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18 shifts were allocated for the determination of the 5-fold and 2-fold surfaces structure of an AlPdMn quasicrystal single-grain. In order to assure the experiments two series of 5-fold surface samples were prepared. In despite to that, the first series was not adapted for the xray surface diffraction due to the apparition of diffuse scattering intensity by annealing the sample at high temperature (above 600C). The presence of this diffusion intensity made almost impossible to distinguish and analysis properly the surface signal. The second series of sample did not present diffuse intensity. However, an incorrect reading of the Cr-Al thermocouple caused the quasicrystal melting during its annealing at a temperature reading of 250C below to the sample melting point. This accident occurred during the annealing previous to starting with the data acquisition and after testing the presence of good surface signal in this sample. The cause of the accident is unknown. "Anomalous scattering study of the oxide scales formed at high temperature on lanthanum-coated stainless steel". M.J. Capitan, S. Lefebvre, A. Traverse, A. Paul and J.A. Odriozola, Acta materialia, sent.

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