

Supporting Information:

Effect of Acetylation on the Nanofibril Formation of Chitosan

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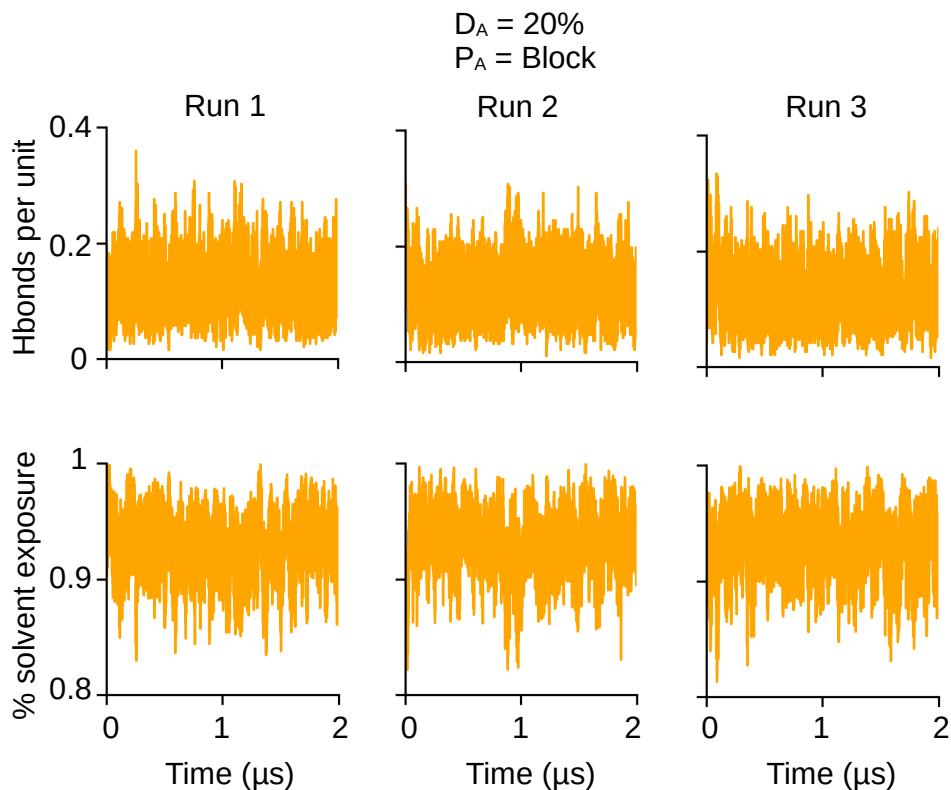


Figure S1: Number of the interchain hydrogen bonds per acetylglucosamine (GlcAc) unit and percent solvent exposure at 20% DA as a function of simulation time. A hydrogen bond is considered present if the heavy-atom donor-acceptor distance is below 3.5 Å and the donor-hydrogen-acceptor angle greater than 135°. Note, all 24 chains were used at each temperature. % solvent exposure is calculated as the solvent accessibility surface area (SASA) divided by the SASA of a fully solvent exposed chain. SASA is calculated using the LCPO algorithm of Weiser et al.⁷

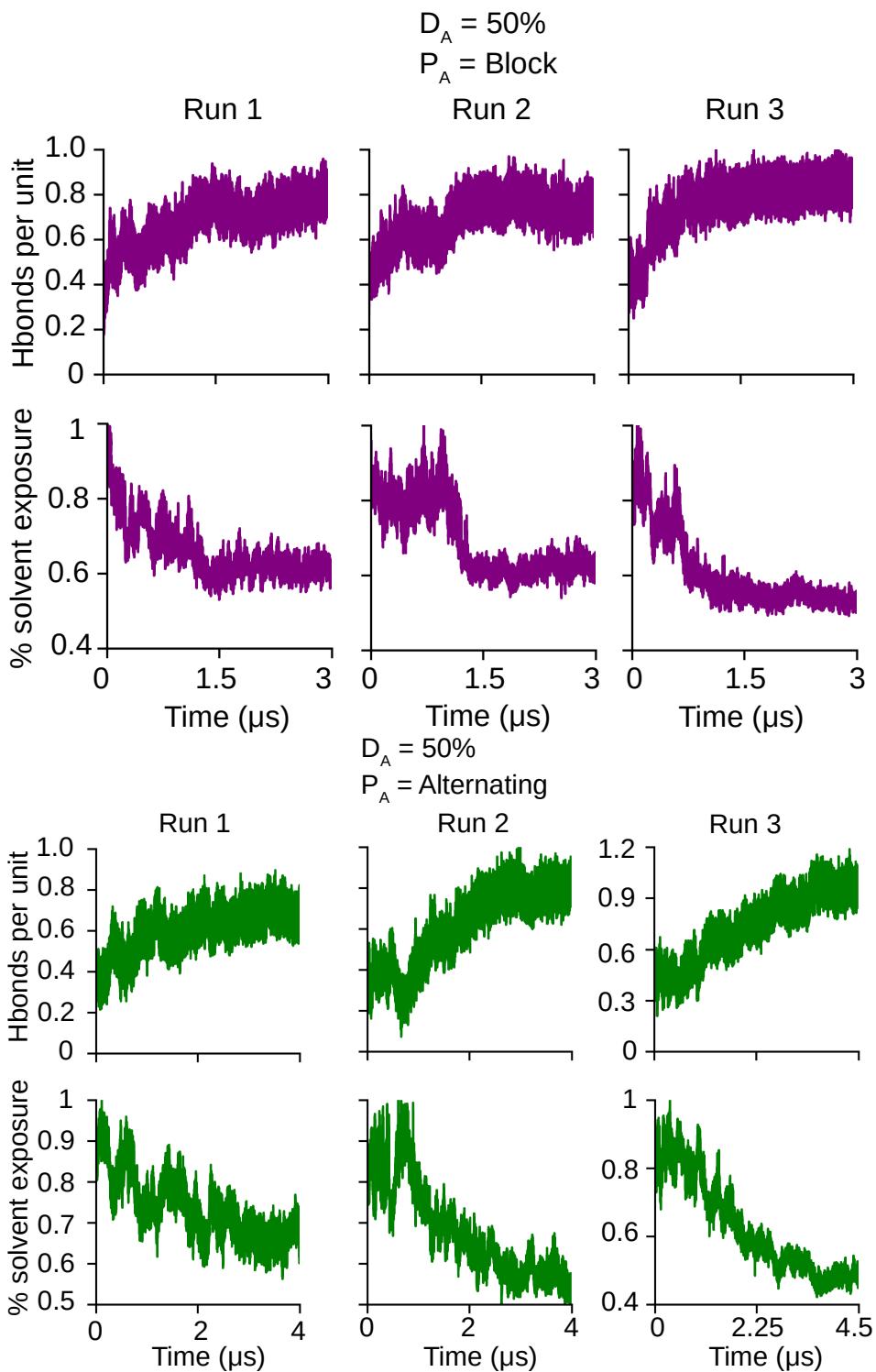


Figure S2: Number of the interchain hydrogen bonds per acetylglucosamine (GlcAc) unit and percent solvent exposure as a function of simulation time for 50% DA chitosan chains with the block (top) and alternating (bottom) PA.

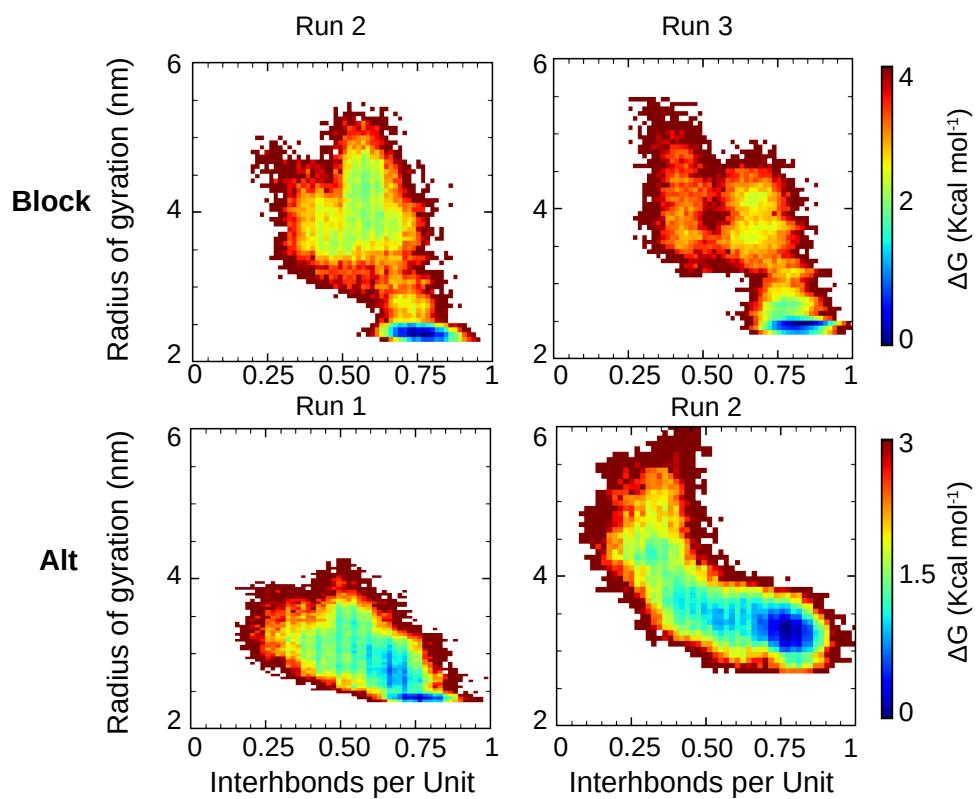


Figure S3: Free energy as a function of the radius of gyration and intermolecular hbonds per unit for all runs of block and alternating pattern chitosan at 50% DA.
 The entire simulation length was used in this calculation for each run.