# Problems in analysis of timeresolved SAXS/WAXS data

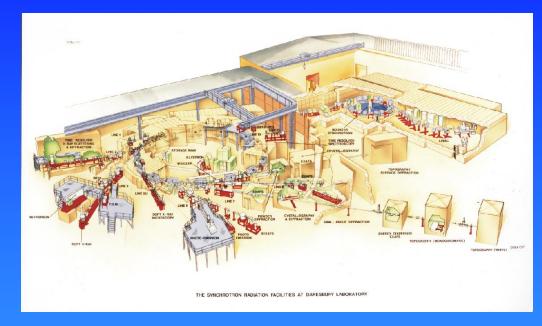
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# The SRS in Daresbury (U.K.)



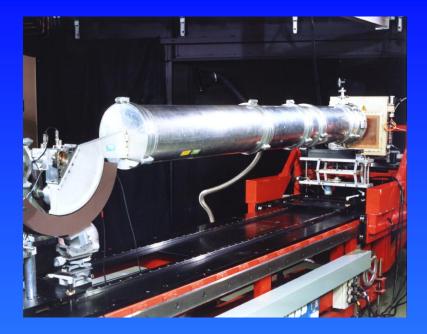
2 GeV machine

Think fondly about it as the older sister of Diamond

A rather weak machine.....

Nothing like the photon hammers we have nowadays.....





#### 8.2, the 'weakest' of the bunch

#### 3 SAXS stations

#### In order of appearance: 2.1, 8.2 and 16.1 (and much later 6.2)







But, it produced time-resolved SAXS/WAXS data even in single bunch mode .....

Good data.....

1 - 10 second time-resolution..... in single bunch0.1 - 1 second in multibunch



#### Ωιμ, τηατσ ουτραγεουσ!

Oops, Piggy has been on a holiday to the Greek Isles

#### Wim, that's outrageous!



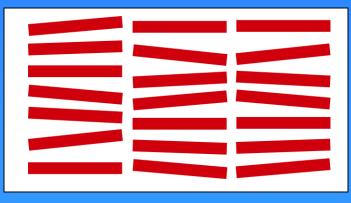
But I do agree with our opinionated porker

- But how do you (and me) get into such a mess?
- Are we just plain lazy?
- Did we go to Daresbury just for the good restaurant?
- Or do we lack the tools that we would like to have?



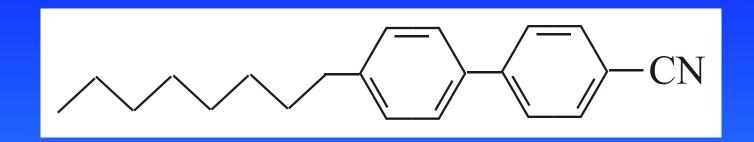
# Smectic liquid crystals

- Candidates for fast switching LCD displays since only director movements required and no need of flipping of layers over 90°
- Reorientation mechanism under influence of changing fields not known
- Practical and theoretical interest





# 8CB model system

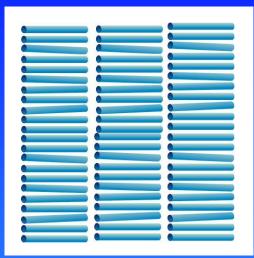


Crystal  $-21.5 \,^{\circ}\text{C} \longrightarrow \text{smectic A} - 33.5 \,^{\circ}\text{C} \longrightarrow$ 

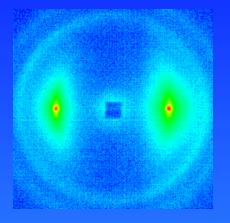
 $\rightarrow$  nematic -40.5 °C  $\rightarrow$  isotropic



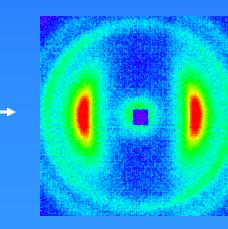
#### smectic



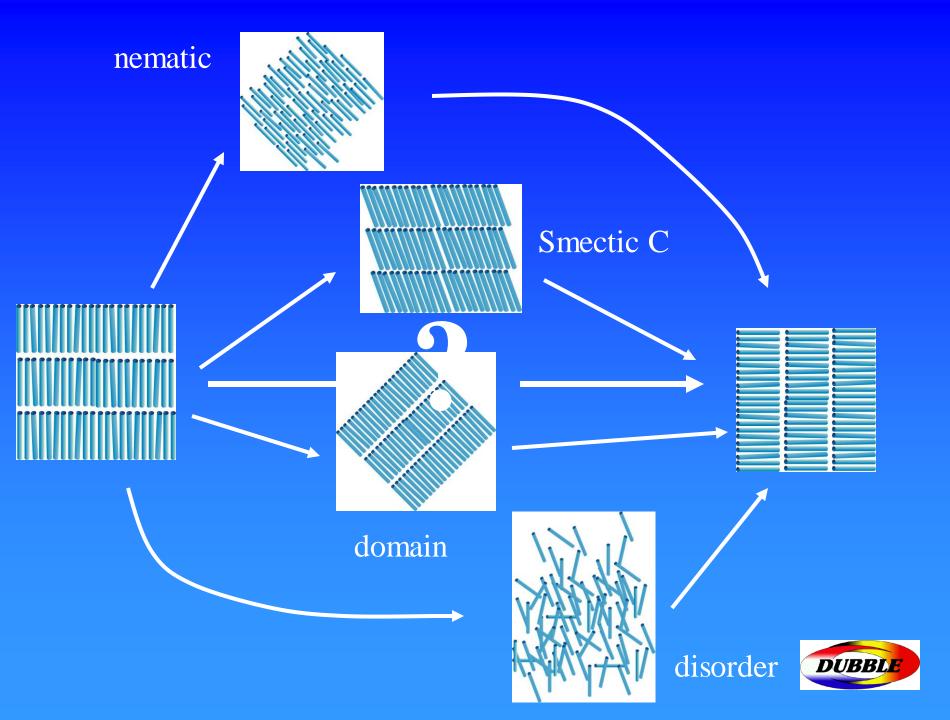
#### Fourier transform of electron density



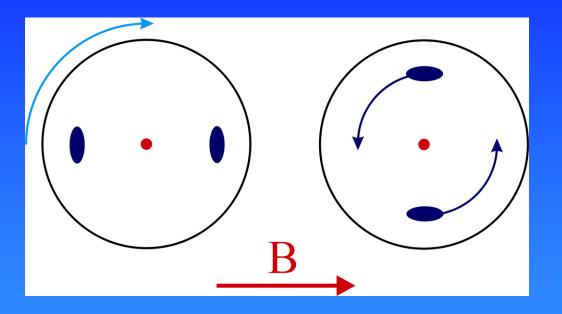
#### nematic





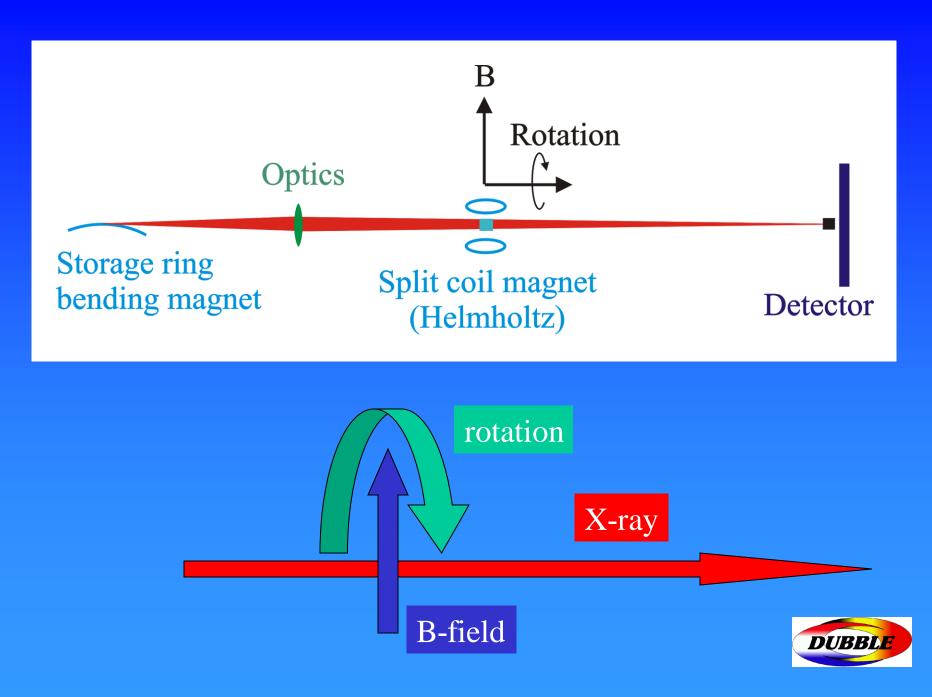


# The experiment

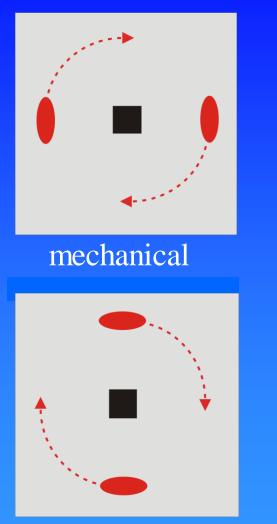


<u>Mechanically</u> rotate the sample around the X-ray beam Watch it rotate back under the influence of the <u>constant</u> B-field



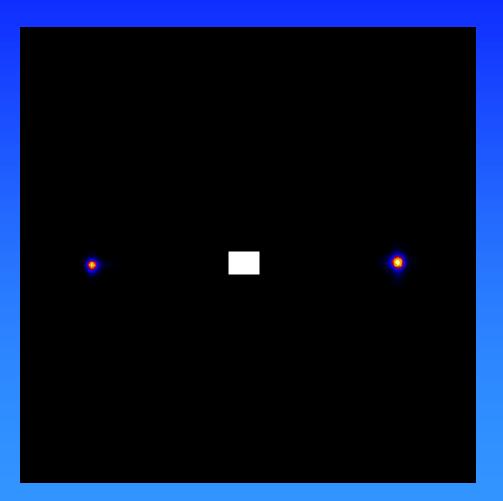


#### Jump (70 msec)







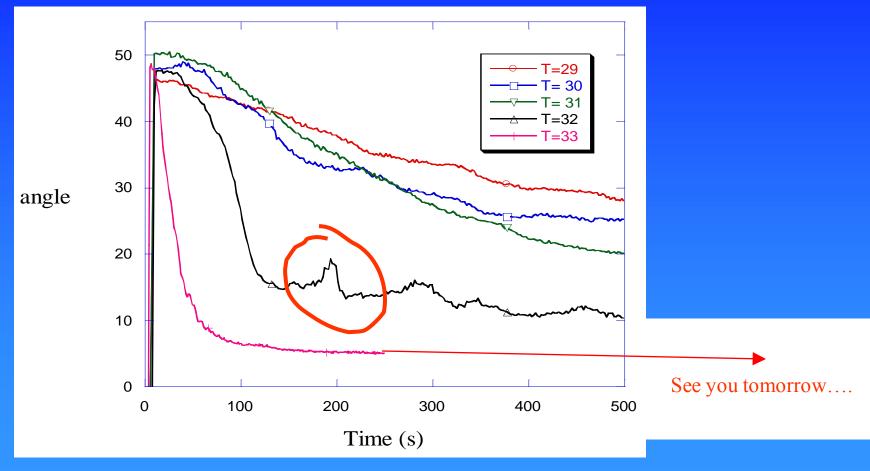


Under influence field (2 sec/frame)

Jump 45° T = 30 ° C



# Angular position as function of time





This is fairly simple to do integrate over sectors fit peak plot as function of frame calculate angular velocity write paper

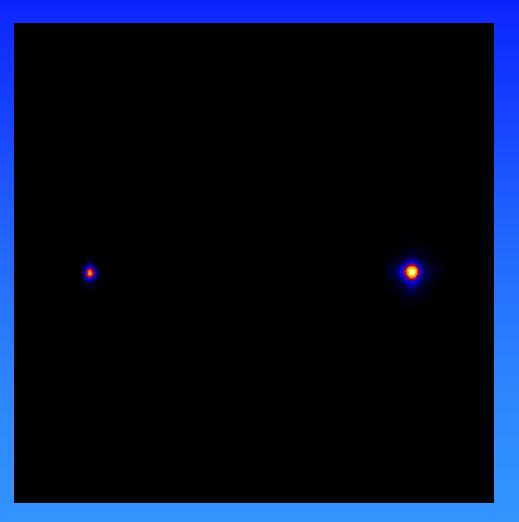
But.....



Jump (70 msec) Rotate back (2 sec/frame)



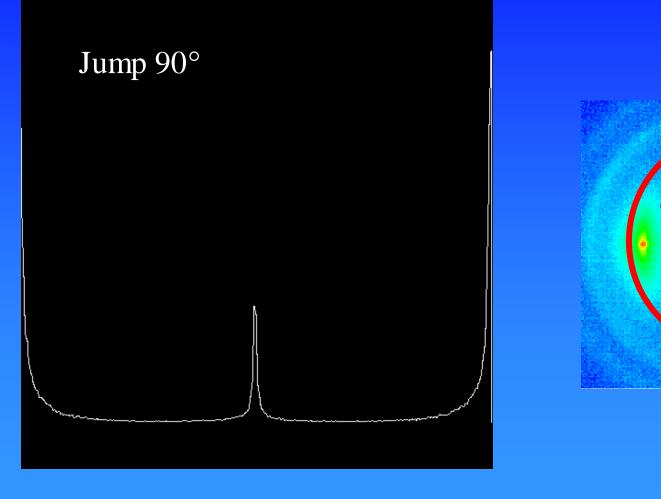




#### Jump 66.6° T = $30 \circ C$



# Intensity distribution $I(q = c, \theta)$





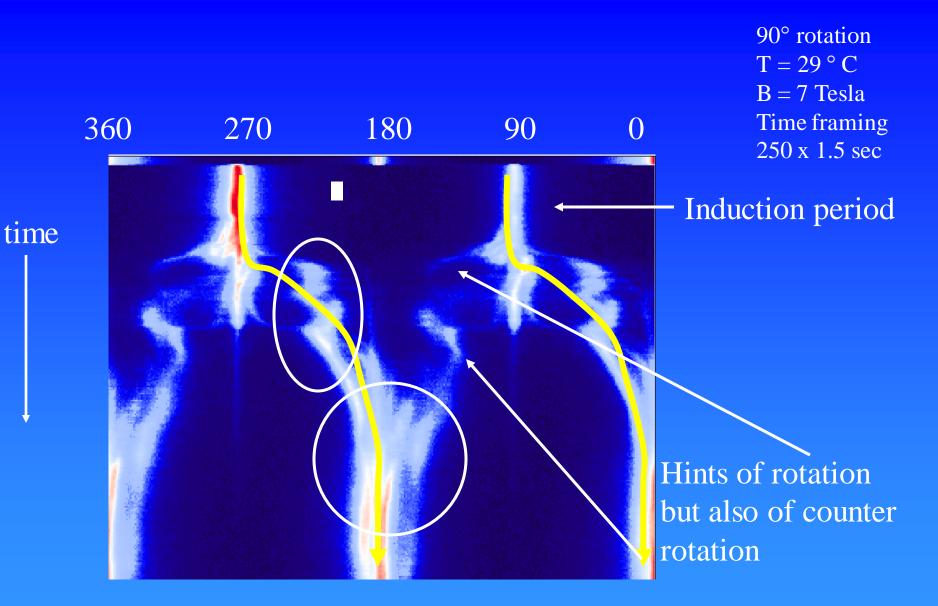
0°





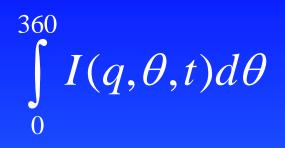
270

360°



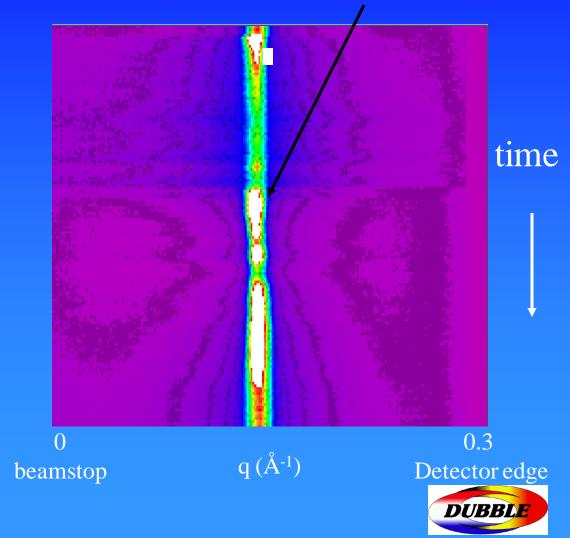
Well, there goes the monor domain hypothesis out of the window !

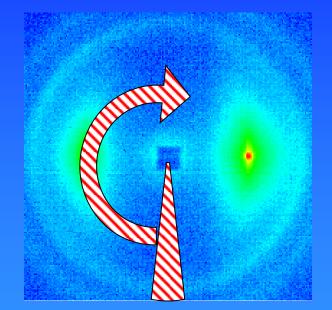


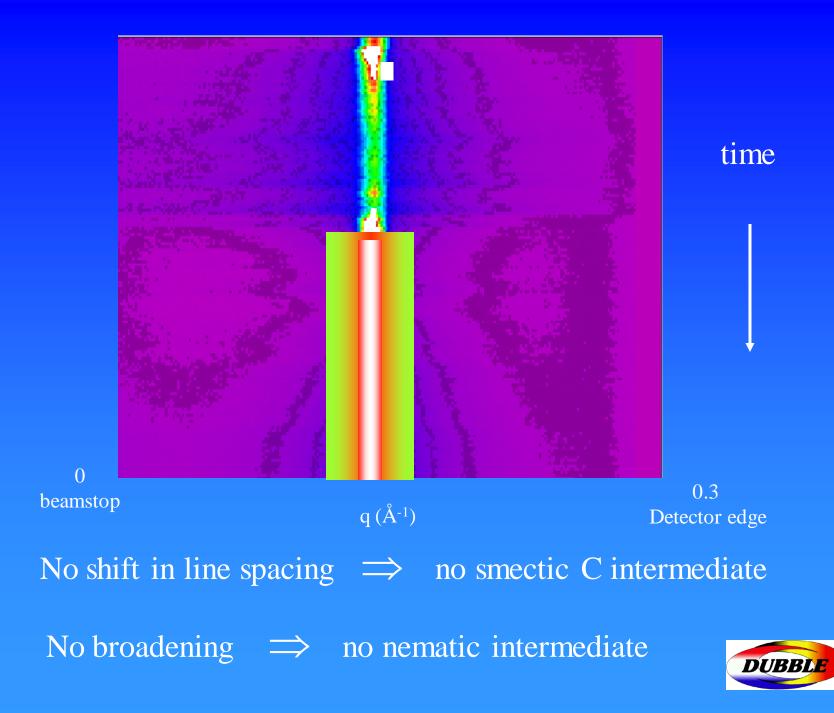




Rotation back starts

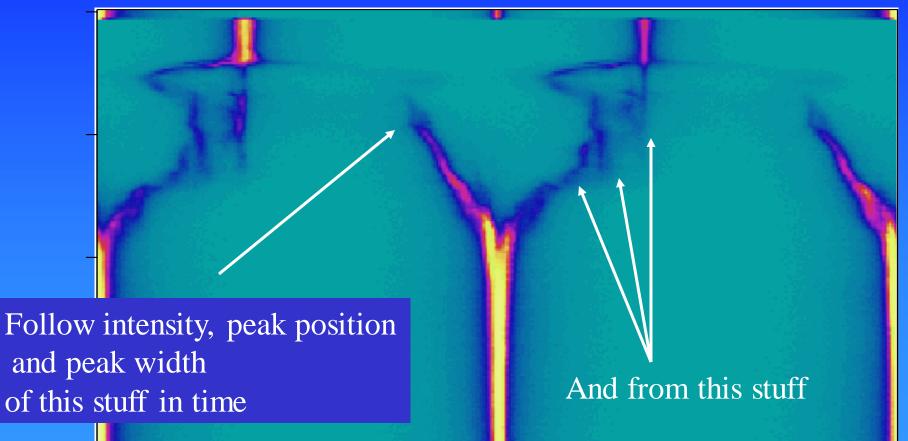






#### What we want to do:

-114°



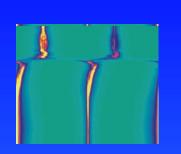
0°

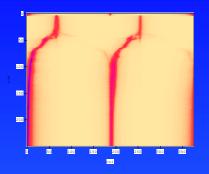
66°

# And further:

- Correlate the 100 intensity with the -100
- For each domain
- And correlate the domains with each other

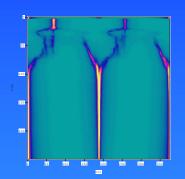


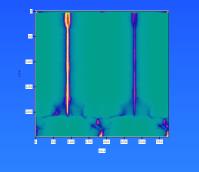


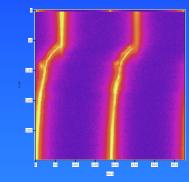


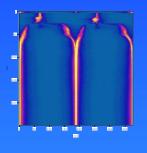
And from the other experiments done in the same session.

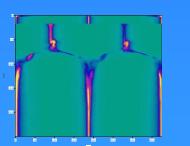
In total > 200 experiments

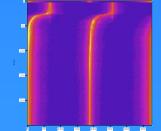


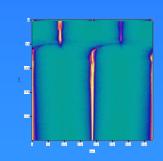


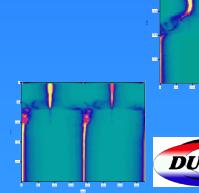


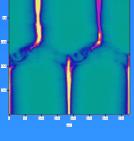






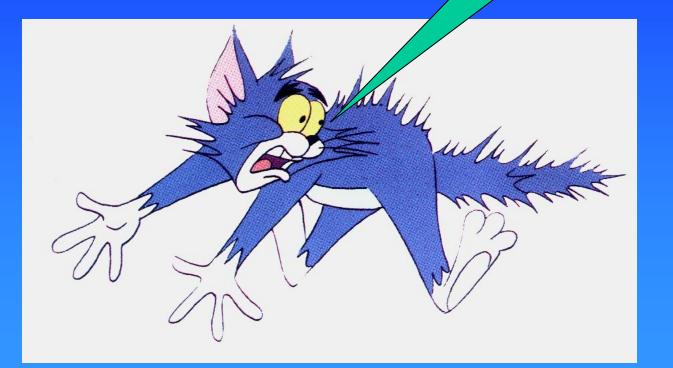








### I need an aspirine !





# Maybe we should start with something simpler



#### The 2002 SAS conference in Venice

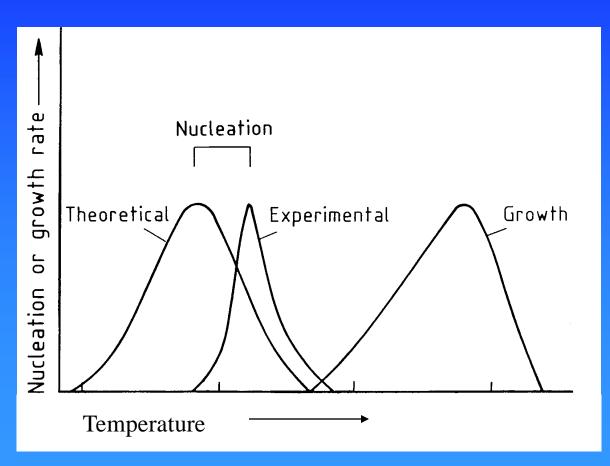








# Cordierite glass devitrivication



Cordierite Glass with very low expansion coefficient

 $Mg_2Al_4Si_5O_{18}$ doped with 0.34 mol%  $Cr_2O_3$ (crystallization enhancer)





## Experiment

#### temperature

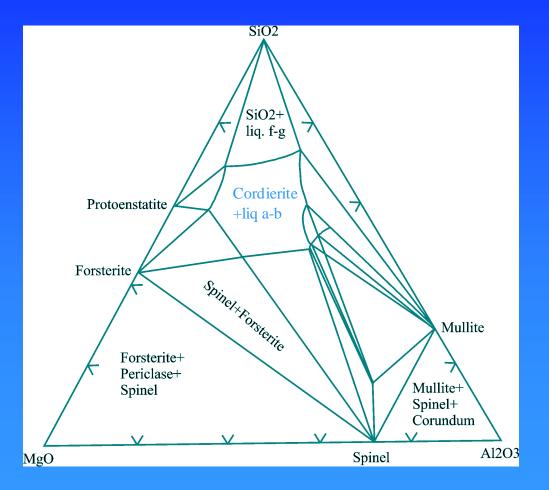
Crystal growth several hours (~ 1000° C)

Soak or nucleation 2 hours (~ 900° C)





# Messy phase diagram



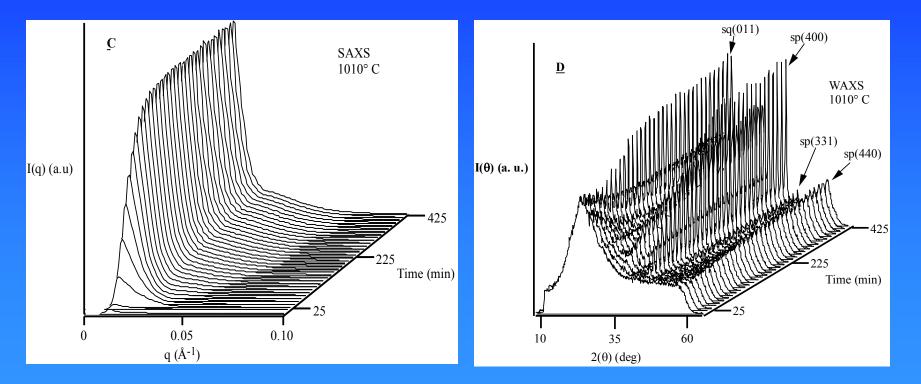
1460° C Mullite 3Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>2SiO<sub>2</sub> Protoenstatite MgOSiO<sub>2</sub> Spinel MgO.Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Forsterite 2MgOSiO<sub>2</sub>

W. Schreyer, J.F.Schairer J.Petrol., 2, 361,1961



# Structure development

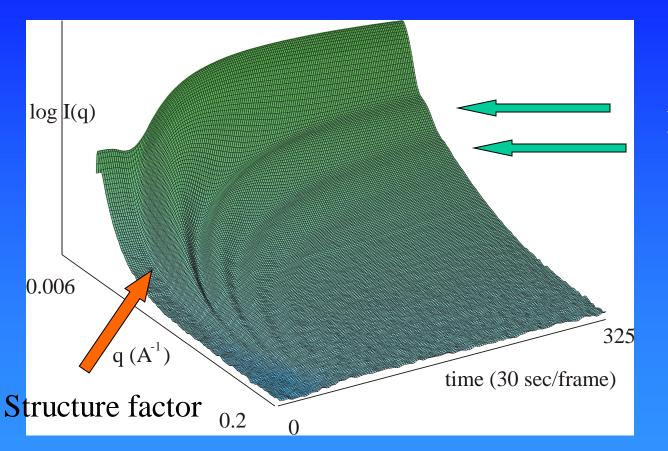
Data taken at 1 minute/frame











Form factor peaks (up to 5<sup>th</sup> order)

The large number of form factor maxima indicate a very monodisperse sample



# Relatively easy to analyse

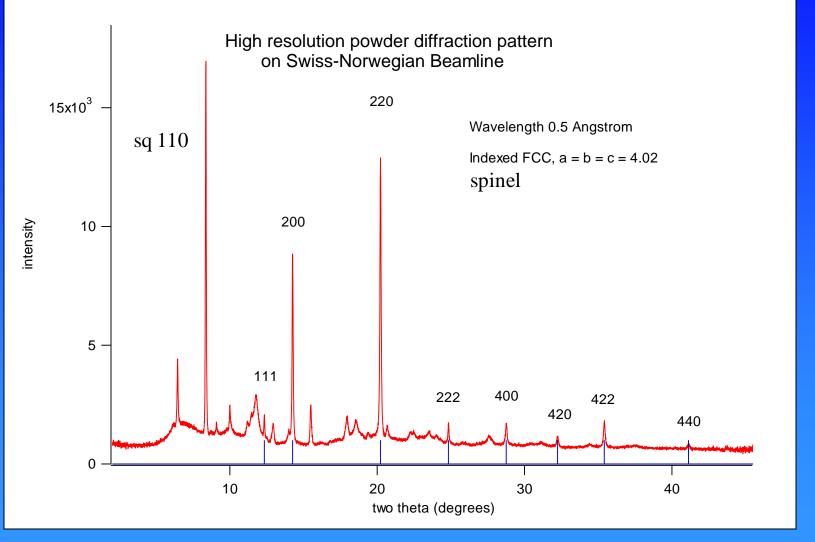
- Find peak structure factor
- Find minima form factor
- Use these to calculate the particle size
- Fit formfactor function

• And repeat 250 times for one data set.....



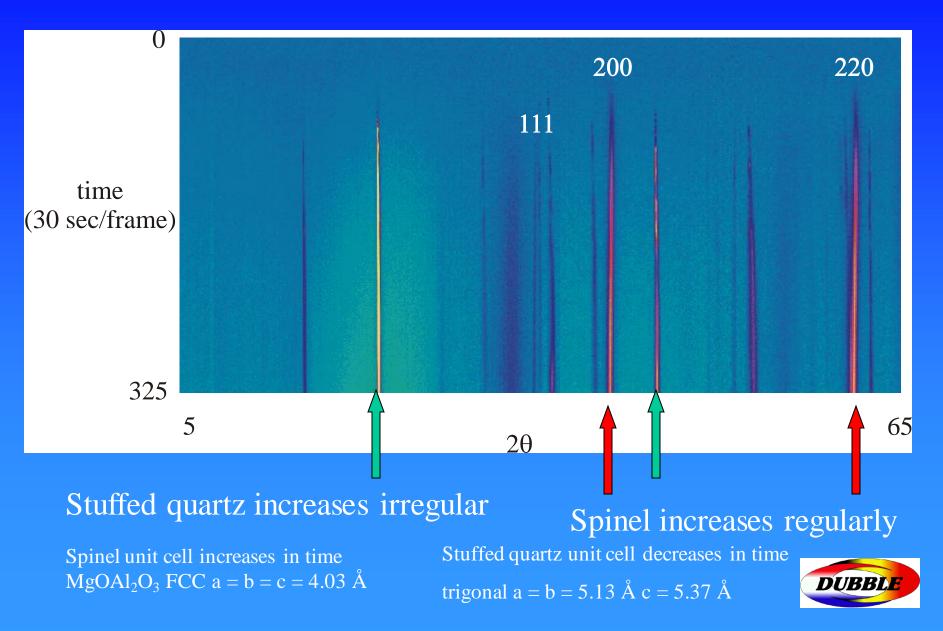
# And we have 40 data sets.....

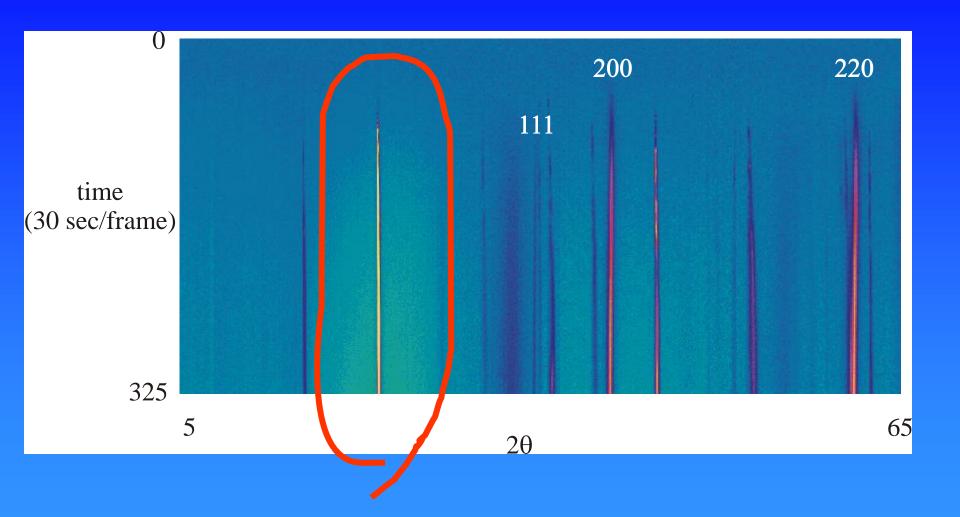






#### WAXS data

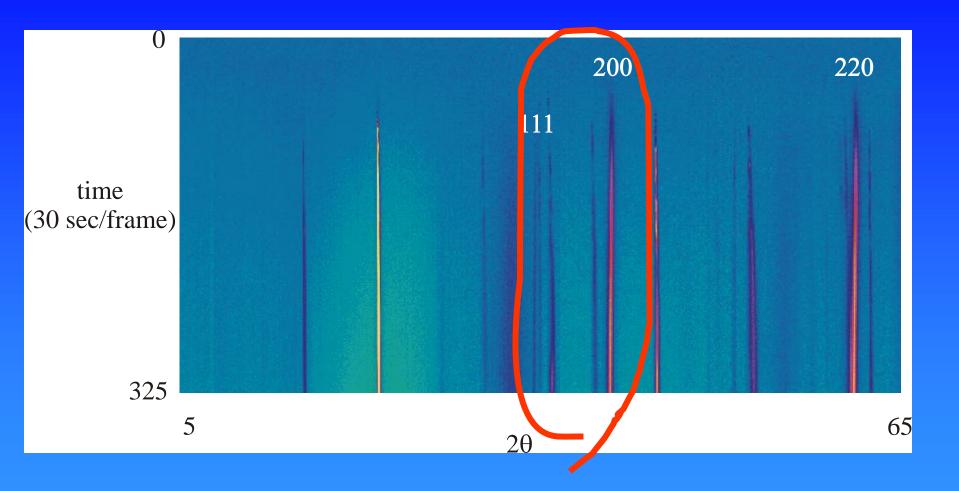




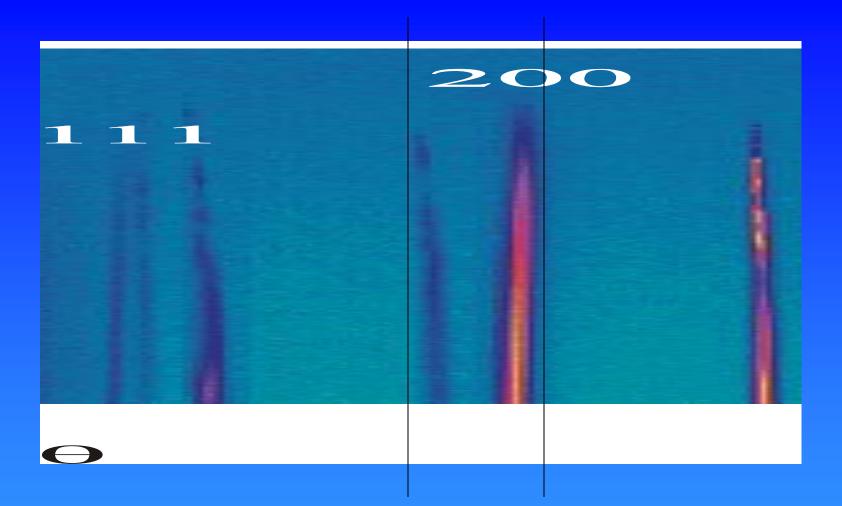


#### Continuously changing background









The spinel peaks move right The stuffed quartz peaks move left



## So:

- Changing background
- Moving peaks
- Varying intensity
- And off course a lot of sh\*te of the detector which I will not show you since I, just like any other beamline guy, pretend that my detectors are perfect.....



## But:

- Some people call this data analysis
- I call it data reduction

• What about analysis software?

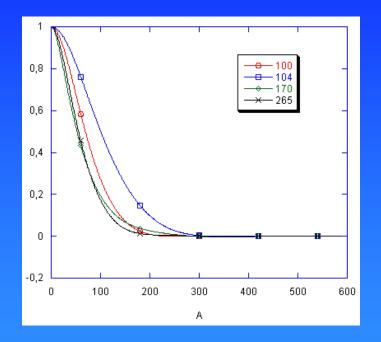


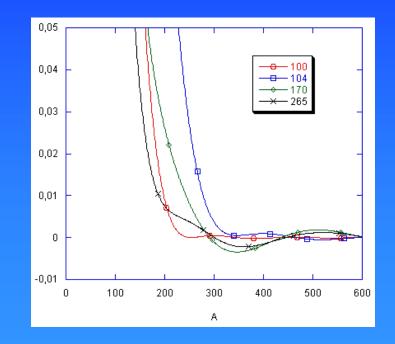
# Let's take a look at the correlation function of this stuff

That's more like data analysis



## (self) correlation function



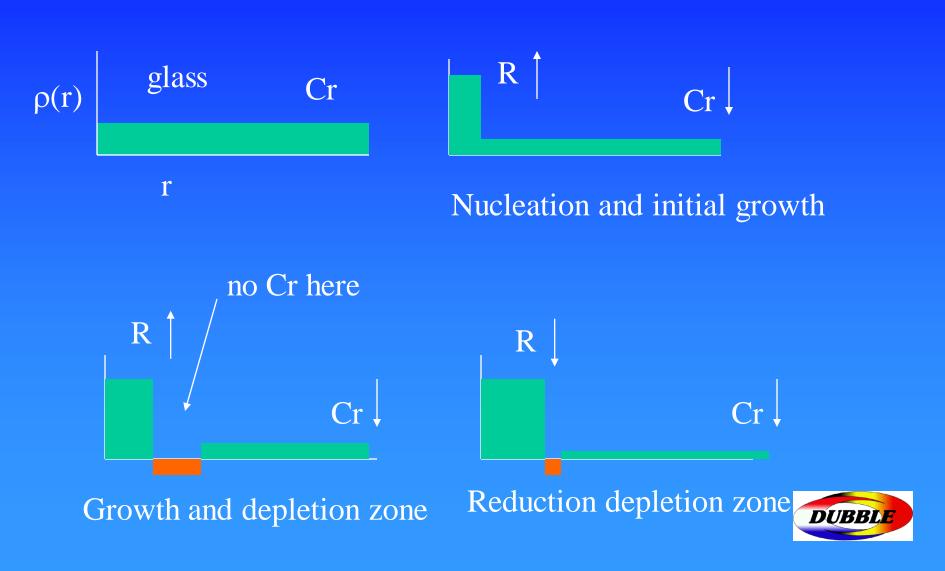


$$\gamma(r) \sim \rho(r) \rho(r-r')$$



Courtesy of my mate Guy Eeckhaut

### Development electron density profile



## But how was this done?

That's easy You phone up Otto or Dmitri Ask for a copy of their programs Change your data format so that THEY like it Plug in the curve Analyse Go for coffee break



You deserved that coffee break.....

#### The previous step took you about an hour.....

Cheer up.....

Only 255 to go.....



## Question:

Is there software that can do this reliably, i.e. no weird results that require extensive human intervention to get it right?

My answer to this is: NO

We can't even do that for a Guinier radius or Porod slope



## So:

- I don't have the answer to how to solve our problems with time resolved data
- We don't get the full benefits out of our data
- We're robbing ourselves



- We keep moaning about better beamlines
- Better detectors

• What we reallly need is better software

• What we really need is a strong and focussed effort to achieve this.



## And I've heard it all before

