

Electronic Supplementary Information

Hydrogelation with a Water-Insoluble Organogelator - Surfactant Mediated Gelation (SMG)

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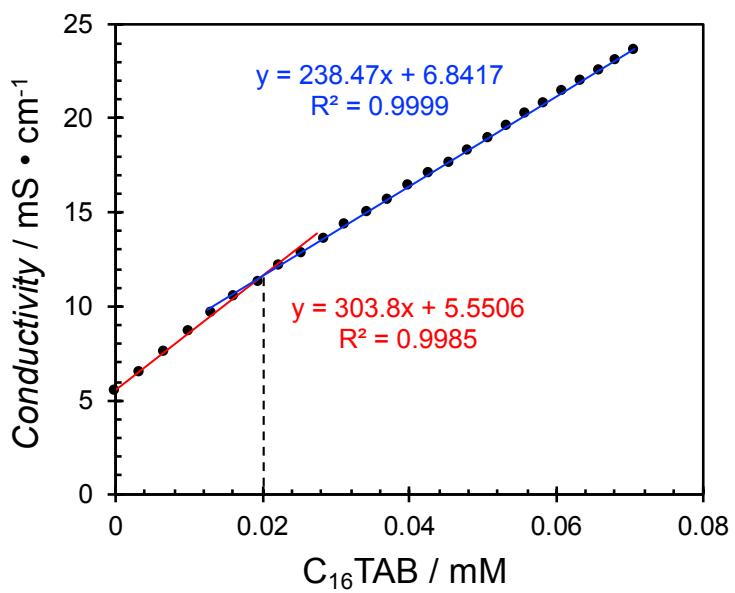
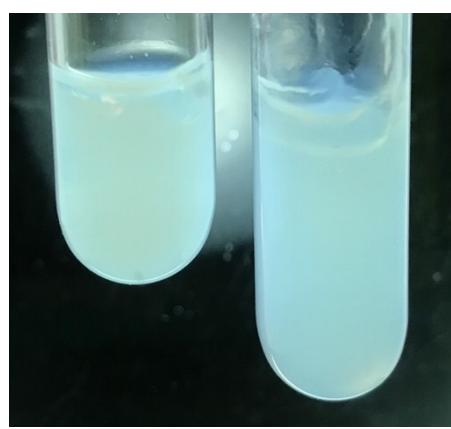


Fig. S1 Conductivity of C₁₆TAB-NaSal aqueous solution (C₁₆TAB/NaSal = 1/1 [mol/mol]) as a function of C₁₆TAB concentration.



Binary gel
(oil gel)



GWLM

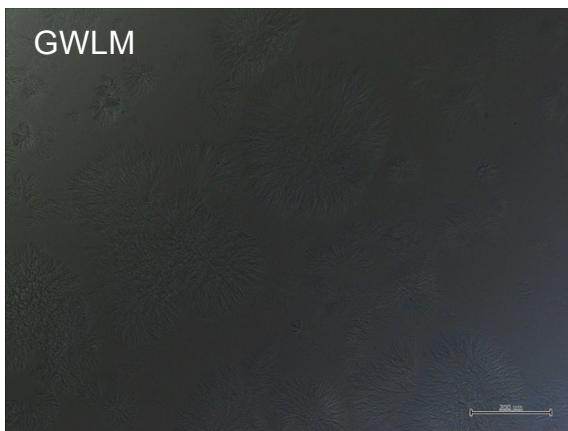


Fig. S2 Sample photos under crossed nicols (left) and polarized micrographs (right) for a binary gel (oil gel) sample in 12-HOA/n-decane ($C_{12\text{-HOA}} = 0.033 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$) and a GWLM sample in CTAB/NaSal/H₂O ($C_S, C_{NaSal} = 0.15 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$, $C_{12\text{-HOA}} = 0.033 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$). Scale bar indicates 200 microns.

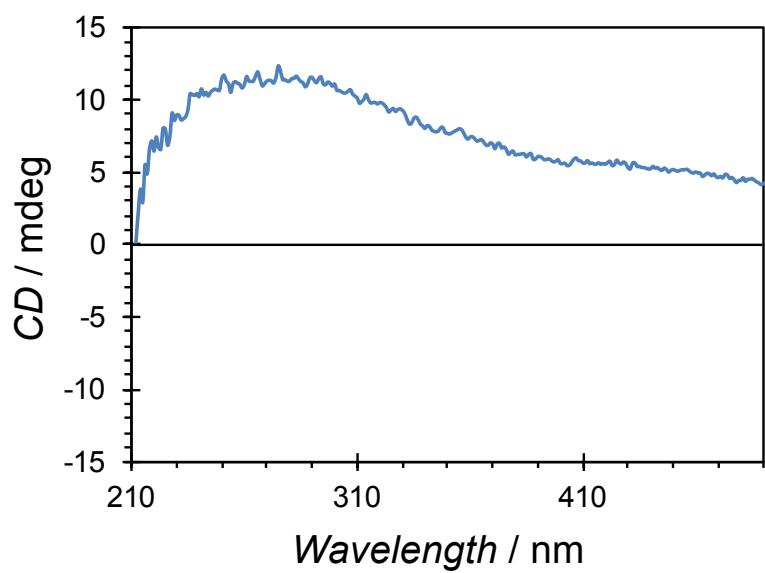


Fig. S3 CD spectrum of GM sample (c) (C_S , $C_{NaSal} = 0.15 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$, $C_{12\text{-HOA}} = 0.099 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$) at 25°C.

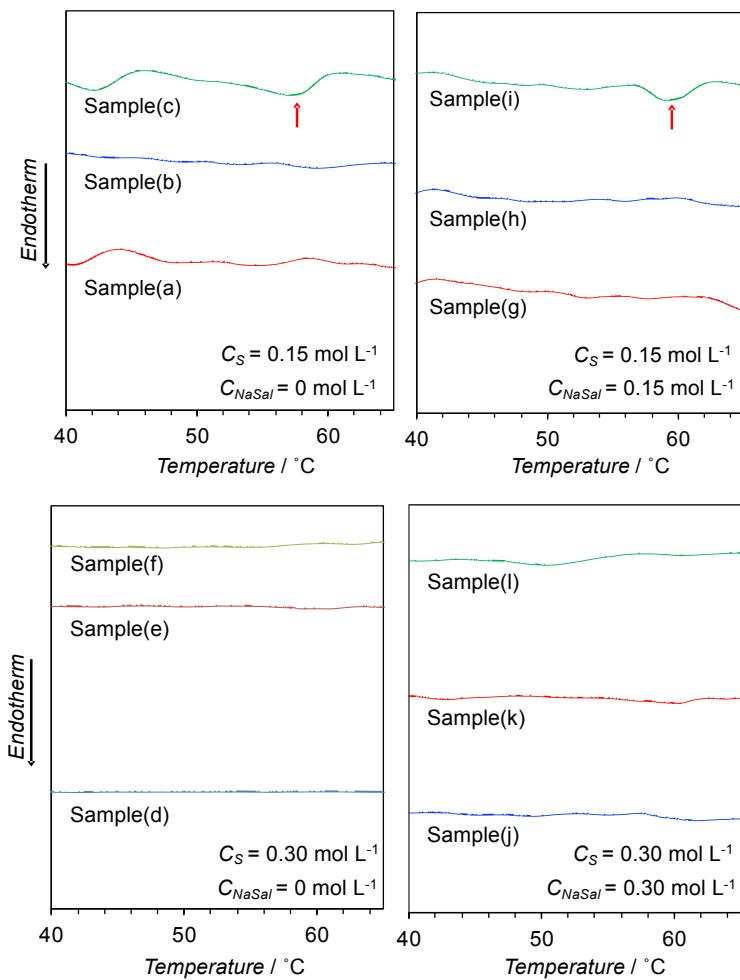


Fig. S4 DSC curves for CTAB/H₂O ($C_S = 0.15 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$) (top-left), CTAB/NaSal/H₂O ($C_S, C_{\text{NaSal}} = 0.15 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$) (top-right), CTAB/H₂O ($C_S = 0.3 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$) (bottom-left), and CTAB/NaSal/H₂O ($C_S, C_{\text{NaSal}} = 0.3 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$) (bottom-right).

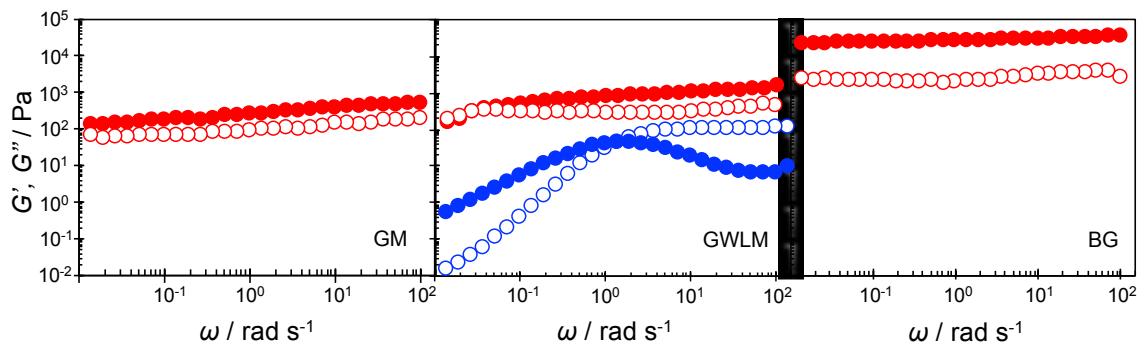


Fig. S5 Storage modulus G' (filled symbols) and loss modulus G'' (open symbols) as a function of the oscillatory shear frequency (ω) for the GM sample (c, $C_S = 0.15 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$, $C_{12-HOA} = 0.099 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$), the GWLM sample (i, $C_S = 0.15 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$, $C_{12-HOA} = 0.099 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$, $C_{Na-Sal} = 0.15 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$), and the BG sample (12-HOA/n-decane, $C_{12-HOA} = 0.099 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$) at 25 °C. The results for the WLM solution, sample (g), are also presented as blue symbols for comparison.

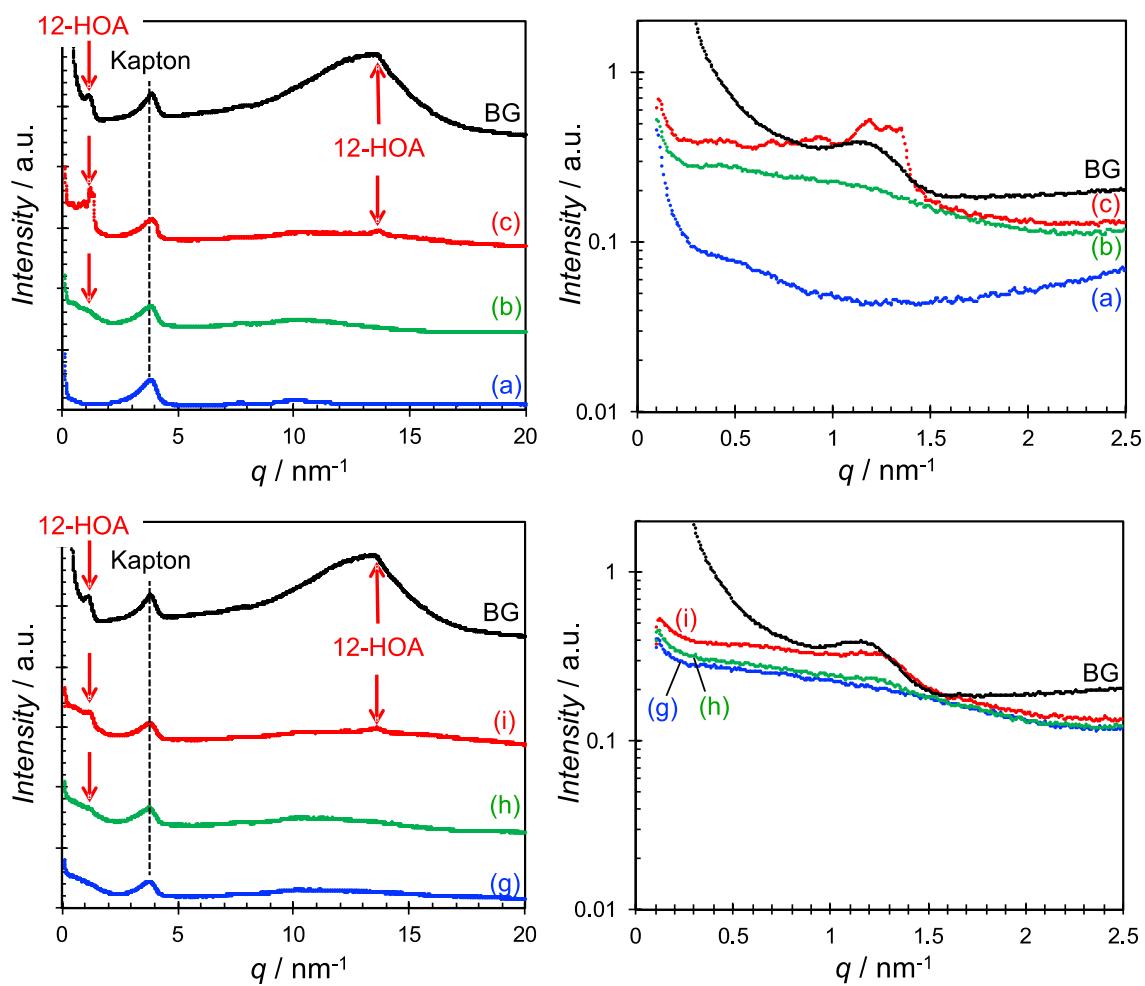


Fig. S6 SWAXS spectra of the micellar solutions (a) and (g), GM samples (b) and (c), GWLM samples (h) and (i), and BG sample (12-HOA/*n*-decane, $C_{12\text{-HOA}} = 0.099 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$) at 25 °C. Note that the peak at around $q = 3.8 \text{ nm}^{-1}$ originates from the Kapton windows of the sample cell.

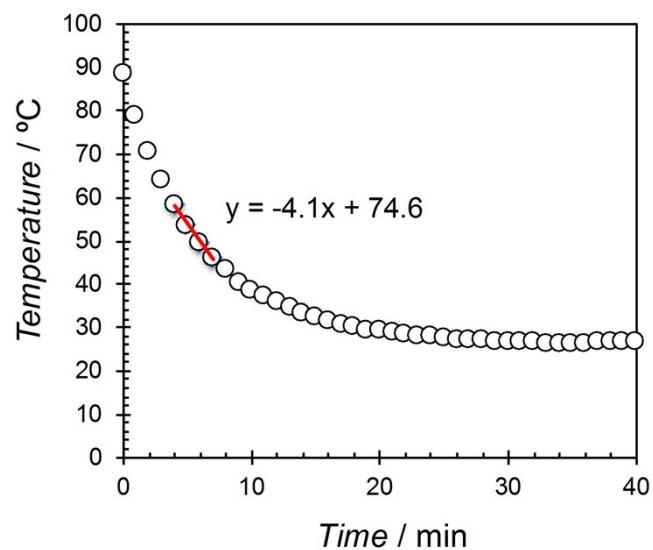


Fig. S7 Cooling curve of samples investigated in this study with an indication of the slope ($-4.1 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$) around $T_{\text{sol-gel}}$.