



Supplementary Figure 2. Density maps (a, b) as derived from the maximum position of the FSDP¹ and normalized relative difference of the scattering intensity at $q = 0 \text{ nm}^{-1}$ (c, d), representing the variation of the AEDF. Both shown for indent 2: *in-situ* under load (a, c); after unloading (b, d). The data shows different dimensions and shapes of the areas, which are affected by the indenter tip (center is located at $(x, y) = (0, 0)$) for short-range order (density or FSDP, Fig. a) and topological heterogeneity (AEDF, Fig. c), respectively, while the quantity of the effect with $\sim 1.5 \%$ is very similar. Upon stress release with unloading, both contributions seem to fully relax. However, a permanent densification of a small volume in the vicinity of the indenter tip ($-4 \mu\text{m} < x < 0 \mu\text{m}$, $0 \mu\text{m} < y < 1 \mu\text{m}$) cannot be excluded from these SAXS measurements.

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