

# X-ray and Neutron Scattering Data for Machine Learning of Invertible Neural Networks

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### Outline

*Background* Low-temperature and water-based biotemplating of titania films

#### Experimental

Structure-function-relationship in the formation of biohybrid films revealed by in-situ X-ray scattering and neutron scattering

*Classification of GISAXS features* 2D line cut plots of scattering data as training set

for machine learning of invertible neural networks



### How to achieve nanostructured titania?

idea: polymer-directed sol-gel synthesis of titania



**problem:** synthetic polymers include harmful organic solvents

use environmentally friendly biopolymers instead

[1] G. Kaune et al., ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces, 1, 2862-2869 (2009)

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## ß-lactoglobulin

globular transport protein

foaming and structure agent in food industry

water-soluble and non-toxic

changes structure with pH [2]

amyloid-directed synthesis of nanowires for application in hybrid solar cells [3]

S. Brownlow et al., *Structure*, **5**, 481-495 (1997)
J.-M. Jung et al., *Biomacromolecules*, **9**, 2477-2486 (2008)
S. Bolisetty et al., *Adv. Funct. Mater.*, **22**, 3424-3428 (2012)



#### titania nanowires



spheres P = 5.8 P = 5.8 P = 5.8 p = 5.0p = 5.0

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### Sample fabrication





### Surface morphology

scanning electron microscopy comparison of sample surfaces



pristine titania

biotemplated titania

# pearl necklace shaped titania structures in fibrillae matrix

how is morphology forming inside the biohybrid sample during spray deposition?

biohybrid ß-lg:titania







### In-situ monitoring the biohybrid film formation



sample detector distance:

GISAXS 4900 mm GIWAXS 326 mm exposure time 0.1 s pulsed spray deposition: 20 x 0.2 s / 2.8 s + 10 s annealing  $\rightarrow$  700 images per detector

industrial

spray nozzle

#### simultaneous GISAXS/GIWAXS measurements

30s 1 1 1 1 B 1 C 1 1A

0s





### 2D detector data evolution

#### GISAXS



Pilatus 1M 172 μm x 172 μm

Pilatus 300k 172 µm x 172 µm

**GIWAXS** 



### **GISAXS** evaluation

#### 2D raw detector data:

ta: vertical line cut: h

horizontal line cut:



#### morphology modeled with cylinders on 1D paracrystal lattice



### Comparing the inner film structure





biohybrid domains equal to UV-treated domains and smaller than pristine titania

ß-lg pores equal to biohybrid domains and vice versa

biohybrid distances related to ß-lg matrix

J. E. Heger et al., *Adv. Funct. Mater.*, **32**, 2113080 (2022)

domain distance – domain size = pore size



titania inside pores of ß-lg matrix



### **GIWAXS** evaluation

#### 2D detector data:



#### azimuthal integration of rings:





### Film formation during spray deposition

*GIWAXS:* mixed anatase and brookite crystal phase

*GISAXS:* domains in good agreement with crystallite sizes

symmetric evolution of growing crystallites and shrinking amorphous domains

triangular arrangement of crystallites around amorphous domains



 $radius_{amorphous} = distance_{crystalline} / \sqrt{3} - radius_{crystalline}$ 



### Vertical classification of the intensity pattern

- tag characteristic GISAXS features in 2D line cut plot
- use data set 1 as training set 1 •
- use data set 2 for evaluation





data set 2



9<sub>2</sub> (nm<sup>-1</sup>)

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### Horizontal classification of the intensity pattern

- tag characteristic GISAXS features in 2D line cut plot
- use data set 1 as training set 1
- use data set 2 for evaluation





### Conclusion & outlook

ß-lactoglobulin templated titania shows pearl-necklace-like nanostructure

film formation revealed by in-situ GISAXS/GIWAXS: sterically directed by biomatrix during spray deposition

apply data analysis for classification of 2D line cut plots to use as training set for INN

use INN to evaluate complementary set of in-situ GISAXS/GIWAXS data





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