

# Revisiting Low-Modulus Titanium Alloy for Biomedical Applications by Artificial Neural Network and In-Situ Synchrotron Experiment

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## Abstract

A neural-network machine called “ $\beta$ Low” enables a high-throughput recommendation for new  $\beta$  titanium alloys with Young’s moduli lower than 50 GPa [1]. The machine was trained by using a very general approach with small data from experiments. Its efficiency and accuracy break the barrier for alloy discovery.  $\beta$ Low’s best recommendation, Ti-12Nb-12Zr-12Sn (in wt.%) alloy, was unexpected in previous methods. This new alloy meets the requirements for biocompatibility, low modulus, and low cost, and holds promise for orthopedic and prosthetic implants. In this talk, we would revisit the origin of low modulus of Ti alloy by artificial neural network and in-situ synchrotron diffraction. It is proposed that abnormal low Youngs modulus exists in  $\beta$  titanium when it situates the vicinity between metastable and unstable [2]. Moreover, we will further discuss future research plan in this field by the combination of machine learning and in-situ synchrotron diffraction.

**Keywords – Artificial Neural Network; In-situ Synchrotron Diffraction,  $\beta$  titanium, Youngs Modulus**

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