	1	0.065106	1.241759	1
33	S	0.62659	0.85681	3.04614	1	0	0	1	4.40071	1.471342	1
34	S	0.77576	0.86038	3.19667	0	1	0	1	0.538974	1.651472	1
35	S	0.09738	0.14509	3.17968	1	0	0	0.4	1.954451	1.379616	1
36	S	-0.00001	1.00007	1.48033	0	1	0	0.21	1.569291	1.911193	0.1
37	S	1	0.99971	2.77161	0	1	0	0.21	1.188144	1.752723	0.4
38	S	0.39393	0.64175	2.17896	0	1	0	0.037493	2.519809	1.837286	1

**Table S2.** The list of refined parameters, where the general Debye-Waller factor was used together with the model of the expansion of the distribution function into series with moments.

No.	Rhomb	x	y	z	Al	Cu	Rh	SOF	$d_{xy}$	$d_z$	Fraction
1	L	0.00000	0.00000	1.08177	0	0	1	1	1.962555	3.320889	0.2
2	L	0.23072	0.22962	2.33293	0	0	1	0.715503	1.022432	1.834487	1
3	L	0.31695	0.31700	1.11375	1	0	0	1	0.685871	0.923583	1
4	L	0.53284	0.53234	1.06950	0	0	1	1	0.593412	0.245402	1
5	L	0.76500	0.76434	1.24425	1	0	0	1	6.393952	4.896339	1
6	L	0.85185	0.85192	1.06950	0	0	1	1	1.570487	0.602274	1
7	L	0.15000	-0.00162	1.20070	1	0	0	1	6.890803	4.397266	1
8	L	0.45853	-0.00008	1.06950	1	0	0	1	0.362759	0.172744	0.5
9	L	0.86033	0.00000	1.15472	0	1	0	1	0.950021	0.797865	0.5
10	L	1.00000	0.00000	2.31330	0	1	0	0.727526	1.550725	0.792013	0.3
11	L	1.00000	0.37757	1.08982	0	0	1	1	0.240449	0.201773	0.5
12	L	1.00001	0.85062	1.08040	1	0	0	1	0.130573	1.352399	0.5
13	L	0.27244	0.06221	1.06950	0	1	0	0.5	1.975054	1.444674	1
14	L	0.37907	0.14696	1.06950	0	0	1	1	0.523759	1.076766	1
15	L	0.52344	0.14996	1.06950	1	0	0	1	0.459761	0.248331	1
16	L	0.71002	0.08519	1.22725	1	0	0	1	0.153926	1.66094	1
17	L	0.61751	0.24151	1.06950	0	0	1	1	0.562051	1.076258	1
18	L	0.77728	0.22675	1.12141	1	0	0	1	0.029324	0.101394	1
19	L	0.62163	0.38247	1.31687	1	0	0	1	5.46856	1.855246	1
20	L	0.91694	0.13456	1.06950	0	1	0	1	0.473582	1.420956	1
21	L	0.91055	0.28473	1.10466	1	0	0	1	0.782528	2.384263	1
22	L	0.85227	0.47563	1.18122	1	0	0	1	0.283281	1.419878	1
23	L	0.75445	0.62350	1.06950	0	1	0	1	0.254415	1.64572	1
24	L	0.15021	0.14998	2.95342	1	0	0	1	0.119	2.100564	1
25	L	0.38135	0.38146	3.16200	0	0	1	1	0.26272	0.236617	1
26	L	0.47251	0.47459	3.04559	1	0	0	1	0.156351	sty.62	1
27	L	0.68037	0.67935	3.15704	1	0	0	1	1.475795	0.954846	1

28	L	0.91790	0.91823	3.13133	0	1	0	1	0.885958	1.461404	1
29	L	1.00000	1.00000	1.94560	0	1	0	0.727526	0.251383	0.993351	0.2
30	L	0.23762	0.00000	3.19087	0	0	1	1	0.128639	0.779647	0.5
31	L	0.62074	0.00000	2.59534	1	0	0	1	0.128151	3.244416	0.5
32	L	0.76054	0.00000	3.19213	0	1	0	1	0.712662	1.057467	0.5
33	L	1.00000	0.16291	3.13973	1	0	0	1	0.295324	0.59833	0.5
34	L	1.00000	0.47211	2.97508	1	0	0	0.5	0.802943	4.371469	1
35	L	1.00000	0.52438	1.27098	1	0	0	0.5	0.802951	4.371475	1
36	L	1.00000	0.61892	3.15110	0	0	1	1	0.480911	1.356511	0.5
37	L	0.34261	0.08240	3.12811	1	0	0	1	1.166048	1.139845	1
38	L	0.48685	0.08883	3.20850	0	1	0	1	0.164686	0.929916	1
39	L	0.39477	0.22879	3.16833	1	0	0	1	0.093106	0.577958	1
40	L	0.63028	0.13557	3.20850	1	0	0	1	0.117177	0.198719	1
41	L	0.52683	0.28992	2.95012	1	0	0	1	3.540852	3.440819	1
42	L	0.85074	0.08953	3.18891	1	0	0	1	3.1329	1.528567	1
43	L	0.84612	0.23450	3.20850	0	0	1	1	0.309457	0.780321	1
44	L	0.62414	0.46761	3.19341	1	0	0	0.401	3.197151	lut.14	1
45	L	0.77491	0.38308	2.99038	1	0	0	1	0.148618	5.698335	1
46	L	0.93871	0.34433	3.19607	0	1	0	0.5	1.889184	0.935101	1
47	L	0.77042	0.51807	3.18814	0	0	1	1	0.437405	1.151756	1
48	L	0.85407	0.61713	3.07764	1	0	0	1	0.098842	4.428781	1
49	L	0.90503	0.76950	3.13010	1	0	0	1	1.398154	2.445489	1
50	L	0.89601	0.67700	1.06950	1	0	0	1	0.047766	0.147751	1
51	L	0.05675	0.05674	3.17321	1	0	0	0.4	0.742652	2.061534	1
52	L	0.44065	0.41980	1.26099	1	0	0	0.5	4.075067	0.497225	1
53	L	0.67918	0.53267	1.12703	1	0	0	1	2.170258	1.420313	1
54	L	0.68287	0.28423	3.20850	1	0	0	1	0.777569	0.548037	1
55	L	0.23372	0.23289	1.43054	0	0	1	0.284497	0.232499	0.673068	1
56	L	1.00000	0.00000	1.43880	0	1	0	0.21	0.704381	0.721129	0.3
57	L	1.00000	1.00000	2.80738	0	1	0	0.21	1.143282	1.640866	0.2
1	S	0.00000	0.00000	1.08031	0	0	1	1	2.301513	3.703781	0.4
2	S	0.23925	0.23855	1.38403	1	0	0	1	2.073891	2.019027	1
3	S	0.75620	0.75740	1.10181	1	0	0	1	2.067833	1.404118	1
4	S	0.00000	0.14998	1.17081	1	0	0	1	0.215857	0.985983	0.5
5	S	0.00150	0.46866	1.25434	1	0	0	1	0.792284	3.068599	1
6	S	0.00000	0.85965	1.12014	0	1	0	1	0.465923	1.361343	0.5
7	S	-0.00001	1.00003	2.08624	0	1	0	0.727526	0.310357	2.405791	0.1
8	S	0.38095	0.99874	1.11187	0	0	1	1	2.85269	0.911561	0.5
9	S	0.52788	0.99974	1.27072	1	0	0	0.5	1.52613	4.340621	1
10	S	0.83714	0.99945	1.15250	1	0	0	1	0.377943	0.693301	0.5
11	S	0.16938	0.39959	1.06950	0	1	0	1	1.61076	0.565344	1
12	S	0.24639	0.61400	1.12865	0	0	1	1	0.145697	0.297179	1
13	S	0.37525	0.47270	1.06950	1	0	0	1	0.957674	0.267666	1
14	S	0.13846	0.84780	1.25638	1	0	0	1	0.202592	0.542638	1
15	S	0.24045	0.76370	1.08979	1	0	0	1	0.340047	0.943332	1
16	S	0.37993	0.61825	2.32755	0	0	1	1	0.497784	0.735565	1
17	S	0.51593	0.84622	1.06950	0	1	0	1	2.097927	0.302069	1
18	S	0.61695	0.77207	1.06950	0	0	1	1	0.637137	0.305625	1

19	S	0.39997	0.40034	3.11362	0	1	0	1	0.874313	0.224432	1
20	S	1.00004	1.00010	1.95436	0	1	0	0.727526	1.967485	1.409761	0.4
21	S	0.00000	0.23778	3.11991	0	0	1	1	0.280021	0.4468	0.5
22	S	-0.00001	0.62207	3.03007	1	0	0	1	0.686859	3.389429	0.5
23	S	0.00000	0.76025	3.19206	0	1	0	1	0.85137	1.114516	0.5
24	S	0.14909	0.99991	3.17856	1	0	0	1	0.219308	1.506535	0.5
25	S	0.46947	0.99767	2.96861	1	0	0	0.5	0.221843	3.119749	1
26	S	0.62234	0.99920	3.16936	0	0	1	1	0.459932	0.513729	0.5
27	S	0.15135	0.48088	3.18135	1	0	0	1	0.037684	0.618106	1
28	S	0.23678	0.38273	3.10932	1	0	0	1	1.664907	3.478933	1
29	S	0.12441	0.60006	3.20850	0	1	0	1	0.100131	0.704089	1
30	S	0.24259	0.86545	3.20850	1	0	0	0.5	0.41761	0.164239	1
31	S	0.37331	0.76107	3.16720	1	0	0	1	1.905001	0.388341	1
32	S	0.52892	0.62756	3.07932	1	0	0	1	0.064662	1.241349	1
33	S	0.62712	0.85710	3.04728	1	0	0	1	4.400885	1.470944	1
34	S	0.77589	0.86085	3.19657	0	1	0	1	0.538721	1.65162	1
35	S	0.09723	0.14471	3.18011	1	0	0	0.4	1.954109	1.37921	1
36	S	-0.00001	1.00002	1.47986	0	1	0	0.21	1.56893	1.910925	0.1
37	S	1.00006	1.00000	2.77228	0	1	0	0.21	1.187694	1.752425	0.4
38	S	0.39384	0.64167	2.17918	0	1	0	0.037493	2.519645	1.836991	1

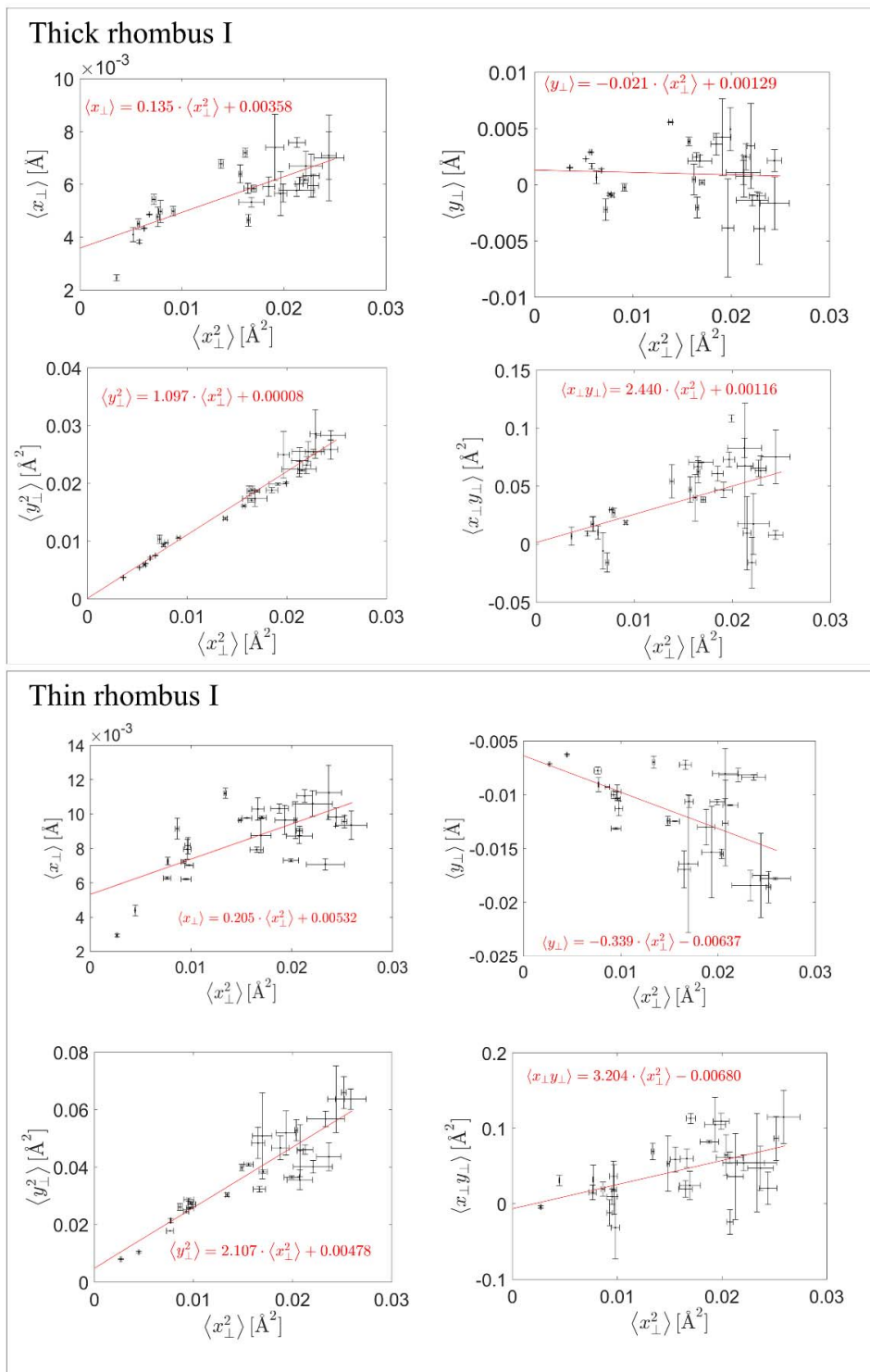
**Table S3.** The refined values of the moments and shift vector. The first type refers to the rhombus from the first pentagon from the atomic surface and second type from the second pentagon.

Case	Rhombus	$r_x$ [Å]	$r_y$ [Å]	$\langle x_{\perp}^2 \rangle$ [Å <sup>2</sup> ]	$\langle y_{\perp}^2 \rangle$ [Å <sup>2</sup> ]	$\langle x_{\perp} y_{\perp} \rangle$ [Å <sup>2</sup> ]
Without the general	Thick 1	0.001398	-0.01405	0.010989	0.01099	0.001745
	Thick 2	-0.02888	-0.04047	0.010972	0.010984	-0.00163
Debye-Waller factor	Thin 1	0.010109	0.041965	0.010984	0.010911	0.000948
	Thin 2	-0.01741	0.130769	0.01042	0.008896	0.001286
With the general	Thick 1	-0.03136	-0.00679	0.010963	0.006022	0.001657
	Thick 2	-0.04808	-0.02118	0.003645	0.008555	-0.00162
Debye-Waller factor	Thin 1	-0.00872	0.03479	0.007526	0.008818	0.000587
	Thin 2	-0.03273	0.107235	0.006592	0.001156	0.000966

## Appendix B

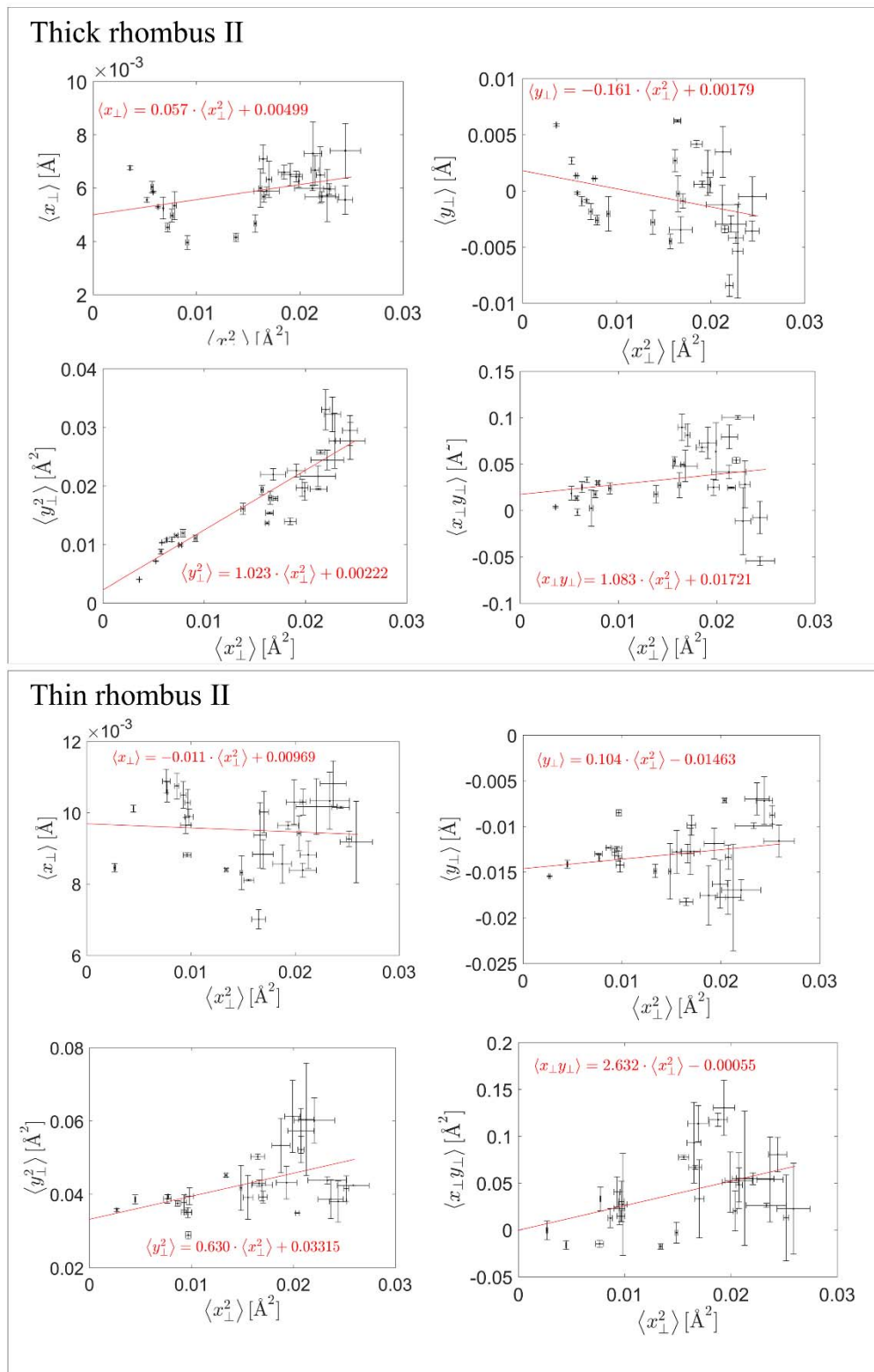
Assuming both local phason flips are equally probable (for both classes of rhombuses within the same type) and the probability of flip is constant independently on the orientation or the time we investigated the correlation between the distribution moments for thin and thick rhombus. Correlations can be used to reduce the number of refinable parameters in the model of the quasicrystal based on the 2<sup>nd</sup> moment approximation. For obtaining the relations the PT set was generated up to 60 unit cells in each direction of the 5D lattice and projected onto the atomic surface. It was subjected to consecutive

phason flips following the above mentioned suppositions. The uncertainty comes from calculating moments and standard deviation for subsets of phason flipped PT limited to 50, 44 40 and 36 unit cells. All the moments are related to the second moment  $\langle x_{\perp}^2 \rangle$  of the rhombus's distribution. In the end, the relation between the second moment for the thin and thick rhombus was given. The relations are plotted in the Fig. S1, S2 and S3. All the relations are approximated by the linear function. Moments  $\langle x_{\perp} \rangle$  and  $\langle y_{\perp} \rangle$  give the coordinates of the center of distribution. From the perspective of our approach these moments define the displacement vector  $\mathbf{r}^{a,c}_d$  in formula (6).

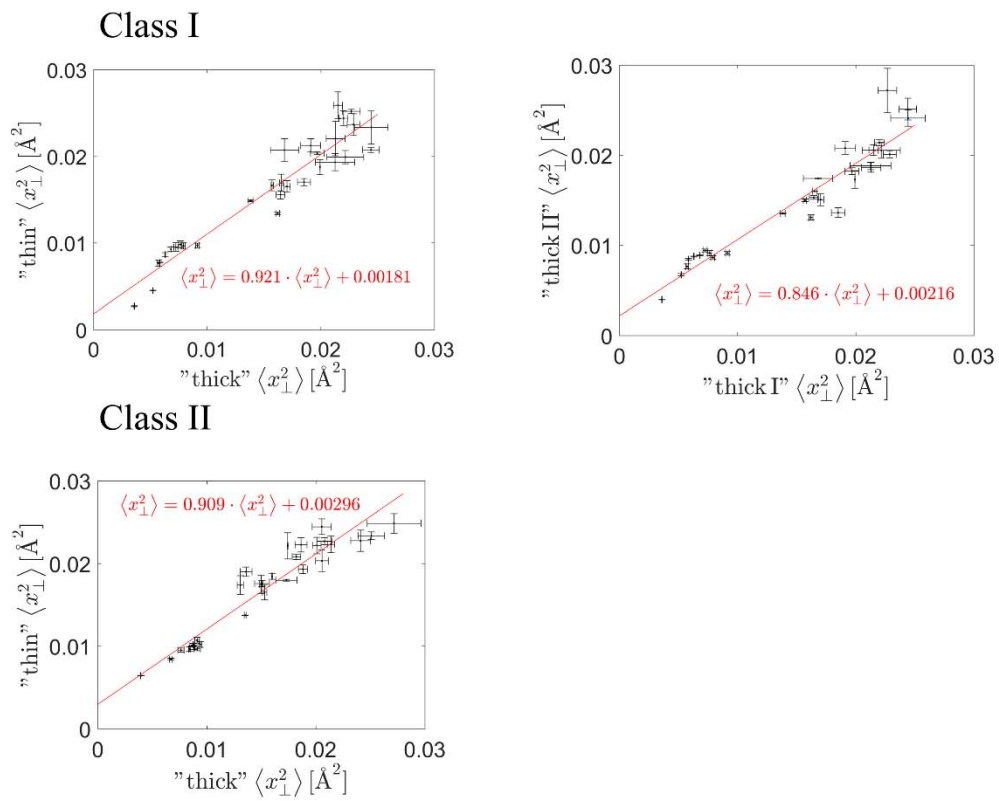


**Fig. S1.** Relations between moments of the rhombuses distributions. The number “I” refers to rhombuses from the first pentagon (class I - see chapter 1).





**Fig. S2.** Relations between moments of the rhombuses distributions. The number “II” refers to rhombuses from the second pentagon (class II - see chapter 1).



**Fig. S3.** Relations between the second moments of the distributions. Second moment of the thin rhombus is related to the second moment of the thick rhombus. Afterwards, the second moment of the thick rhombus class II is related to the second moment of the rhombus class I.