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I have recently been awarded a 4 000 000 DKK (~£500 000) postdoctoral grant to pursue an academic career in the interface of materials chemistry, machine learning and robotics. Here, I will build a self-driving laboratory for controlled synthesis of inorganic nanomaterials starting from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

## POSITIONS

- Postdoc, Department of Chemistry, University of Copenhagen, Denmark 2023
- PhD, Department of Chemistry, University of Copenhagen, Denmark 2018 – 2023  
Supervisor: Associate Professor Kirsten Marie Ørnsbjerg Jensen  
Dissertation: "Towards Automated Structure Analysis of Nanoparticles"
- Visiting Researcher, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, England 2021 – 2022  
Mentor: Sr. Lecturer Keith T. Butler

## EDUCATION

University of Copenhagen, Denmark, supervision: Kirsten M. Ø. Jensen

- MSc in Nanoscience, (4.0 / 4.0 GPA) 2018 – 2021  
Dissertation: "Pushing the boundaries of nanocluster modelling from PDF and SAXS Analysis"
- BSc in Nanoscience, (4.0 / 4.0 GPA) 2015 – 2018  
Dissertation: "The formation of  $\{Bi_{38}O_{45}\}$  clusters from crystalline  $[Bi_6O_8]$  suspended in DMSO characterised with PDF and SAXS"

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS** (ORCID: [0000-0002-7403-6642](https://orcid.org/0000-0002-7403-6642)) (Google Scholar: [bit.ly/AndyGoogleScholar](https://bit.ly/AndyGoogleScholar))

I have published 13(4) journal-, 3(3) ML-venue-, and 5(3) preprint publications (submitted) where the paranthesis indicate (co)first authorships. 2 papers are as corresponding author. I am cited 93 times in total.

*Machine learning for analysis of experimental spectroscopy and scattering data in materials chemistry*, **A. S. Anker**, et al., invited perspective RSC Chemical Science (Submitted) 2023

*POMFinder: Identifying polyoxometalate cluster structures from pair distribution function data using explainable machine learning*, **A. S. Anker**, et al., (Submitted IUCrJ) 2023

*Using generative adversarial networks to match experimental and simulated inelastic neutron scattering data*, **A. S. Anker**, et al., Digital Discovery (**Front cover**) 2023

*DeepStruc: Towards structure solution from pair distribution function data using deep generative models*, **A. S. Anker** & E. T. S. Kjær, et al., Digital Discovery (**Front cover**)+AI4MAT NeurIPS 2022

*Extracting Structural Motifs from Pair Distribution Function Data of Nanostructures using Explainable Machine Learning*, **A. S. Anker**, et al., npj Computational Materials + AI4MAT NeurIPS 2022

*Structural Changes during the Growth of Atomically Precise Metal Oxido Nanoclusters from Combined Pair Distribution Function and Small-Angle X-ray Scattering Analysis*, **A. S. Anker**, et al. Angewandte Chemie (**Back cover**) 2021

*Characterising the Atomic Structure of Mono-Metallic Nanoparticles from X-Ray Scattering Data Using Conditional Generative Models*, **A. S. Anker** & E. T. S. Kjær, et al., SIGKDD, 16<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Mining and Learning with Graphs 2020



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## FUNDING

2023	Research Grant	Postdoctoral Fellowship from Novo Nordisk Foundation	4 000 000 DKK
– Today		Granted ten other grants of total	~143 000 DKK

## AWARDS AND HONORS

AI-Generated Art Challenge: Nordic Landscapes – Nordic AI 2023	2023
Best Talk, PhD Seminar, Department of Chemistry, University of Copenhagen	2022
Winning Team in the Danish Fungi Challenge – ML Hackathon	2022
Poster Prize, ISIS Student Meeting, Harwell, England	2021
Poster Prize, Analysis of Diffraction Data, Grenoble, France	2019
Poster Prize, Inorganic Student Seminar, Odense, Denmark	2019
Best Bachelor Thesis, Department of Chemistry, University of Copenhagen	2018

## PRESENTATIONS

9 contributed talks to summer schools(1), seminars (2), national-(3) and international conferences(1)

22 contributed posters summer schools(1), national-(10) and international conferences (10)

2 invited talks:

"Towards Automated Structure Analysis of Nanoparticles", Materials Innovation Factory, Liverpool, England	2023
"Using Generative Adversarial Networks to match experimental and simulated inelastic neutron scattering data", European Spallation Source Data Management and Software Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark	2022

**BEAMTIMES** ~20 scattering and spectroscopy experiments at international radiation facilities

## TEACHING AND OUTREACH

Paper in the danish popular science journal - Aktuel Naturvidenskab

Twitter takeover (@RealSci\_Nano) and outreach video ([https://youtu.be/PywCje9\\_YF4](https://youtu.be/PywCje9_YF4))

Co-supervised 6 students, Department of Chemistry, University of Copenhagen

- 2 MSc students in machine learning for structure solution from pair distribution function data
- 3 BSc students using machine learning to analyse scattering data
- 1 BSc student using scattering to understand the formation process of nanomaterials

Teaching assistant for chemistry courses, 740 hrs., Department of Chemistry, University of Copenhagen

- Applied Spectroscopy | General and Inorganic Chemistry | General Chemistry for Life Sciences

Student assistant at Nano-Science Center & Skoletjenesten, University of Copenhagen 2016 – 2018

- Organising and teaching 1–5 days teaching events for primary and high school students
- Teaching nanoscience, chemistry and physics for primary school students

Teaching qualification course, Department of Science Education, University of Copenhagen, 3ECTS

Guest lecture "Applied Mathematics for Chemists" 2023

## REVIEW EXPERIENCE

ACS Reviewer Lab Course 2022

Reviewed 11 papers: (AI4PS workshop at NeurIPS: 4 (2022) & 3 (2023), AI4Mat workshop at NeurIPS: 2 (2023), npj Computational Materials: 2)



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