Supplementary information *for* "Structural features and energy storages of electric double layers in confined polyelectrolyte solutions"

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Fig. S1 (**a**) Net charge density profiles (normalized by ${}^{ec}{}_{b}$). (**b**) Net cumulative charge profiles (normalized by σ). (**c**) Electrostatic potential profiles (normalized by $1/(\beta e)$). (**d**) Polyelectrolyte monomer concentration profile (normalized by ϕ_{b}^{2}). (**e**) Dimensionless small cation concentration profiles. (**f**) Dimensionless small anion concentration profiles. Other parameter values used in calculations are given as follows: $L = 3\lambda_{D} = 3\kappa_{salt}^{-1}/\sqrt{1 + fC}$, f=1, $c_{b} = 10^{-3} M$, $c_{p,b} = 10^{-3} nm^{-3}$ and $\sigma = -0.1e/nm^{2}$. The legend in panel **b** is valid for all other plots.



Fig. S2 Effects of absorption length under various surface charge densities for positively charged surfaces as *D*=-5 nm and *D*=5 nm. (**a**) Net cumulative charge profiles (normalized by σ), (**b**) monomer concentration profiles (normalized by ϕ_b^2) and (**c**) electrostatic potential profiles (normalized by $1/(\beta e)$). Other parameter values used in calculations are *L*=50 nm, *f*=1, $c_b = 10^{-3}$ M and $c_{p,b} = 10^{-3} nm^{-3}$.



Fig. S3 The EDL electrostatic energy E + as a function of surface charge density $^{\sigma}$ for varying charge fraction *f*. The bulk salt concentration is set to (a) $c_{\rm b}$ =0.1 mM, (b) $c_{\rm b}$ =10 mM and (c) $c_{\rm b}$ =100 mM. Other parameter values used here are listed as follows: L = 50 nm, $c_{p,b} = 10^{-3}$ nm⁻³, D = 5 nm.