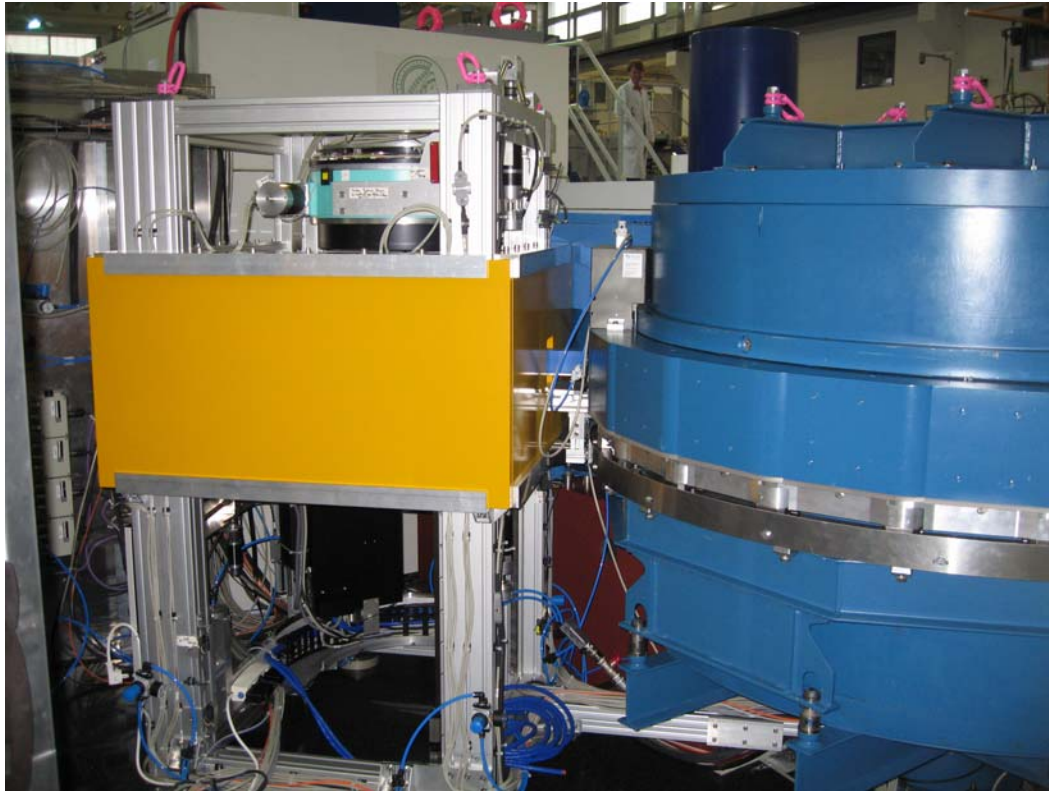


In-situ Dynamic and quasi-in-situ Static Light Scattering on Small Angle Neutron Scattering Instruments

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For the instrument BioDiff large protein crystals are required



Size of crystals needed:
0.5 mm in all dimensions

- Good understanding of protein crystallisation necessary

lysozyme sample as a model for crystalization

- Lysozyme 80 mg/ml in D₂O, pH adjusted with 1M NaAc 0,02 µm filtered
- NaCl 6wt% in D₂O buffer 10mM NaAc HAc 0,02 µm filtered

➤ **1:1 ratio: Lysozyme 40 mg/ml + NaCl 3 wt% in D₂O buffer, @ pH 4.35**

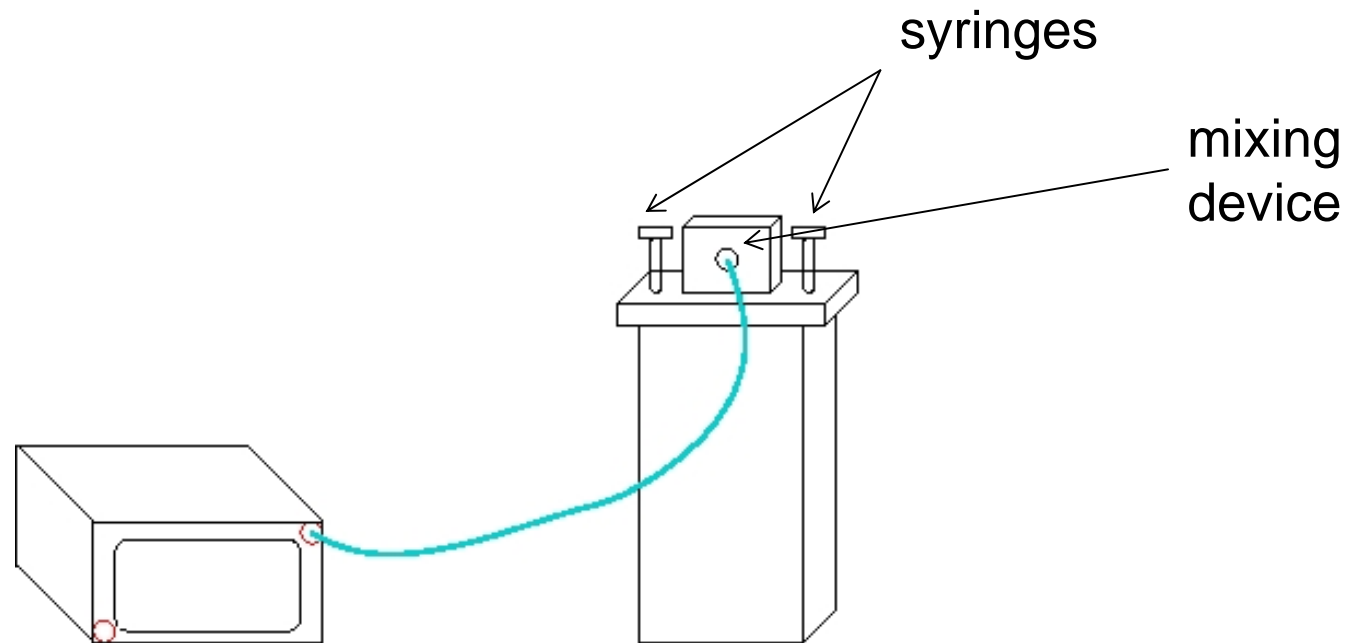


r= 1.9 nm



crystals ca. 0.2 mm

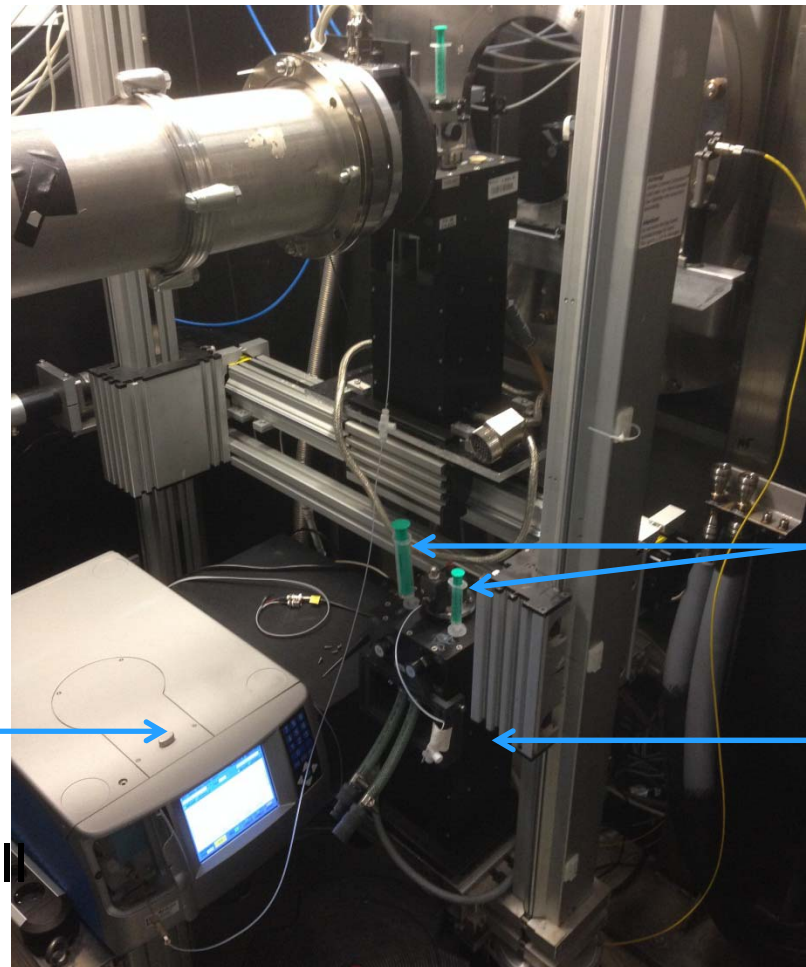
experimental setup



Static Light Scattering device
Wyatt: Dawn Heleos II

Stopped-Flow device 1

experimental setup

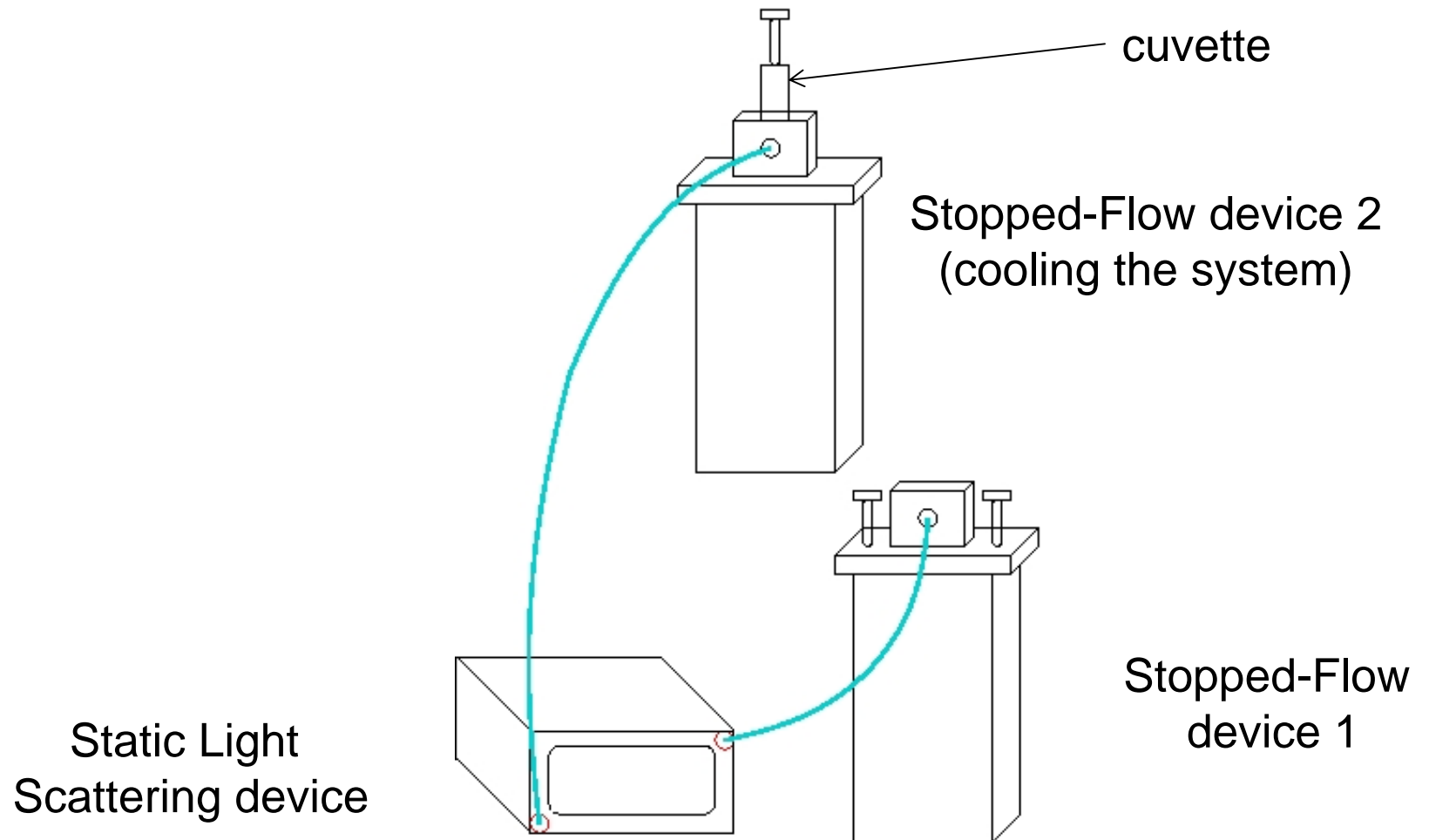


syringes

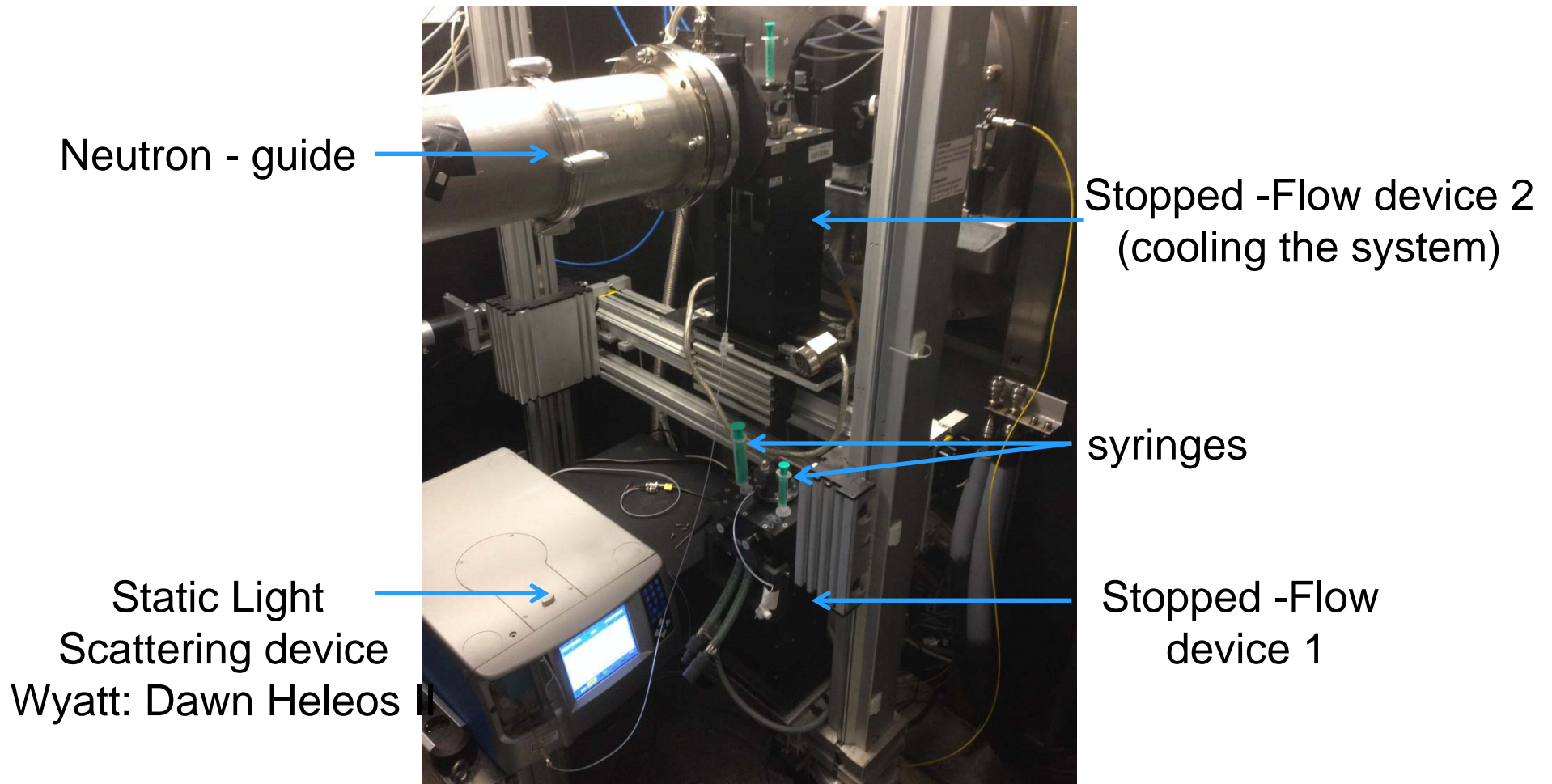
Stopped -Flow
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Static Light
Scattering device
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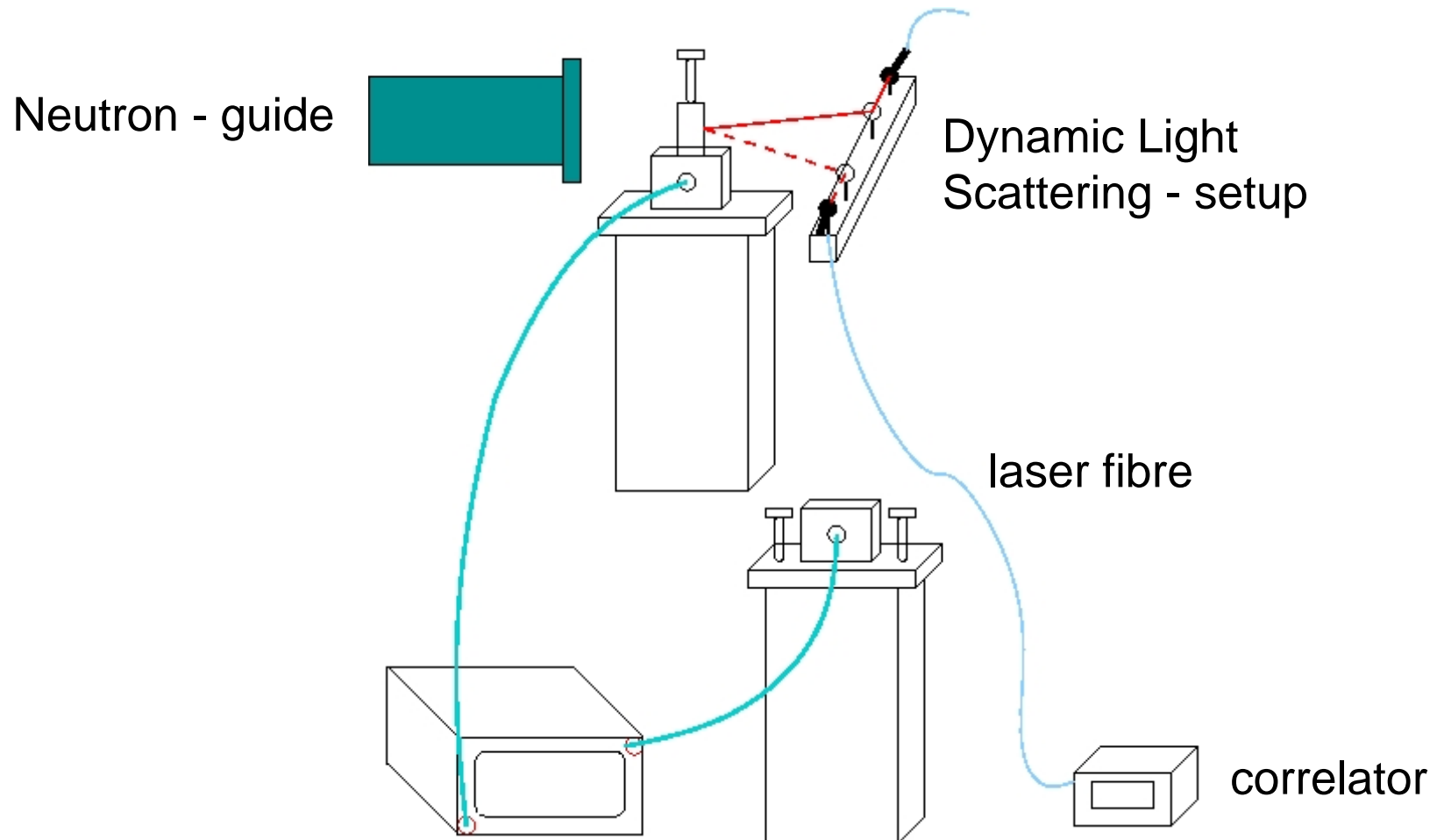
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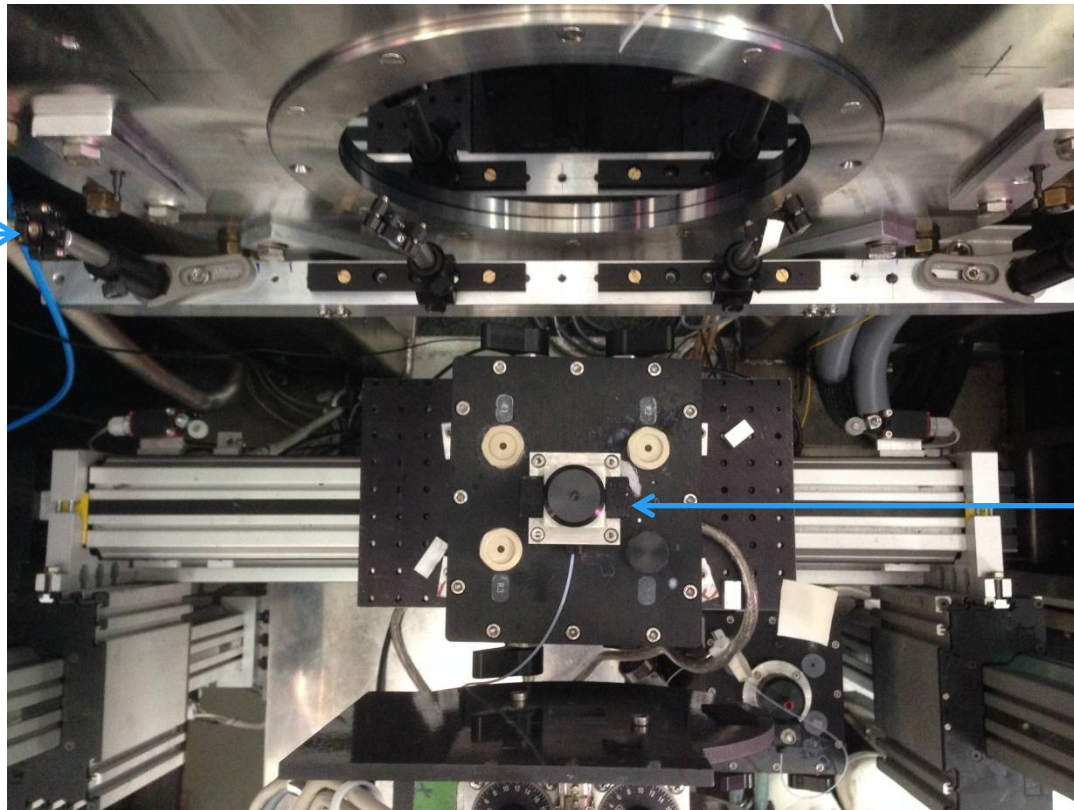


experimental setup



DLS setup

laser fibre
& collimator

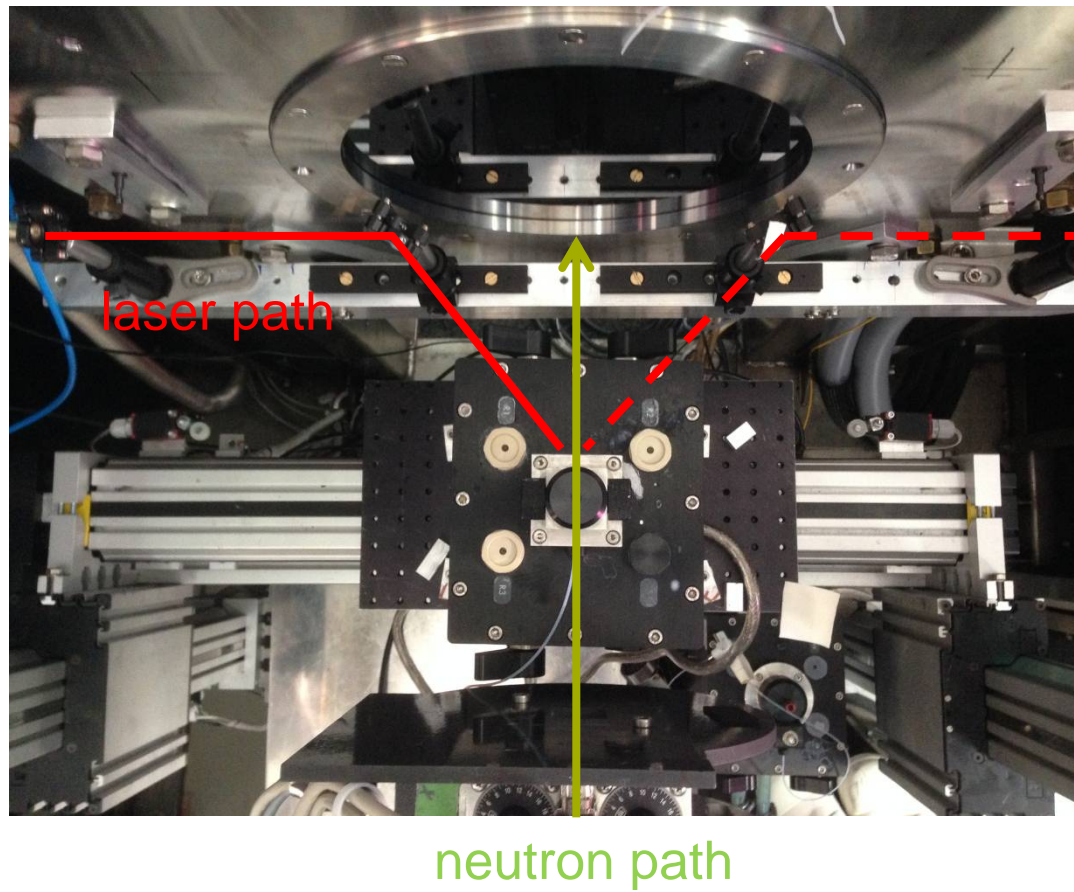


laser fibre
& collimator

cuvette

Final aperture (neutrons)

DLS setup

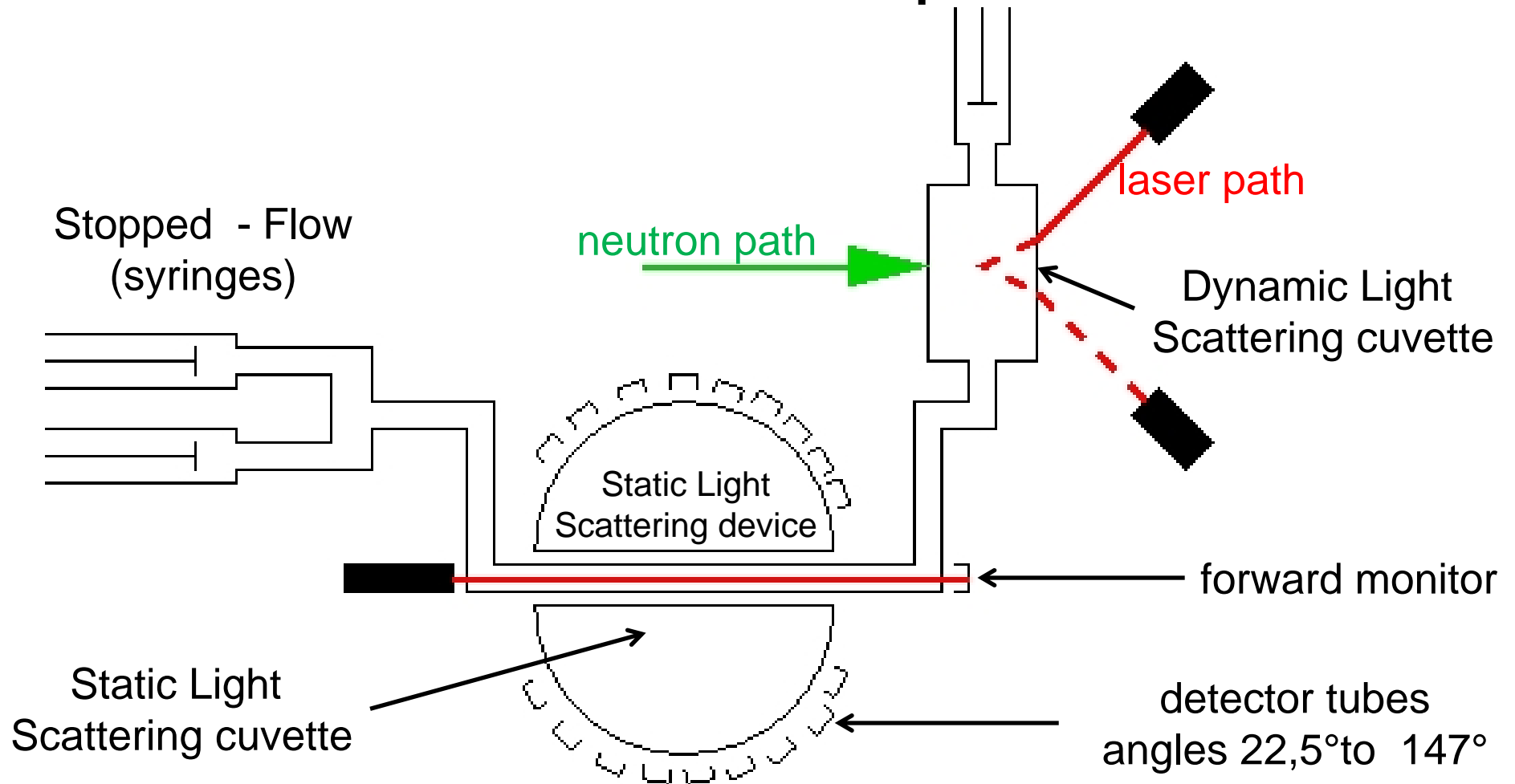


Sample cell taken from standard BioLogic Stopped flow apparatus

neutrons



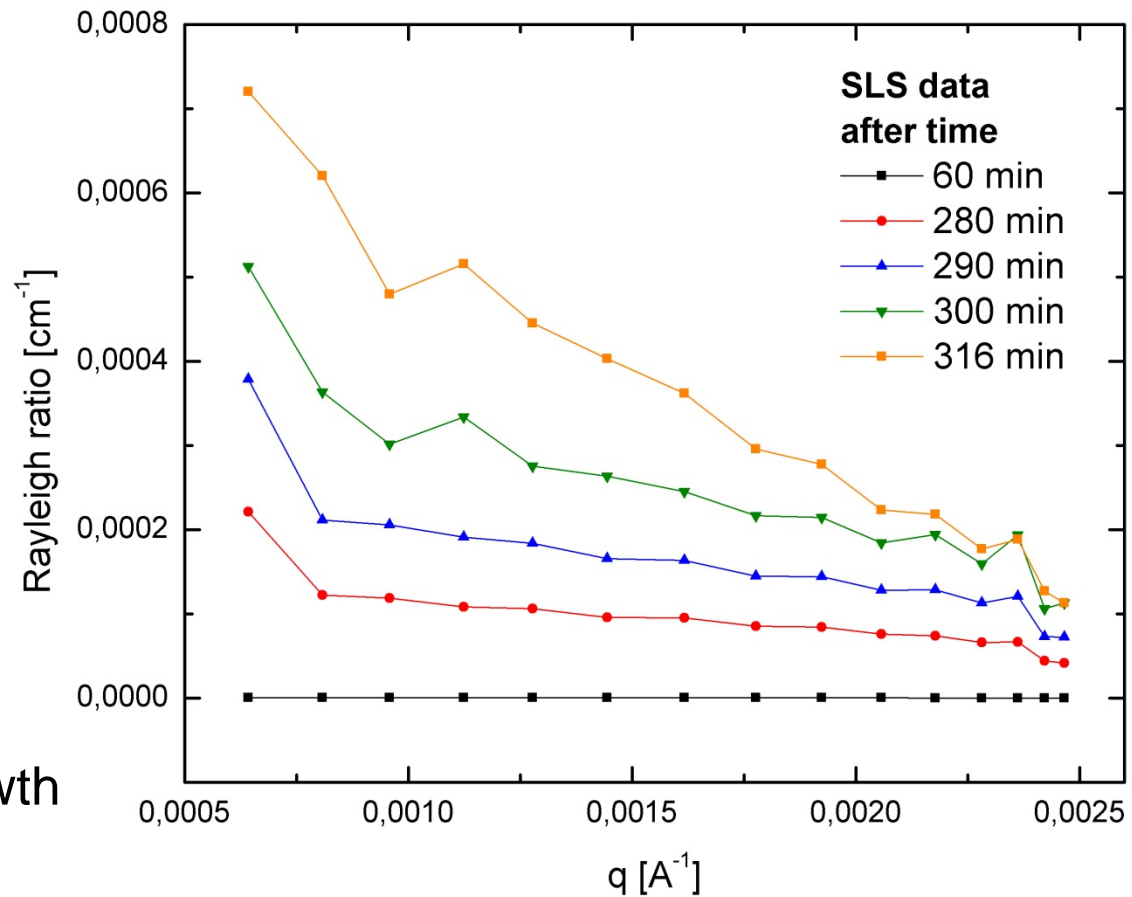
schematic setup



pre-characterization: lab measurements with SLS

Lab measurement
with Lysozyme
@ pH 3.35

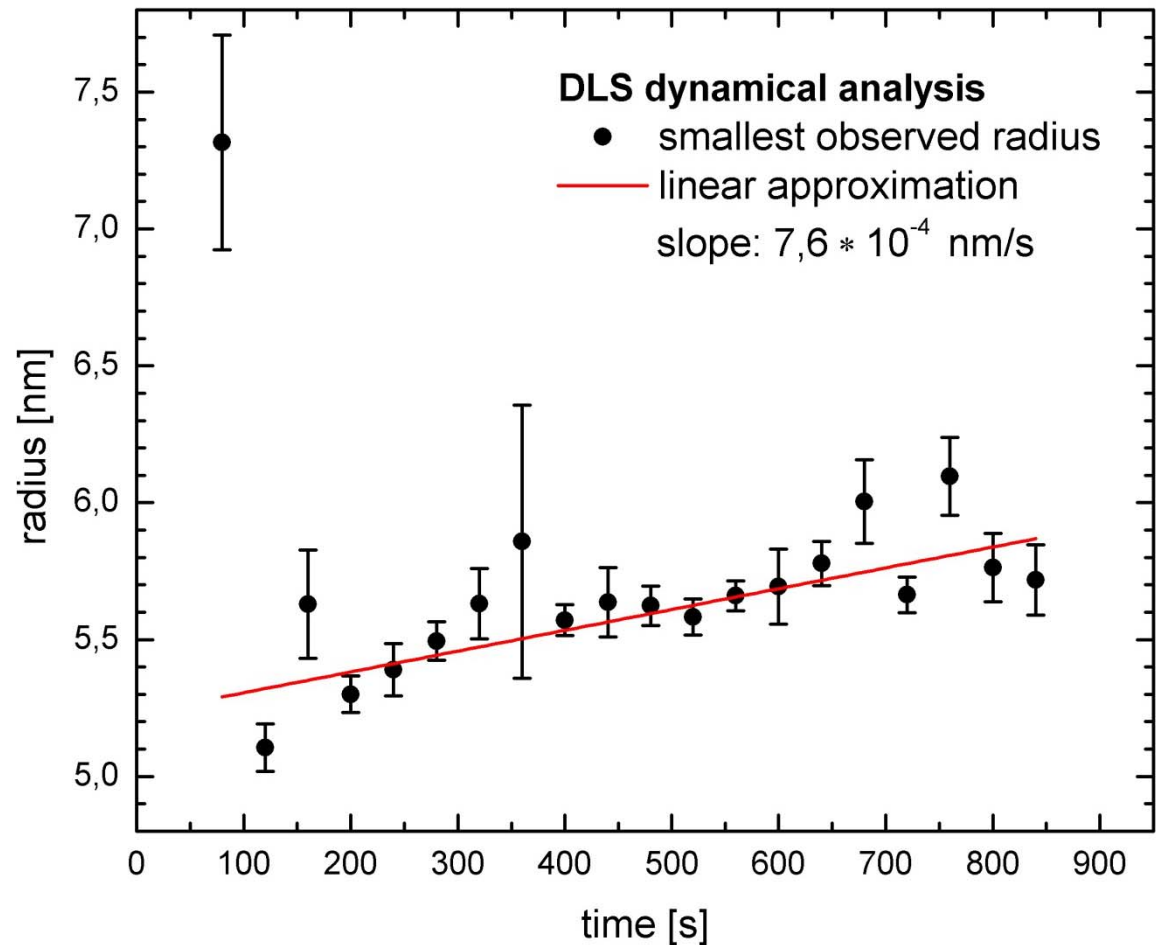
Lysozyme sample
shows cristalization /growth
behaviour over time



pre-characterization: lab measurements with DLS

Lab measurement
with Lysozyme
@ pH 4.35

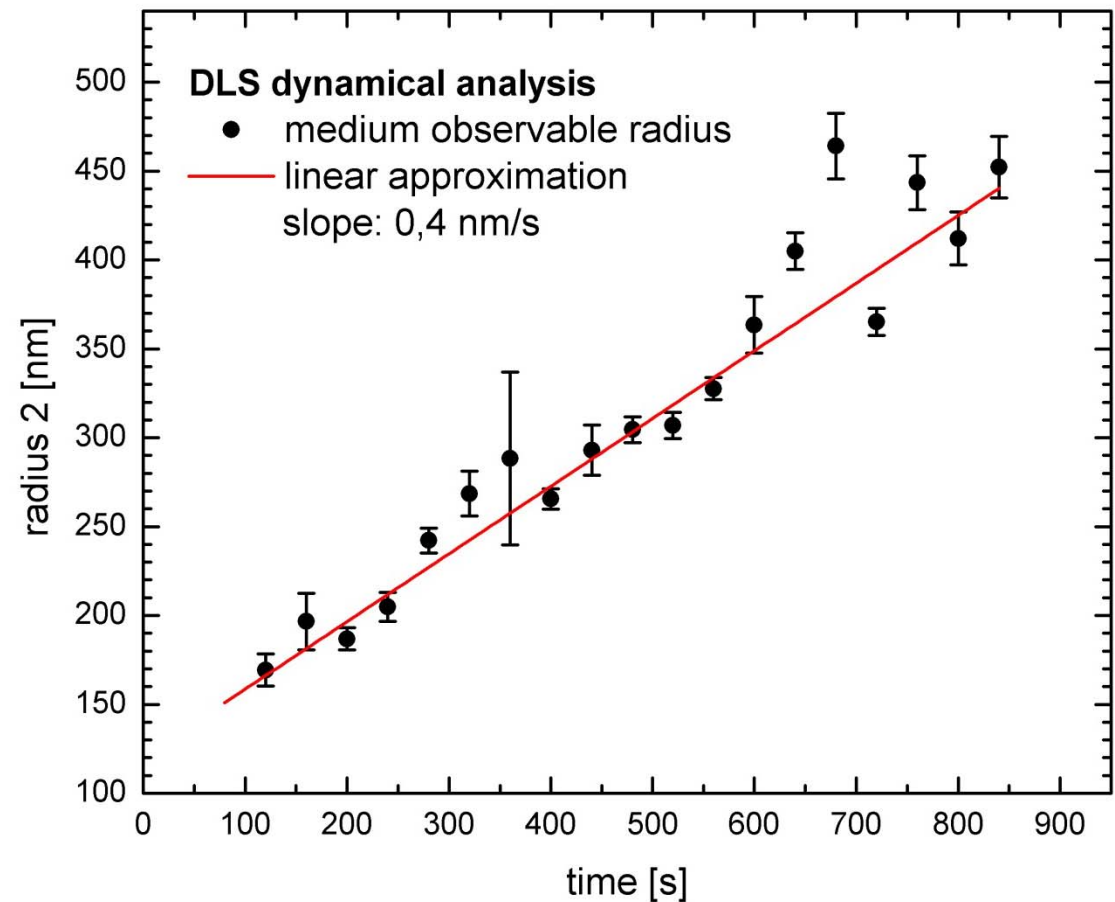
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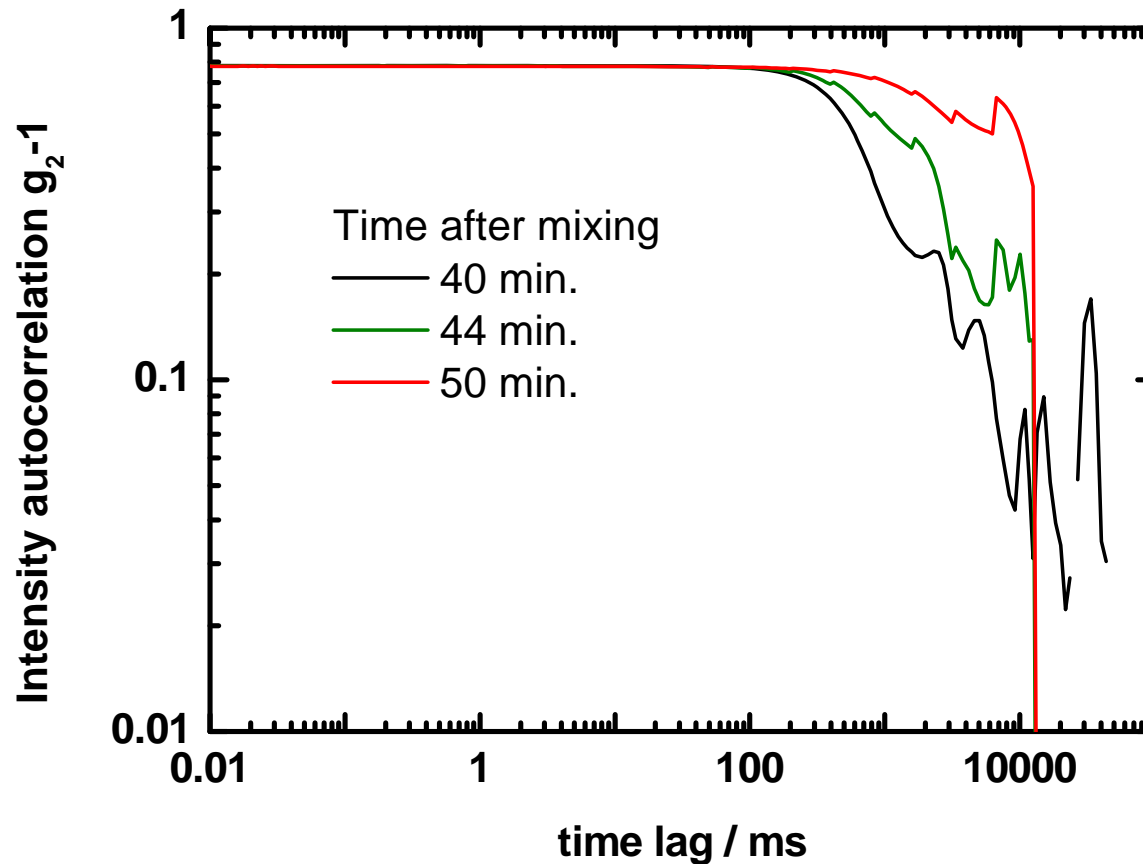
Lysozyme sample shows
growth behaviour over time





Measurements at KWS-2: in-situ DLS and quasi-in-situ SLS

in-situ DLS data (first useful curves 40 min. after mixing)

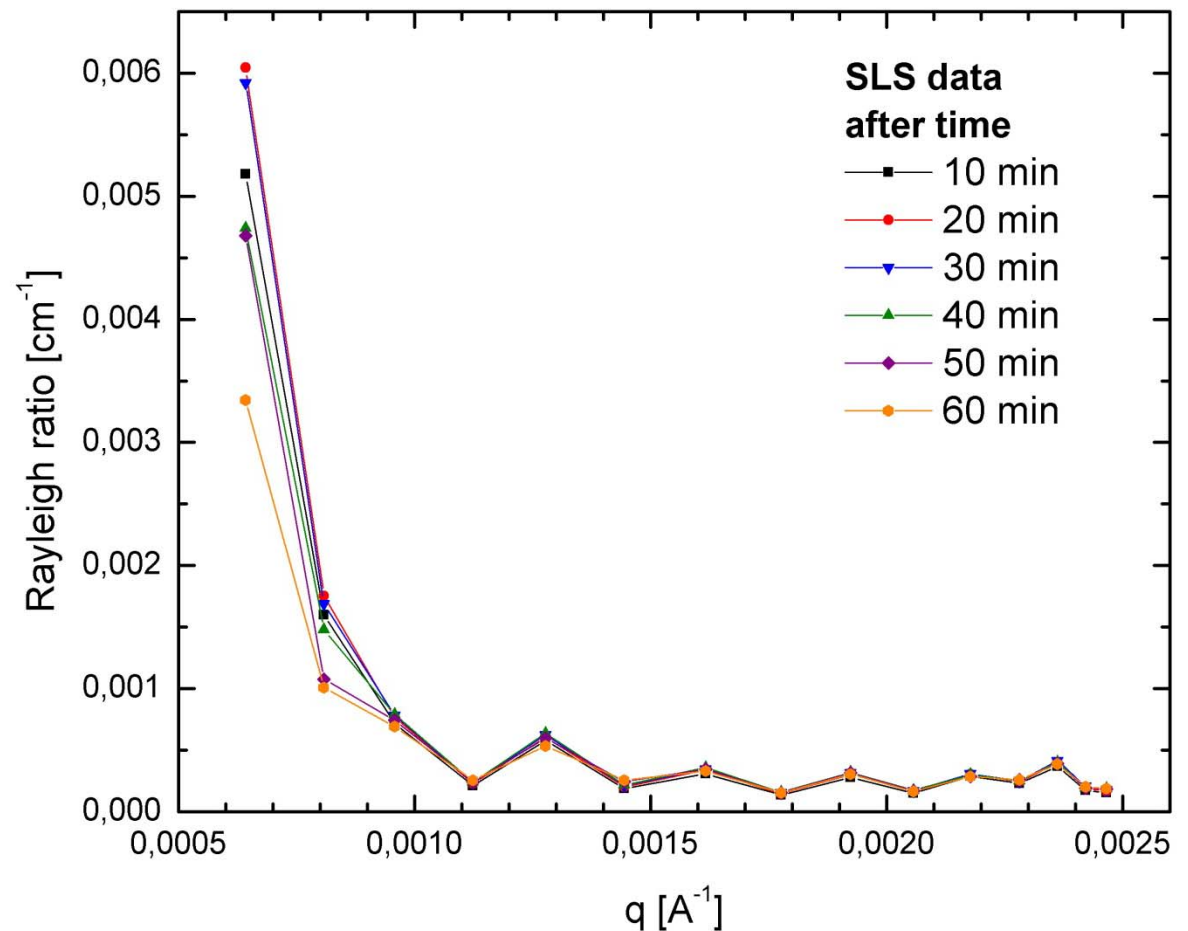


Fit of curve at 40 min. yields a time constant of 10 μs which translates into a hydrodynamic radius of ca. 10 μm . After 50 min. sample non-ergodic, autocorrelation amplitude < 0.1

in-situ measurements

measurement @ KWS 2
during the first 60 min after
initiation of cristallisation

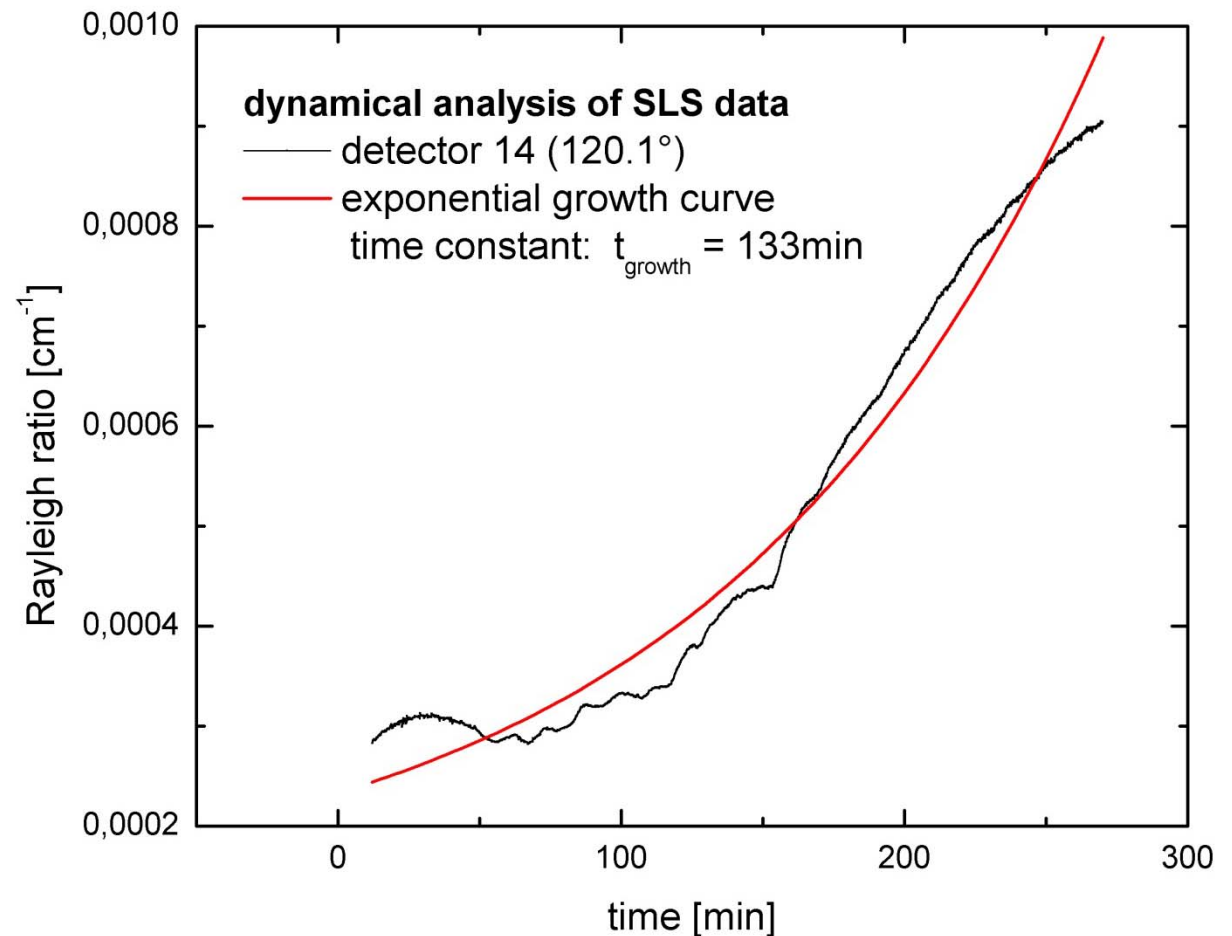
only small changes
after 60 min observable



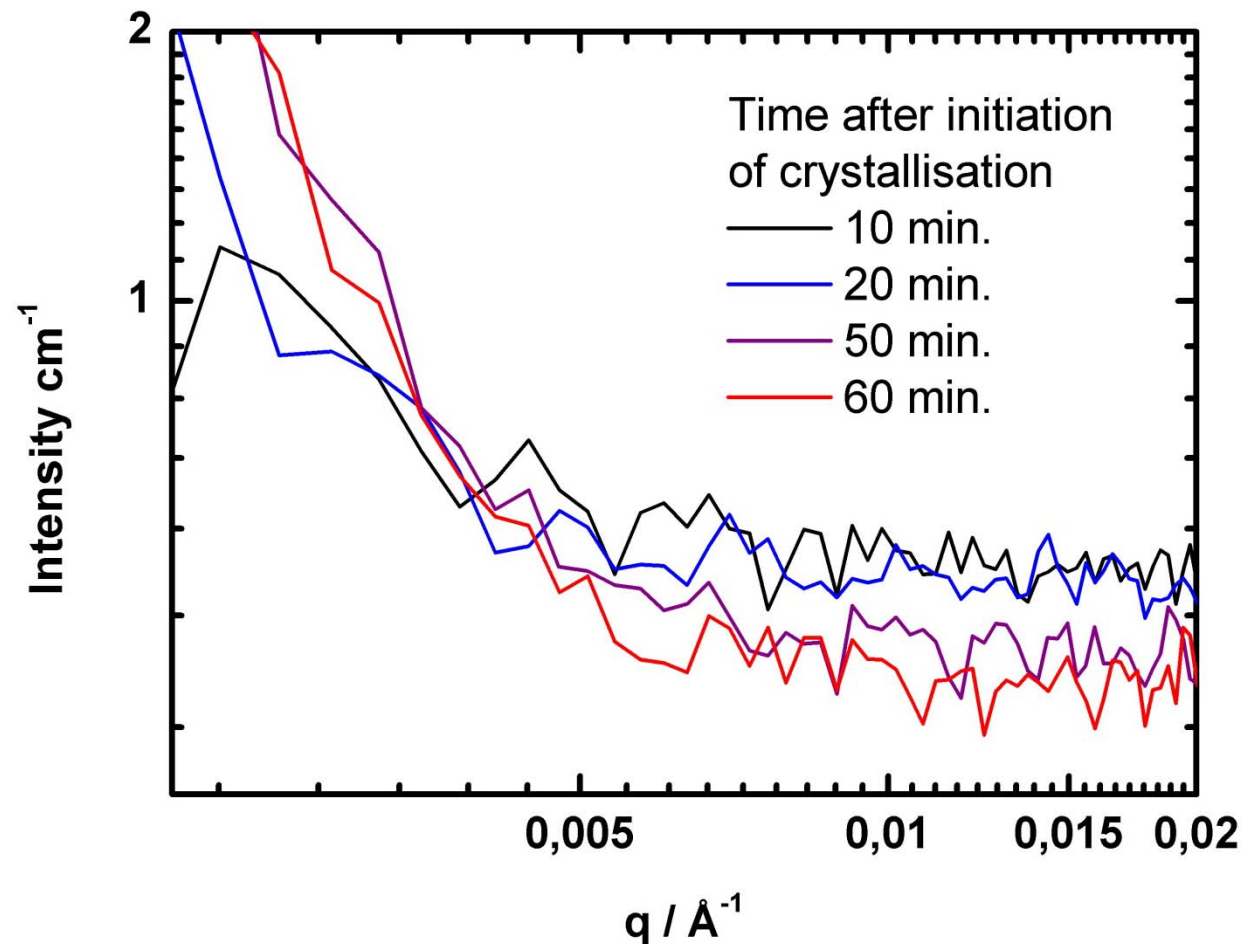
in-situ measurements

measurement @ KWS 2
during the first 5 h after
initiation of cristallisation
(after 1h without neutrons)

exponential growth
due to formation of
lysozyme cristals



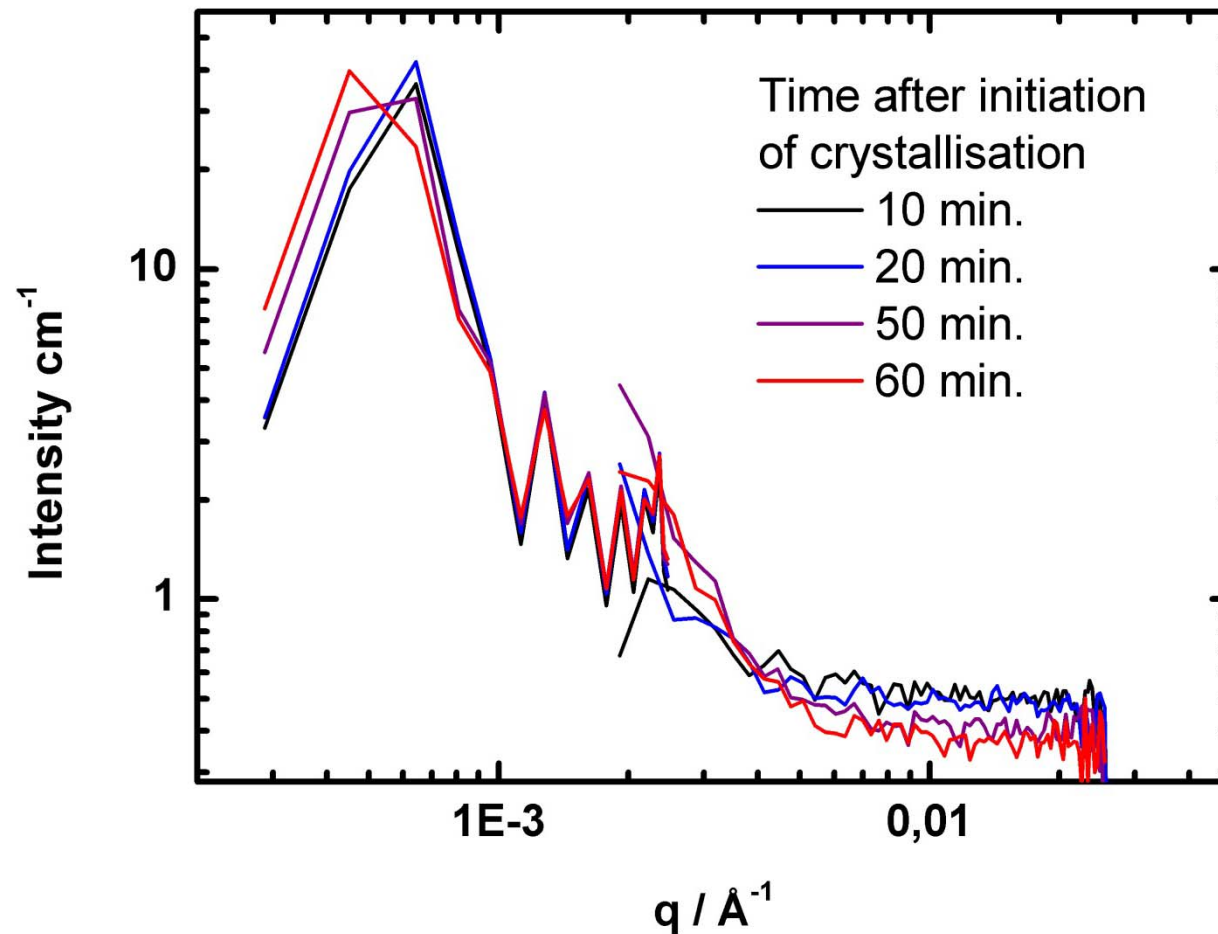
in-situ measurements



SANS measurement of lysozyme sample during the first 60 min after initiation of crystallisation

time resolution not sufficient to observe formation of crystallites

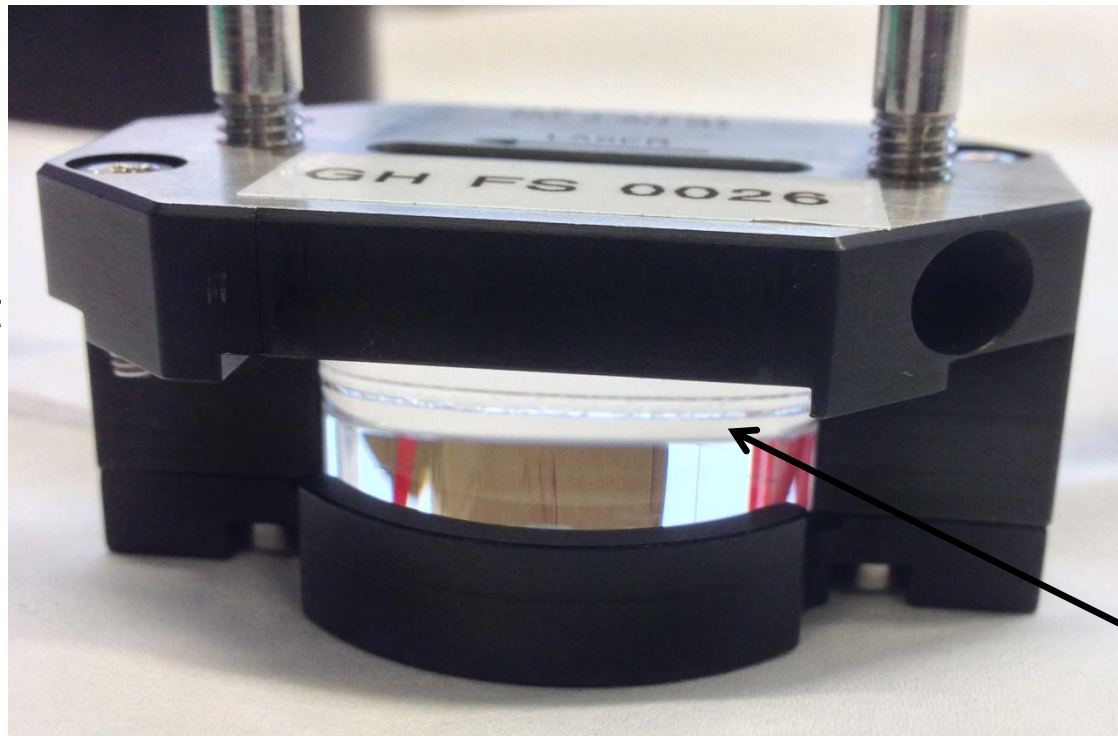
in-situ measurements



combined SANS and SLS measurement of lysozyme sample during the first 60 min after initiation of crystallisation

Measurement issues

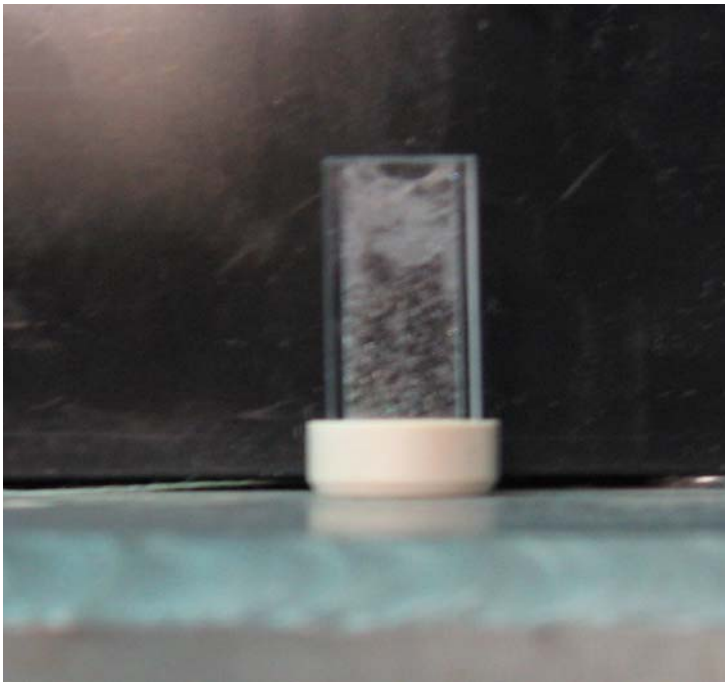
Static Light
Scattering
cuvette



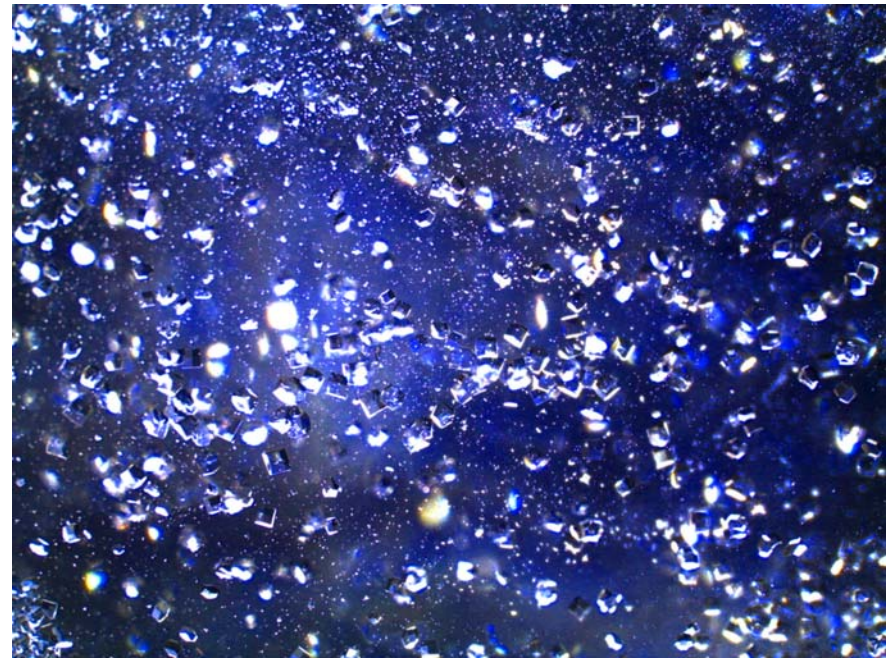
crystal growth
on glass surface

sedimentation

Some lysozyme crystals formed



stopped flow cell

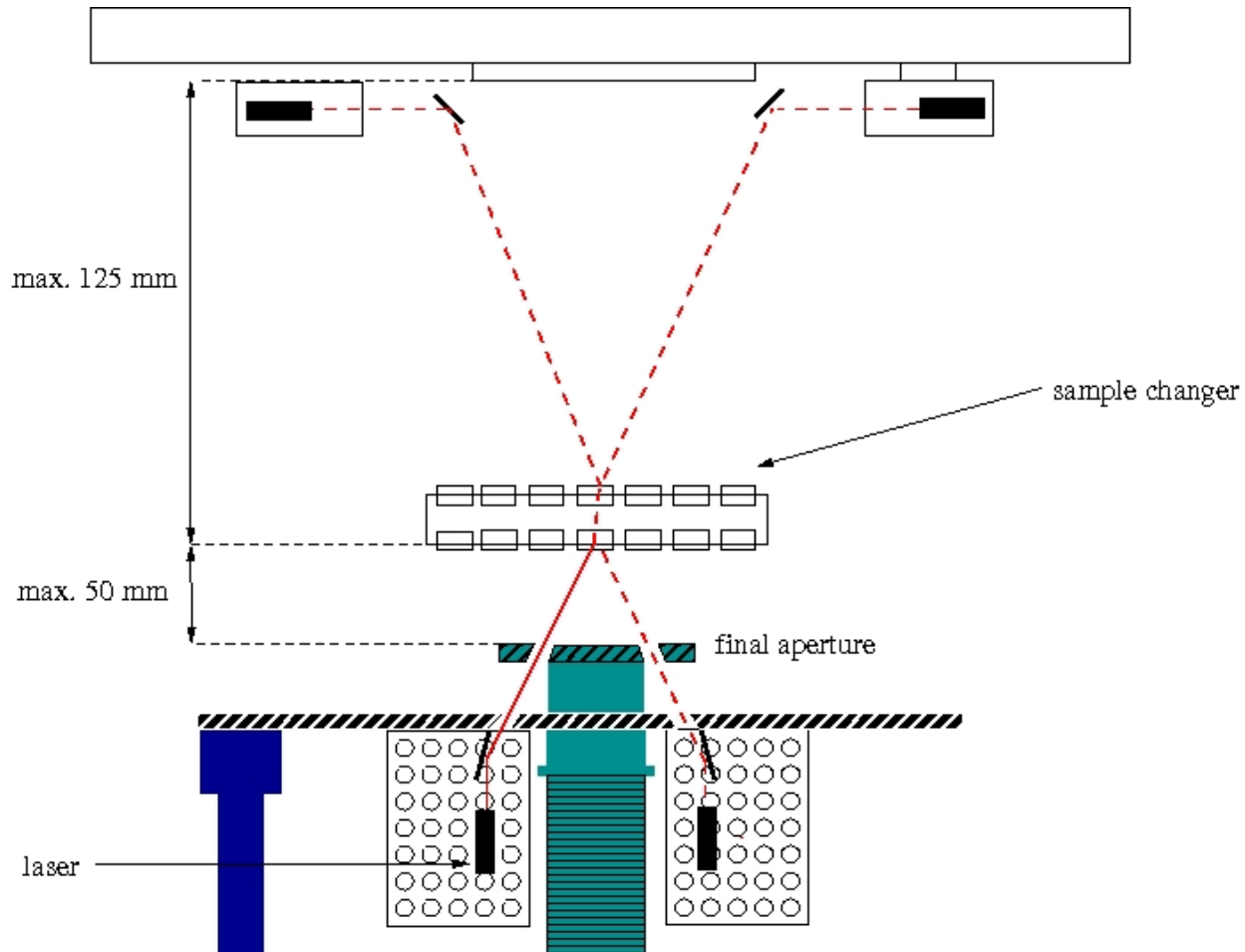


view under a stereo microscope

Conclusions/Remarks

- more sample characterisation needed (reproducibility)
 - different observation volumes (DLS, SANS, SLS)
 - different needs for sample concentration (SANS 5%w/v, DLS <0.1w/v%)
 - different speeds of data recording (SANS: hours, DLS: minutes, SLS: seconds)
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future projects



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