

Figure S1. Interaction of PcTS with α Syn. (a) ^1H - ^{15}N HSQC NMR spectra of 100 μM α Syn in the absence (0:1, black) and increasing equivalent concentrations of PcTS (100 μM , blue; 500 μM , green; 1.5 mM, red [1:1, 5:1, and 15:1, respectively]). Broadened and shifted crosspeaks corresponding to specific amino acids are labelled. (b) Chemical shift perturbation of α Syn crosspeaks with increasing concentrations of PcTS. (c) Intensity ratio I/I_0 (I =intensity of α Syn resonances in presence of the compound; I_0 =crosspeak intensity of free α Syn).

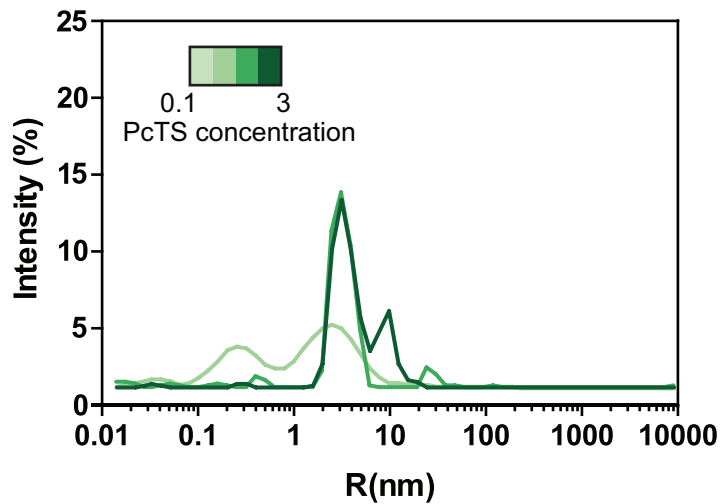


Figure S2. Increasing amounts of PcTS in the absence of any protein eventually form stacked, polydisperse aggregates, which are visible in DLS. When the PcTS concentration reached 3 mM, species from ~2 to ~15 nm in hydrodynamic radius were found. The ~40 nm wide species formed cooperatively by PcTS and α Syn was not present.

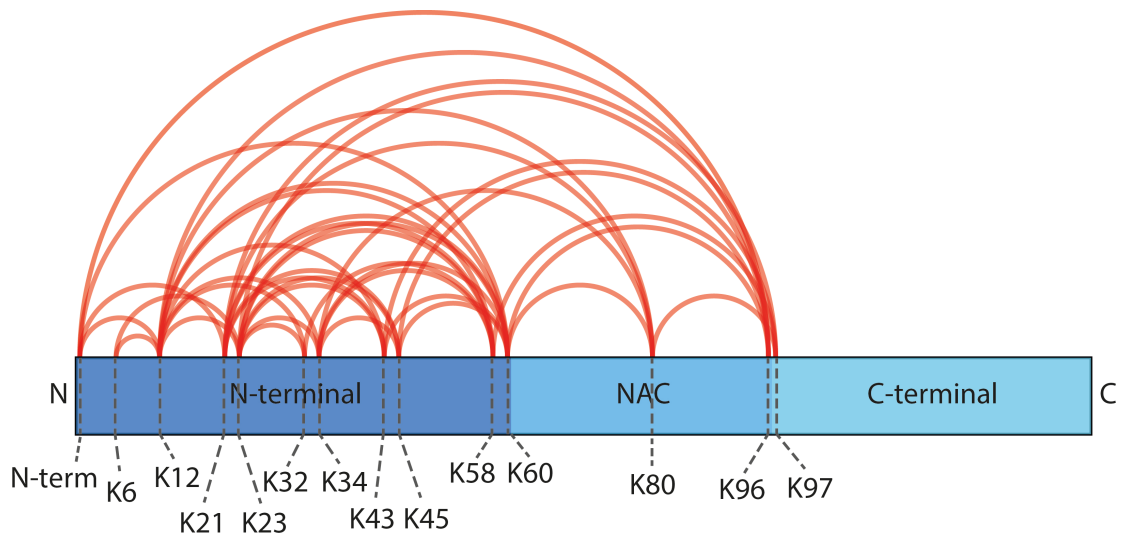


Figure S3. Intra- or inter-protein cross-links. Cross-links (red lines) and cross-linked lysine residues are shown. The protein N-terminus is also cross-linked. These cross-links cannot be assigned to inter- or intra-molecular interactions.

Table S1: Protein interactions identified by BS3 cross-linking. The α Synuclein residue numbers and the peptide sequences of cross-linked di-peptides are given. Cross-links were identified from dimer or tetramer bands using Trypsin, Chymotrypsin or both enzymes (Tryp-Chymo) for digestion of the proteins. The total number of identified spectra as well as the highest pLink identification score observed are listed. Cross-links that are specific for inter- α Synuclein interactions are highlighted in grey.

| Res 1 | Res 2 | Peptide 1 | Peptide 2 | Oligomer | Digest | Oligomer | Digest | # Spectra | highest pLink Score |
|-------|-------|---------------|------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1 | 1 | N-term-MDVFMK | N-term-MDVFMK | Dimer | Trypsin | | | 2 | 4.56e-008 |
| 1 | 6 | N-term-MDVFMK | MDVFMKGLSK | Dimer | Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 3 | 4.20e-015 |
| 1 | 12 | N-term-MDVFMK | AKEGVVAAAEK | Dimer | Trypsin | | | 3 | 4.86e-015 |
| 1 | 21 | N-term-MDVFMK | EGVVAAAEKTK | Dimer | Trypsin | | | 1 | 2.64e-018 |
| 1 | 60 | N-term-MDVFMK | TKEQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQK | Dimer | Trypsin | | | 1 | 2.19e-014 |
| 1 | 96 | N-term-MDVFMK | TVEGAGSIAAATGFVKK | Dimer | Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 4 | 7.11e-023 |
| 6 | 12 | MDVFMKGLSK | AKEGVVAAAEK | Dimer | Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 7 | 9.70e-023 |
| 6 | 23 | MDVFMKGLSK | TKQGVAAEAGK | | | Tetramer | Trypsin | 1 | 4.39e-016 |
| 12 | 12 | AKEGVVAAAEK | AKEGVVAAAEK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | Tetramer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | 17 | 3.05e-017 |
| 12 | 21 | AKEGVVAAAEK | AKEGVVAAAEKTK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 8 | 6.30e-018 |
| 12 | 21 | AKEGVVAAAEK | EGVVAAAEKTK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | Tetramer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | 2 | 7.47e-015 |
| 12 | 23 | AKEGVVAAAEK | TKQGVAAEAGK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | Tetramer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | 15 | 2.46e-017 |
| 12 | 32 | AKEGVVAAAEK | QGVAAEAGKTK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | Tetramer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | 1 | 2.80e-014 |
| 12 | 32 | AKEGVVAAAEK | TKQGVAAEAGKTK | Dimer | Trypsin, Tryp-Chymo | | | 2 | 2.16e-015 |
| 12 | 34 | AKEGVVAAAEK | TKEGVLY | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | | | 1 | 1.19e-004 |
| 12 | 34 | AKEGVVAAAEK | TKEGVLYVGSK | Dimer | Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 7 | 2.52e-014 |
| 12 | 43 | AKEGVVAAAEK | EGVLYVGSKTK | Dimer | Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 1 | 6.23e-012 |
| 12 | 43 | AKEGVVAAAEK | TKEGVLYVGSKTK | Dimer | Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 5 | 1.59e-013 |
| 12 | 45 | AKEGVVAAAEK | TKEGVVHGVATVAEK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | Tetramer | Tryp-Chymo | 6 | 6.75e-020 |
| 12 | 58 | AKEGVVAAAEK | EGVVHGVATVAEKTK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo, | Tetramer | Trypsin | 3 | 5.00e-019 |

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| | | | | | Trypsin | | | | |
| 12 | 58 | AKEGVVAAA AEK | EGVVHGVATVAE K TKEQVTNVG GAVVTGVTAVAQ K | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | Tetramer | Trypsin | 3 | 3.71e-014 |
| 12 | 58 | AKEGVVAAA AEK | TKEGVVHGVATVAE K TK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | Tetramer | Trypsin | 5 | 9.11e-019 |
| 12 | 60 | AKEGVVAAA AEK | EGVVHGVATVAE K TKEQVTNVG GAVVTGVTAVAQ K | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | Tetramer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | 2 | 2.68e-012 |
| 12 | 60 | AKEGVVAAA AEK | T K EQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQ K | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | Tetramer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | 15 | 1.07e-021 |
| 12 | 80 | AKEGVVAAA AEK | TKEQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQ K TVEGAGSIAAATGF | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | | | 5 | 6.29e-014 |
| 12 | 96 | AKEGVVAAA AEK | TVEGAGSIAAATGFV K K | Dimer | Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 5 | 2.26e-015 |
| 21 | 21 | AKEGVVAAA AEK TK | EGVAAA AEK TK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | Tetramer | Trypsin | 3 | 5.34e-018 |
| 21 | 21 | EGVAAA AEK TK | EGVAAA AEK TK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 7 | 9.63e-020 |
| 21 | 23 | AKEGVVAAA AEK TK | T K QGVAAE AAG K | Dimer | Trypsin | Tetramer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | 7 | 1.97e-014 |
| 21 | 43 | EGVAAA AEK TK | EGVLYVGS K TK | | | Tetramer | Trypsin | 1 | 3.42e-016 |
| 21 | 43 | EGVAAA AEK TK | TKEGVLYVGS K TK | | | Tetramer | Trypsin | 1 | 2.10e-008 |
| 21 | 45 | AKEGVVAAA AEK TK | T K EGVVHGVATVAE K | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | Tetramer | Trypsin | 3 | 2.15e-014 |
| 21 | 45 | EGVAAA AEK TK | T K EGVVHGVATVAE K | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | Tetramer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | 5 | 1.15e-016 |
| 21 | 58 | AKEGVVAAA AEK TK | TKEGVVHGVATVAE K TK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | | | 3 | 4.20e-019 |
| 21 | 58 | EGVAAA AEK TK | TKEGVVHGVATVAE K TK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | | | 3 | 4.20e-019 |
| 21 | 60 | AKEGVVAAA AEK TK | T K EQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQ K | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | Tetramer | Tryp-Chymo | 2 | 1.49e-014 |
| 21 | 60 | EGVAAA AEK TK | T K EQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQ K | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | Tetramer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | 10 | 3.13e-015 |
| 21 | 80 | EGVAAA AEK TK | TKEQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQ K TVEGAGSIAAATGFV K | Dimer | Trypsin | | | 1 | 2.21e-013 |
| 21 | 97 | AKEGVVAAA AEK TK | K DQLG K | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | | | 2 | 5.88e-011 |
| 23 | 23 | T K QGVAAE AAG K | T K QGVAAE AAG K | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | Tetramer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | 8 | 4.48e-014 |
| 23 | 32 | T K QGVAAE AAG K | QGVAAE AAG KTK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 5 | 4.61e-015 |

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|----|----|-------------------|--|-------|-------------------------|----------|------------|---|-----------|
| 23 | 34 | TKQGVAAEAGK | TKEGVLYVGSK | Dimer | Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 5 | 4.82e-015 |
| 23 | 43 | TKQGVAAEAGK | TKEGVLYVGSKTK | Dimer | Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 5 | 5.35e-018 |
| 23 | 45 | TKQGVAAEAGK | TKEGVVHGVATVAEK | | | Tetramer | Tryp-Chymo | 1 | 9.24e-016 |
| 23 | 58 | TKQGVAAEAGK | EGVVHGVATVAEKTK | Dimer | Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 3 | 2.27e-022 |
| 23 | 58 | TKQGVAAEAGK | EGVVHGVATVAEKTKKEQVTNVG GAVVTGVTAVAQK | Dimer | Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 2 | 6.50e-019 |
| 23 | 60 | TKQGVAAEAGK | TKEQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | | | 2 | 6.28e-014 |
| 23 | 96 | TKQGVAAEAGK | TVEGAGSIAAATGFVKK | Dimer | Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 6 | 7.67e-017 |
| 32 | 58 | QGVAAEAGKTK | EGVVHGVATVAEKTK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | | | 1 | 5.09e-019 |
| 34 | 34 | TKEGVLYVGSK | TKEGVLYVGSK | | | Tetramer | Trypsin | 2 | 1.65e-009 |
| 34 | 45 | TKEGVLYVGSK | TKEGVVHGVATVAEK | Dimer | Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 6 | 4.96e-023 |
| 34 | 58 | TKEGVLYVGSK | EGVVHGVATVAEKTK | | | Tetramer | Trypsin | 2 | 3.44e-014 |
| 34 | 58 | TKEGVLYVGSK | TKEGVVHGVATVAEKTK | | | Tetramer | Trypsin | 1 | 6.50e-020 |
| 34 | 60 | TKEGVLY | TKEQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 4 | 2.39e-018 |
| 34 | 80 | TKEGVLYVGSK | TKEQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQK TVEGAGSIAAATGFVK | Dimer | Trypsin | | | 3 | 1.56e-011 |
| 43 | 43 | VGSKTK | VGSKTK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | | | 1 | 9.18e-007 |
| 43 | 60 | EGVLYVGSKTK | TKEQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQK | Dimer | Trypsin, Tryp- Chymo | | | 4 | 1.34e-007 |
| 43 | 97 | TKEGVLYVGSKTK | KDQLGK | | | Tetramer | Trypsin | 1 | 1.27e-012 |
| 45 | 43 | TKEGVVHGVATVAEK | TKEGVLYVGSKTK | | | Tetramer | Trypsin | 1 | 1.12e-014 |
| 45 | 45 | TKEGVVHGVATVAEK | TKEGVVHGVATVAEK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo, Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 6 | 2.91e-013 |
| 45 | 58 | TKEGVVHGVATVAEK | EGVVHGVATVAEKTK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | | | 2 | 5.12e-015 |
| 45 | 60 | TKEGVVHGVATVAEK | TKEQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | | | 2 | 1.28e-019 |
| 45 | 96 | TKEGVVHGVATVAEK | TVEGAGSIAAATGFVKK | Dimer | Trypsin | | | 3 | 6.73e-014 |
| 58 | 58 | EGVVHGVATVAEKTK | EGVVHGVATVAEKTK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | | | 1 | 5.06e-011 |
| 58 | 58 | TKEGVVHGVATVAEKTK | TKEGVVHGVATVAEKTK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | | | 1 | 9.91e-007 |
| 58 | 60 | EGVVHGVATVAEKTK | TKEQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQK | Dimer | Trypsin | | | 2 | 1.11e-016 |
| 58 | 97 | TKEGVVHGVATVAEKTK | KDQLGK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo, | | | 7 | 5.94e-013 |

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|----|----|---|--|-------|------------|----------|------------|---|-----------|
| 60 | 60 | EGVVHGVATVAEKTKEQVTNVG GAVVTGVTAVAQK | TKEQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | Tetramer | Trypsin | 8 | 1.99e-017 |
| 60 | 60 | TKEQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQK | TKEQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQK | | | Tetramer | Trypsin | 3 | 9.80e-012 |
| 60 | 80 | TKEQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQK | TKEQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQK TVEGAGSIAAATGFVK | Dimer | Trypsin | | | 2 | 8.15e-022 |
| 60 | 96 | TKEQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQK | TVEGAGSIAAATGFVKK | | | Tetramer | Tryp-Chymo | 1 | 4.17e-010 |
| 96 | 97 | TVEGAGSIAAATGFVKK | KDQLGK | Dimer | Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 9 | 1.18e-015 |
| 97 | 80 | KDQLGK | TKEQVTNVGGAVVTGVTAVAQK TVEGAGSIAAATGFVK | Dimer | Trypsin | | | 2 | 1.42e-013 |
| 97 | 97 | KDQLGK | KDQLGK | Dimer | Tryp-Chymo | Tetramer | Trypsin | 2 | 4.49e-009 |
| 97 | 97 | TVEGAGSIAAATGFVKKDQLGK | KDQLGK | | | Tetramer | Trypsin | 2 | 3.94e-008 |

Table S2: Protein interactions identified by Ru(bpy)₃²⁺ cross-linking. The α Synuclein residue numbers and the peptide sequences of cross-linked di-peptides are given. Cross-links were identified from dimer or tetramer bands using Trypsin or Chymotrypsin for digestion of the proteins. The total number of identified spectra as well as the highest pLink identification score observed are listed. All cross-linked identified contain overlapping peptide sequences and therefore represent inter-molecular interactions.

| Res 1 | Res 2 | Peptide 1 | Peptide 2 | Oligomer | Digest | Oligomer | Digest | # Spectra | Highest pLink score |
|-------|-------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|---------|-----------|---------------------|
| 34 | 39 | TKEGVLYVGSK | TKEGVL ^Y VGSK | Dimer | Trypsin | | | 3 | 4.83e-012 |
| 39 | 39 | EGVL ^Y VGSK | EGVL ^Y VGSK | Dimer | Trypsin | Tetramer | Trypsin | 5 | 1.98e-013 |
| 39 | 45 | TKEGVL ^Y VGSKTK | TKEGVVHGVATVAEK | Dimer | Trypsin | | | 1 | 1.09e-006 |
| 133 | 133 | EMPSEEG ^Y QDYEPEA | EMPSEEG ^Y QDYEPEA | Dimer | Chymotrypsin | | | 1 | 2.18e-002 |
| 133 | 136 | EMPSEEG ^Y QDYEPEA | EMPSEEGYQD ^Y EPEA | Dimer | Chymotrypsin | | | 6 | 2.53e-011 |
| 136 | 136 | EMPSEEGYQD ^Y EPEA | EMPSEEGYQD ^Y EPEA | Dimer | Chymotrypsin | | | 3 | 1.46e-009 |

Supplementary Experimental Section

NMR spectroscopy

NMR spectroscopy was performed on samples containing either 400 or 100 μM αSyn in a 50 mM phosphate buffer, 100 mM NaCl, pH 6.8 and 90% $\text{H}_2\text{O}/10\%$ D_2O . NMR experiments were recorded on a Bruker Avance 600 MHz spectrometer. The temperature was set to 15 $^\circ\text{C}$. Data processing was performed using the software packages Topspin (Bruker) and CCPN Analysis.⁴⁸ ^{15}N - ^1H HSQC amide cross-peaks affected during compound addition were identified by comparison of their chemical shift values with those of the same cross-peaks in the data set of samples lacking the compound. Perturbations in the chemical shift values for ^1H and ^{15}N were calculated as $[(\Delta\delta^1\text{H})^2 + (\Delta\delta^{15}\text{N}/10)^2]^{1/2}$. ^{15}N TROSY experiments for R_2^T measurement (modified from ⁴⁹) were recorded at 303 K on a Bruker 600 MHz spectrometer as interleaved experiments with six T_2 delays (10, 40, 80, 150, 250 and 400 ms). Samples contained 300 μM protein in 50 mM HEPES buffer, 100 mM NaCl at pH 7.4 with 10% D_2O in the absence and presence of 3 mM concentration of PcTS (1:10 protein to compound ratio). Single exponential decay curves were fitted to the intensity of each cross-peak throughout the different delay times with the function $y=Ae^{(-Bx)} + C$, where B is the R_2^T value. Error bars represent the fitting errors.

Mass spectrometry

Typical MS conditions were: spray voltage of 2.3 kV; capillary temperature of 275 $^\circ\text{C}$; collision energy of 30 %, activation Q of 0.25. The Orbitrap Fusion Tribrid Mass Spectrometer was operated in data-dependent mode. Survey full scan MS spectra were acquired in the orbitrap (m/z 350–2000) with a resolution of 120,000 and an automatic gain control (AGC) target at 500,000. The top 20 most intense ions were selected for HCD MS/MS fragmentation in the orbitrap at a resolution of 30,000 and an AGC target of 50,000 and with a first m/z of 110. Previously selected ions within were dynamically excluded for 30 s. Only ions with charge states 2-7 were selected. Singly charged ions, as well as ions with unrecognized charge state, were excluded. Internal calibration of the orbitrap

was performed using the lock mass option (lock mass: m/z 445.120025).^[1] Raw files were converted into mgfs using pXtract tools (<http://pfind.ict.ac.cn/software/pXtract/index.html>). Mgfs were searched against a reduced database containing α Syn sequence using pLink software.^[2] Search parameters were: instrument spectra, HCD; enzyme, trypsin or chymotrypsin; max. missed cleavage sites, 3; variable modifications, oxidation (methionine) and carbamidomethylation (cysteine); cross-linker, BS3 (lysine-lysine) or Ru(bpy)₃²⁺ (Tyrosine-Tyrosine, Tyrosine-Lysine, Tyrosine-Histidine, Tyrosine-Serine, Tyrosine-Threonine); min. peptide length, 4; max. peptide length, 100; min. peptide mass, 400 Da; max. peptide mass, 10,000 Da; FRD, 1%. Potential cross-linked di-peptides were evaluated by their spectral quality.

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