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# BIONANOTECHNOLOGY & BIOMOLECULAR MACHINES WORKSHOP

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# NOV. 2 - 3

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## BIONANOTECHNOLOGY & BIOMOLECULAR MACHINES WORKSHOP

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### PRESENTATION

ArtMoMa, an Innovative European Training Network focusing on the emerging field of artificial molecular machines, is happy to invite you to its 1st public workshop on **Bionanotechnology & Biomolecular Machines**. Invited talks will include newest results on Microrobotics and Motility, Dynamic DNA Nanotechnology and Synthetic Protein Systems. ArtMoMa is designed to push the current scientific boundaries and to explore entirely new directions of fundamental research towards technologically relevant implementations: this meeting will provoke exciting discussions on novel applications of well-controlled molecular movements and their orchestration in large systems."

**Prof. Stefan Diez - University of Dresden & Prof. A. J. Turberfield - University of Oxford, co-organisers of the 1st ArtMoMa public workshop.**

### LOCATION

The workshop will take place as a **hybrid event** offering the possibility for participants to attend either on site - at the University of Dresden / B CUBE building (How to get there?) or online (link upon registration).



B CUBE - Center for Molecular Bioengineering  
University of Dresden  
Tatzberg 41, 01307 Dresden - Germany

### REGISTRATION

For non-members of the ArtMoMa network, the following fees apply:

- On-site: 100€ incl. lunches and social event (dinner on Nov. 2)
- On-line: 50€

Register on <https://artmoma.sciencesconf.org> by Oct. 22nd.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

An health and safety protocols will be put in place:

- Each participants will have to provide evidence of 3G (vaccinated, recovered or tested)
- It is compulsory to wear a mouth and nose cover in closed rooms and whenever a distance of 1.50 meters cannot be maintained

Further measures might apply based on the situation at the time of the workshop.

Tuesday  
**NOV. 2**  
Dresden & online

**MICROBOTICS AND MOTILITY,  
DYNAMIC DNA STRUCTURES,  
VISIT OF B CUBE**

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**08:45 - 09:00** Registration and opening

**Session 1: Microrobotics and Motility**

**09:00 - 10:00** Biohybrid microrobots: how we put cells to work  
Dr. Veronika Magdanz (IBEC - Spain)

**10:00 - 11:00** Chemically driven synthetic active systems  
Dr. Juliane Simmchen (University of Dresden - Germany)

**11:00 - 11:30** Coffee break

**Session 2: Dynamic DNA Structures**

**11:30 - 12:30** Synthetic cells: De novo assembly with DNA nanotechnology  
Dr. Kerstin Göpfrich (Max Planck Institute - Germany)

**12:30 - 14:00** Lunch break

**14:00 - 15:00** Dynamic DNA Networks and Machines and Their Applications  
Prof. Itamar Willner (Hebrew University of Jerusalem - Israel)

**15:00 - 16:00** On-site visit of B CUBE - Center for Molecular Bioengineering/ Campus Tour

**16:00 - 16:30** Coffee break

**16:30 - 17:30** Virus traps and other molecular machines of the future  
Prof. Hendrik Dietz (University of München - Germany)

**Evening** Social event: Dinner in the historical centre of Dresden



Wednesday  
**NOV. 3**  
Dresden & online

**PROTEIN ACTUATORS,  
MODERN PUBLISHING,  
DISCUSSION**

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**08:45 - 09:00** Registration

### Session 3: Protein Actuators

**09:00 - 10:00** Engineering motor proteins to recognize DNA codes for programmable transport on DNA nanotubes - Ken'ya Furuta (Japanese Institute of Information & Communications Technology)

**10:00 - 11:00** Rational and computational de novo design of dynamic peptide and protein assemblies  
Dek Woolfson (University of Bristol - UK)

**11:00 - 11:30** Coffee break

**11:30 - 12:30** Talk by Phil Holliger, MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge - UK

**12:30 - 14:00** Lunch break

**14:00 - 15:00** Towards autonomous, artificial protein motors  
Prof. Heiner Linke (Lund University - Sweden)

### Session 4: Modern publishing

**15:00 - 16:00** Current trends and future perspectives on publishing scientific results  
Dr. Neville Compton (Wiley-VCH - Germany)

**16:00 - 16:30** Coffee break

### Session 3 bis: Protein Actuators

**16:30 - 17:30** Engineering cytoskeletal motors  
Zev Bryant (Stanford University - USA)

### Session 5: Discussion & wrap-up

**17:30 - 18:15** Podium discussion

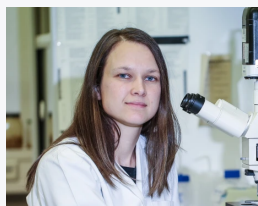


08:45 - 09:00 REGISTRATION AND OPENING

## Microrobotics and Motility

09:00 - 10:00 **Biohybrid microrobots: how we put cells to work**

The integration of cells and cellular components with synthetic nanomaterials for the creation of nano-and microrobotic devices is an innovative and rapidly growing field. This lecture will give an overview of the latest developments in nano-and microrobotics, specifically biohybrid robots, and their potential impact in revolutionizing medical interventions



**Dr. Veronika Magdanz**

IBEC, Institute for Bioengineering of Catalonia – Spain

10:00 - 11:00 **Chemically driven synthetic active systems**

The talk will present a systematic overview on different synthetic systems and principles, that are used as model systems for active matter. The inspiration in synthetic systems generally comes from nature, but scientists have been creative to design a variety of different driving mechanisms: While the vast majority of examples took benefit of catalytic reactions, there is a number of important approaches, relying on different reaction types, each with specific advantages and disadvantages and distinct consequences for the observed motility.



**Dr. Juliane Simmchen**

Physical Chemistry, Technische Universität Dresden - Germany

11:00 - 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

## Dynamic DNA Structures

### 11:30 - 12:30 Synthetic cells: De novo assembly with DNA nanotechnology

The future of manufacturing may entail the construction of biological systems and synthetic cells from the bottom up. Instead of relying exclusively on biological building blocks, the integration of functional DNA-based parts may be a shortcut towards the assembly of active and eventually fully functional synthetic cells. In particular, we demonstrate DNA-based cytoskeleton mimics inside lipid vesicles, which we divide based on physical principles rather than the biological building blocks of a cell's division machinery. In this way, artificial molecular machines may help accelerate synthetic biology research.



**Dr. Kerstin Göpfrich**

Max Planck Institute for Medical Research, Heidelberg - Germany

### 12:30 - 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

### 14:00 - 15:00 Dynamic DNA Networks and Machines and Their Applications

The topics that will be addressed in the talk includes:

- Introduction of constitutional dynamic DNA networks and transient, out-of-equilibrium networks and their applications (operation of biocatalytic cascades, dynamic transcription/translation processes).
- Introduction of supramolecular DNA machines (tweezers, walkers, catenanes), reconfigurable origami nanostructures, and reversible unlocking/locking of nanoholes in origami frameworks
- Dynamic intercommunication of nucleic acid-based protocells. Controlling biocatalytic transformations in the protocells, including enzyme cascades, switchable and gated transcription processes.



**Prof. Itamar Willner**

Institute of Chemistry, Hebrew University of Jerusalem - Israel

15:00 - 16:00

On-site visit of B CUBE / Campus tour

16:00 - 16:30

COFFEE BREAK

16:30 - 17:30

Virus traps and other molecular machines of the future

The talk will cover recent advances with:

- programmable DNA blocks self-assemble into icosahedral shells with specific geometry and apertures that can encapsulate and neutralize viruses.
- controlling the movement of nanoscale assemblies, as illustrated with micrometer long hollow DNA filaments through which DNA pistons move with micrometer-per-second speeds, and with reciprocating rotary mechanism with coordinated mobility control.
- autonomous, power-generating rotary DNA motors.



**Prof. Hendrik Dietz**

Physics Department, Technische Universität München - Germany

Evening

SOCIAL EVENT - Dinner in the historical centre of Dresden

08:45 - 09:00 REGISTRATION

## Protein Actuators

09:00 - 10:00

### Engineering motor proteins to recognize DNA codes for programmable transport on DNA nanotubes

Here, we developed protein-based motors that efficiently move on DNA nanotubes by combining a motor protein and DNA-binding proteins. We achieved flexible arrangement of binding sites, local control of directionality, and multiplexed cargo transport by different motors. These technologies were combined to realize a molecular cargo sorter and integrator that automatically transport two different cargos as programmed in DNA sequences on a branched DNA nanotube.



#### **Dr. Ken'ya Furuta**

National Institute of Information and Communications Technology - Japan

10:00 - 11:00

### Rational and computational de novo design of dynamic peptide and protein assemblies

Protein design—i.e., the construction of entirely new protein sequences that fold into prescribed structures—has come of age: it is now possible to generate a wide variety stable protein folds from scratch using rational and/or computational approaches. A new challenge for the field is to move past protein structures offered up by nature and to target the so-called 'dark matter of protein space'; that is, protein structures that should be possible in terms of chemistry and physics, but which biology seems to have overlooked or not used prolifically. This talk will illustrate what is currently possible in this nascent field using de novo  $\alpha$ -helical coiled-coil peptides as building blocks.



#### **Prof. Dek Woolfson**

University of Bristol – UK



11:00 - 11:30

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 12:30

[Further details about the session will be communicated later]



**Dr. Philippe Holliger**

MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge - UK

12:30 - 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 15:00

**Towards autonomous, artificial protein motors**

Fantastic progress has been made in the field of artificial molecular motors using the tools of supramolecular chemistry and DNA nanotechnology. However, Nature's choice of building material for molecular machines are proteins. I will report on the status of a decade-old effort to create artificial motor proteins, and on our thought son how to reach the aim of an autonomous protein motor built from non-motor parts.



Reference: H. Linke, B. Höcker, K. Furuta, N. Forde and P. Curmi,  
Biophys Rev. 12 1041 (2020)

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12551-020-00717-1>

**Prof. Heiner Linke**

Center for Nanoscience, Lund University - Sweden

## Modern publishing

15:00 - 16:00

### Current trends and future perspectives on publishing scientific results

The requirements of researchers are not only to do excellent research but to get that work published in top peer-reviewed journals that can best reach the communities of interest to further the field. This talk will discuss the current role of journals and publishers in this regard as well as move towards facilitating more open research and collaborations for the benefit of all.



Dr. Neville Compton

Executive Editor, Wiley-VCH - Germany

16:00 - 16:30

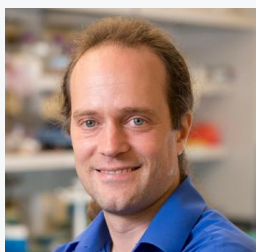
### COFFEE BREAK

## Protein Actuators

16:30 - 17:30

### Engineering cytoskeletal motors

Molecular machines lie at the heart of biological processes ranging from DNA replication to cell migration. We use single-molecule tracking and manipulation to characterize the structural dynamics of these nanoscale assemblies, and further challenge our understanding by designing and testing structural variants with novel properties that expand the functional range of known biomolecular machines. In the process, we are developing an engineering capacity for molecular motors with tunable and dynamically controllable physical properties, providing a toolkit for precise perturbations of mechanical functions. We have recently developed a new generation of light-responsive cytoskeletal motors, enabling precise control of fast and processive molecular transport in vitro and in living cells. I will describe our ongoing efforts to augment and diversify engineered cytoskeletal motors, along with applications in cells and in reconstituted systems.



Prof. Zev Bryant

Bioengineering Department, Stanford University – USA

## Discussion

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**17:30 - 18:15**

**Podium Discussion**

**18:15**

**Conclusion**



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