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## Electronic Supplementary Information. Bio-SAXS of Single-Stranded DNA-Binding Proteins: Radiation Protection by the Compatible Solute Ectoine

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In the following additional scattering curves and fitting results and data are presented. Details can be found in the main text.

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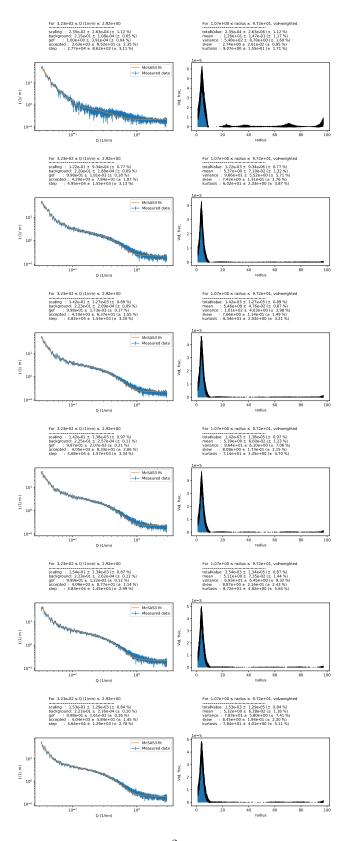


Figure 1: Scattering curves (left) and corresponding McSAS3 fitting results (right) for G5P at  $1\,\mathrm{mg/mL}$  without Ectoine at (top to bottom) ar t=1 s  $100\,\mathrm{s}$ ,  $200\,\mathrm{s}$ ,  $300\,\mathrm{s}$   $400\,\mathrm{s}$ , and  $500\,\mathrm{s}$ .

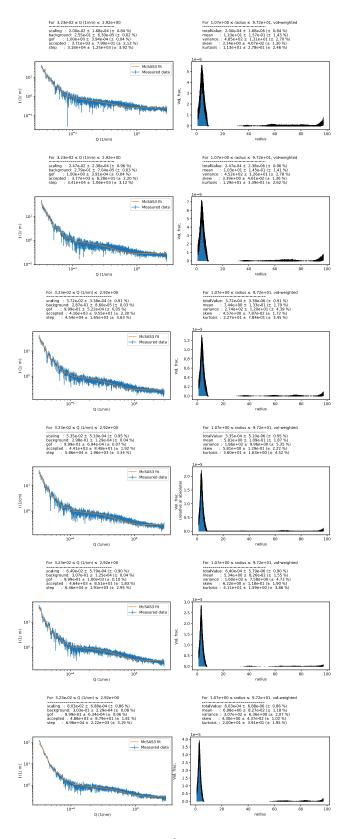


Figure 2: Scattering curves (left) and corresponding McSAS3 fitting results (right) for G5P at  $1\,\mathrm{mg/mL}$  with Ectoine at (top to bottom) at  $t=1\,\mathrm{s}\ 100\,\mathrm{s}$ ,  $200\,\mathrm{s}$ ,  $300\,\mathrm{s}\ 400\,\mathrm{s}$ , and  $500\,\mathrm{s}$ .

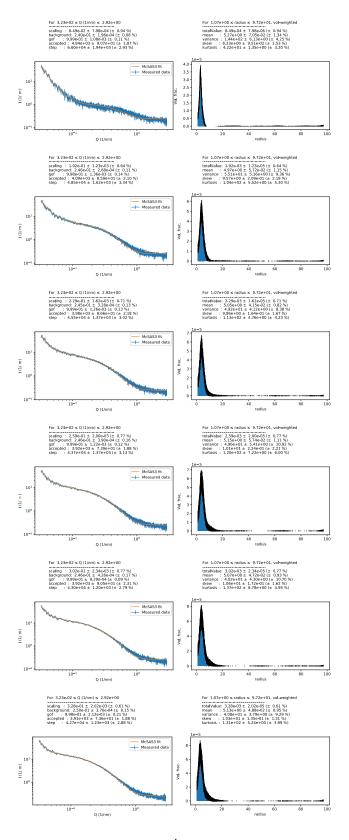


Figure 3: Scattering curves (left) and corresponding McSAS3 fitting results (right) for G5P at 2mg/mL without Ectoine at (top to bottom) ar t=1 s 100 s, 200 s, 300 s 400 s, and 500 s.

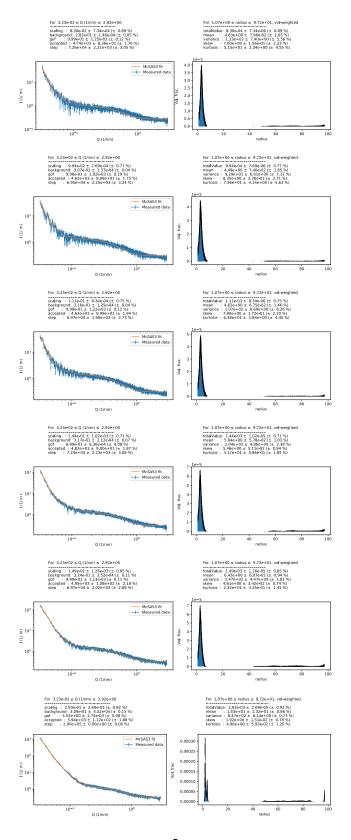


Figure 4: Scattering curves (left) and corresponding McSAS3 fitting results (right) for G5P at 2mg/mL with Ectoine at (top to bottom) at  $t=1 \,\mathrm{s}\ 100 \,\mathrm{s}$ ,  $200 \,\mathrm{s}$ ,  $300 \,\mathrm{s}\ 400 \,\mathrm{s}$ , and  $500 \,\mathrm{s}$ .

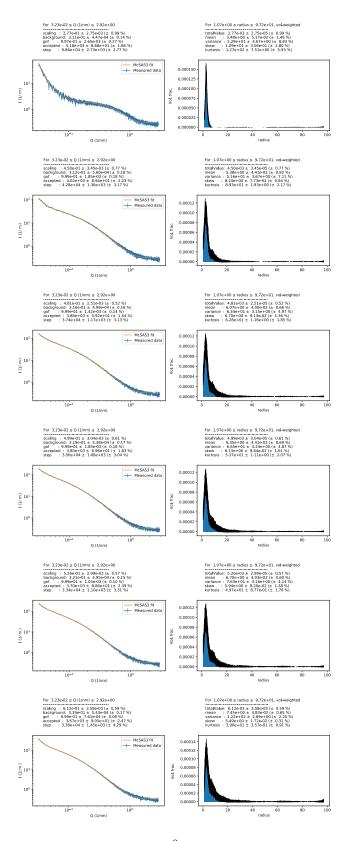


Figure 5: Scattering curves (left) and corresponding McSAS3 fitting results (right) for G5P at 4mg/mL without Ectoine at (top to bottom) at t=1 s 100 s, 200 s, 300 s 400 s, and 500 s.

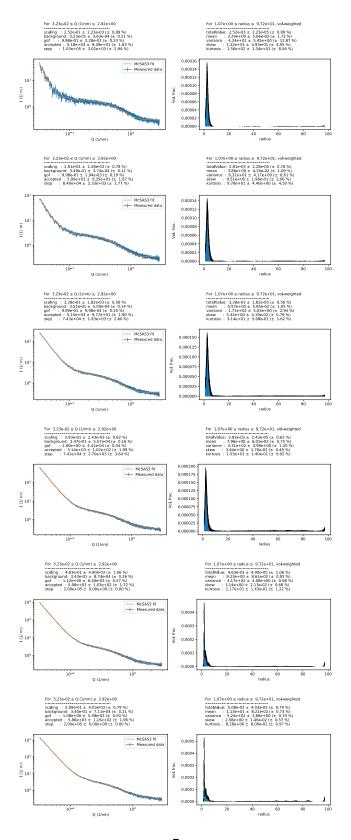


Figure 6: Scattering curves (left) and corresponding McSAS3 fitting results (right) for G5P at 4 mg/mL with Ectoine at (top to bottom) at t=1 s 100 s, 200 s, 300 s 400 s, and 500 s.

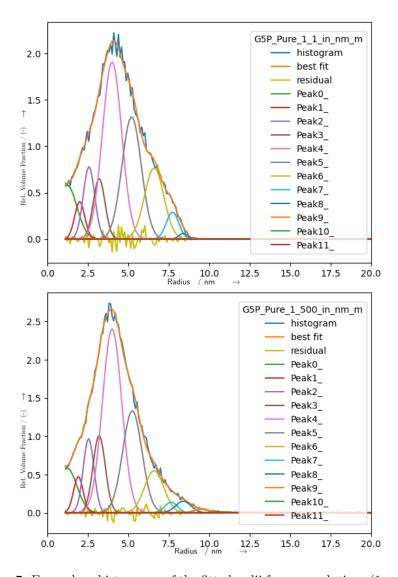


Figure 7: Exemplary histograms of the fitted radii for pure solutions  $(1\,\mathrm{mg/mL})$  at the beginning (top) and end (bottom) of the irradiation. For details see the main text.

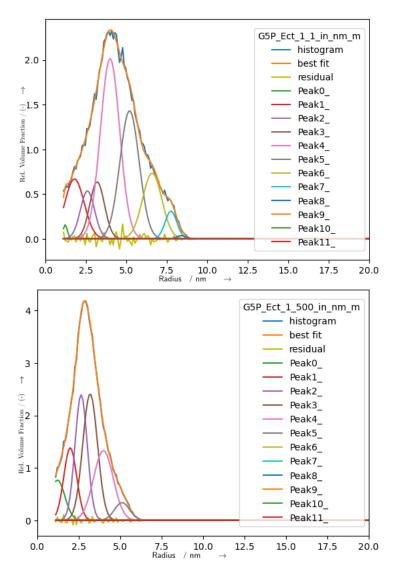


Figure 8: Exemplary histograms of the fitted radii for Ectoine containing solutions  $(1\,\mathrm{mg/mL})$  at the beginning (top) and end (bottom) of the irradiation. For details see the main text.

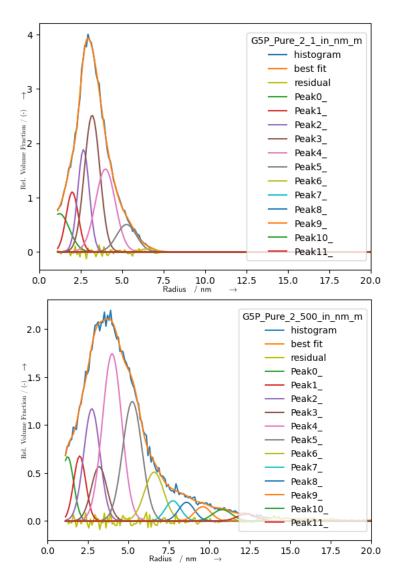


Figure 9: Exemplary histograms of the fitted radii for pure solutions  $(2\,\mathrm{mg/mL})$  at the beginning (top) and end (bottom) of the irradiation. For details see the main text.

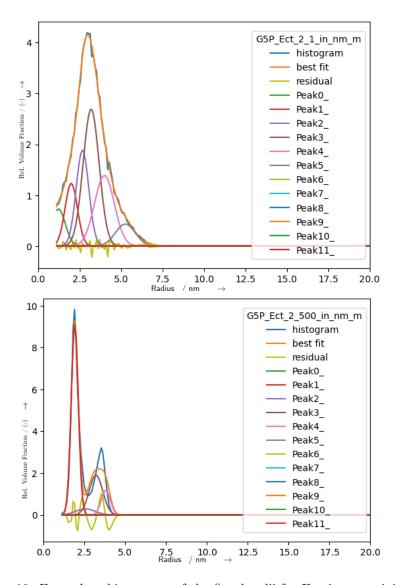
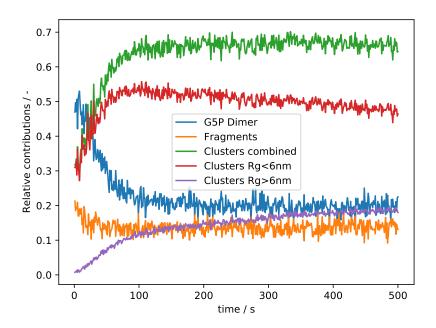


Figure 10: Exemplary histograms of the fitted radii for Ectoine containing solutions  $(2\,\mathrm{mg/mL})$  at the beginning (top) and end (bottom) of the irradiation. For details see the main text.



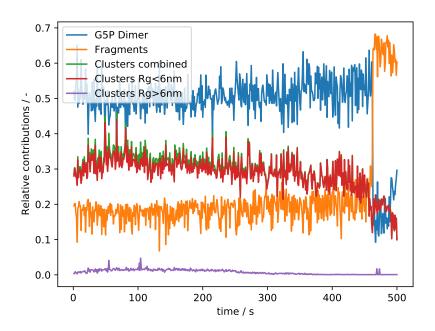


Figure 11: Time evolution of the fits of the different Gaussians corresponding to the various G5P species at concentrations of  $2\,\mathrm{mg/mL}$  resulting in the distribution of the different fitted radii for pure solutions, without (top) and with (bottom) Ectoine.

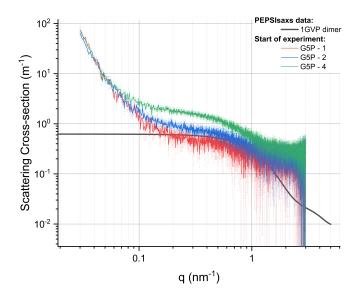


Figure 12: Measured scattering curves of pure G5P with the indicated concentrations at the beginning of the measurements together with the simulated curve from Pepsi-SAXS as described in the main manuscript.

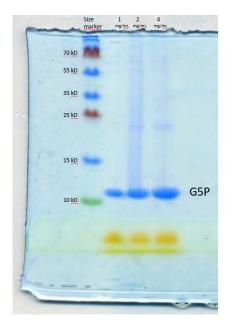


Figure 13: SDS-PAGE (15 %) with G5P purified protein in different concentrations and size marker. The gel was stained with Coomassie brilliant blue.

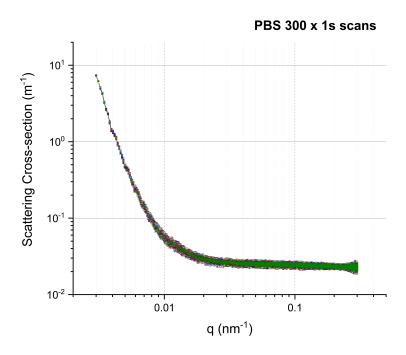


Figure 14: SAXS Scattering curves of the pure PBS buffer at different times. No change is observed for the overlay of 300 curves recorded for  $1\,\mathrm{s}$  each.