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Intermolecular interactions underlie protein/peptide phase separation irrespective of sequence and structure at crowded milieu

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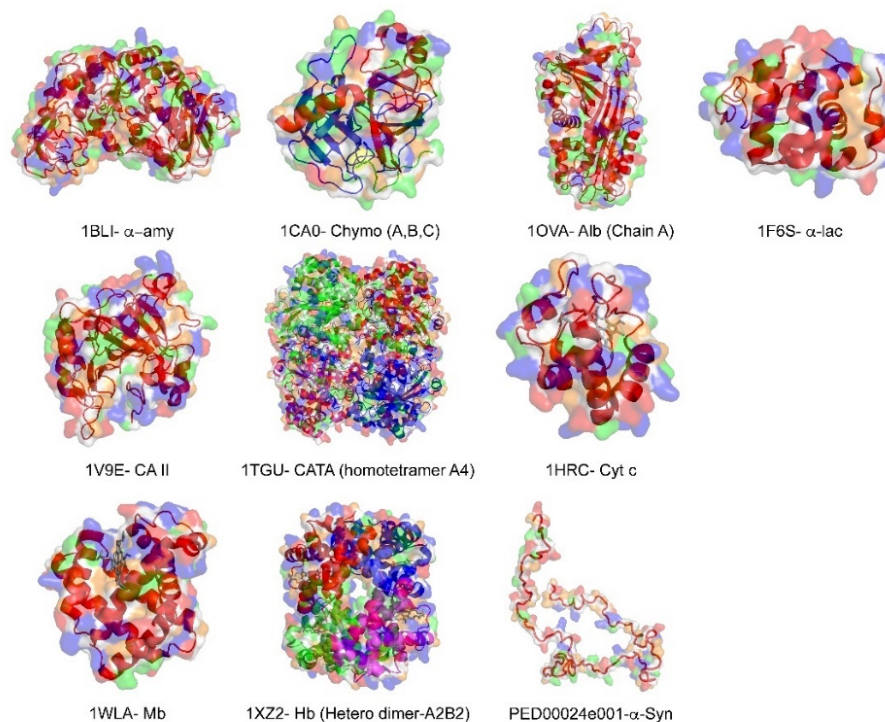
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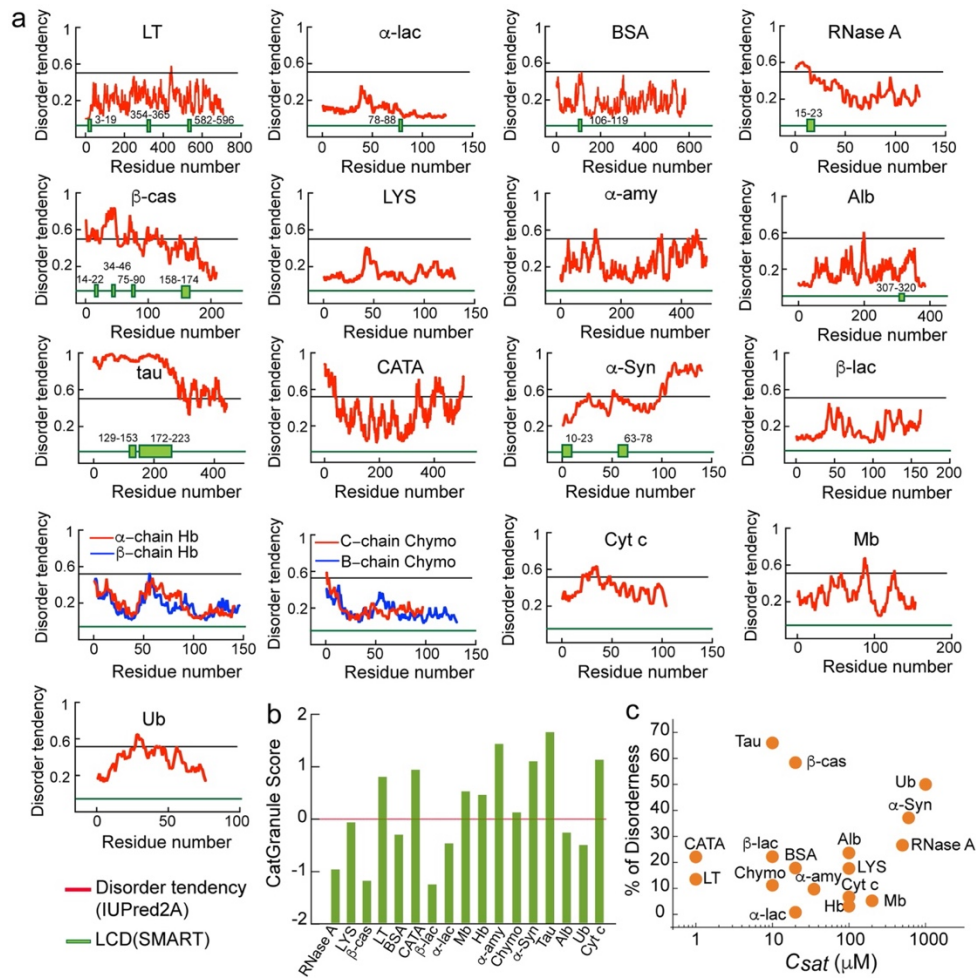
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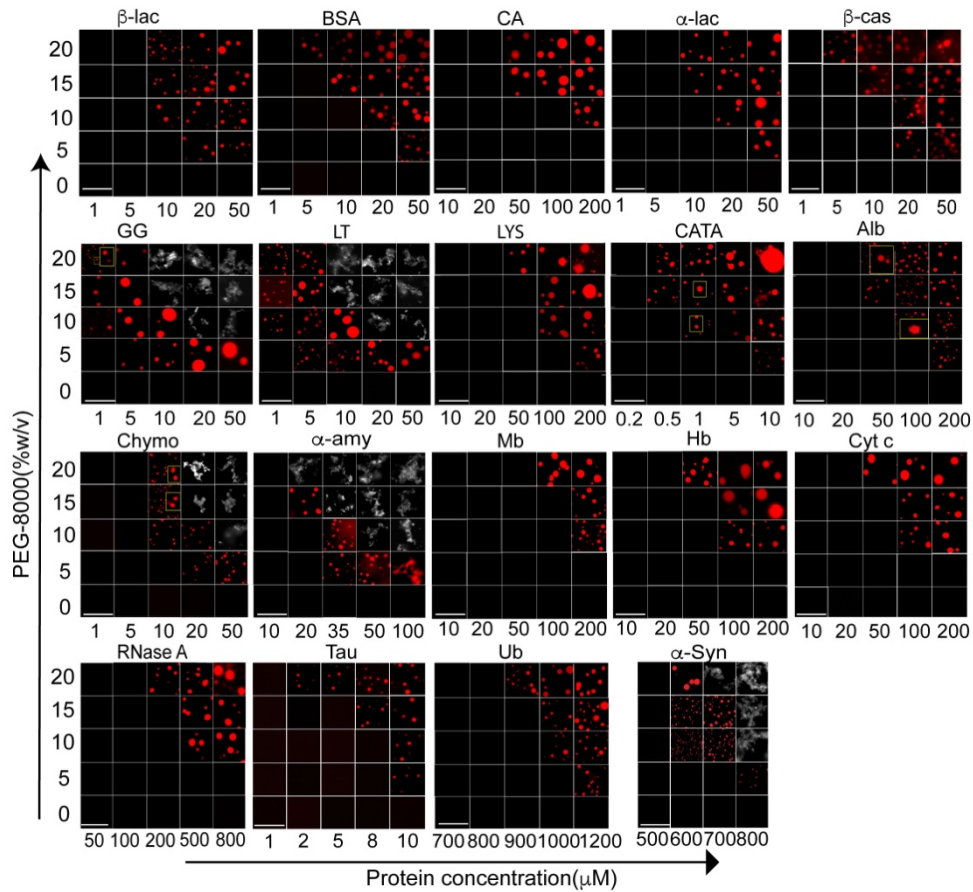
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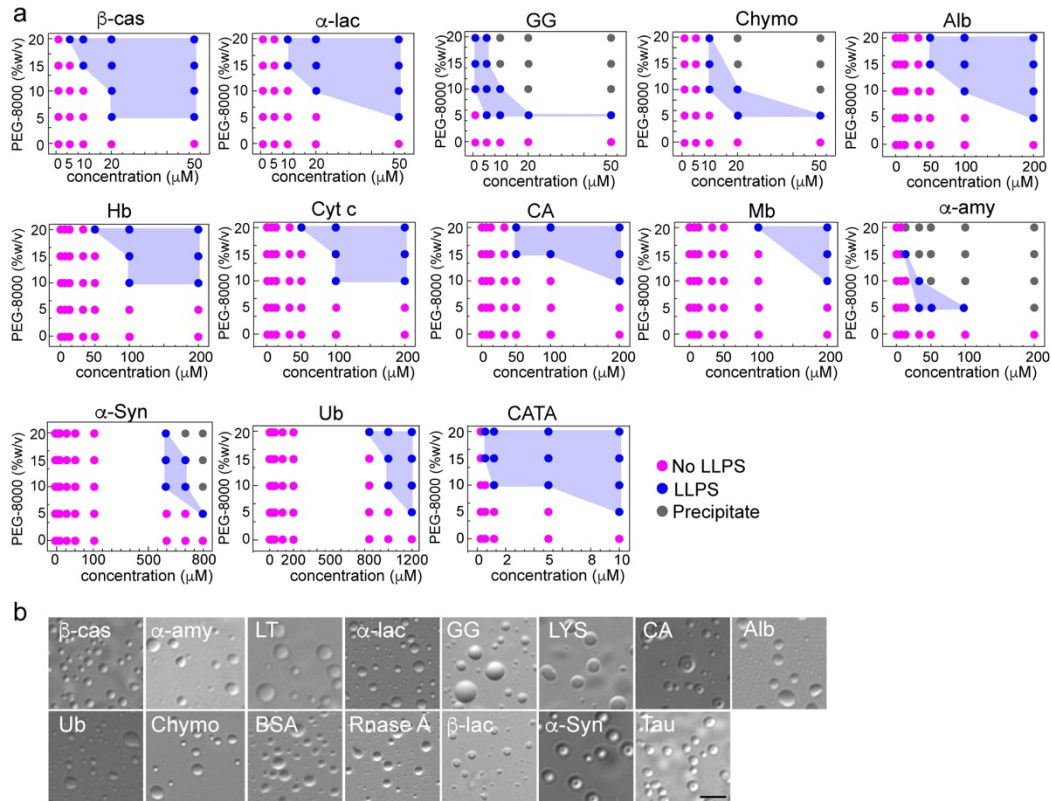
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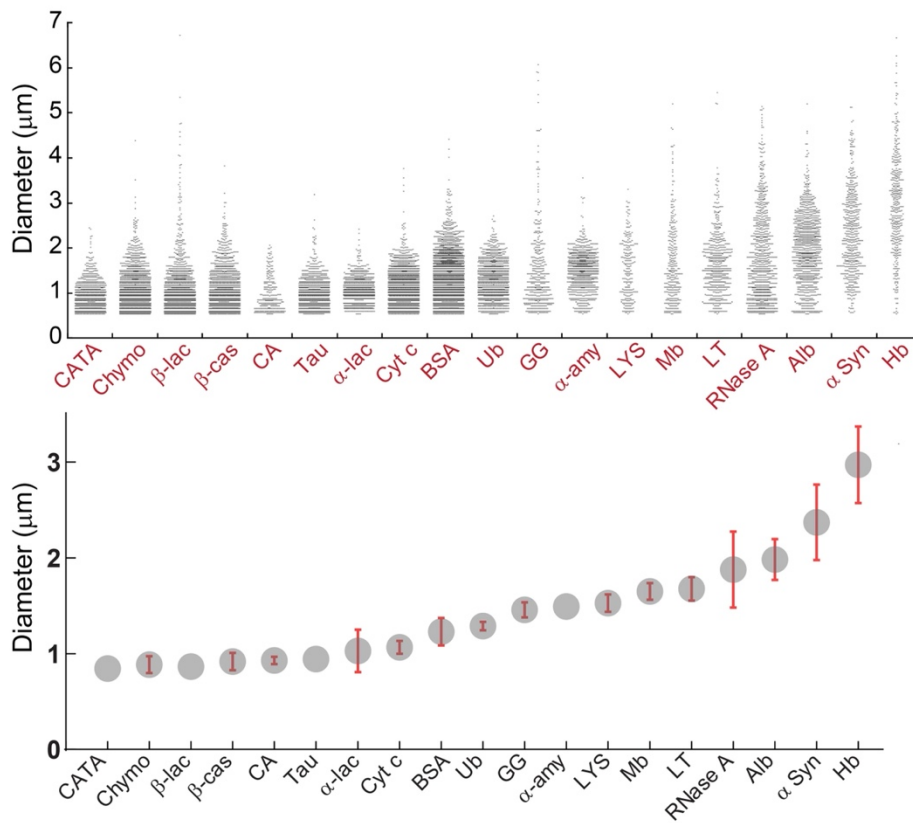
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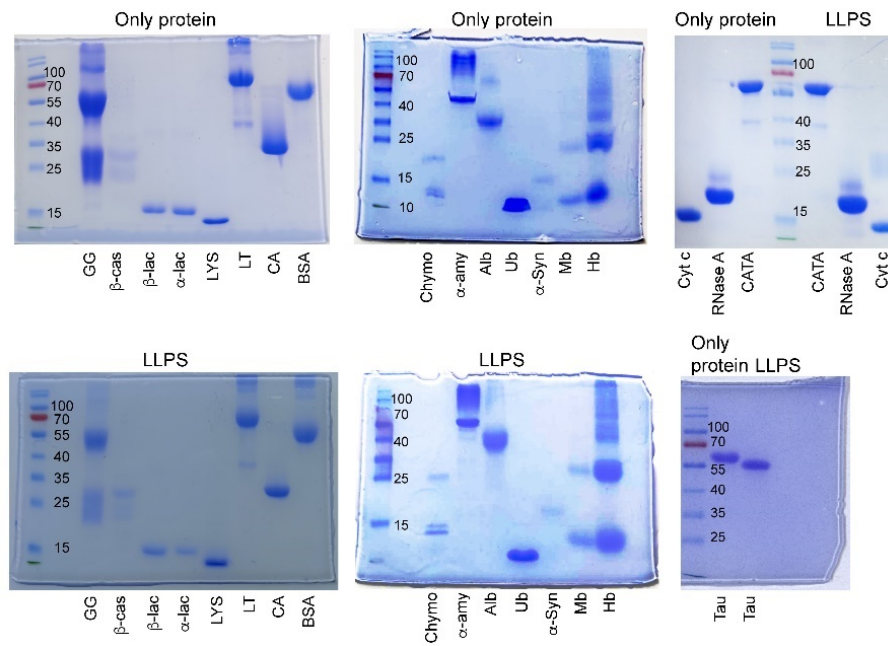
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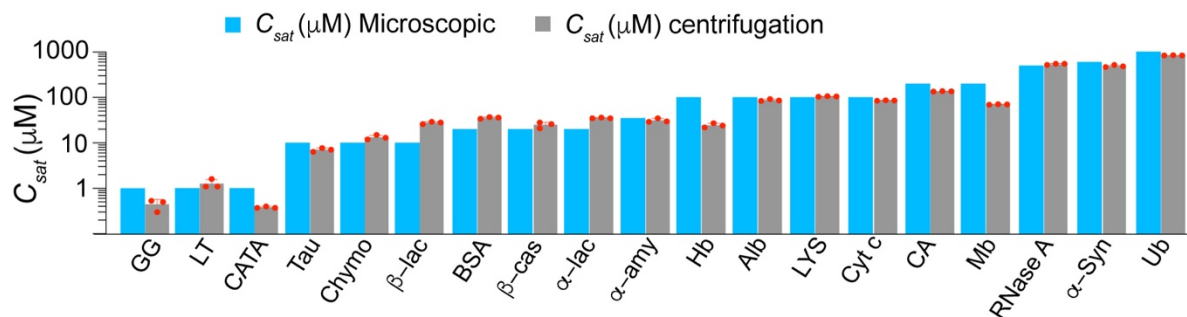
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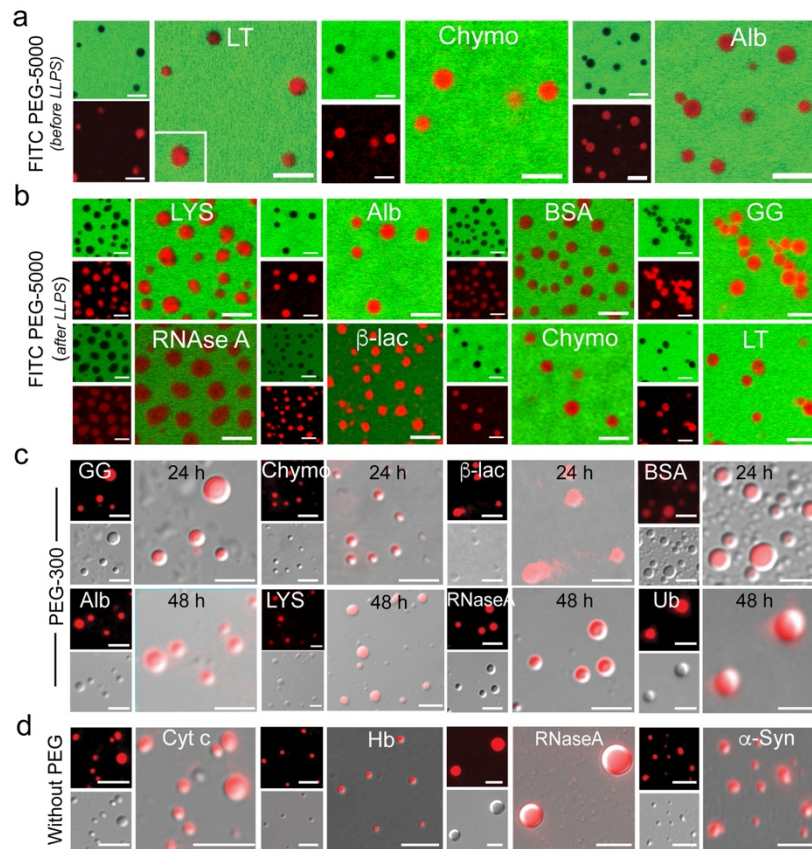
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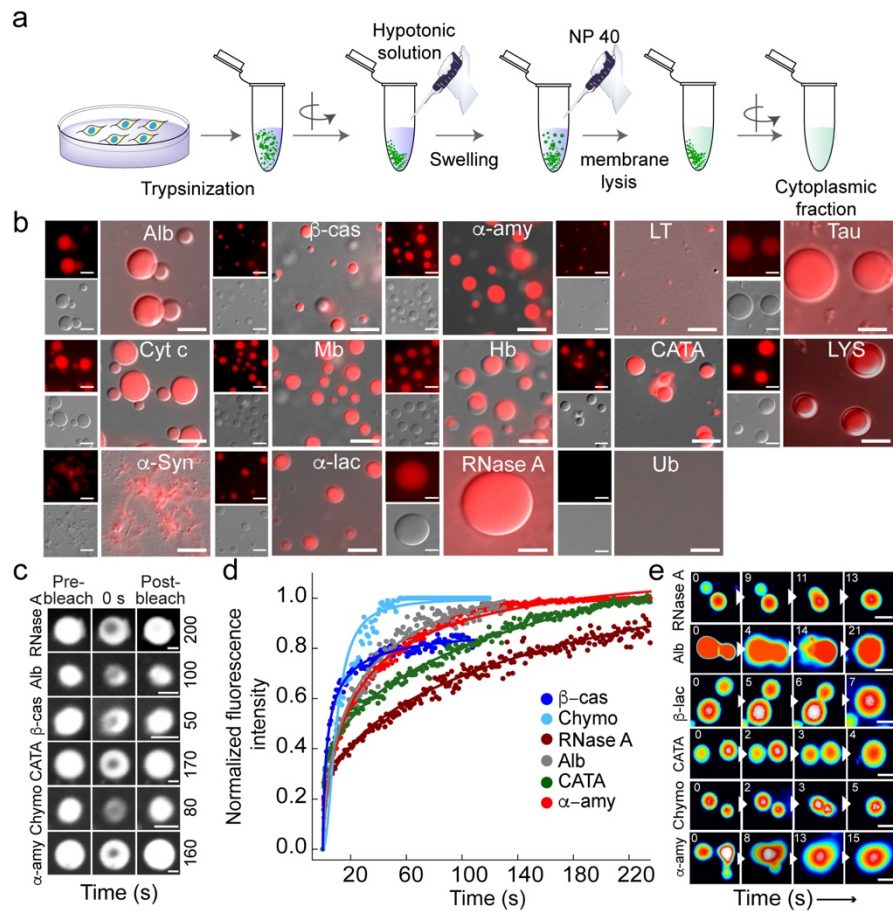
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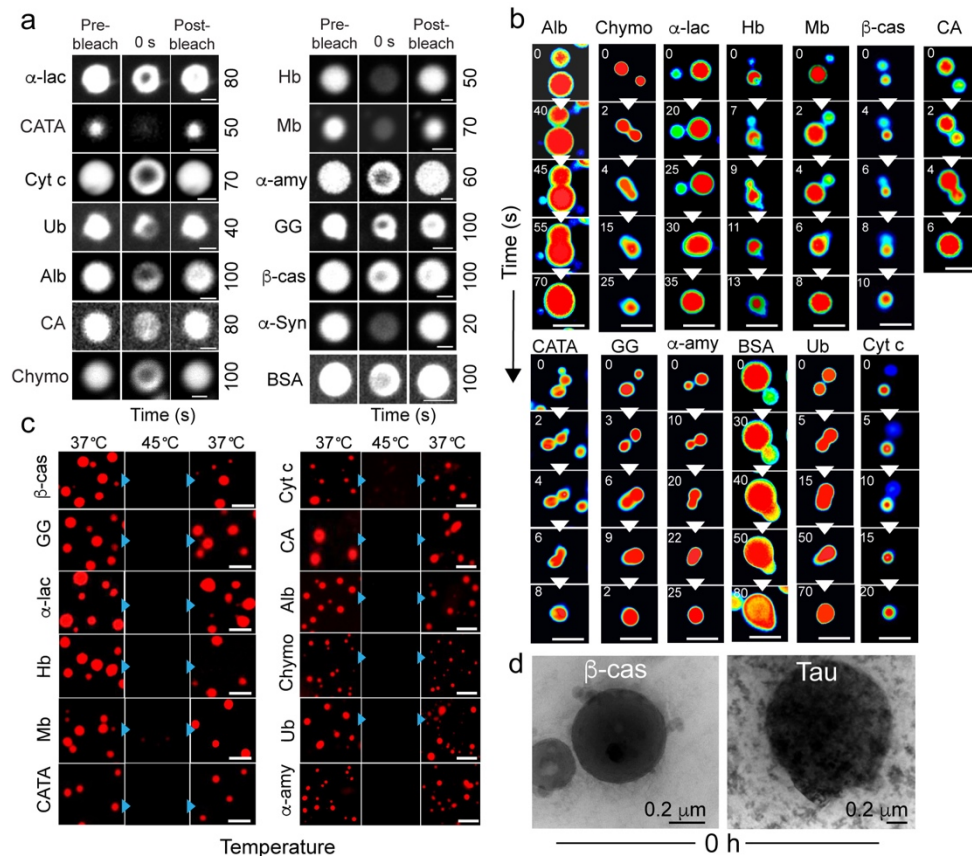
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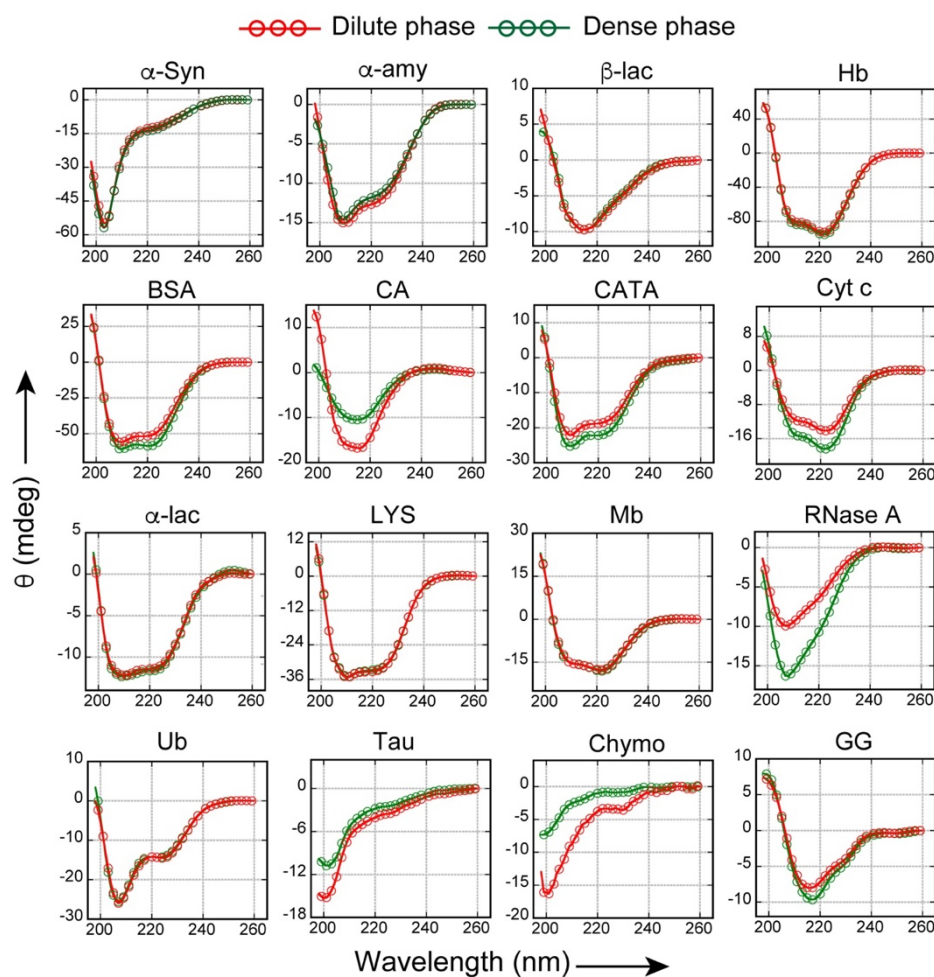
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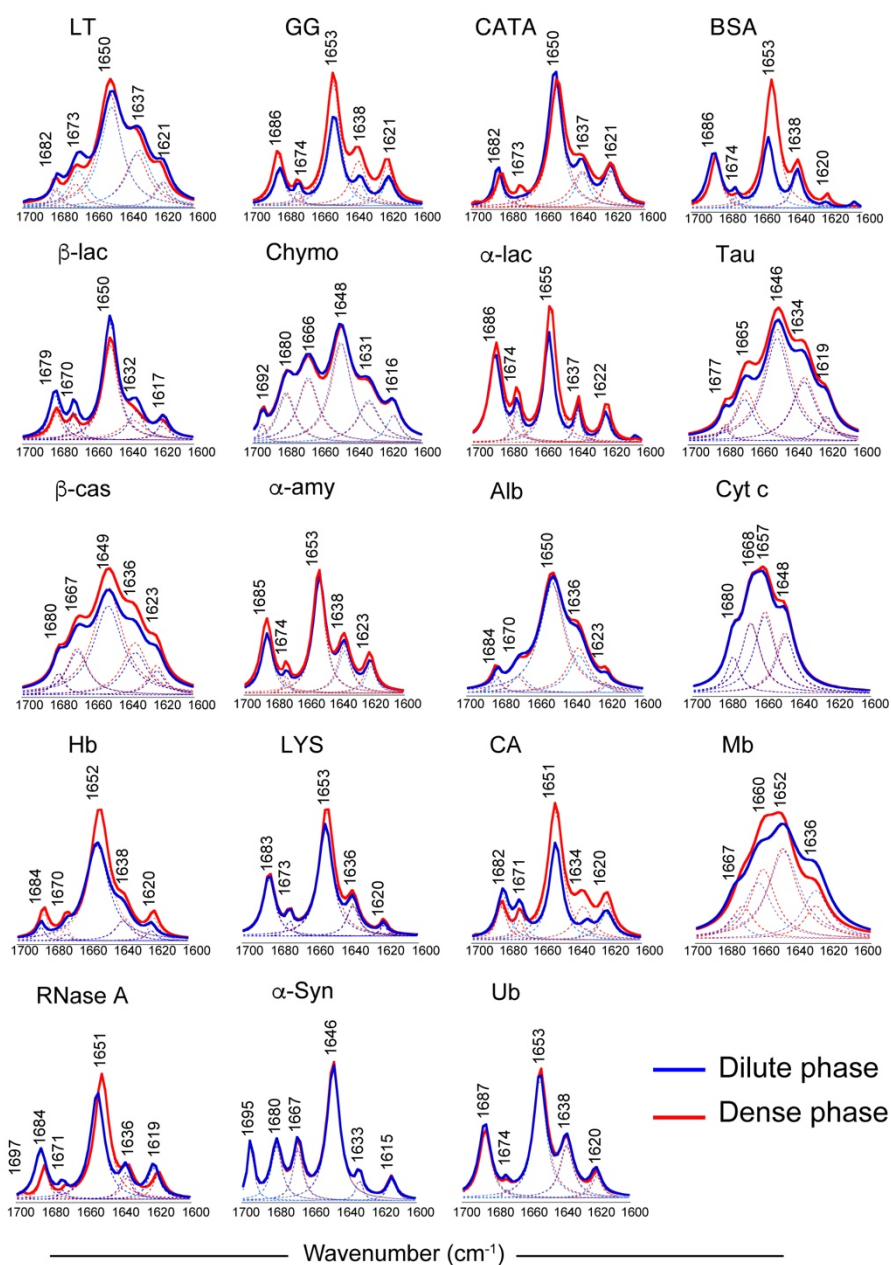
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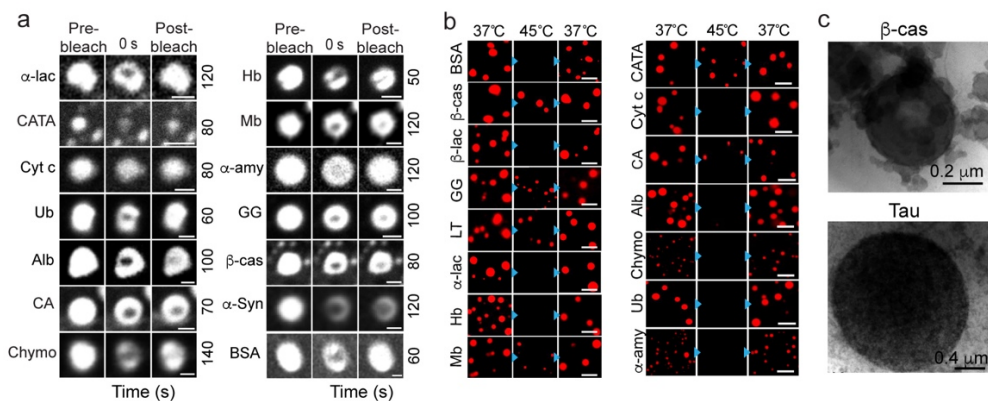
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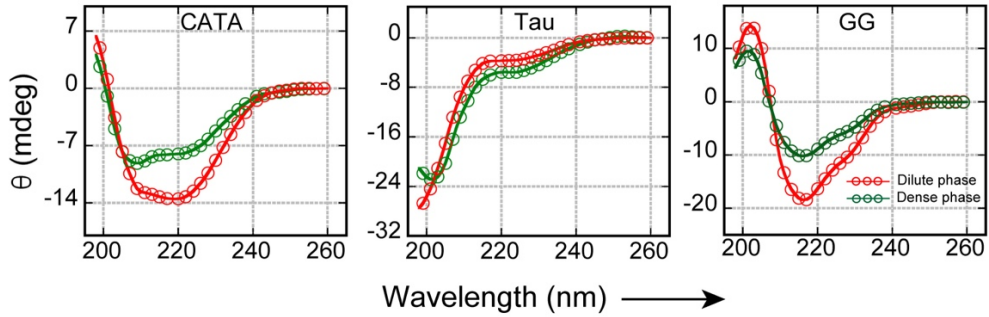
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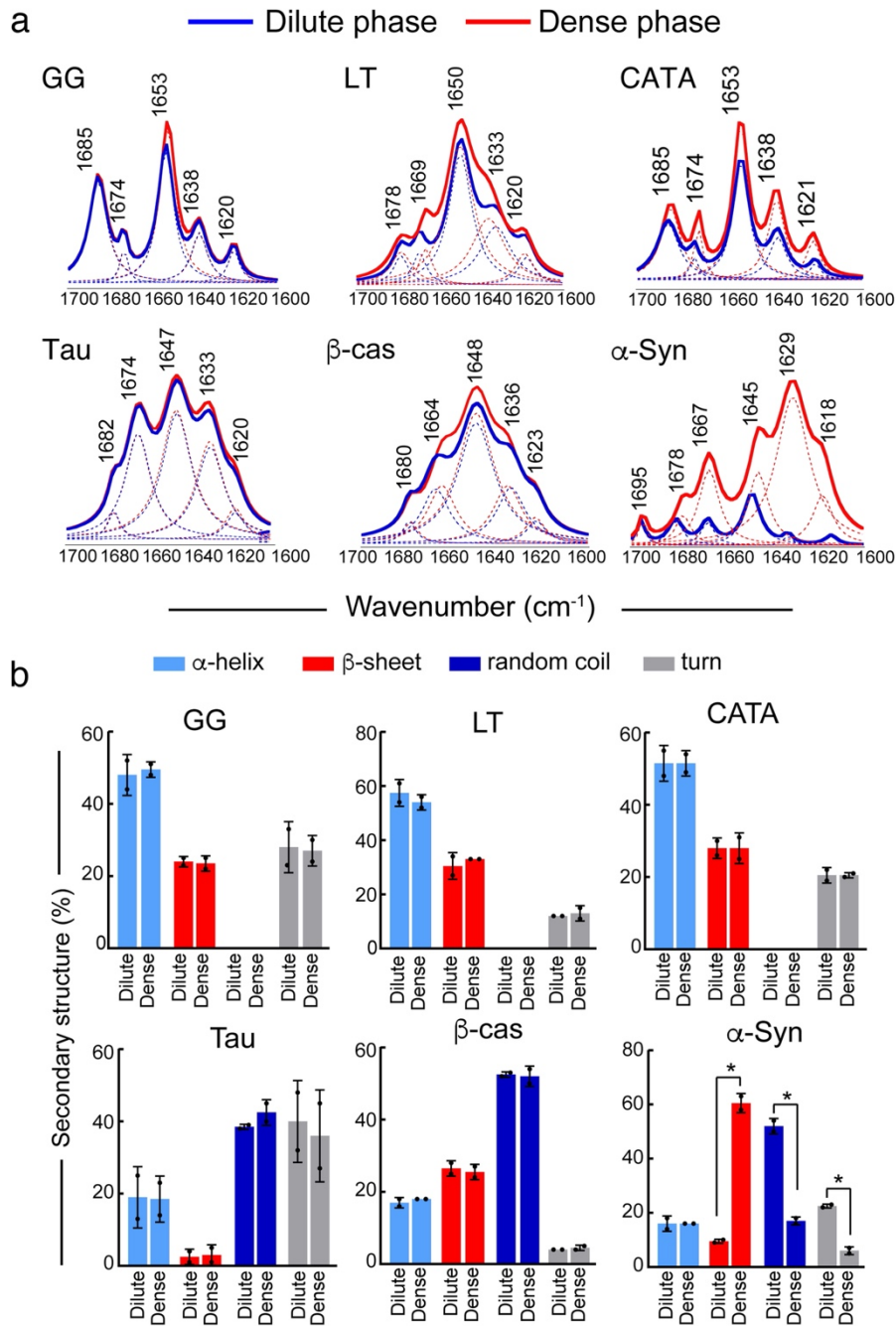
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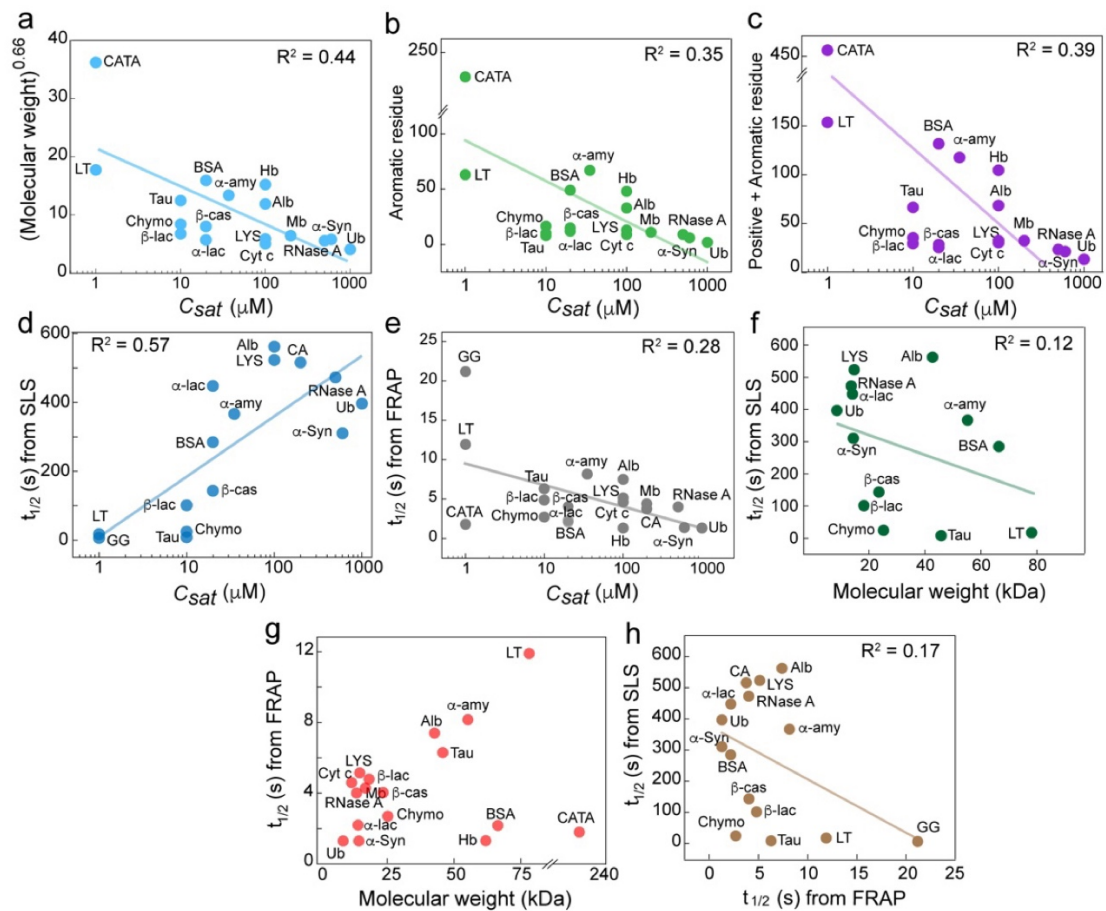
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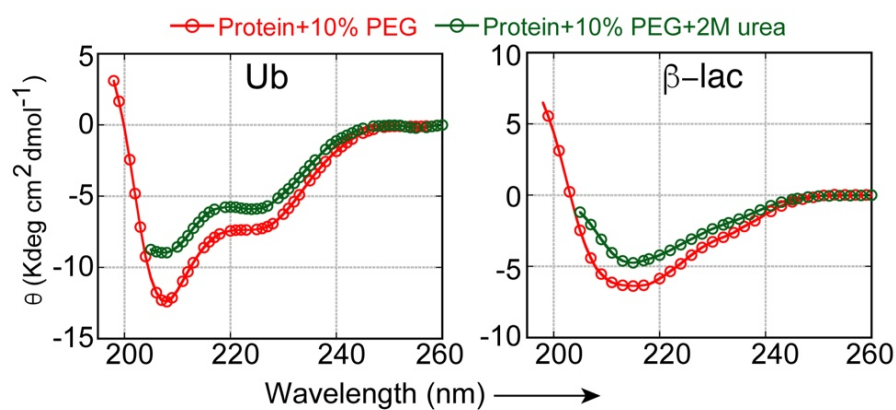
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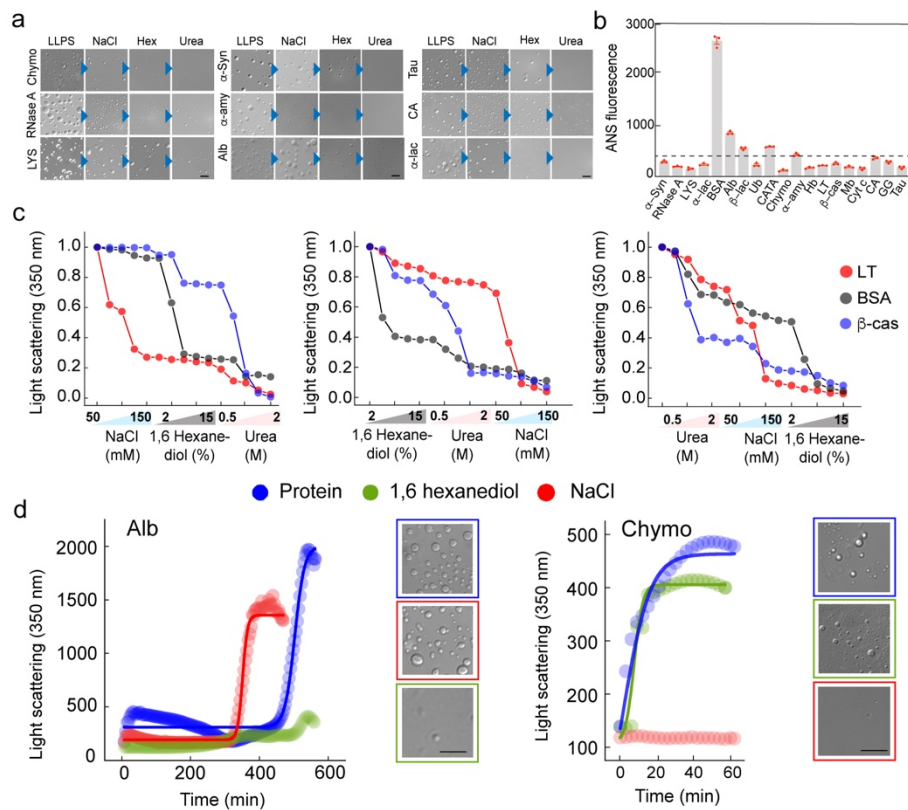
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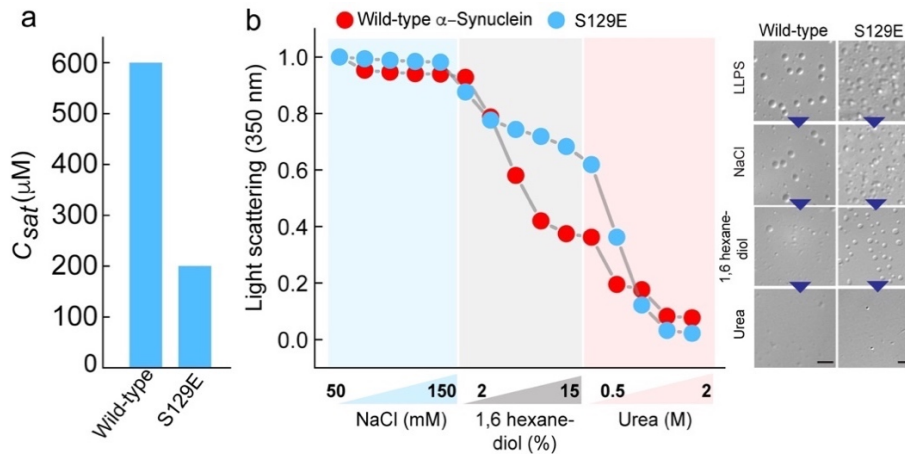
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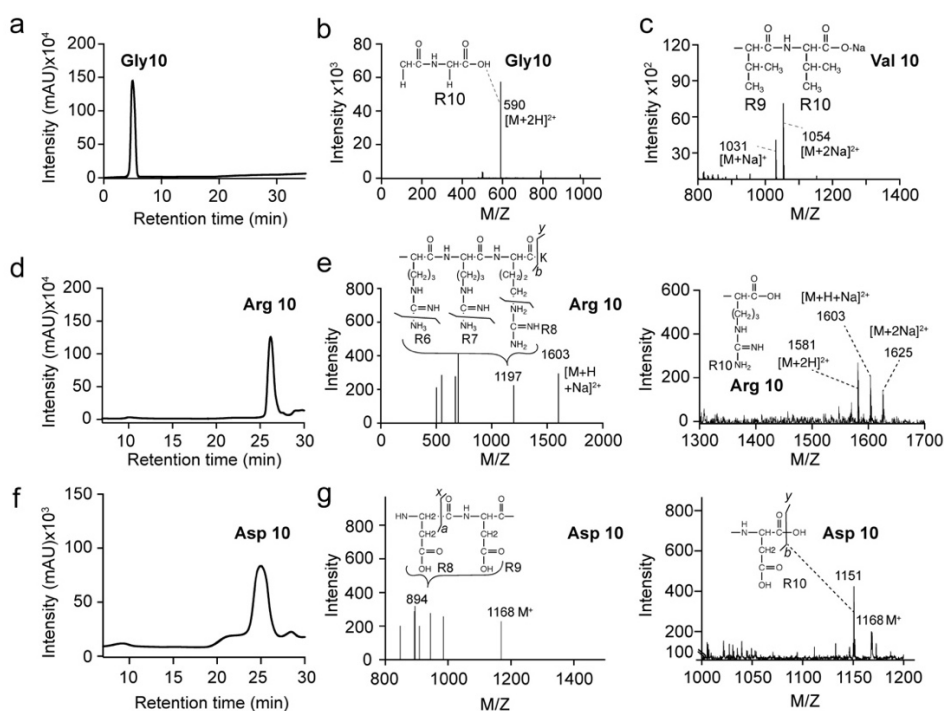
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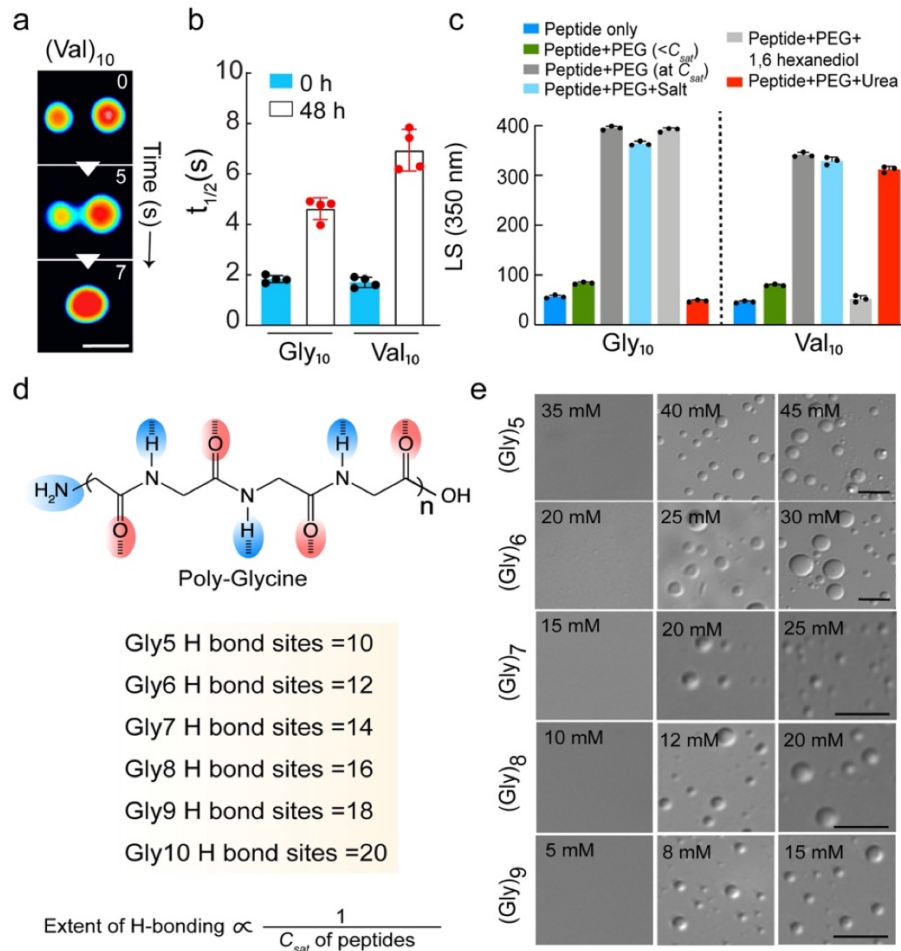
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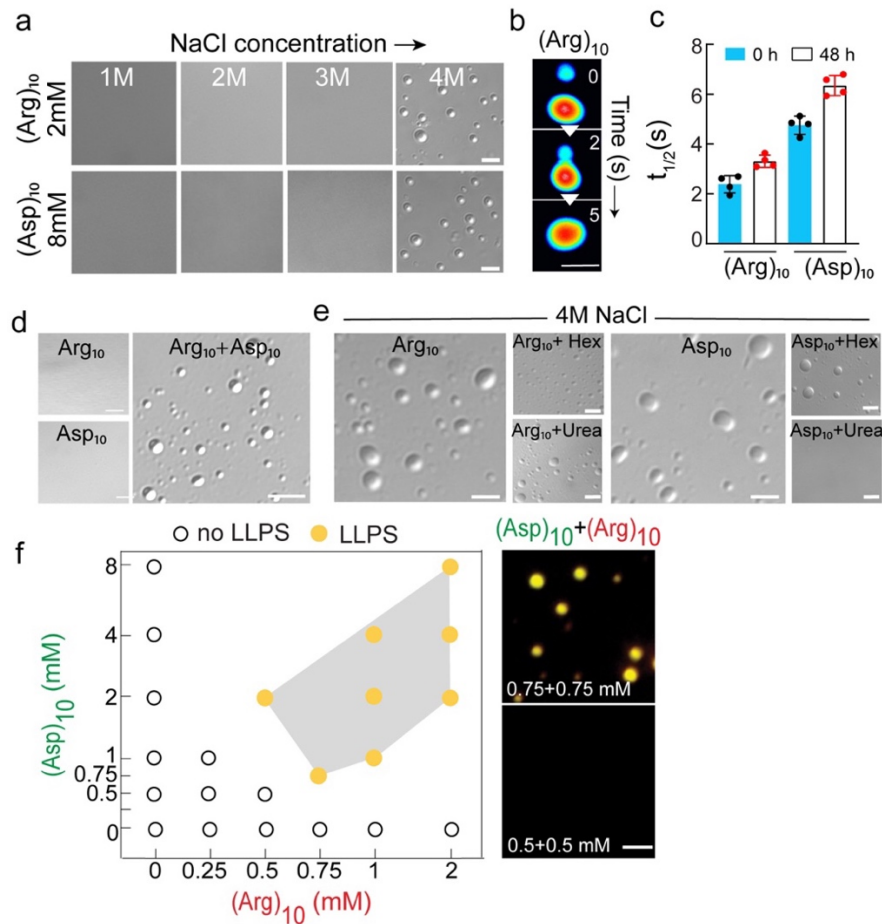
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Supplementary Figure 20. Purity and characterization of polypeptides. (a) HPLC chromatogram (in milli absorbance unit) of (Gly)₁₀ peptide with a retention time of ~ 5 min. (b) MALDI profile of (Gly)₁₀ showing molecular weight peak at $m/z=590$ $[M+2H]^{2+}$. (c) MALDI profile of (Val)₁₀ showing molecular ion peaks associated with sodium at $m/z=1031$ $[M+Na]^+$ and $m/z=1054$ $[M+2Na]^{2+}$. (d) HPLC chromatogram (in milli absorbance unit) of (Arg)₁₀ showing a retention time of ~ 27 min. (e) The ESI-MS (left) and MALDI profile (right) of (Arg)₁₀ showing a common molecular ion peak at $m/z=1603$ $[M+H+Na]^{2+}$. The ESI-MS peak at $m/z=1197$ is a combined molecular ion peak of multiple fragmentation of side chain residues as represented in inset structure. The MALDI profile showed other molecular ion peaks at $m/z=1581$, 1625 representing the association of $[M+2H]^{2+}$ and $[M+2Na]^{2+}$, respectively. (f) HPLC chromatogram (in milli absorbance unit) of (Asp)₁₀ showing a retention time of ~25 min. (g) The ESI-MS (left) and MALDI profile (right) of (Asp)₁₀ showing molecular ion peak at $m/z=1168$ $[M]^+$. The fragmentation peak in ESI-MS at $m/z=894$ Da is represented in the inset structure, whereas the MALDI profile showed a peak at $m/z=1151$ Da after the fragmentation of the hydroxyl group from the C-terminus. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

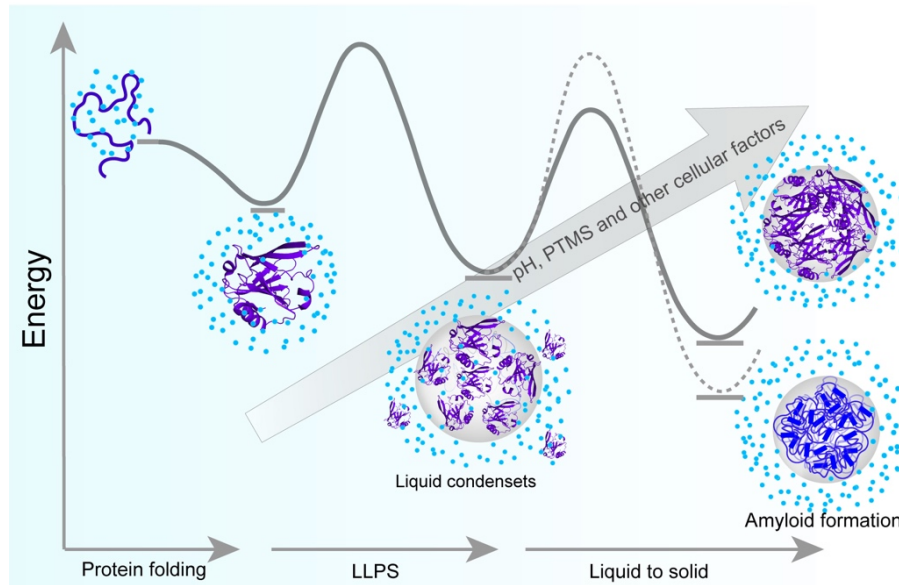


Supplementary Figure 21. Characterization of poly-Gly and poly-Val condensates. (a) Time-lapse images of $(\text{Val})_{10}$ condensate depicting the fusion of condensates and subsequent growth over time. Represented in 'royal' LUT for better visualization. The time (in second) for fusion events are shown in respective images. The experiment was performed two times with similar observations. The scale bar is 5 μm . **(b)** The bar plot showing $t_{1/2}$ values of fluorescence recovery after photobleaching of $(\text{Gly})_{10}$ and $(\text{Val})_{10}$ condensates at 0 h (blue) and 48 h (white). The data represent the mean \pm s.e.m. for $n=3$ independent experiments. **(c)** Static light scattering measurements at 350 nm of $(\text{Gly})_{10}$ and $(\text{Val})_{10}$ in the presence of different additives showing the effect of these additives for condensate formation. The experiment was performed three times with similar observations. **(d)** Schematic representation showing the total number of possible H-bonding sites (donor + acceptor sites) of different Gly polypeptides. **(e)** DIC images of different Gly polypeptides at increasing peptide concentrations in the presence of 10% (w/v) PEG-8000 showing C_{sat} of peptide required for condensates formation. The scale bar is 5 μm , $n=2$ independent experiments. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 22. LLPS of charged homo polypeptides. (a) DIC image showing minimum NaCl concentration required for condensate formation by (Arg)₁₀ and (Asp)₁₀ at their respective C_{sat} . The experiment was performed three times with similar observations. The scale bar is 5 μ m. (b) Time-lapse images of (Arg)₁₀ condensate depicting the fusion of two condensates into one large-sized condensate over time. Represented in ‘royal’ LUT for better visualization. The time for fusion events (in second) is shown in respective images. The experiment was performed two times with similar observations. The scale bar is 5 μ m. (c) The bar plot showing $t_{1/2}$ values of fluorescence recovery after photobleaching of (Arg)₁₀ and (Asp)₁₀ condensates at 0 h (blue) and 48 h (white). The data represent the mean \pm s.e.m. for $n=3$ independent experiments. (d) DIC microscopy images showing condensate formation by (Arg)₁₀ and (Asp)₁₀ when mixed (in the absence of salt) at their respective C_{sat} . Respective polypeptide alone at C_{sat} without mixing (in the absence of salt) are used as controls (left). The scale bar is 5 μ m. The experiment was repeated three times with similar observations. (e) Representative DIC images of (Arg)₁₀ and (Asp)₁₀ condensates showing the effect of 1,6 hexanediol and urea for phase separation. Individual polypeptides at C_{sat} in the presence of salt are used as control (left, in the absence of any additives). The experiment was performed two times with similar observations. (f) The multicomponent phase separation by (Asp)₁₀ and (Arg)₁₀ depicting the phase regime at varying peptide concentrations ratio in the presence of PEG-8000 in 20 mM sodium phosphate buffer (pH 7.4). An open black circle indicates no LLPS and yellow color indicates co-LLPS (condensate formation). Representative

fluorescence images (right) showing multicomponent condensate formation by (Asp)₁₀ (FITC labeled) and (Arg)₁₀ (NHS-Rhodamine labeled) in the presence of 10% (w/v) PEG-8000 when mixed in a specific ratio. The experiment was repeated three times with similar observations. The scale bar is 5 μm . Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 23. Liquid-liquid phase separation and viscoelastic transition by proteins. The schematic represents how folded proteins might undergo LLPS and viscoelastic transition. Blue dots represent water molecules (either surface-bound or free in solution). Rigidification of condensates can result due to crystal packing or amorphous aggregation. Some proteins can also undergo rigidification due to amyloid aggregation. The diagram indicates different protein states and the corresponding energy barrier for their interconversion. The LLPS and condensate rigidification of proteins can be further modulated by various cellular factors including post-translational modifications of proteins.

Supplementary Table 1. Various proteins used for the LLPS study showing their origin, molecular weight, and corresponding sequence sources.

S No	Protein	Catalog no. (Sigma)	Abbreviation	Origin	Residue	M.W. (Daltons)	Source (Uniprot ID)
1	Ribonuclease A	R6513	RNase A	Bovine	124	13690.29	P61823 (27-150)
2	Lysozyme	L1667	LYS	Human	130	14700.67	P61626 (19-148)
3	β -casein	C6905	β -cas	Bovine	209	23583.29	P02666 (16-224)
4	Lactoferrin	L4040	LT	Human	710	78181.95	P02788 (1-710)
5	BSA	TC194 (Himedia, India)	BSA	Bovine	583	66432.96	P02769 (25-607)
6	Catalase	C40	CATA	Bovine	506	57583.66	P00432 (2-527)
7	β -lactoglobulin	L3908	β -lac	Bovine	162	18281.21	P02754 (17-178)
8	α -lactalbumin	L5385C2 506	α -lac	Bovine	123	14186.06	P00711 (20-142)
9	Myoglobin	M1882	Mb	Equine heart	153	16951.48	P68082 (2-154)
10	Hemoglobin	H7379	Hb	Human	141 (α chain) 146 (β -chain)	15126.36 (α chain) 15867.22 (β -chain)	P69905 (α -chain) (2-147) P68871 (β -chain) (2-142)
11	α -amylase	A4551	α -amy	<i>Bacillus licheniformis</i>	483	55268.17	P06278 (30-512)
12	Chymotrypsin	SKU1023 070001	Chymo	Bovine pancreas	241	25207.64	P00766 (chain A-1-13, chain B-16-146, chain C-149-245)
13	α -Synuclein	Expressed and purified	α -Syn	Human	140	14460.16	P37840 (1-140)

14	Tau-F	Expressed and purified	Tau	Human	441	45849.91	P10636-8 (1-441)
15	Ovalbumin	A5503	Alb	Chicken	385	42750.04	P01012 (2-386)
16	Ubiquitin	U6253	Ub	Bovine erythrocytes	76	8530.83	A0A3Q1M4K3 (1-76)
17	Cytochrome c	C2506	Cyt c	Equine	104	11701.55	P00004 (2-105)
18	γ -globulin	G5009	GG	Bovine	*	150000	*
19	Carbonic anhydrase	C3934	CA	Bovine	*	30000	*

*Notably, sequence information was not available for γ -globulin and carbonic anhydrase.

Supplementary Table 2. Structural and biophysical characterization of the proteins. The secondary structure of the proteins was determined by CD spectroscopy. The primary sequence analysis of the proteins was done using IUPred2A¹ to predict the disorder tendency; SMART² to analyze the presence of low complexity domains (LCDs) and CatGranule³ for predicting the propensity for LLPS.

S. No.	Protein	Secondary structure	PI	Positive charge (P)	Negative charge (N)	LCD	IDR	CatGranule Score
1	RNase A	Helix	8.64	14	10	✓	✓	-0.93844
2	LYS	Helix	9.28	19	11	×	×	-0.0412797
3	β -cas	Random coil	5.13	15	23	✓	✓	-1.15637
4	LT	Helix	8.5	90	79	✓	✓	0.827097
5	BSA	Helix	5.6	82	99	✓	×	-0.273782
6	CATA	Helix	6.63	58	62	×	✓	0.960901
7	β -lac	Helix	4.83	18	26	×	×	-1.22001
8	α -lac	Helix	4.8	13	20	✓	×	-0.441139
9	Mb	Helix	7.36	21	21	×	✓	0.551681
10	Hb	Helix	8.13	56	54	×	×	0.48402
11	α -amy	Helix	6.05	50	62	×	✓	1.45616
12	Chymo	Random coil	8.33	17	14	×	✓	0.151479
13	α -Syn	Random coil	4.67	15	24	✓	✓	1.12517
14	Tau	Random coil	8.24	58	56	✓	✓	1.68922
15	Alb	Helix	5.19	35	47	✓	✓	-0.234022
16	Ub	Helix	6.56	11	11	×	✓	-0.472928
17	Cyt c	Helix	9.59	21	12	×	✓	1.15134

Supplementary Table 3. Different conditions for the protein condensate formation in the presence and absence of PEG-8000 in 20 mM sodium phosphate buffer. In the presence of PEG-8000, the pH of the solution was maintained at 7.4. In the absence of PEG-8000, different conditions were used for examining protein condensate formation.

S.No	Protein	C_{sat} (10% PEG-8000, pH 7.4)	Different conditions without PEG-8000
1.	GG	1 μ M	100 μ M
2.	LT	1 μ M	75 μ M
3.	CATA	1 μ M	10 μ M and 500 μ M NaCl
4.	Chymo	10 μ M	20 μ M at pH 8
5.	Tau	10 μ M	100 μ M at pH 5
6.	β -lac	10 μ M	40 μ M and 1M NaCl
7.	β -cas	20 μ M	30 μ M and 1M NaCl
8.	BSA	20 μ M	100 μ M and 1M NaCl
9.	LYS	100 μ M	100 μ M at pH 8
10.	Alb	100 μ M	400 μ M and 1M NaCl
11.	Hb	100 μ M	150 μ M and 1M NaCl
12.	Cyt c	100 μ M	200 μ M at pH 11
13.	RNase A	500 μ M	800 μ M at pH 8
14.	α -Syn	600 μ M	10 μ M at pH 5.5 and 1M NaCl
15.	α -lac	20 μ M	ND
16.	α -amy	35 μ M	ND
17.	CA	200 μ M	ND
18.	Mb	200 μ M	ND
19.	Ub	1000 μ M	ND

* ND refers to the proteins not determined.

Supplementary Table 4. Determination of the percentage of secondary structures of the dilute and dense phase of the proteins at LLPS (0 h). The table shows analysis of a representative dataset of the secondary structure estimation of the dilute and dense phase of proteins at LLPS (0 h) from two independent experiments.

<i>Protein</i>	<i>α-helix (%)</i>		<i>β-sheet (%)</i>		<i>Random coil (%)</i>		<i>Turn (%)</i>	
	<i>Dilute</i>	<i>Dense</i>	<i>Dilute</i>	<i>Dense</i>	<i>Dilute</i>	<i>Dense</i>	<i>Dilute</i>	<i>Dense</i>
LT	54	55	31	32	0	0	15	13
GG	51	56	33	23	0	0	16	20
CATA	56	62	33	29	0	0	11	9
β-lac	60	56	24	20	0	0	16	23
Tau	18	15	29	31	50	51	3	3
Chymo	24	25	22	22	40	41	14	12
BSA	43	65	23	17	0	0	34	18
β-cas	18	16	27	28	50	52	5	4
α-lac	42	46	18	17	0	0	40	37
α-amy	46	51	30	29	0	0	24	20
Hb	74	80	17	15	0	0	9	5
Alb	65	69	26	21	0	0	9	10
LYS	56	59	23	16	0	0	21	25
Cyt c	64	65	0	0	26	25	10	10
Mb	79	87	21	13	0	0	0	0
CA	52	57	34	29	0	0	14	14
RNase A	56	70	24	19	0	0	20	19
α-Syn	0	0	10	10	56	57	34	33
Ub	52	55	28	8	0	0	20	37

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