

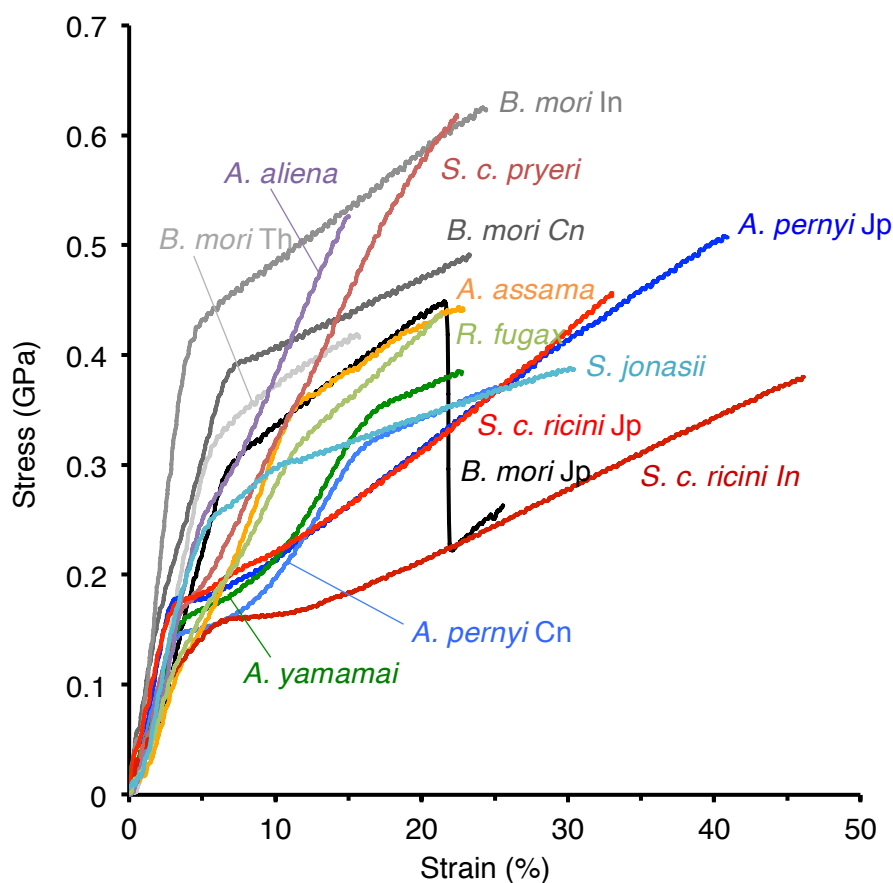
## Supplementary Information

### Relationships between physical properties and sequences in silkworm silks

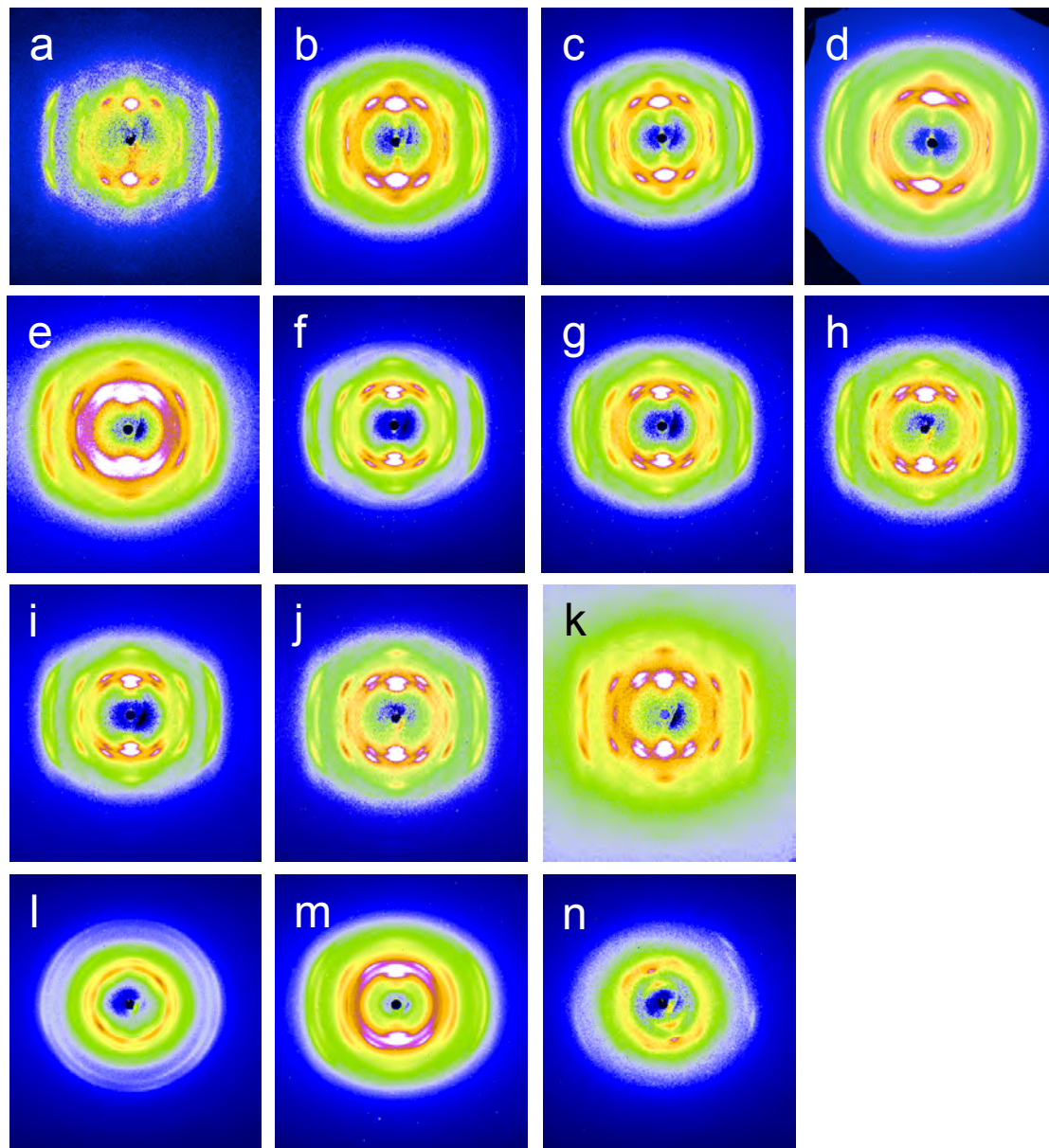
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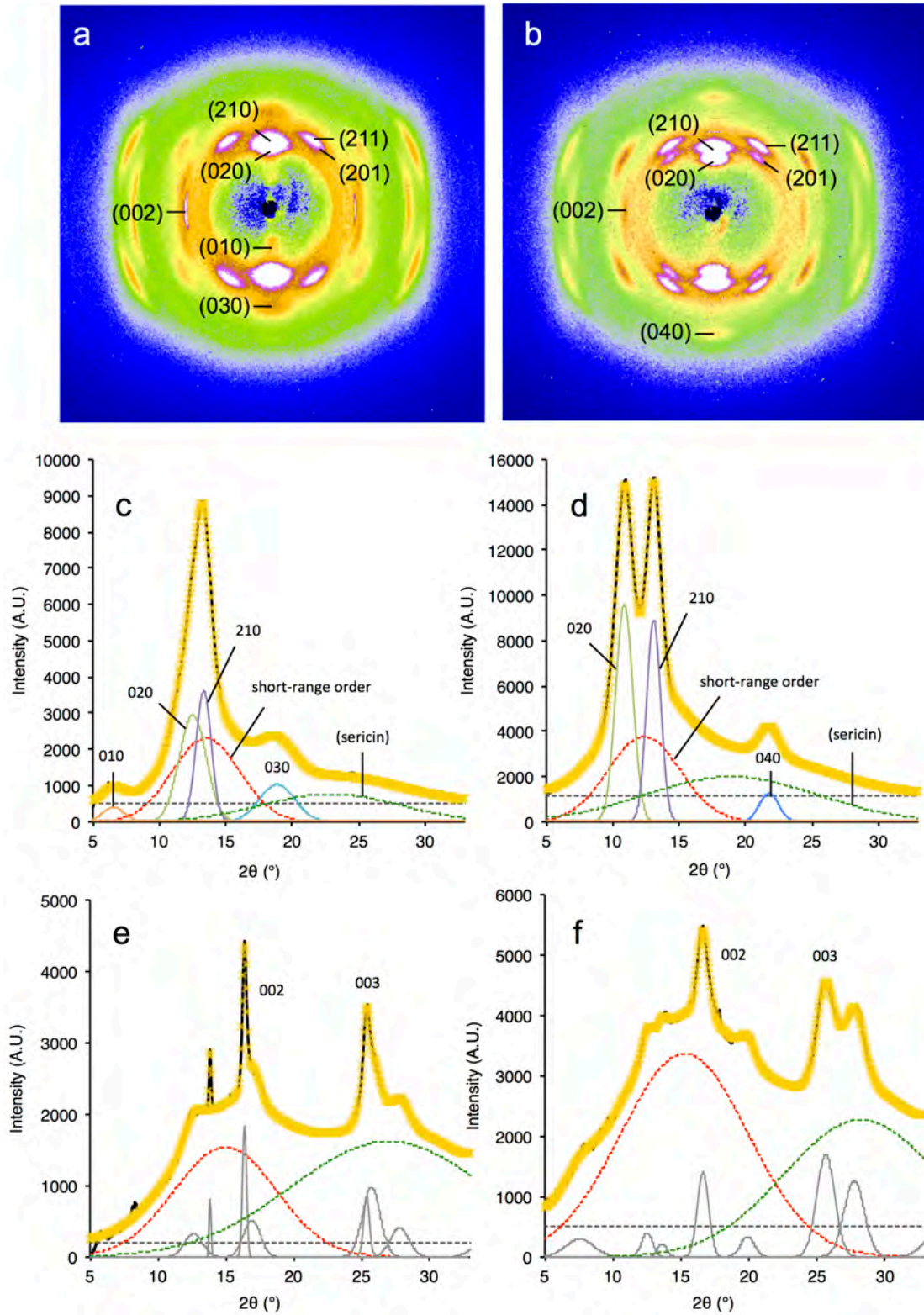
**Supplementary Figure S1.** Compilation of representative results from tensile deformation tests of the 14 silk samples used in the study.



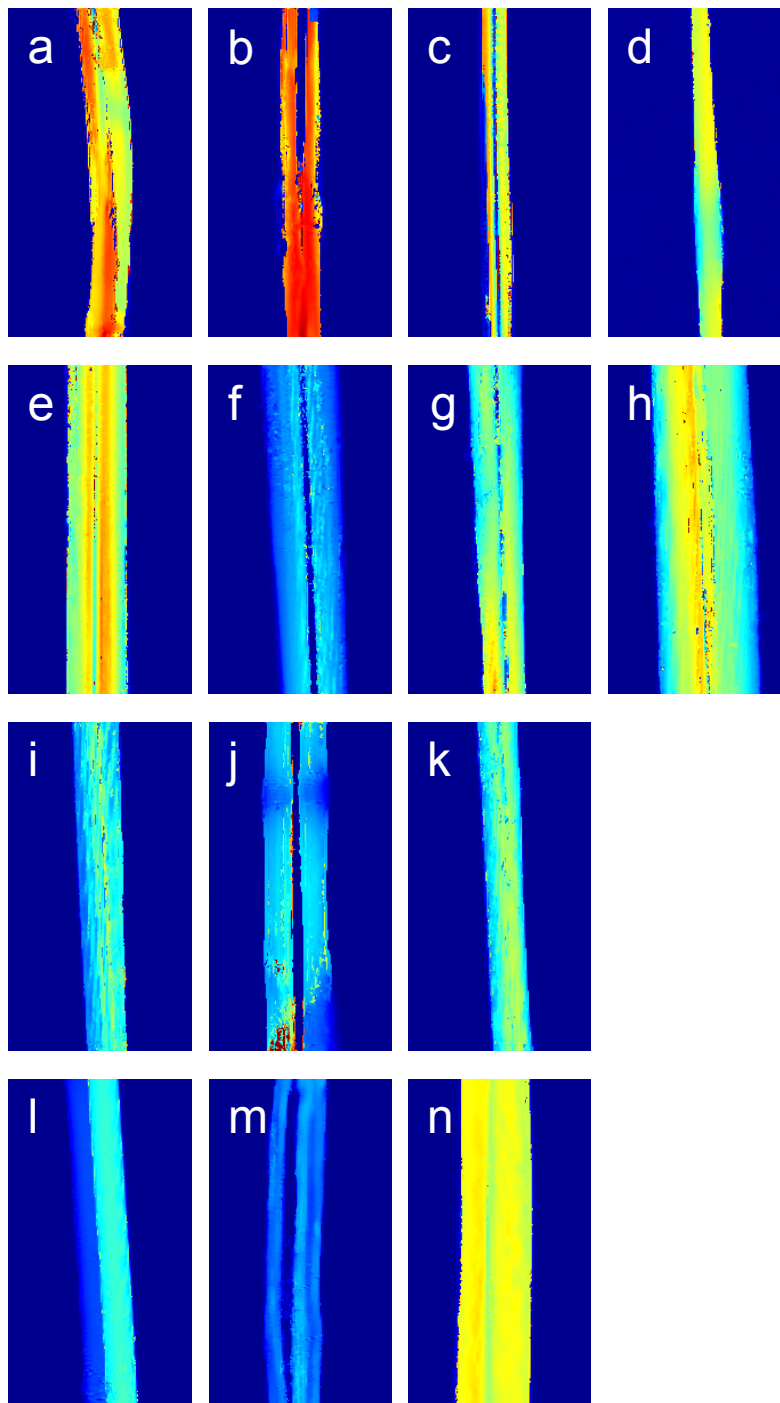
**Supplementary Figure S2.** WAXS reflection patterns of the different silks. (a) *B. mori* Jp; (b) *B. mori* Cn; (c) *B. mori* Th; (d) *B. mori* In; (e) *A. pernyi* Jp; (f) *A. pernyi* Cn; (g) *A. yamamai*; (h) *A. assama*; (i) *S. c. ricini* Jp; (j) *S. c. ricini* In; (k) *S. c. pryeri*; (l) *A. aliena*; (m) *R. fugax*; (n) *S. jonassii*.



**Supplementary Figure S3.** (a, b) 2D diffraction images indicating main reflections. (b, c) 1D profiles of equatorial scans of the WAXS data showing Gaussian functions fitted to the main peaks and amorphous halo. (d, e) 1D profiles of meridional scans showing attempted fit of Gaussians to the data. Panels to the *left* (a, c, e) correspond to *B. mori* Cn and figures to the *right* (b, d, f) correspond to *S. c. ricini* In.



**Supplementary Figure S4.** Retardance images used for birefringence calculations. (a) *B. mori* Jp; (b) *B. mori* Cn; (c) *B. mori* Th; (d) *B. mori* In; (e) *A. pernyi* Jp; (f) *A. pernyi* Cn; (g) *A. yamamai*; (h) *A. assama*; (i) *S. c. ricini* Jp; (j) *S. c. ricini* In; (k) *S. c. pryeri*; (l) *A. aliena*; (m) *R. fugax*; (n) *S. jonasii*.



**Supplementary Table 1.** Summary of results from tensile deformation tests on individual silk fibres, showing standard deviation values.

Sample	Tensile Strength (GPa)	Extensibility (%)	Young's Modulus (GPa)	Toughness (GJ m <sup>-3</sup> )
<i>B. mori</i> Jp	0.40 ± 0.11 <sup>ab</sup>	26.8 ± 5.8 <sup>abcd</sup>	5.13 ± 1.6 <sup>abc</sup>	0.071 ± 0.028 <sup>abc</sup>
<i>B. mori</i> Cn	0.46 ± 0.08 <sup>abc</sup>	24.1 ± 7.7 <sup>abcd</sup>	7.23 ± 1.68 <sup>cd</sup>	0.081 ± 0.034 <sup>bc</sup>
<i>B. mori</i> Th	0.55 ± 0.11 <sup>c</sup>	23.2 ± 7.9 <sup>abcd</sup>	6.66 ± 1.06 <sup>bcd</sup>	0.091 ± 0.042 <sup>bc</sup>
<i>B. mori</i> In	0.57 ± 0.12 <sup>c</sup>	24.5 ± 10.1 <sup>abcd</sup>	8.61 ± 2.19 <sup>d</sup>	0.103 ± 0.057 <sup>c</sup>
<i>A. pernyi</i> Jp	0.34 ± 0.08 <sup>a</sup>	26.7 ± 8.4 <sup>abcd</sup>	4.72 ± 1.73 <sup>ab</sup>	0.060 ± 0.020 <sup>abc</sup>
<i>A. pernyi</i> Cn	0.43 ± 0.08 <sup>abc</sup>	29.6 ± 10.0 <sup>bcd</sup>	4.76 ± 1.09 <sup>ab</sup>	0.079 ± 0.027 <sup>abc</sup>
<i>A. yamamai</i>	0.39 ± 0.07 <sup>ab</sup>	35.6 ± 13.7 <sup>d</sup>	4.58 ± 0.58 <sup>ab</sup>	0.092 ± 0.043 <sup>bc</sup>
<i>A. assama</i>	0.36 ± 0.10 <sup>a</sup>	29.2 ± 10.7 <sup>bcd</sup>	4.31 ± 1.15 <sup>a</sup>	0.068 ± 0.031 <sup>abc</sup>
<i>S. c. pryeri</i>	0.53 ± 0.15 <sup>bc</sup>	24.1 ± 5.2 <sup>abcd</sup>	4.71 ± 1.26 <sup>ab</sup>	0.078 ± 0.023 <sup>abc</sup>
<i>S. c. ricini</i> Jp	0.38 ± 0.12 <sup>a</sup>	33.9 ± 11.4 <sup>cd</sup>	4.61 ± 2.01 <sup>ab</sup>	0.078 ± 0.038 <sup>abc</sup>
<i>S. c. ricini</i> In	0.47 ± 0.11 <sup>abc</sup>	29.4 ± 8.0 <sup>bcd</sup>	4.69 ± 1.26 <sup>ab</sup>	0.086 ± 0.030 <sup>bc</sup>
<i>R. fugax</i>	0.43 ± 0.01 <sup>abc</sup>	22.3 ± 1.2 <sup>abc</sup>	4.09 ± 0.28 <sup>a</sup>	0.058 ± 0.003 <sup>abc</sup>
<i>A. aliena</i>	0.39 ± 0.14 <sup>ab</sup>	14.9 ± 3.7 <sup>a</sup>	4.69 ± 1.98 <sup>ab</sup>	0.030 ± 0.010 <sup>a</sup>
<i>S. jonasii</i>	0.37 ± 0.10 <sup>a</sup>	19.6 ± 13.0 <sup>ab</sup>	7.10 ± 2.60 <sup>cd</sup>	0.050 ± 0.040 <sup>ab</sup>

Values in the same column with different superscript letters are significantly different at  $p < 0.08$ .

**Supplementary Table 2.** Summary of results from combined TG and DSC experiments.

Sample	Water content (%)	$T_w$	$T_{en1}$	$T_{en2}$	$T_d$
<i>B. mori</i> Jp	6.68 ± 0.79	96.05 ± 3.35	239.91 ± 2.72		335.36 ± 0.45
<i>B. mori</i> Cn	5.37 ± 0.41	93.63 ± 1.89	235.17 ± 5.70		338.04 ± 0.85
<i>B. mori</i> Th	5.96 ± 0.14	92.08 ± 0.93	224.36 ± 7.10		327.07 ± 0.18
<i>B. mori</i> In	8.11 ± 0.52	87.51 ± 0.05	231.97 ± 3.56		328.42 ± 0.62
<i>A. pernyi</i> Jp	7.65 ± 0.30	92.71 ± 0.56	230.58 ± 1.76	295.44 ± 1.27	375.96 ± 1.50
<i>A. pernyi</i> Cn	7.43 ± 0.69	91.67 ± 1.44	230.72 ± 0.59	296.50 ± 3.29	376.16 ± 0.09
<i>A. yamamai</i>	7.91 ± 0.20	97.37 ± 2.01	229.69 ± 0.61	292.99 ± 4.99	376.31 ± 0.18
<i>A. assama</i>	7.62 ± 0.58	88.61 ± 2.06	220.41 ± 2.68	287.04 ± 3.03	372.99 ± 0.47
<i>S. c. pryeri</i>	7.55 ± 0.20	87.78 ± 0.70	227.82 ± 3.24	290.48 ± 10.06	379.19 ± 1.66
<i>S. c. ricini</i> Jp	7.34 ± 0.24	87.48 ± 0.18	230.54 ± 6.75	300.80 ± 9.39	381.51 ± 0.48
<i>S. c. ricini</i> In	8.35 ± 0.53	87.97 ± 1.18	231.28 ± 0.91	299.18 ± 0.24	382.14 ± 1.22
<i>R. fugax</i>	7.12 ± 0.21	105.26 ± 2.72	224.16 ± 0.53	291.01 ± 3.03	371.04 ± 1.17
<i>A. aliena</i>	7.80 ± 0.46	89.15 ± 2.24	233.94 ± 0.77	307.35 ± 3.74	369.79 ± 0.20
<i>S. jonasii</i>	7.92 ± 0.32	94.07 ± 3.96	215.27 ± 1.00		368.78 ± 0.35