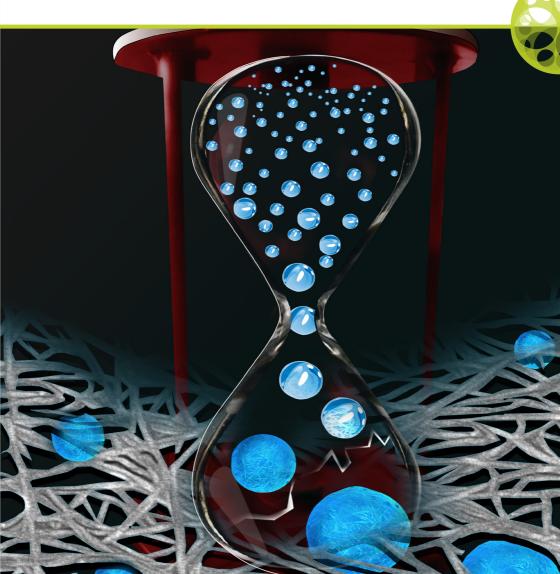




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a-Synuclein (a-Syn) forms different higher order assemblies during the process of aggregation into amyloid fibrils, which has pathological implications in Parkinson's disease. Recently liquid-liquid phase separation (LLPS) of a-Syn has emerged as a prominent early stage event in the aggregation pathway. With time, a-Syn LLPS undergoes liquid-to-solid transition and subsequently forms amyloid fibrils. The phase-separated droplets eventually fuse/grow into a larger manifestation of a hydrogel containing amyloid fibrils. In this illustration, the hourglass represents time dependent LLPS and subsequent liquid-to-solid transition followed by amyloid fibril formation

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