

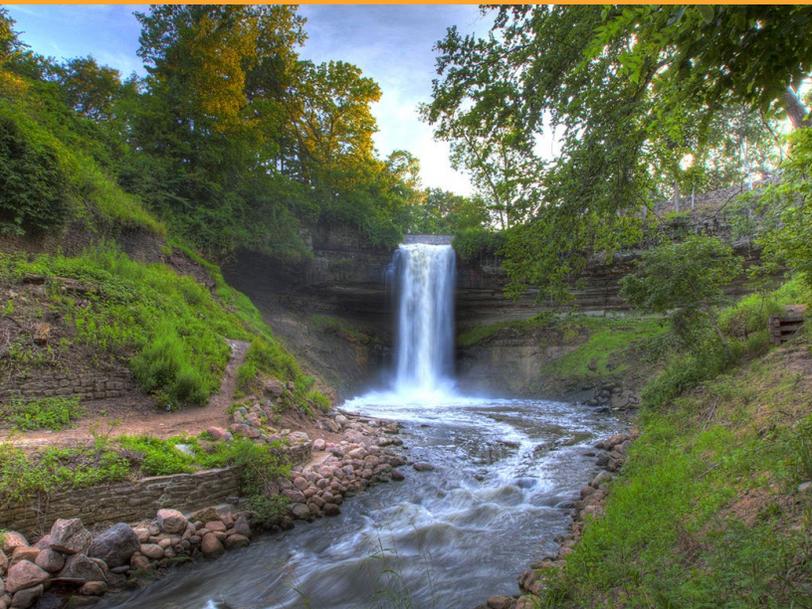
G4thering

June 2-6, 2025

Minneapolis, Minnesota USA



Conference Program



Program At-A-Glance

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday																
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8:00	Registration / Information Desk Open	Registration / Information Desk Open	Registration / Information Desk Open	Registration / Information Desk Open	Registration / Information Desk Open																
8:15						Poster 1 on Display	Registration / Information Desk Open	Registration / Information Desk Open	Registration / Information Desk Open												
8:30										Poster 2 on Display	Registration / Information Desk Open	Registration / Information Desk Open									
8:45													Biology & Disease 1 (08:30 - 10:10)	Structure & Dyanmics 1 (08:30 - 10:10)	Nanotechnology & Biotechnology 1 (08:30 - 10:10)	Targeting 1 (08:30 - 10:10)					
9:00													Break (10:10 - 10:40)	Break (10:10 - 10:40)	Break (10:10 - 10:40)	Break (10:10 - 10:40)					
9:15													Biology & Disease 2 (10:40 - 12:20)	Structure & Dyanmics 2 (10:40 - 12:20)	Structure & Dyanmics 3 (10:40 - 12:20)	Targeting 2 (10:40 - 12:20)					
9:30													Lunch on own (12:20 - 13:45)	Lunch on own (12:20 - 13:45)	Lunch on own (12:20 - 13:45)	Lunch on own (12:20 - 13:45)					
9:45																	Biology & Disease 3 (13:45 - 15:25)	Free Time	Biology & Disease 4 (15:55 - 17:35)		
10:00																				Break (15:25 - 15:55)	Break (15:25 - 15:55)
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10:30	Dinner On Own (17:35 - 19:00)																				
10:45		Poster Social (19:00 - 21:00)	Gala Dinner or On Own (19:00 - 22:00)																		
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Welcome

Dear G4 Conferees,

We are delighted to welcome you to the 2025 G4thering, i.e. the 9th International Conference on Quadruplex Nucleic Acids, in Minneapolis. The endurance of this meeting reflects the great importance of G4 nucleic acids, with understanding of their structures and biological roles, targeting G4 for therapeutics, development of tools to study and manipulate them, and applications of G4s in both biological and non-biological contexts continuing to grow year-by-year.

The conference will kick off with keynote lectures by three of our field's most impactful scientists, Cindy Burrows, Brad Chaires and Laurence Hurley. The main program will feature sessions dedicated to (1) Biology & Disease, (2) Structure, (3) G4 Targeting and (4) Biotech/Nanotech, with a combination of oral and poster presentations as outlined in the following program. There will be ample time scattered throughout the week for informal conversations, a meal with old and new friends, or exploration of the city.

In closing, we would like to thank our International Science Board, the corporate and academic institutions who donated funds to help defray costs, and our partners at Podium Conferences, particularly Michelle Smith and Sharon Zwack, for handling so much of the logistical planning. We hope the conference will strengthen our community through the exchange of information, introducing new people to the field and sparking new ideas and collaborations.

Sincerely,



Thomas Marsh



Danzhou Yang



Bruce Armitage

Scientific Committee



Bruce Armitage
Carnegie Mellon University,
USA



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University College London,
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Danzhou Yang
Purdue University College
of Pharmacy, USA



Xiaogang Qu
Changchun Institute of
Applied Chemistry, China

Monday, June 2, 2025 1700-1900

1700-1740



Cynthia Burrows

Thatcher Presidential Chair and Distinguished Professor
Department of Chemistry, University of Utah, USA

Oxidative Stress and Gene Expression Meet at G-Quadruplexes

After the great oxygenation event 2 billion years ago, life evolved to deal with the conundrum of O₂ and Fe(II), a potentially toxic combination. Cells solved the toxicity problem of the Fenton reaction in a clever way using the free radical chemistry of bicarbonate as a redox buffer. Evidence for this hypothesis is gleaned from metabolomics, nanopore sequencing of RNA, and qPCR-based lesion detection in telomeric DNA. As a result, we show that oxidative DNA damage is focused on G-rich sequences, such as those that fold to G-Quadruplexes (G4s). Many cancer-associated genes are regulated by G4s, and these same sequences are sensitive to oxidative damage that is repaired by the base excision repair glycosylases OGG1 and NEIL1-3. We describe studies indicating that oxidation of a guanosine base in a gene promoter G4 can lead to up- and downregulation of gene expression that is location dependent and involves the base excision repair pathway in which the first intermediate, an apurinic (AP) site plays a key role mediated by AP-endonuclease I (APE1/Ref-1). Surprisingly, Fe(II)-mediated DNA damage and strand breaks can turn on genes by assisting G4 folding!

1740-1820



Brad Chaires

Brown Chair in Cancer Biophysics
Professor, Department of Medicine & Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, University of Louisville, USA

Senior Scientist, Brown Cancer Centre, USA

The G4 Folding Problem

A fundamental challenge in molecular biology is to understand how biological macromolecules fold. How do the linear chains in the primary structures of macromolecules transform into their specific three-dimensional structures that determine their function? What is the folding code – how do the primary structures of macromolecules dictate their 3D structure? What is their folding mechanism? Can native structures be predicted from primary sequences? Considerable progress toward understanding these issues has been made for proteins and RNA, but the folding of G-Quadruplexes is distinctly different and remains poorly understood. I will review the status of mechanistic thermodynamic and kinetic studies of G4 folding here. The results of recent time-resolved small-angle X-ray scattering experiments that characterize early events in the folding process will be presented. A unifying model for the G4 folding process will be offered to stimulate future work.

1820-1900



Laurence Hurley

Professor Emeritus

College of Pharmacy and Arizona Cancer Center, University of Arizona, USA

A Half-Century Exciting Journey from Anthramycin Targeting Duplex DNA to Trabectedin, the First FDA-Approved Drug That Targets G-Quadruplexes

Trabectedin (Yondelis®) is a marine-derived antitumor agent from the Ecteinascidin family that is FDA-approved for treatment of soft tissue sarcomas. It features a carbinolamine that forms reversible covalent bonds with N2 of guanine, distinguishing it from typical DNA alkylating agents. Structurally, the Ecteinascidins are also distinct from other carbinolamine alkylating drugs by inclusion of a C-subunit that widens the DNA minor groove and induces transcriptional replication stress and genome instability. Taking into account the sensitivity of Ewing Sarcoma to Trabectedin and the role of EWS in binding to G-Quadruplexes (G4s), especially those with longer stem loops, this presentation redefines Trabectedin's molecular target by exploring its potential interaction with G4s. Building on these insights, we designed experiments using Trabectedin in combination with wild-type and mutant MYCN G4s to assess whether Trabectedin could irreversibly bond covalently to a consensus sequence within a duplex stem loop associated with a G4. Circular dichroism (CD) analysis confirmed that Trabectedin stabilized a G4 containing a consensus covalent bonding site within the associated hairpin loop. Mass spectrometry (MS) analysis demonstrated that a guanine in the Trabectedin consensus binding site is essential for this irreversible covalent bonding. Additionally, CD and MS showed that when Trabectedin was covalently bound to the duplex stem loop, it displaced a molecule (GSA0932) that binds noncovalently to both the core G4 structure and the stem loop. Significantly using antibody to G4s, it was observed that Trabectedin treatment significantly increased G4 frequency within cells. In conclusion, Trabectedin irreversibly bonds to N2 of guanine within a duplex stem loop of a G4 and belongs to the first clinically approved class of G4-targeted drugs.

General Conference Information

CONFERENCE VENUE

Marquette Hotel Minneapolis
710 Marquette Avenue
Minneapolis, MN, USA 55402

PHONE: 1-612-333-4545

(floor plan of conference venue is page 7)

All sessions for G4 will take place on the 50th floor of the hotel. Please see the floor plan to guide yourself to the correct set of elevators. Sessions will take place in the Galaxy meeting room and the Opening Reception and the Poster Sessions will take place in the Stars meeting room.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

In-person registration for the conference includes admission to all sessions including keynotes, invited speakers, oral presentations and poster sessions. Also included, is the Opening Reception, tea/coffee breaks, along with light refreshments at the Poster Sessions.

NAME BADGES

Your name badge is your admission ticket to the conference sessions, refreshment breaks, poster sessions, and the reception. Please wear it at all times. At the end of the conference we ask that you return your badge to the registration desk. G4 Program, and Committee Members, Exhibitors and Staff will be identified by appropriate ribbons.

SPEAKER INFORMATION

The meeting room will be equipped with:

1 LCD projector and screen • 1 microphone • 1 wireless presenter (mouse/slide advancer)

Speakers will be required to use their own laptop to connect to the LCD projector. Please note, HDMI cables will be provided. If you use a MAC or have a different connection, please provide your own adapters/dongles. You are able to test your laptop on the day of your presentation during times when meeting rooms are not in use. Please consult the program to determine when the room will be available.

POSTER INSTALLATION AND DISMANTLE

Posters will be located in the Stars meeting room. Poster presenters must set-up and remove their posters during the following times:

Poster Session 1 | Tuesday, June 3

Set Up: Between 10:00–13:45
Session Time: 19:00-21:00
Tear Down: 21:00 on Tuesday, June 3

Poster Session 2 | Thursday, June 5

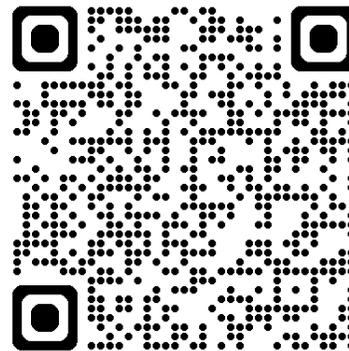
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Session Time: 19:00-21:00
Tear Down: 21:00 on Thursday, June 5

CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS

Exhibits will be available for viewing near the registration desk throughout the day.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

If you require a certificate of attendance for G4thering 2025, please scan the QR code below to access the form. Complete the form and following the conference, we will send a certificate of attendance to you. This may take 7-10 days to process due to the volume of requests.



MARQUETTE HOTEL

SEE THE CITY

- Museums
 - Minneapolis Institute of Art
 - Walker Art Center
 - Minneapolis Sculpture Garden
 - Mill City Museum
 - American Swedish Institute
 - Weisman Art Museum
- Theaters
 - Orpheum
 - State
 - Pantages
 - Guthrie
- Music Venues
 - The Fillmore
 - The Armory
 - Orchestra Hall
 - First Avenue/7th Street Entry
- Sports
 - US Bank Stadium
 - Target Field
 - Target Center
 - Huntington Bank Stadium
- Parks
 - The Commons
 - Loring Park
 - Minnehaha Park/Falls
 - Gold Medal Park
 - Father Hennepin Bluffs Park
 - Boom Island Park
 - Mill Ruins Park
- Lakes
 - Loring Lake
 - Cedar Lake
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 - Lake Harriet
 - Bde Maka Ska
 - Lake Nokomis
- Shopping
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 - Midtown Global Market
 - Minneapolis Farmers Market

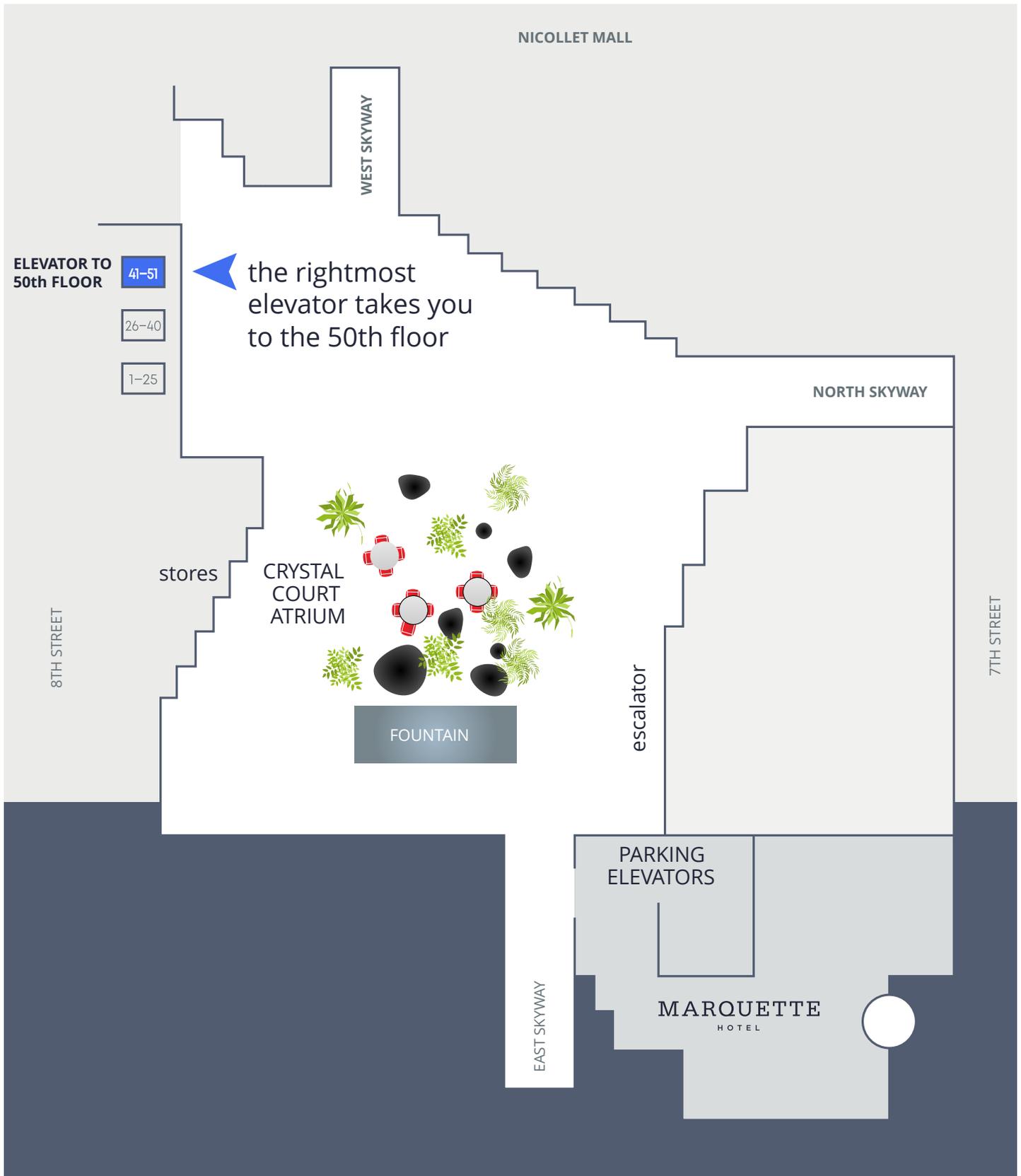


LOCAL RESTAURANT FAVORITES

- Steakhouses
 - Manny's
 - Murray's
 - 801 Chop
 - Ruth's Chris
 - The Capital Grille
 - Fogo de Chao
- Seafood
 - Oceanaire
 - 801 Fish
 - Smack Shack
- Italian
 - Zelo
 - Red Rabbit
 - Bar La Grassa
- American
 - Crave
 - The News Room
 - Freehouse
 - Red Cow
 - 8th Street Grill
- Other
 - Sawatdee Thai
 - Billy Sushi
 - Lyon's Pub
 - Brit's Pub
 - Hen House Eatery
 - NOLO's Kitchen & Bar
 - Black Sheep Pizza
 - Pizza Lucè
 - Crooked Pint Ale House
 - Spoon & Stable
 - Parlour Bar



Conference Floorplan



Conference Detailed Schedule

All sessions will be held in the Marquette Hotel. Presentations will be in the Galaxy Ballroom with posters in the Stars Ballroom. Both rooms are on the 50th Floor.

DAY 1: MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

1600-2030

REGISTRATION

1700-1900

Galaxy Ballroom

Welcome, Opening Remarks

Thomas Marsh (St. Thomas University), **Bruce Armitage** (Carnegie Mellon University), **Danzhou Yang** (Purdue University)

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1900-2100

Stars Ballroom

Opening Reception

Join us to meet up with old colleagues and meet new ones at the opening reception. This informal networking event will feature light appetizers and a cash bar. A complimentary drink ticket is provided and can be found in the back of your name badge.

DAY 2: TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025

0800-1745

REGISTRATION

0830-1010

BIOLOGY & DISEASE 1

Moderator: Danzhou Yang, Purdue University

Individual G-Quadruplex Targeting with Chemically Functionalised CRISPR-Cas9 Uncovers Transcriptional and Ligand-Specific Responses

Inv.1 Marco Di Antonio, *Imperial College of London*

Mechanism for unfolding of G-Quadruplex DNA by Pif1 helicase

Inv.22 Kevin Raney, *University of Arkansas*

G-Quadruplexes in Mitochondria

Inv.3 Brett Kaufman, *University of Pittsburgh*

Targeting G-Quadruplex to Eliminate Dormant Breast Cancer

Inv.34 Mike Wendt, *University of Iowa*

BIO.1.3 Not All G4 Binders Are the Same: New Insights into G4-Mediated Immune Gene Activation Through Proteomic Analysis of Micronuclei

Giulia Miglietta¹, Monica Procacci¹, Marco Russo¹, M.P. Ximénez De Embún Cadarso², Javier Munoz², Giovanni Capranico¹

¹University of Bologna, ²Spanish National Cancer Research Centre

Presenting Author: Giulia Miglietta

1010-1040

Refreshment Break

1040-1220

BIOLOGY & DISEASE 2

Moderator: Katrin Paeschke, University Hospital Bonn

G-Quadruplex DNA in Trained Immunity and Aging

Inv.4 Robert Hansel-Hertsch, *University of Cologne*

G-Quadruplexes Promote Molecular Motility in MAZ Phase-Separated Condensates to Activate CCND1 Expression

Inv.5 Guangchao Sui, *Northeast Forest University*

Non-canonical DNA in Human and Other Ape Telomere-to-Telomere Genomes: Computational Predictions, Experimental Validations, and Evolution

Inv.6 Kateryna D. Makova, *Penn State University*

BIO.2.1 Non-Canonical DNA In Human and Other Ape Telomere-To-Telomere Genomes

Linnéa Smeds¹, Kaivan Kamali¹, Iva Kejnovská², Eduard Kejnovský², Francesca Chiaromonte¹, Kateryna D. Makova¹

¹Penn State University, ²Czech Academy of Sciences

Presenting Author: Linnéa Smeds

BIO.2.2 RNA Capping and Quadruplexes

Lydia Hepburn¹

¹Cancer Research UK

Presenting Author: Lydia Hepburn

BIO.2.3 G-Quadruplexes in Viral Genomes: A Comparative Analysis

Vaclav Brázda¹, Jean-Louis Mergny²

¹Czech Academy of Sciences, ²Laboratoire d'Optique et Biosciences

Presenting Author: Vaclav Brázda

1220-1345

Lunch on own

1345-1525

BIOLOGY & DISEASE 3

Moderator: Marco DiAntonio, Imperial College of London

Structural and Functional Diversity of Tetramolecular RNA G-Quadruplexes Derived From Endogenous tRNA Variants

Inv.7 Pavel Ivanov, *Harvard University*

“G4 Prionoid” RNA G-Quadruplexes in Neuropathology

Inv.8 Norifumi Shioda, *Kumamoto University*

G4 DNA and Zn Finger Transcription Factors

Inv.9 Nayun Kim, *University of Texas at Austin*

BIO.3.1 RAD51 Accommodates G4 Within its Filamentous Structure and Promotes Gap-Filling by Template Switch

Lumir Krejci¹, Michaela Pospíšilová¹

¹*Masaryk University*

Presenting Author: Michaela Pospíšilová

BIO.3.2 Quadratlas: Decoding the Interplay of RG4s and RNA-Binding Proteins

Erik Dassi¹

¹*University of Trento*

Presenting Author: Erik Dassi

BIO.3.3 G-Quadruplex Structures in 16S rRNA and Thermal Adaptation in Prokaryotes

Qisheng Song¹, Bo Lyu¹, Deborah Anderson¹, Kangkang Niu², Qili Feng²

¹*University of Missouri*, ²*South China Normal University*

Presenting Author: Qisheng Song

1525-1555

Refreshment Break

1555-1735

YOUNG SCHOLAR FORUM

Moderator: Thomas Marsh, St. Thomas University

YS.1 Premature Progerin-Driven Aging Promotes G-Quadruplex DNA and Interlinked Genome Instability

Anna Koch¹, Priscilla Piccirillo¹, Joana Frobels¹, Julia Popow¹, Linda Hannak¹, Sara Desideri¹, Olivia Van Ray¹, Pascal Hunold¹, Michaela Höhne¹, Magda Hamczyk², Miguel Araujo-Voces², Carlos López-Otín², Robert Hänsel-Hertsch¹

¹*University Hospital Cologne*, ²*Instituto Universitario de Oncología*

Presenting Author: Anna Koch

YS.2 BCL2 Promoter Secondary Structures Facilitate AID Mutagenic Activity

Mason Mccrury¹, Rylie Mangold¹, Todd Spears¹, Samantha Kendrick¹

¹*University of Arkansas*

Presenting Author: Mason Mccrury

YS.3 Guanine Quadruplex Structures Mediate Genome-Wide Regulation of Small RNAs Upon Ionizing Radiation Stress in HeLa Cells

Shruti Mishra¹, Himani Tewari¹, Swathi Kota¹

¹*Bhabha Atomic Research Centre*

Presenting Author: Shruti Mishra

- YS.4** [Understanding Sequence-Level Drivers of G-Quadruplex Stability, Ligand-Modulated Stabilization, and Protein Recognition](#)
Justin Martyr¹, Bryan Guzman¹, Yue Hu¹, Alli Jimenez¹, Maria Aleman¹, Daniel Dominguez¹
¹University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
Presenting Author: **Justin Martyr**
- YS.5** [Small Molecule-Based Regulation of Gene Expression in Human Astrocytes Switching On and Off the G-Quadruplex Control Systems](#)
Vijay Kumar M J Rao¹, Jérémie Mitteau², Zi Wang³, Ellery Wheeler⁴, Nitin Tandon⁴, Sung Yun Jung⁵, Robert H E Hudson³, David Monchaud², Andrey Tsvetkov⁴
¹University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, ²Université de Bourgogne, ³The University of Western Ontario, ⁴The University of Texas, ⁵Baylor College of Medicine
Presenting Author: **Vijay Kumar M J Rao**
- YS.6** [Structure and Dynamics of the PDGFR-B Oncogene Promoter G-Quadruplex: Insights into Regulation and Targeting](#)
Yichen Han¹, Jonathan Dickerhoff¹, Danzhou Yang¹
¹Purdue University
Presenting Author: **Yichen Han**
- YS.7** [Exploring B-MYB G-Quadruplex as a Therapeutic Target in Cancer: Small Molecule Interactions and Their Biological Effects](#)
André Miranda¹, Anne Cucchiaroni², Cyril Esnault³, Jean-Christophe Andrau³, Paula Oliveira⁴, Jean-Louis Mergny², Carla Cruz¹
¹University of Beira Interior, ²Laboratoire d'Optique et Biosciences, ³University of Montpellier, ⁴Centre for Research and Technology of Agro-Environmental and Biological Sciences
Presenting Author: **André Miranda**
- YS.8** [Guanine by Guanine: Decoding the BCL2 RNA G-Quadruplex Conformation Landscape](#)
Carla Ferreira Rodrigues¹
¹University of Zurich
Presenting Author: **Carla Ferreira Rodrigues**
- YS.9** [Tetraplexed Nucleic Acids Structures as Templating Platform for Proximity-Enhanced Photochemical Reaction: Applications in DNA Targeting and Aptamer Fabrication](#)
Enrico Cadoni¹, Annemieke Madder¹, Jack Barr¹, Lessandro De Paepe¹
¹Ghent University
Presenting Author: **Enrico Cadoni**
- YS.10** [Unveiling the Kinetic Tango: Exploring G-Quadruplex Ligand Binding Dynamics and Transfer Mechanisms](#)
Hariz Iskandar Mohd Nizal¹, Anthony Mittermaier¹
¹McGill University
Presenting Author: **Hariz Iskandar Mohd Nizal**

1735-1900

Dinner on own

1900-2100

POSTER SESSION 1

Join us for Poster Session 1 to meet the scientists as they present their research. This event will feature light appetizers and a cash bar. A complimentary drink ticket is provided and can be found in the back of your name badge.

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025

0800-1230

REGISTRATION

0830-1010

STRUCTURE & DYNAMICS 1

Moderator: Janez Plavec, National Institute of Chemistry

Static and Time-resolved NMR Studies to Study G4 Folding

Inv.16 Harald Schwalbe, *University of Frankfurt*

G-Quadruplex Structures Formed by C9orf72 DNA and RNA

Inv.17 Guang Zhu, *Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*

Physicochemical Properties of Tetraplexes for the Dynamic Regulation in Biological Functions

Inv.18 Shuntaro Takahashi, *Konan University*

STR.1.1 Supramolecular Assembly of D(G4C2) and D(G4C2)₄ Repeats Associated With ALS and FTD

Melani Potrc¹, Elena Cokor¹, Irena Drevensek-Olenik², Lea Spindler²

¹University of Maribor, ²Josef Stefan Institute

Presenting Author: **Lea Spindler**

STR.1.2 G-Quadruplexes in Archaea

Lionel Guittat¹, Anne Cucchiari², Zackie Aktary², Kate Sorg², Guglielmo Vesco³, Dorian Noury², Pierre Mahou², Daniela Verga⁴, Vaclav Brázda⁵, Nicolas Olivier², Marie Bouvier⁶, Marta Kwapisz⁶, Béatrice Clouet-D'orval⁶, Thorsten Allers⁷, Roxane Lestini², Jean-Louis Mergny²

¹Ecole Polytechnique, ²Laboratoire d'Optique et Biosciences, ³University of Insubria,

⁴PSL Research University, ⁵Czech Academy of Sciences, ⁶Center for Integrative Biology,

⁷University of Nottingham

Presenting Author: **Lionel Guittat**

STR.1.3 G-Quadruplex-Driven Molecular Disassembly and Type I-To-Type II Photophysical Conversion of a Heavy-Atom-Free Photosensitizer for Site-Specific Oxidative Damage

Marco Deiana¹

¹Wroclaw University of Science and Technology

Presenting Author: **Marco Deiana**

1010-1040

Refreshment Break

1040-1220

STRUCTURE & DYNAMICS 2

Moderator: Harald Schwalbe, University of Frankfurt

Oncogene DNA G-Quadruplexes: Structures, Drug Targeting, and Protein Interactions

Inv.19 Danzhou Yang, *Purdue University*

Rules for the pUG fold: An Unusual Quadruplex That Directs the Amplification of RNAi

Inv.20 Sam Butcher, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

A Novel Strategy for Developing Antibiotics Targeting the G-Quadruplex

Inv.21 Kyeong Kyu Kim, *Sungkyunkwan University*

STR.2.1 From Meme to Model: How Cryo-EM Helped Resolve a Misconception in the G-Quadruplex Field

Robert Monsen¹, Eugene Chua², Jesse Hopkins³, Jonathan Chaires¹, John Trent¹
¹University of Louisville, ²National Center for Cryo-EM Access and Training,
³The Biophysics Collaborative Access Team

Presenting Author: **Robert Monsen**

STR.2.2 Post Transcriptional Regulation of Kras Gene Via 5UTRr RNA G-Quadruplexes and Long Noncoding RNA

Zahraa Othman¹, Ylenia Cortelezzis², Francesca Agostini², Gilmar Salgado¹,
Luigi Xodo², Eros Di Giorgio²

¹Bordeaux University, ²University of Udine

Presenting Author: **Zahraa Othman**

STR.2.3 Gene Transcription Regulation by G-Quadruplex

Lijun Xiang¹, Kangkang Niu¹, Qili Feng¹

¹South China Normal University

Presenting Author: **Qili Feng**

1220-1900

Lunch & afternoon on own

1900-2100

Conference Dinner or on own

Galaxy Ballroom

Tickets for the conference dinner must be pre-purchased – please check with the registration desk for seating availability. If you have pre-purchased a dinner ticket, it will be in the back of your name badge along with a complimentary drink ticket.

DAY 4: THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

0800-1745

REGISTRATION

0830-1010

NANOTECHNOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY 1

Moderator: Bruce Armitage, Carnegie Mellon University

Understanding the Role of Tandem G-Quadruplex Structures in the Liquid-liquid Phase Separation (LLPS)

Inv.13 Hanbin Mao, *Kent State University*

NANO.2 Using Parallel-Type G4 as a Scaffold for Delivery of Immunostimulatory CPG Oligodeoxynucleotides to Immune Cells

Tomohiko Yamazaki¹

¹National Institute for Materials Science

Presenting Author: Tomohiko Yamazaki

NANO.3 I-Motif Kinetics as a Unique Opportunity in Sensor Design: A Case of Molecular Calorimeters

Irina Nesterova¹

¹Northern Illinois University

Presenting Author: Irina Nesterova

NANO.1 Single Molecule Studies on Interactions of Telomeric Overhangs and Telomere-Specific Proteins

Hamza Balci¹, Ahmet Yildiz², Sajad Shiekh¹, Amanda Jack²

¹Kent State University, ²University of California, Berkeley

Presenting Author: Hamza Balci

Persistence Lengths of Extended Tet1.5 and G10 G-Wire DNA

Inv.14 James Vesenka, *University of New England*

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P1.TAR.36 Insights into the Natural Product Cepharanthine as a G-Quadruplex Ligand and New Therapeutic for Lymphoma

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P1.TAR.37 Indenoisoquinolines Potently Downregulate MYC and Induce Cancer Cell Death

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P2.BIO.41 G-Quadruplexes are Sites of Differential Methylation and Alternative Promoter Usage in Metabolic Disorders And Cancer

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P2.BIO.44 Visualizing Dynamic Phase Transitions of Ribonucleoprotein Condensates

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P2.BIO.47 ALTerIng Cancer by Triggering Telomere Replication Stress Through the Stabilization of Promoter G-Quadruplex in SMARCA1

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P2.BIO.48 Exploring Specific Recognition of DNA G-Quadruplexes By Polyaromatic Heterocyclic Amidines

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P2.BIO.49 G-Quadruplex Mediated Preferential Downregulation of c-myc: A Unique Pathway of the Anticancer Action of Immunomodulator Drugs

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P2.BIO.50 Conserved G-Quadruplex Structures in Dengue Virus Genomes Are Potential Small Molecule Targets

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P2.BIO.52 Microperoxidase-11 and its Derivatives as Selective Ligands for the Binding of G-Quadruplexes

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P2.NANO.53 Marginal Stability Mediated G-Quadruplex-Based Dnazyme Activity

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P2.STR.55 Oxidative Lesions as Transcriptional Roadblocks in G-Rich Regions

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