

**Supporting Information for:
“Sequence determinants of protein phase behavior from a
coarse-grained model”**

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1. SUPPLEMENTARY METHODS

Modelling of LAF-1 helicase domain.

Since there is no solved structure for the helicase domain of LAF-1, we started by predicting its structure from its homologue VASA. Both LAF-1 and VASA belong to the DEAD-Box family and the structure of *Drosophila* VASA has been solved [1]. We first aligned the LAF-1 sequence to the structured part of VASA using the MUSCLE v3.8 web service [2]. The sequence similarity is 51% and the alignment of the structured part is shown below:

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VASA      Residue 202-621
LAF-1     Residue 187-623
VASA      YIPPEPSNDAIEI-FSSGSIASGIHFSKYNNIPVKVTGSDVPQPIQHFTSADLRDIIIDNV
LAF-1     WENRGARDERIEQELFSGQLSGINFDKYEIPVEATGDDVDPQISLFSDSLHEWIEENI
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VASA      NKSGYKIPTPIQKCSIPVISSGRDLMACAQTGSGKTA AFLLPILSKLLED-PHELEL---
LAF-1     KTAGYDRPTPVQKYSIPALQGGRDLMSCAQTGSGKTA AFLVPLVNAILQDGPDAVHRSVT
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VASA      ---GR---PQVVIVSPTRELAIQIFNEARKFAFESYLKIGIVYGG-TSFRHQNECITRG
LAF-1     SSGGRKKQYPSALVLSPTRELSLQIFNESRKFA YRTPITSALLYGGRENYKDQIHKLRLLG
          **   *..:*****:*****:*****: : . .:***** .:. *  : *
VASA      CHVVIATPGRLLDFVDRTFITFEDTRFVVLDEADRMLDMGFSEDMRRIM--THVTMRPEH
LAF-1     CHILIIATPGRLLIDVMDQGLIGMEGCRYLVLDEADRMLDMGFEPQIRQIVECNRMPSKEER
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VASA      QTLMSATFPPEEIORMAGEFLK-NYVFVAIGIVGGACSDVKQTIYEVNKYAKRSKLIETL
LAF-1     ITAMFSATFPKEIQLLAQDFLKENYVFLAVGRV GSTSENIMQKIVWVEEDEKRSYLMDDL
          * *****:*** :* :*** *****:* * *..:..: *.* *:: *** *:::
VASA      SEQADG--TIVFVETKRGADFLASFLSEKEFP TTSIHGDRLQSQRQALRDFKNGSMKVL
LAF-1     DATGDSSTLTVFVETKRGASDLAYYLN RQNYEVVTI HGDLKQFEREKHLDLFRTGTAPIL
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VASA      IATSVASRGLDIKNIKHVINYDMP SKIDDYVHRIGRTGRVGNNGRATSFFDPEKDRAIAA
LAF-1     VATAVAARGLDIPNVKHVINYDLPSDVDEYVHRIGRTGRVGNVGLATSFFN-DKNRNIAR
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VASA      DLVKILEGSGQTVPDFLR
LAF-1     ELMDLIVEANQELPDWLE
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We provided the VASA structure (PDB:2DB3) and the sequence alignment information shown above as the inputs to the Modeller software package v9.17 [3]. We then repeated the modelling process 100 times and picked the structure with the smallest energy as best model for the structure of the LAF-1 helicase domain (S7 Fig.).

Sequences of the proteins used in this work.**FUS WT**

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SQNTGYGTQS TPQGYGSTGG YGSSQSSQSS YGQQSSYPGY GQQPAPSSTS GSYGSSSQSS

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SYGQPQSGSY SQQPSYGGQQ QSYGQQQSYN PPQGYGQQNQ YNS

FUS 6E

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 SYGQPQSGSY SQQPSYGGQQ QSYGQQQSYN PPQGYGQQNQ YNS

FUS 6E'

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FUS 6E*

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 SYGQPQSGSY EQQPSYGGQQ QSYGQQQSYN PPQGYGQQNQ YNS

FUS 12E

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 SYGQPQSGSY EQQPSYGGQQ QSYGQQQSYN PPQGYGQQNQ YNS

LAF-1 IDR

MESNQSNNGG SGNAALNRGG RYVPPHLRGG DGGAAAAASA GGDDRRGGAG GGGYRRGGGN
 SGGGGGGGYD RGYNDNRDDR DNRGGSGGYG RDRNYEDRGY NGGGGGGNR GYNNNRGGGG
 GGYNRQDRGD GGSSNFSRGG YNNRDEGSDN RGSGRSYNND RRDNGGDG

LAF-1 full length

...QN TRWNNLDAPP
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 WIEENIKTAG YDRPTPVQKY SIPALQGRD LMCAQTGSG KTAFLVPLV NAILQDGPDA
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 PSKEERITAM FSATFPKEIQ LLAQDFLKEN YVFLAVGRVG STSENIMQKI VWVEEDEKRS
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 GTAPILVATA VAARGLDIPN VKHVINYDLP SDVDEYVHRI GRTGRVGNVG LATSFFNDKN
 RNIARELMDL IVEANQELPD WLE

CspTm

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 QAAHVKV

IN

GSHCFLDGID KAQEEHEKYH SNWRAMASDF NLPPVVAKEI VASCDKCQLK GEAMHGQVDC

ProT α -N

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 GEEEEEEEE GDGEEEDGDE DEEAESATGK RAAEDDEDD VDTKKQKTDE DD

ProT α -C

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 ENGEQEADNE VDEECEEGGE EEEEEEGDG EEEDGDEDEE AESATGKRAA EDEDDDDVDT
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R15

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R17

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 RVNDVAANGE DLIKKNHHV ENITAKMKGL KGKVSLEKA

hCyp

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Protein L

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 KFRAG

ACTR

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 NQGQALEPKQ D

hNHE1cdt

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 SRDPAKVAEE DEDDDGGIMM RSKETSSPGT DDVFTPAPSD SPSSQRIQRC LSDPGPHPEP
 GEGEPFFPKG Q

sNase

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 FTKKMVENAK KIEVEFDKQG RTDKYGRGLA YIYADGMVN EALVRQGLAK VAYVYKPNNT
 HEQHLRKSEA QAKKEK

 α -synuclein

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2. SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

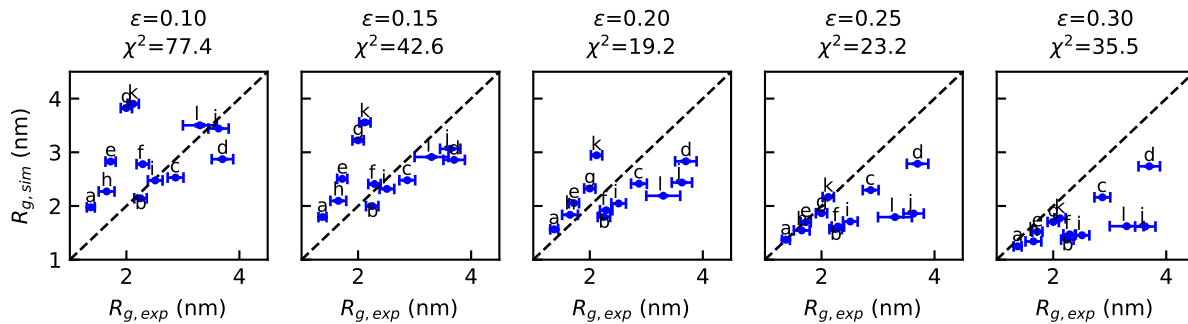


FIGURE S1. Comparison of R_g between simulations and experiments with different ϵ parameters for HPS model. The deviations χ^2 between the simulations and experiments are shown in the title. The list of the proteins and legends can be found in S2 Table.

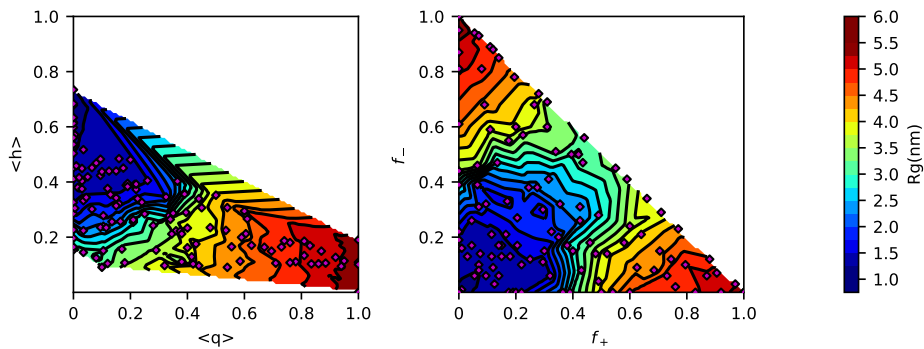


FIGURE S2. Randomly generated 100-mers in a Uversky (left) and Pappu (right) plot to show the dependence of R_g on charge and hydrophobicity using the KH model.

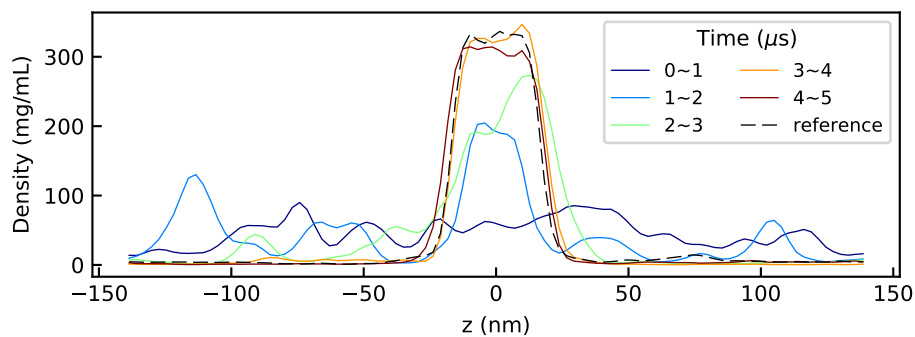


FIGURE S3. LAF-1 simulation started from dispersed state at 210K with KH-D model showing coalescence to a slab conformation after about $4 \mu\text{s}$. The colored lines show the density profile at different time ranges throughout the simulation. The black line shows the simulation starting from an initial slab configuration as a reference.

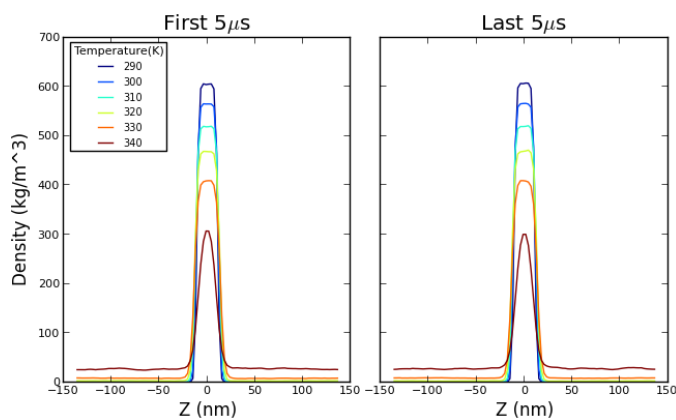


FIGURE S4. Comparison of density profiles between first $5 \mu\text{s}$ and last $5 \mu\text{s}$ of slab simulations of FUS WT.

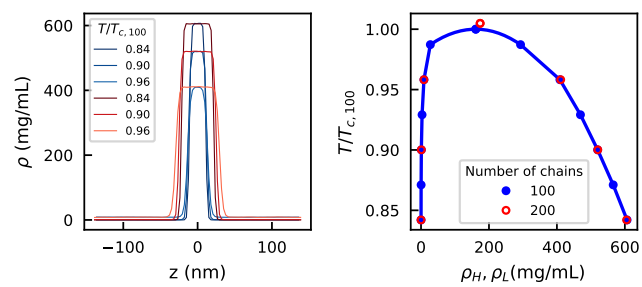


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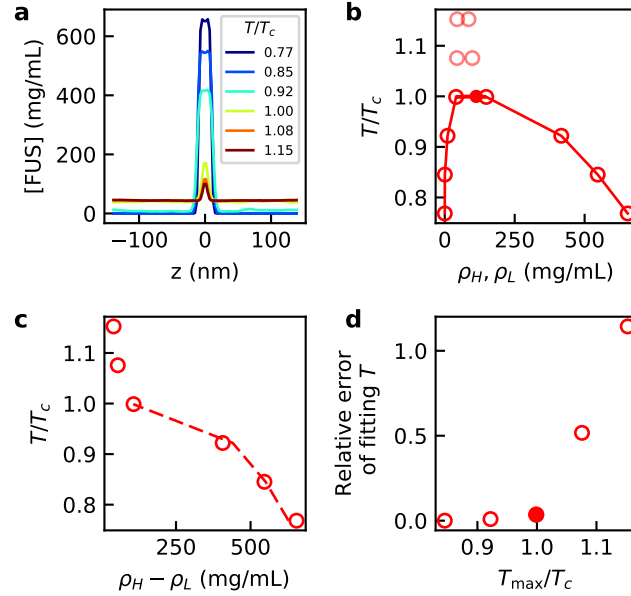


FIGURE S6. Methodology used to determine the range of temperatures to fit Eq. 6 in the main text. Temperatures are scaled by the critical temperature. a) Dependence of WT FUS concentration on the z-axis of the SLAB simulation with KH model. b) The concentrations of low- and high-density phases as a function of temperature. The empty symbols show the data and the solid symbol shows the critical temperature obtained from fitting to all except the two highest temperatures, where the system cannot be described by Eq. 6 any more. c) The difference of concentrations between the low- and high-density phases as a function of the temperature. Dashed line shows the fitting to Eq. 6. d) The relative error of fitting T using Eq. 6 as a function of the maximum temperature for fitting. The maximum temperature used for fitting to obtain the critical temperature is shown in solid symbol.

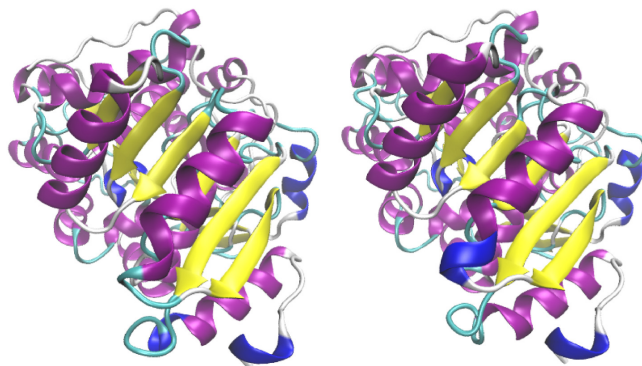


FIGURE S7. Homology modelling of helicase domain of LAF-1 using the structure of VASA. Left: the structure of VASA residue 202-621 (PDB:2DB3[1]); Right: the structure of LAF-1 helicase domain residue 187-623 from homology modelling.

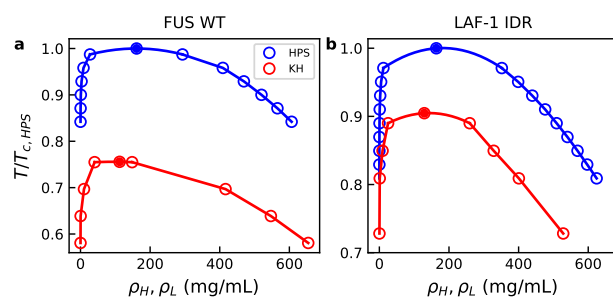


FIGURE S8. Comparison of the phase diagram generated with HPS (blue) and KH (red) model in FUS WT (left) and LAF-1 IDR (right). Temperatures are scaled by critical temperatures using HPS model. Dashed lines show the fit to the Flory-Huggins theory.

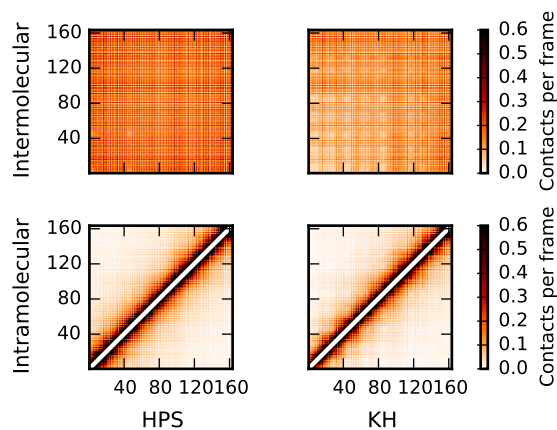


FIGURE S9. Inter- (upper) and intra-molecular (lower) contact maps for FUS WT at 260 K using HPS (left) and KH models (right).

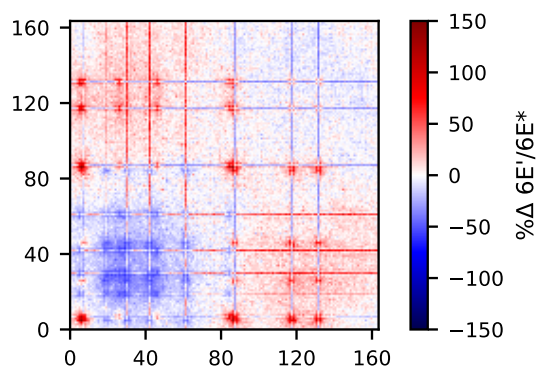


FIGURE S10. Intermolecular contacts for FUS 6E' divided by that of FUS 6E* showing how the overall number of contacts forming within the slab changes between the two sequences.

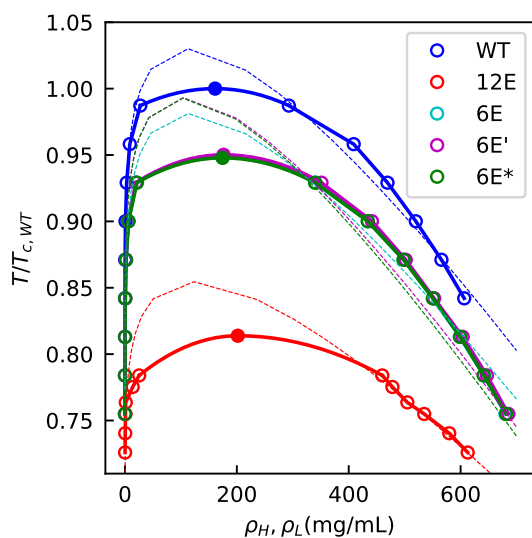


FIGURE S11. Phase diagram for FUS WT, 6E variants and 12E fitting to the Flory-Huggins theory. Temperatures are scaled by the critical temperature of FUS WT. Dashed lines show the fit to the Flory-Huggins theory.

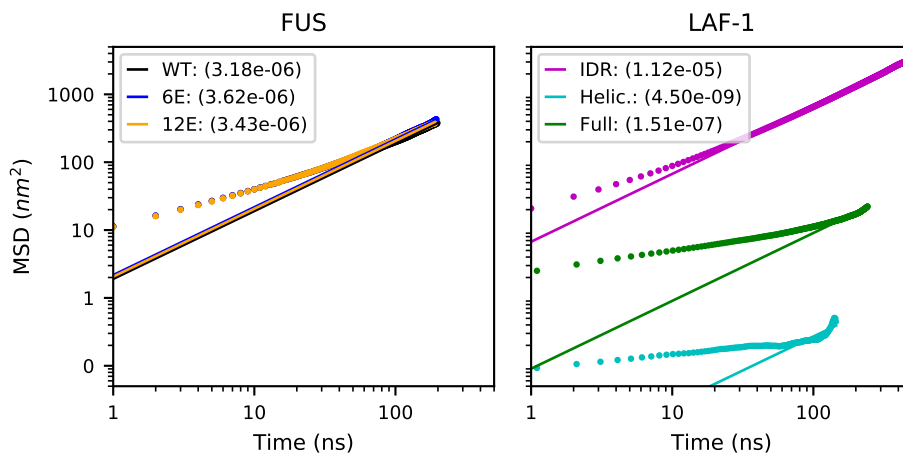


FIGURE S12. Mean squared displacement (MSD) as a function of time for FUS variants at 260K and 600 mg/mL (left), and LAF-1 at 210K and 260, 535 and 500 mg/mL for IDR, helicase, and full length respectively. Linear fits were calculated using all data points after 100 ns. Diffusion coefficients are included in parentheses in units of cm^2/s .

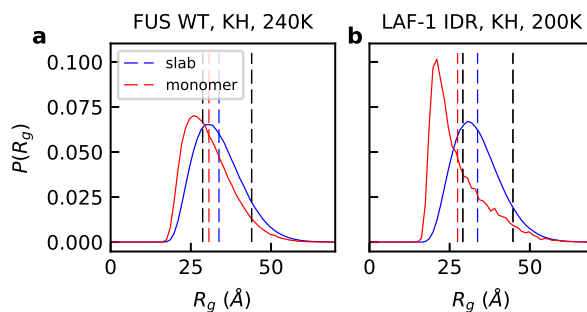


FIGURE S13. Radii of gyration of the disordered proteins inside (blue) and out of (red) the slab. a) FUS WT with KH model at 240K. b) LAF-1 IDR with KH model at 200K. Black lines show the R_g from the random coil or excluded volume chain with the same chain length.

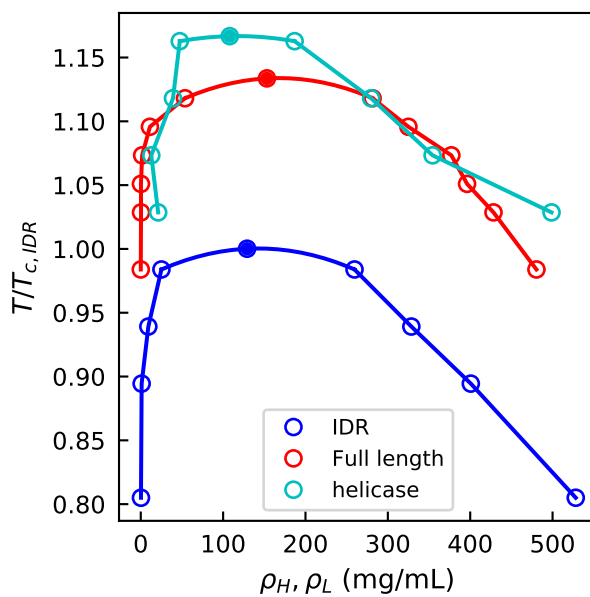


FIGURE S14. Phase diagram of IDR (blue), helicase (cyan) and full length (red) LAF-1. Temperatures are scaled by the critical temperature of IDR LAF-1.

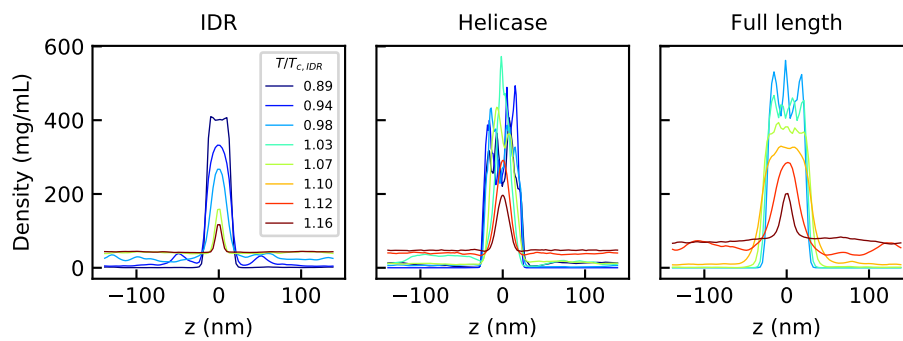


FIGURE S15. Slab density profiles of IDR (left), helicase (middle) or full length (right) LAF-1. Temperatures are scaled by the critical temperature of IDR LAF-1.

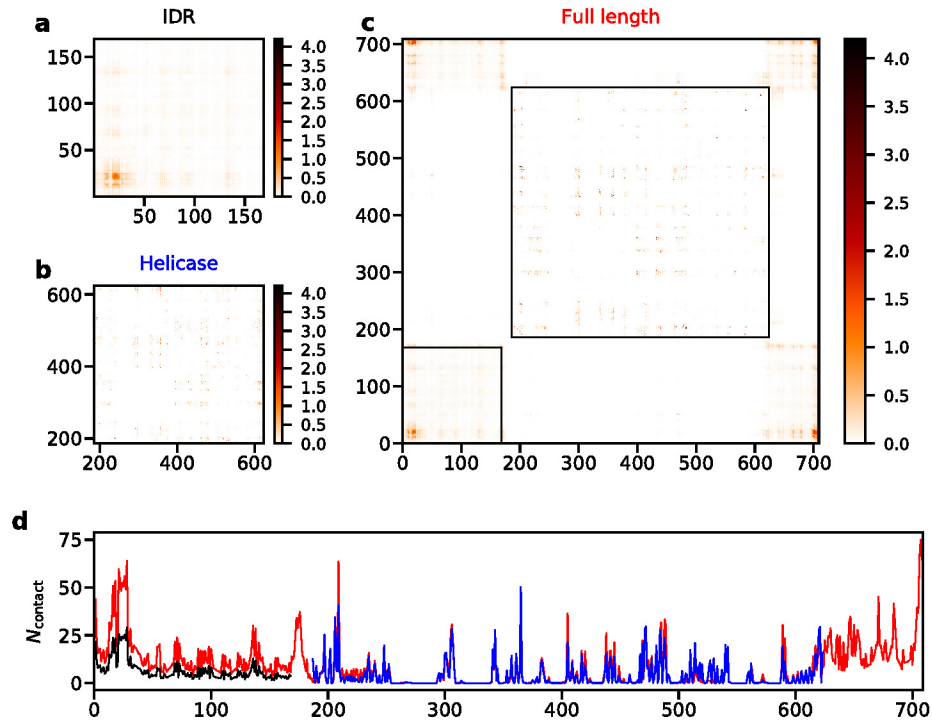


FIGURE S16. Number of intermolecular contacts per frame for different LAF-1 variants at 220K. a) Contact map of IDR LAF-1. b) Contact map of helicase LAF-1. c) Contact map of full length LAF-1. Black boxes illustrate the N-terminal IDR and the helicase domain. d) Number of intermolecular contacts per residue per frame for IDR LAF-1 (black), helicase LAF-1 (blue) and full length LAF-1 (red).

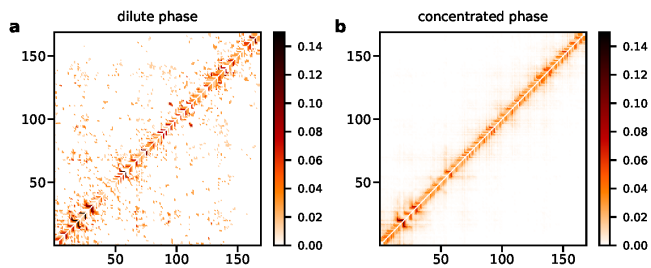


FIGURE S17. Number of intramolecular contacts per frame for LAF1 IDR with KH model at 200K. The contact map for the chains in the dilute phase is shown on the left side and that in the concentrated phase is shown on the right side.

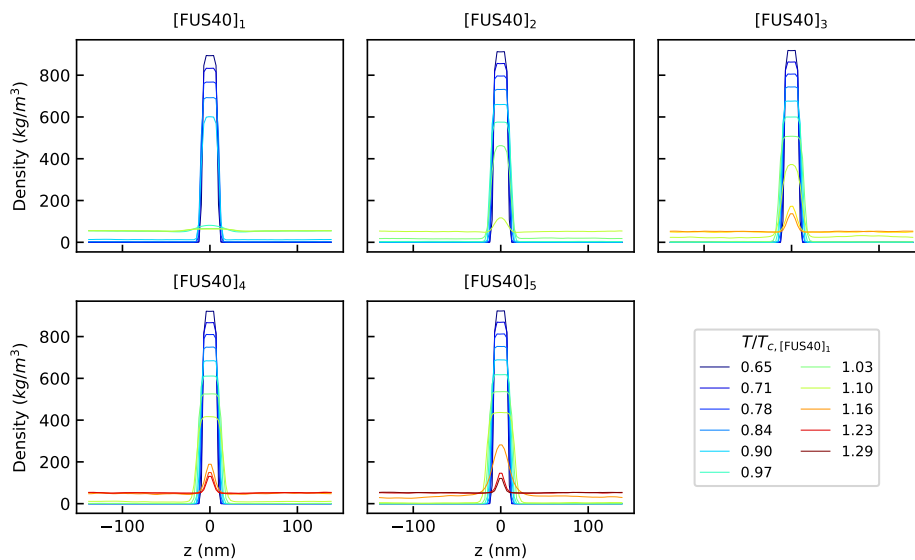


FIGURE S18. Slab density profiles of the repeated peptides of FUS fragment. Temperatures are scaled by the critical temperature of $[\text{FUS40}]_1$.

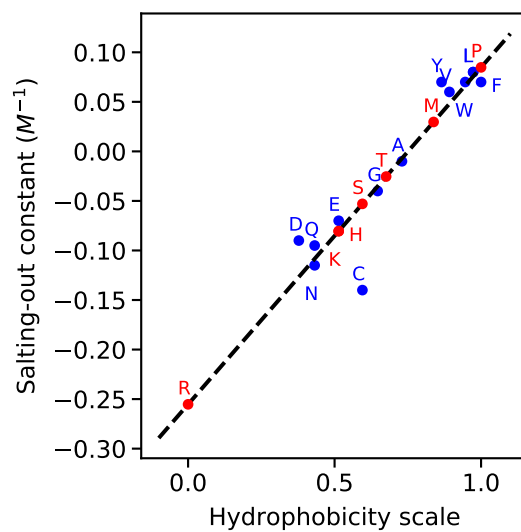


FIGURE S19. The correlation between salting-out constant and hydrophobicity scale. Black line shows the linear fitting curve between these two parameters. Blue dots show the data from literature [4, 5, 6, 7] and red dots show the estimate from linear inter- or extrapolation.

3. SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

TABLE S1. The amino acid parameters used in the HPS model. σ is the diameter of the amino acid used in the short-ranged pair potential. λ is the scaled hydrophobicity from the literature [8].

Type	Mass (amu)	Charge	σ (Å)	λ
ALA	71.08	0	5.04	0.730
ARG	156.20	1	6.56	0.000
ASN	114.10	0	5.68	0.432
ASP	115.10	-1	5.58	0.378
CYS	103.10	0	5.48	0.595
GLN	128.10	0	6.02	0.514
GLU	129.10	-1	5.92	0.459
GLY	57.05	0	4.50	0.649
HIS	137.10	0.5	6.08	0.514
ILE	113.20	0	6.18	0.973
LEU	113.20	0	6.18	0.973
LYS	128.20	1	6.36	0.514
MET	131.20	0	6.18	0.838
PHE	147.20	0	6.36	1.000
PRO	97.12	0	5.56	1.000
SER	87.08	0	5.18	0.595
THR	101.10	0	5.62	0.676
TRP	186.20	0	6.78	0.946
TYR	163.20	0	6.46	0.865
VAL	99.07	0	5.86	0.892

TABLE S4. Interaction parameters (ϵ_{ij}) used for KH-A model [15] (kcal/mol)

Res	A	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	V	W	Y
A	-0.042	-0.123	0.054	0.072	-0.239	-0.004	-0.013	-0.218	0.091	-0.249	-0.157	0.041	0.023	0.036	0.041	0.025	-0.005	-0.167	-0.146	-0.103
C	—	-0.299	-0.013	0.	-0.333	-0.084	-0.125	-0.305	0.03	-0.336	-0.256	-0.03	-0.075	-0.055	-0.028	-0.056	-0.079	-0.254	-0.253	-0.178
D	—	—	0.1	0.118	-0.114	0.064	-0.005	-0.085	0.056	-0.107	-0.028	0.056	0.089	0.076	-0.002	0.06	0.044	-0.02	-0.054	-0.046
E	—	—	—	0.128	-0.122	0.099	0.011	-0.094	0.044	-0.124	-0.058	0.072	0.095	0.08	0.	0.074	0.05	-0.038	-0.068	-0.049
F	—	—	—	—	-0.47	-0.175	-0.236	-0.431	-0.103	-0.472	-0.404	-0.14	-0.187	-0.173	-0.161	-0.165	-0.19	-0.379	-0.367	-0.32
G	—	—	—	—	—	0.003	0.011	-0.142	0.106	-0.178	-0.106	0.05	0.038	0.058	0.052	0.042	0.018	-0.105	-0.108	-0.07
H	—	—	—	—	—	—	-0.074	-0.176	0.087	-0.214	-0.161	0.018	0.002	0.027	0.01	0.015	-0.014	-0.124	-0.161	-0.118
I	—	—	—	—	—	—	-0.403	-0.07	-0.45	-0.354	-0.091	-0.14	-0.132	-0.128	-0.118	-0.166	-0.356	-0.331	-0.281	—
K	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.203	-0.104	-0.02	0.1	0.123	0.092	0.158	0.115	0.091	-0.021	-0.04	-0.031
L	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	-0.481	-0.39	-0.139	-0.182	-0.167	-0.166	-0.156	-0.195	-0.397	-0.365	-0.321
M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	-0.301	-0.064	-0.111	-0.097	-0.08	-0.072	-0.117	-0.288	-0.309	-0.249
N	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.056	0.07	0.053	0.059	0.065	0.037	-0.053	-0.075	-0.046
P	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.049	0.051	0.054	0.066	0.035	-0.099	-0.138	-0.087
Q	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.069	0.044	0.074	0.035	-0.075	-0.079	-0.066
R	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.068	0.061	0.035	-0.075	-0.107	-0.084
S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.057	0.029	-0.074	-0.068	-0.048
T	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.014	-0.112	-0.09	-0.07
V	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	-0.306	-0.274	-0.222
W	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	-0.263	-0.225
Y	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	-0.179

TABLE S5. Summary of slab simulations and critical temperatures obtained.

System	Model	N_{residue}	N_{chain}	T_c (K)
FUS				
WT	KH	163	100	260.3
WT	HPS	163	100	344.4
WT	HPS	163	200	346.1
6E mutant	HPS	163	100	326.6
6Ep mutant	HPS	163	100	327.2
6Es mutant	HPS	163	100	326.4
12E mutant	HPS	163	100	280.3
LAF-1				
IDR	KH	168	100	223.6
IDR	HPS	168	100	247.2
Folded	KH	437	100	260.9
Full length	KH	708	100	253.5
Repeated fragment of FUS				
[FUS40] ₁	HPS	40	480	309.6
[FUS40] ₂	HPS	80	240	336.5
[FUS40] ₃	HPS	120	160	348.5
[FUS40] ₄	HPS	160	120	356.1
[FUS40] ₅	HPS	200	96	363.7

TABLE S6. List of parameters for fitting to Flory-Huggins theory.

System	Model	Protein density (mg/mL)	$k_B T \cdot \chi$ at T=300K (kcal/mol)
LAF1 IDR	KH	1010.07	0.270
LAF1 IDR	HPS	1369.87	0.298
FUS WT	KH	1247.92	0.307
FUS WT	HPS	1547.03	0.410
FUS 6E	HPS	1553.05	0.340
FUS 6Ep	HPS	1433.90	0.391
FUS 6Es	HPS	1410.66	0.396
FUS 12E	HPS	1691.11	0.325
[FUS40] _n	HPS	1286.82	0.437

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