

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

A Molecular Dynamics study of structure, stability and fragmentation patterns of Sodium bis(2-ethylhexyl)sulfosuccinate positively charged aggregates *in vacuo*

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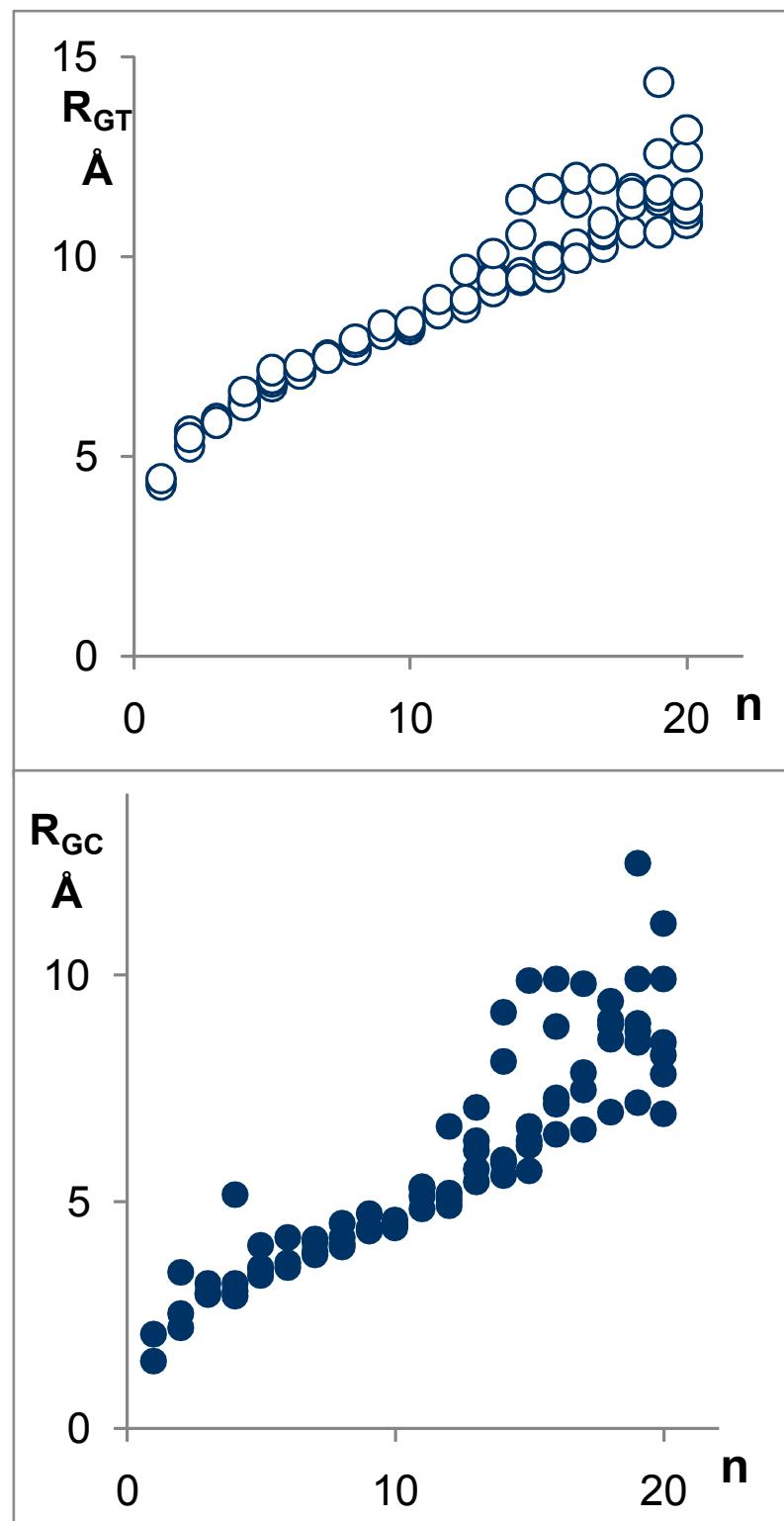


Figure SI-1 gyration radius (Å) calculated for all atoms, R_{GT} , and for the core atoms, R_{GC} , for $n=1-20$ for all possible charge values ($n_c=0-n_{c,max}$).

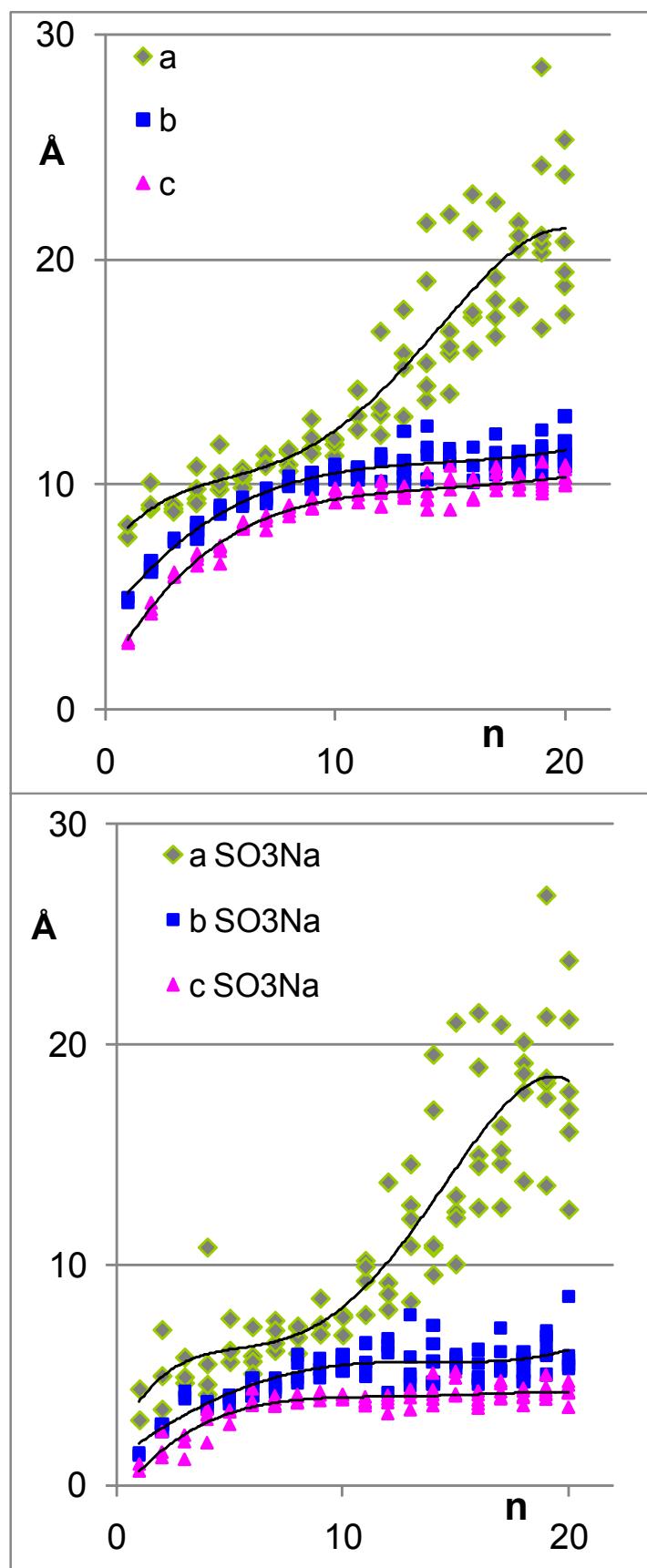


Figure SI-2 Lengths of the three semi-axes a , b , c (\AA) of the equivalent ellipsoid, calculated from inertia moments as explained in the text, for all atoms (top) and for the core atoms (SO_3Na) (bottom) for all n and n_c values. Lines are added just as eye-guides.