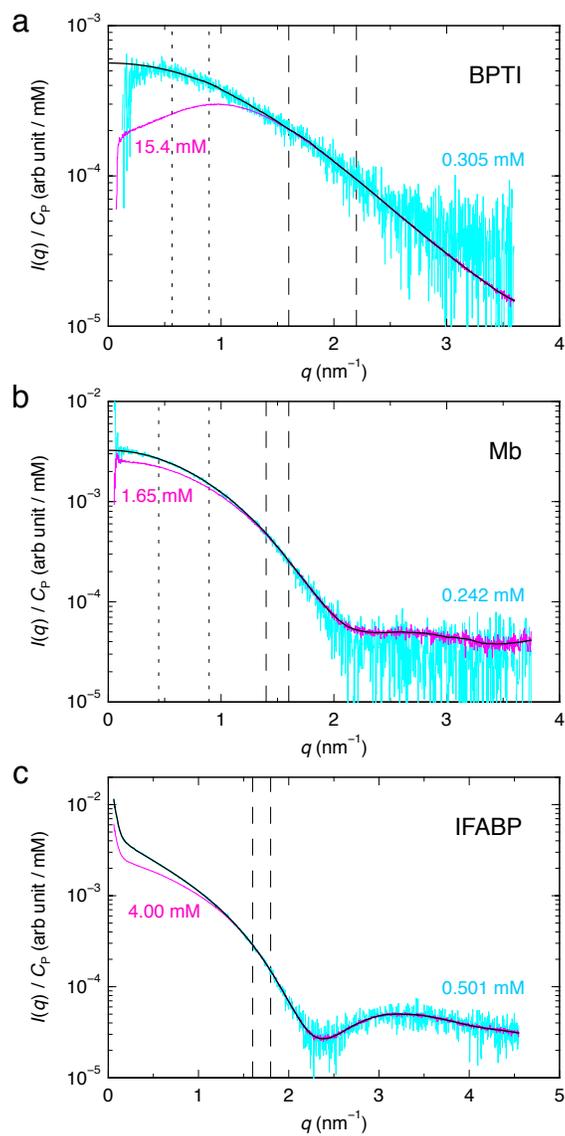


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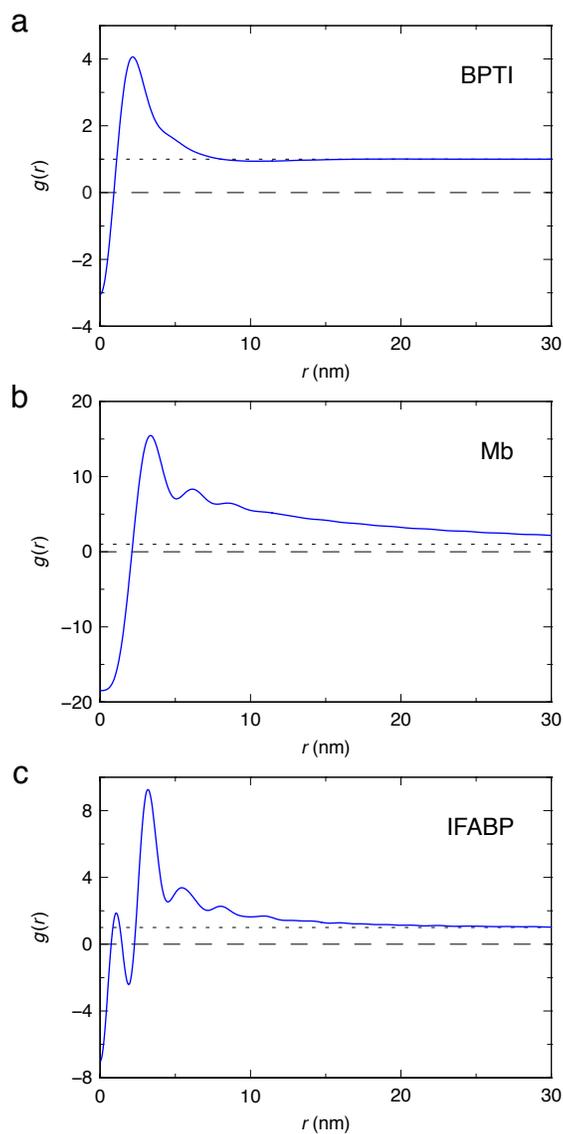
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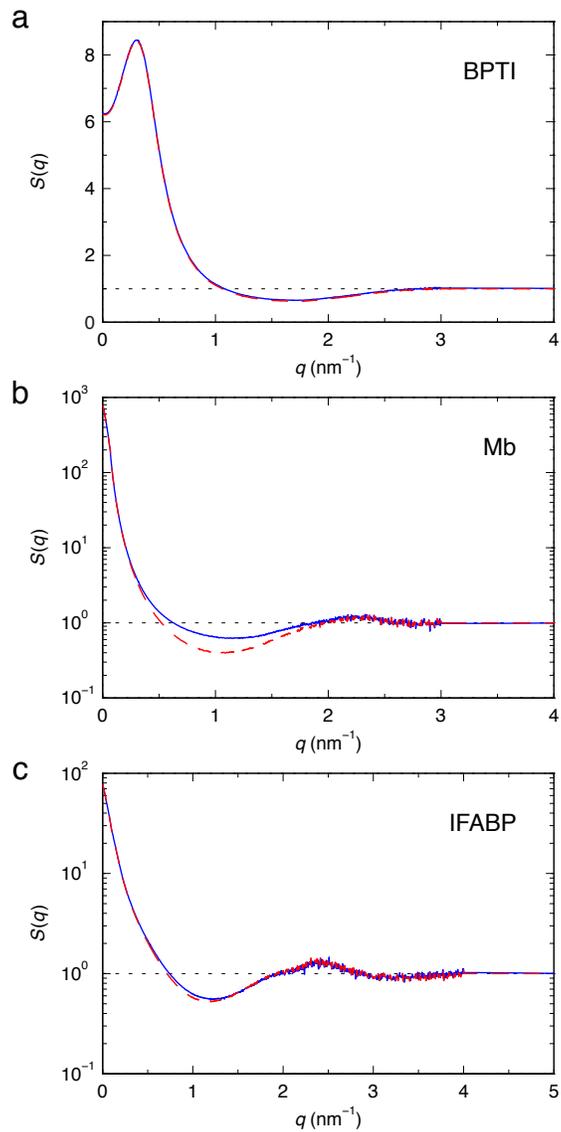
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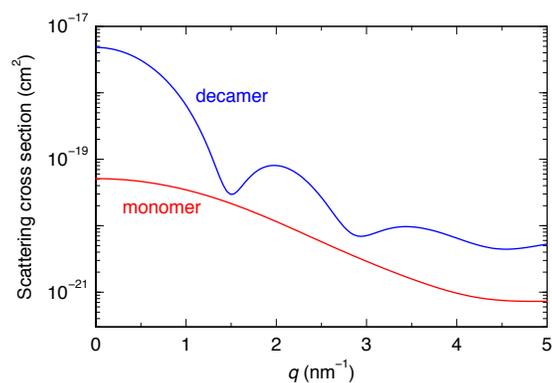
**Fig. S1** Apparent form factor (black) and solution SAXS profiles (magenta and cyan) for BPTI (a), Mb (b) and IFABP (c). Dashed and dotted vertical lines indicate the  $q$  windows where the two solution scattering files were superimposed and where the Guinier analysis was performed, respectively (Sec. 2.3).



**Fig. S2** Pair correlation function,  $g(r)$ , for cross-linked BPTI (a), Mb (b), and IFABP (c), obtained by fast sine transform of the modified structure factor,  $S(q)$  (blue curve in Fig. 3). The dotted line indicates the asymptote  $g(r \rightarrow \infty) = 1$ . The negative  $g(r)$  at small  $r$  is an artifact caused by setting  $S(q) = 1$  at high  $q$ .



**Fig. S3** Back-calculated structure factor,  $S(q)$ , for cross-linked BPTI (a), Mb (b) and IFABP (c). The red dashed curve is the inverse sine transform of the modified (non-negative)  $g(r)$ . The blue curve is the original  $S(q)$  (blue curves in Fig. 3).



**Fig. S4** Scattering cross section for BPTI monomer (red) and decamer (blue). The curves were calculated from the atomic coordinates of the crystal structures 1bpi<sup>1</sup> (monomer) and 1bhc<sup>2</sup> (decamer) using the program CRY SOL<sup>3</sup> without hydration-layer correction.

**Table S1** Timing of kinetics series.<sup>a</sup>

#	<i>t</i> (min)		
	BPTI <sup>b</sup>	Mb <sup>c</sup>	IFABP <sup>c</sup>
1	1.5	1.2	1.2
2	6.8	2.2	2.8
3	11.8	3.1	4.3
4	16.9	4.1	5.9
5	27.0	5.1	7.4
6	37.2	6.0	8.9
7	47.3	7.0	10.5
8	62.6	7.9	12.0
9	113.2	8.9	13.6
10	178.9	9.8	15.1
11	239.7	10.8	16.6
12	300.3	11.7	18.2
13	361.1	12.7	19.7
14	421.7	13.6	22.0
15	482.5	14.6	23.6
16	507.9	15.6	25.1

<sup>a</sup> Time elapsed from GA addition to the middle of the irradiation period, including a 1 min dead time.

<sup>b</sup> 60 s irradiation period.

<sup>c</sup> 10 s irradiation period.

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