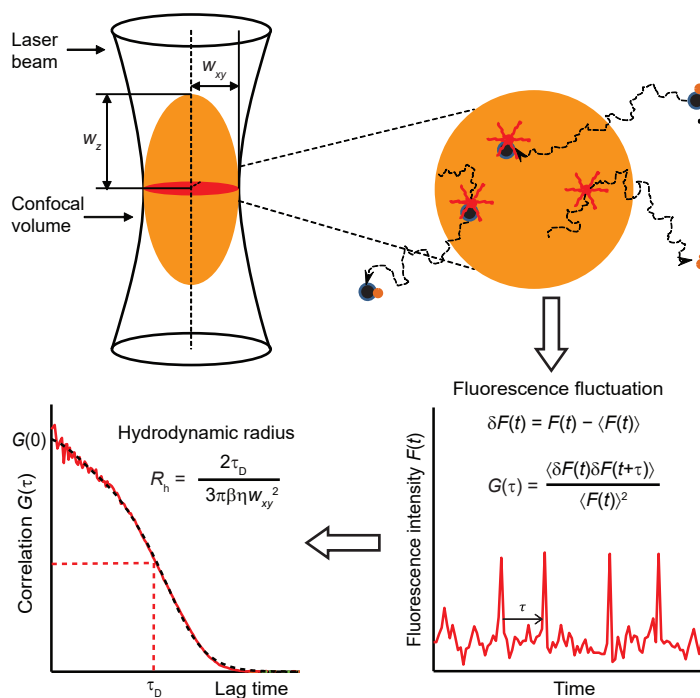


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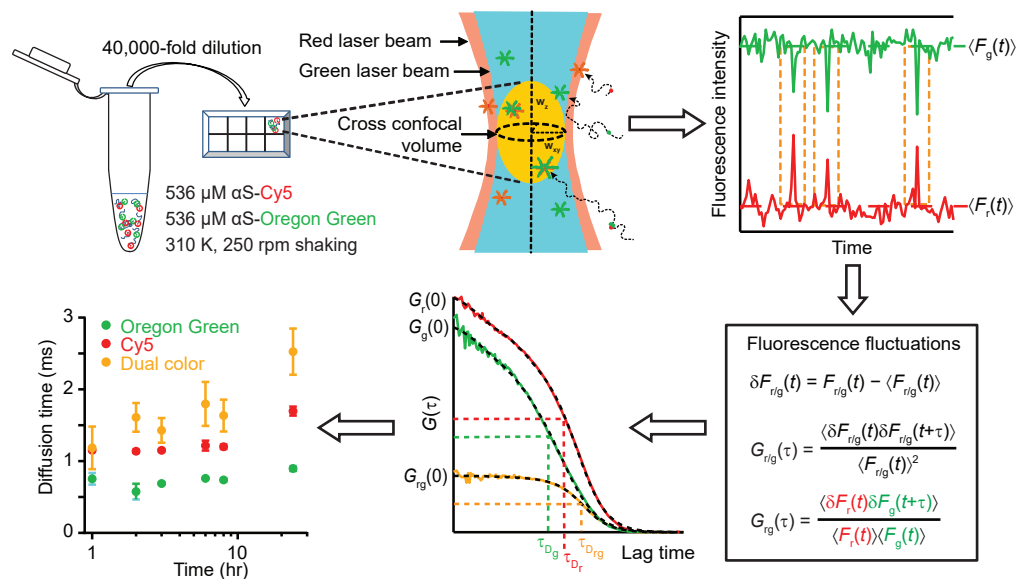
## Early stages of aggregation of engineered $\alpha$ -synuclein monomers and oligomers in solution

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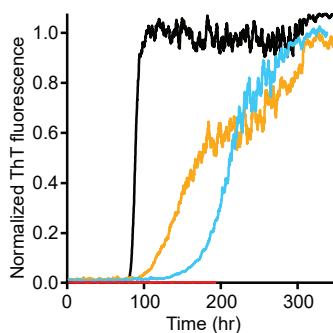
### Supplementary figures and tables



**Figure S1: FCS assay.** Schematic representation of the measurement and analysis of FCS data. Protein molecules labelled with a single dye passing through the confocal volume emit bursts of fluorescence. The decay time of the autocorrelation of the fluorescence intensity yields the hydrodynamic radius.



**Figure S2: FCS/FCCS assay.** Schematic representation of the measurement and analysis of FCCS data. Proteins labelled with Cy5 were incubated with other proteins labelled with Oregon green in microfuge tubes. At specific time-points, a sample was diluted for measurement. Assemblies containing red-labelled, green-labelled, or dual-labelled proteins that passed through the overlapping confocal volume (yellow) generated fluorescence fluctuations. The two auto-correlations and the cross-correlation were analyzed to determine diffusion times.



**Figure S3: ThT fluorescence assay of aggregation performed in a microplate.** Fluorescence from monomers (black), dimers (orange), tetramers (cyan), and octamers (red).

**Table S1:** The diffusion time of labeled  $\alpha$ S is independent of protein auto-fluorescence.

Concentration of green- labelled $\alpha$ S-4 (nM)	Concentration of unlabelled $\alpha$ S-4 (nM)	G(0)	$\tau_D$ ( $\mu$ s)
34	10898	0.100 $\pm$ 0.002	464 $\pm$ 25
34	5449	0.099 $\pm$ 0.002	459 $\pm$ 21
34	2724	0.104 $\pm$ 0.002	440 $\pm$ 32
34	1362	0.092 $\pm$ 0.002	450 $\pm$ 28
34	681	0.133 $\pm$ 0.003	473 $\pm$ 34
34	341	0.104 $\pm$ 0.002	456 $\pm$ 28
34	170	0.151 $\pm$ 0.003	460 $\pm$ 27
34	85	0.129 $\pm$ 0.004	476 $\pm$ 37

**Table S2:** Dual-colour FCCS experiment codes.

Cy-5 labelled $\alpha$ -synuclein	Oregon-green labelled $\alpha$ -synuclein			
	$\alpha$ S-1 (536 $\mu$ M)	$\alpha$ S-2 (268 $\mu$ M)	$\alpha$ S-4 (134 $\mu$ M)	$\alpha$ S-8 (67 $\mu$ M)
$\alpha$ S-1 (536 $\mu$ M)	( $\alpha$ S-1) <sub>r</sub> ( $\alpha$ S-1) <sub>g</sub>	( $\alpha$ S-1) <sub>r</sub> ( $\alpha$ S-2) <sub>g</sub>	( $\alpha$ S-1) <sub>r</sub> ( $\alpha$ S-4) <sub>g</sub>	( $\alpha$ S-1) <sub>r</sub> ( $\alpha$ S-8) <sub>g</sub>
$\alpha$ S-2 (268 $\mu$ M)	( $\alpha$ S-2) <sub>r</sub> ( $\alpha$ S-1) <sub>g</sub>	( $\alpha$ S-2) <sub>r</sub> ( $\alpha$ S-2) <sub>g</sub>	-	-
$\alpha$ S-4 (134 $\mu$ M)	( $\alpha$ S-4) <sub>r</sub> ( $\alpha$ S-1) <sub>g</sub>	-	( $\alpha$ S-4) <sub>r</sub> ( $\alpha$ S-4) <sub>g</sub>	-
$\alpha$ S-8 (67 $\mu$ M)	( $\alpha$ S-8) <sub>r</sub> ( $\alpha$ S-1) <sub>g</sub>	-	-	( $\alpha$ S-8) <sub>r</sub> ( $\alpha$ S-8) <sub>g</sub>