

## Supplementary information

### **Numerical modeling and *in-situ* Small Angle X-ray Scattering characterization of ultra-small SPION magnetophoresis in a high field and gradient separator**

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**Video 1.** Animation of particle trajectories in x-y plane obtained from Comsol

**Video 2.** Animation of particle trajectories in x-z plane obtained from Comsol

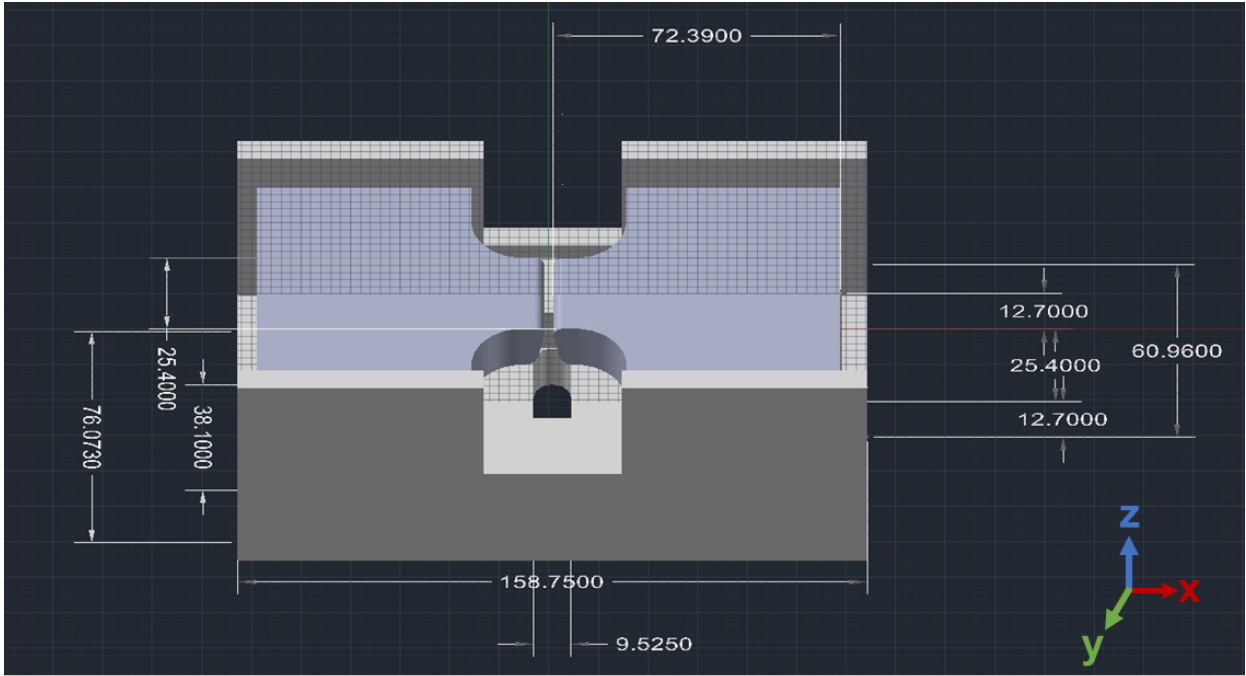
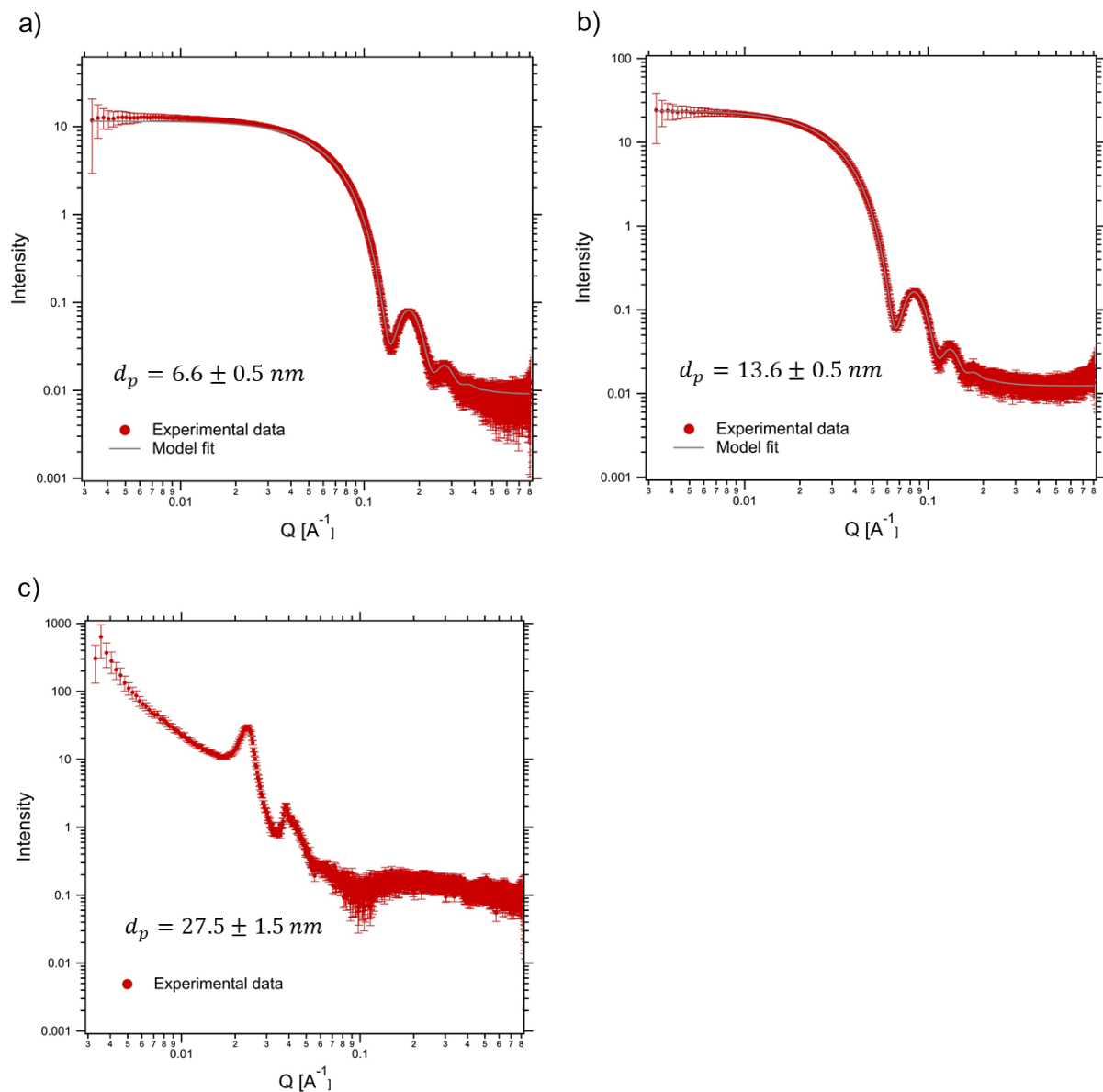
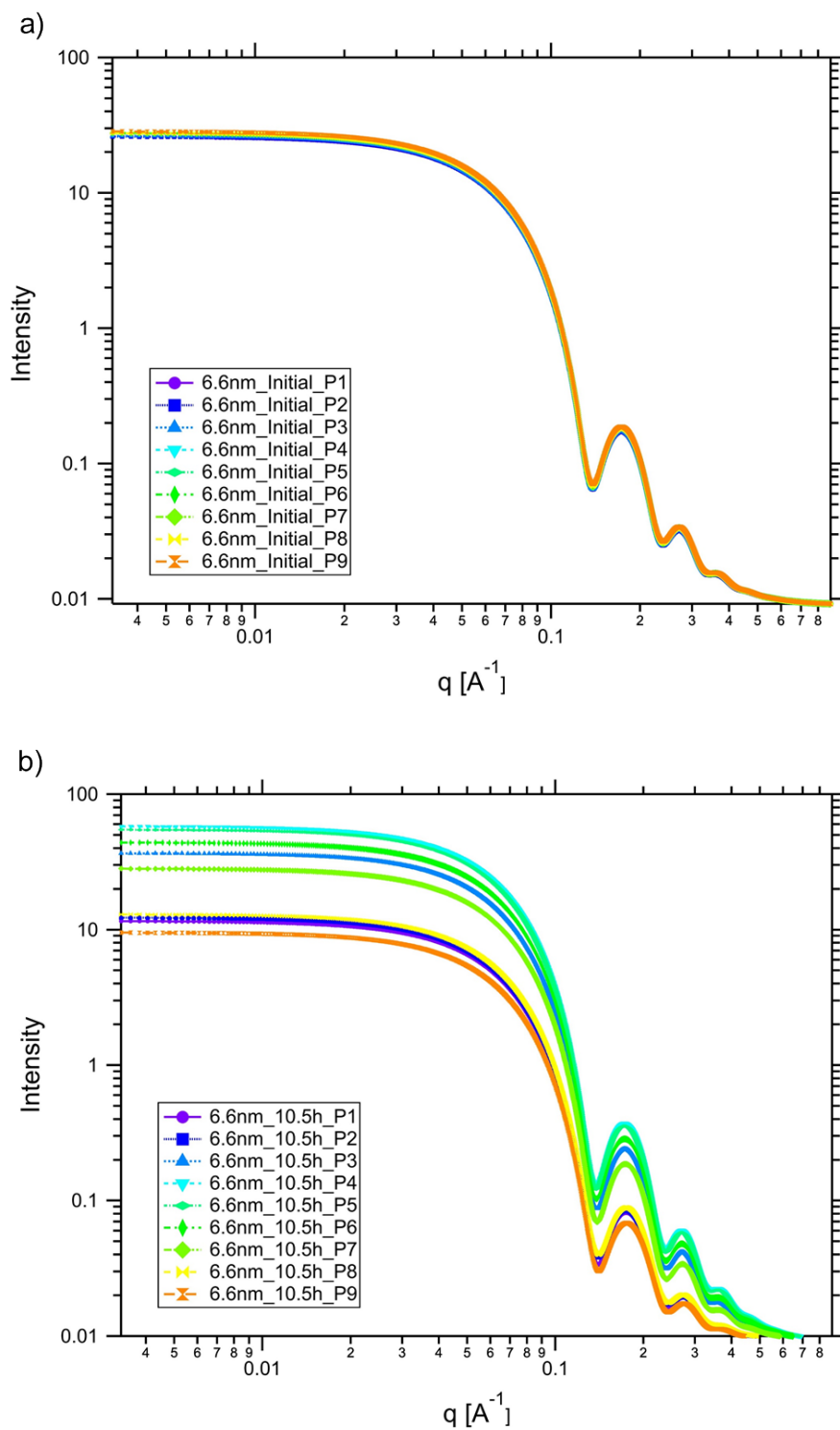


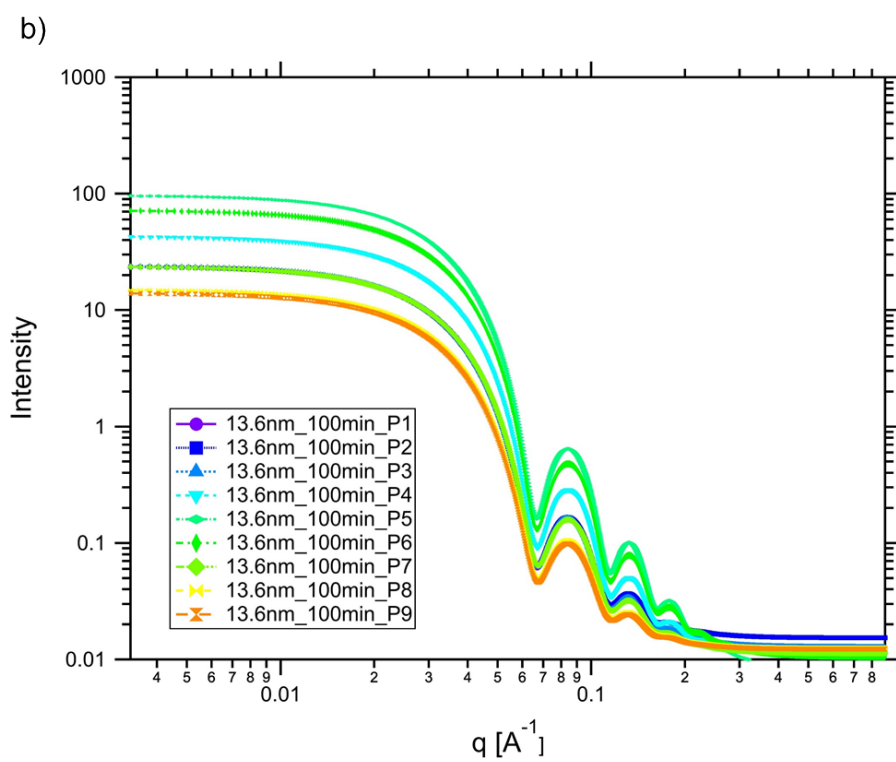
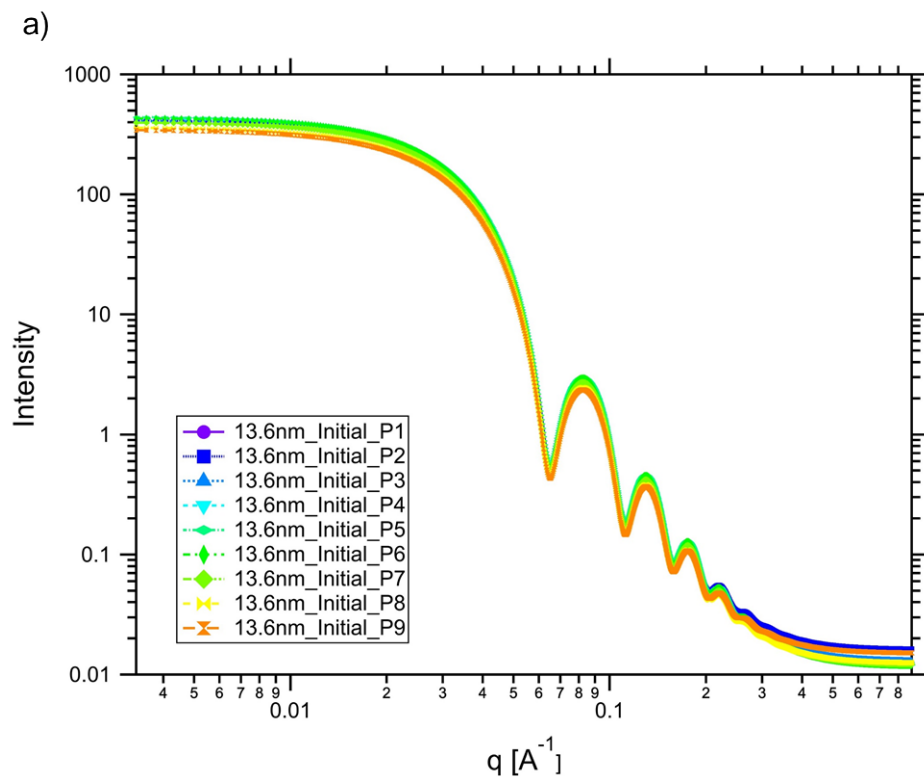
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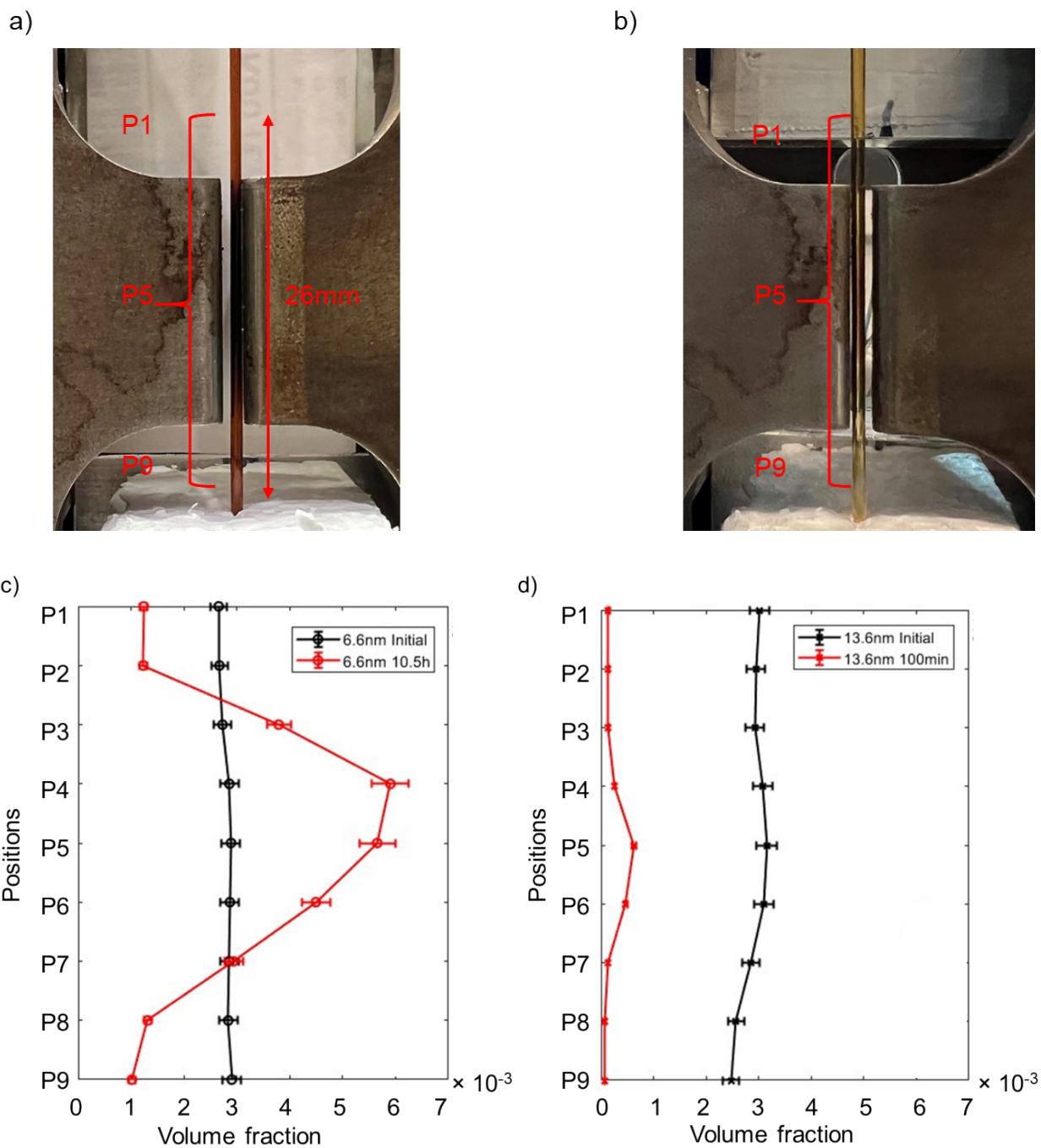
**Figure S2.** Final SAXS scattering spectra measured for particle suspensions after exposure to the magnetic field for the times indicated. a) 6.6 nm ( $t = 10.5 \text{ h}$ ), b) 13.6 nm (100 min) and c) 27.5 nm (30 min). For the two smaller particle sizes, the model fits assume scattering from a polydisperse (Gaussian) collection of uniformly dispersed spheres. For the largest particle size, the reported size is based on fitting the scattering data collected prior to placing the sample in the magnetic field.



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