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Homework Assignment #04: Chapter 4: 2, 4, 6, 7, 10 due Monday, March 10, 2015

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Polydispersivity



Nucleation & growth of glycine

Can SAXS help us understand the nucleation and growth of a simple molecule which is the prototype for pharmaceutical compounds?



initial studies at 12 keV show change but no crystallization

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in aqueous solution, R_g implies dimerization and increases due to aggregation until crystallization

in acidic solution, *Rg* remains small and implies that no dimerization or aggregation occurs before nucleation

"Relationship between Self-Association of Glycine Molecules in Supersaturated Solution and Solid State Outcome", D. Erdemir et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **99**, 115702 (2007)