# 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)


It's present state

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

Good data.......

1-10 second time-resolution....... in single bunch
0.1-1 second in multibunch

And a lot of you guys in the audience have un-analysed still in your drawers....
(and this is true for any synchrotron and any beamline)


## 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 $90^{\circ}$
- Reorientation mechanism under influence of changing fields not known
- Practical and theoretical interest



## 8CB model system



Crystal $-21.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \longrightarrow$ smectic $\mathrm{A}-33.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \longrightarrow$ $\longrightarrow$ nematic $-40.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \longrightarrow$ isotropic

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## smectic



## Fourier transform of electron density



## nematic




## The experiment



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

X-ray

Jump (70 msec)

mechanical


Under influence field (2 sec/frame)

B = 7 Tesla


Jump $45^{\circ} \mathrm{T}=30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
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## Angular position as function of time



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# 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<br>(2 sec/frame)



## Jump $66.6^{\circ} \mathrm{T}=30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

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

Jump $90^{\circ}$

| $0^{\circ}$ | 90 | 180 | 270 | $360^{\circ}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |



Well, Thierevgold indinotiompnodrmaypditestionut of the window !

## Back to $90^{\circ}$

$$
\int_{0}^{360} I(q, \theta, t) d \theta
$$




No broadening $\Rightarrow$ no nematic intermediate

## What we want to do:

 and peak width of this stuff in time

And from this stuff

## 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 !



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## Maybe we should start with

 something simplerThe 2002 SAS conference in Venice


## Cordierite glass devitrivication

## Cordierite <br> Glass with very low expansion coefficient

$\mathrm{Mg}_{2} \mathrm{Al}_{4} \mathrm{Si}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{18}$ doped with
$0.34 \mathrm{~mol} \% \mathrm{Cr}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$
(crystallization enhancer)

## Experiment

temperature


## Messy phase diagram



# $1460^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ <br> Mullite $3 \mathrm{Al}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} 2 \mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ <br> Protoenstatite $\mathrm{MgOSiO}_{2}$ <br> Spinel $\mathrm{MgO} \cdot \mathrm{Al}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ <br> Forsterite $2 \mathrm{MgOSiO}_{2}$ 

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

## Structure development

## Data taken at 1 minute/frame



## SAXS

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Form factor peaks (up to $5^{\text {th }}$ 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




$$
\gamma(r) \sim \rho(r) \rho\left(r-r^{\prime}\right)
$$

## Development electron density profile


r


Growth and depletion zone


## Nucleation and initial growth

Reduction depletion zone


## 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 really need is better software
- What we really need is a strong and focussed effort to achieve this.


## And I've heard it all before



