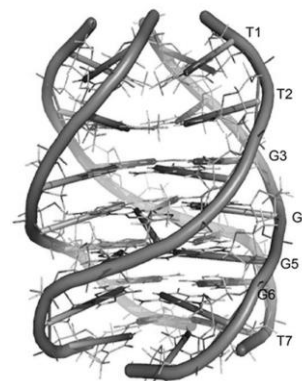


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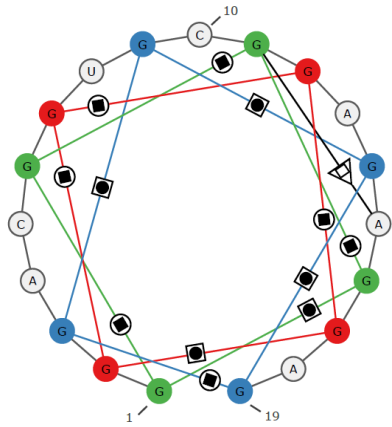
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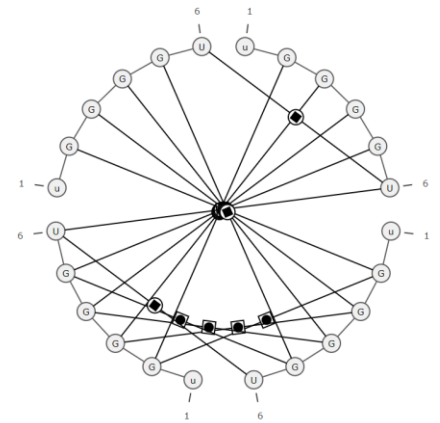
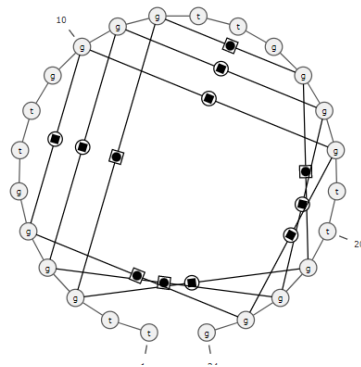
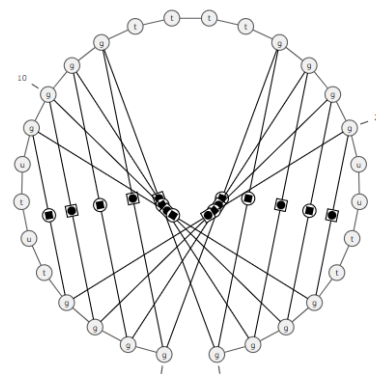
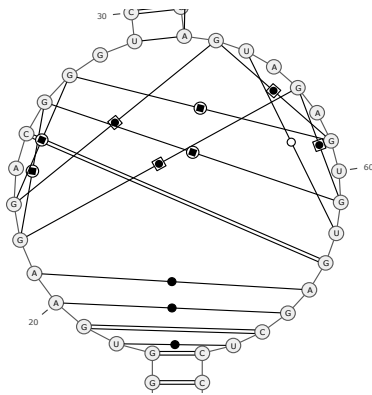
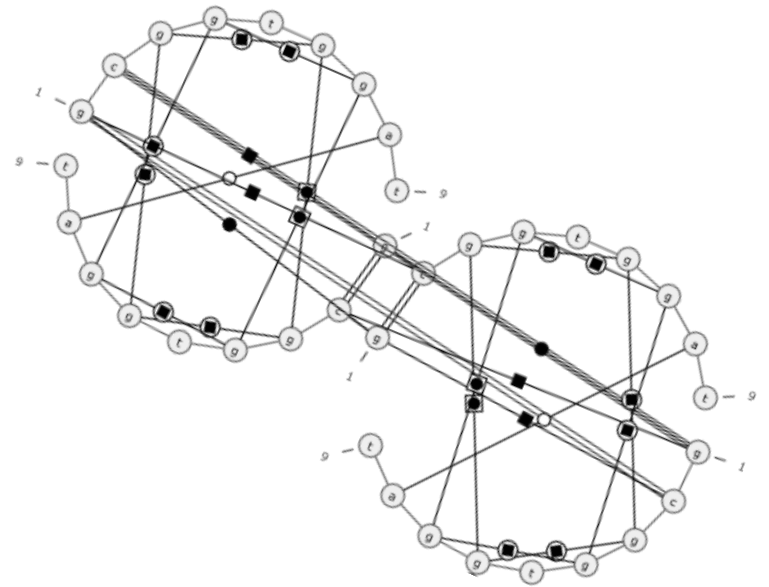
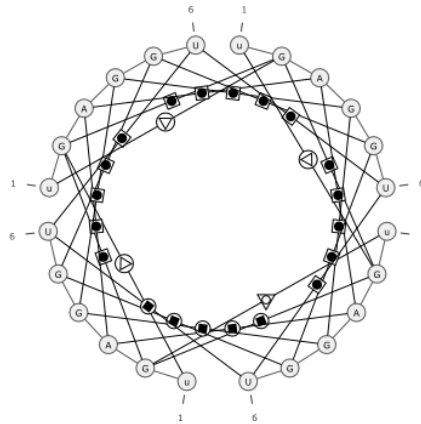


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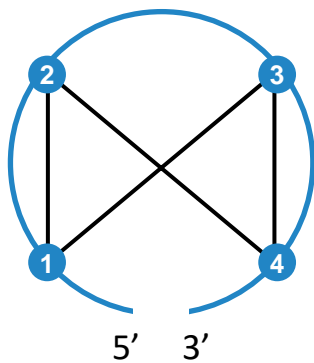
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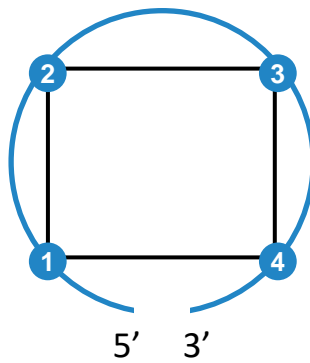
# 2D STRUCTURE DIAGRAMS → ONZ CLASSIFICATION

cyclic pairing schemes

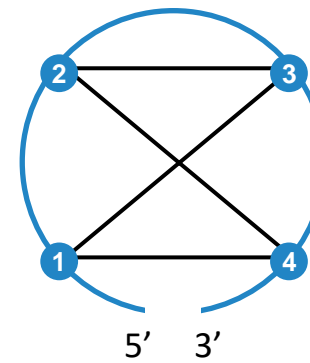
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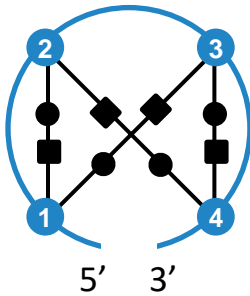
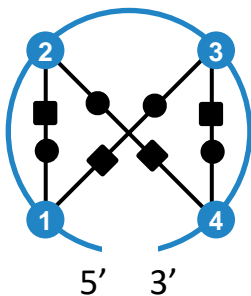
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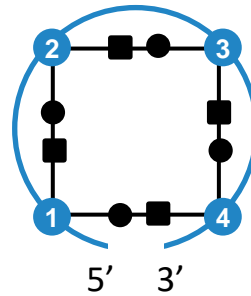
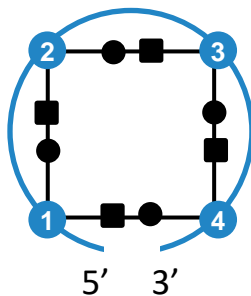


● Watson-Crick  
■ Hoogsteen



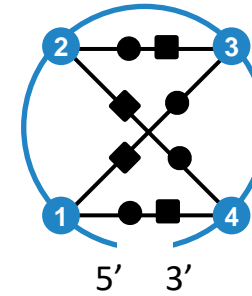
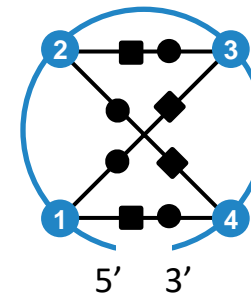
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Structural bioinformatics  
Topology-based classification of tetrads and quadruplex structures

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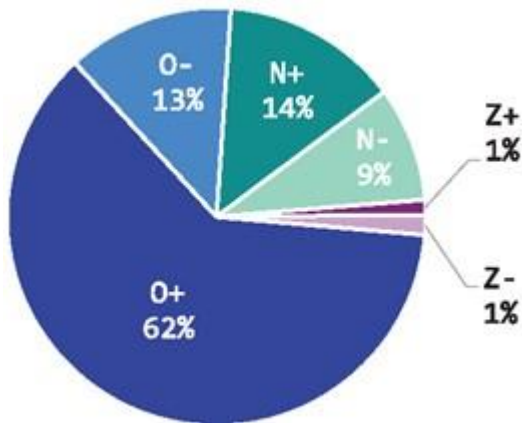
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**Abstract** Quadruplexes attract the attention of researchers from many fields of biochemistry. Due to a specific structure, these motifs occur in various biological processes. They are also potential therapeutic targets in many strategies of drug development, including anticancer and neurodegenerative diseases. The abundance and diversity of their forms cause that quadruplexes show great potential in novel biological applications. The existing approaches for quadruplex analysis are based on recognition of 2D structural features and address structural motifs only. **Results** In our study, we analyzed tetrads and quadruplexes contained in nucleic acid molecules deposited in Protein Data Bank. Focusing on their secondary structure topology, we adjusted the graphlet degree and proposed novel classification and visualization methods. We defined the novel classification of four motifs: A, C, G, and T, based on their topological features. **Conclusions** The new approach, not implemented in current bioinformatics tools, reveals the types of tetrads and quadruplexes occurring in unimolecular structures. Finally, we conducted a statistical analysis of these motifs found in experimentally determined nucleic acid structures in relation to the new classification. **Availability and implementation** <https://github.com/kozminski/tetrads>  
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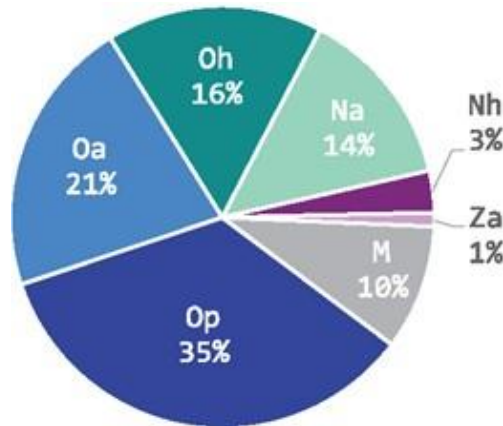
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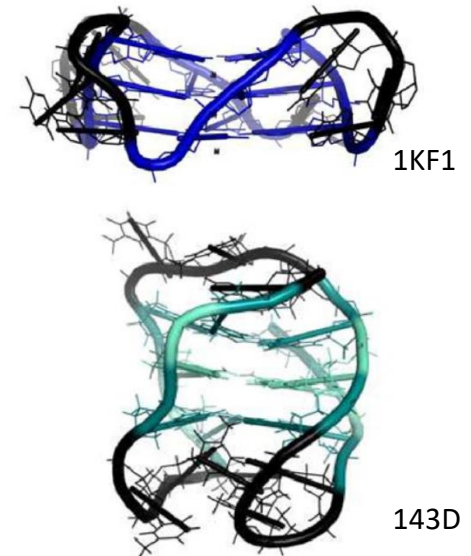
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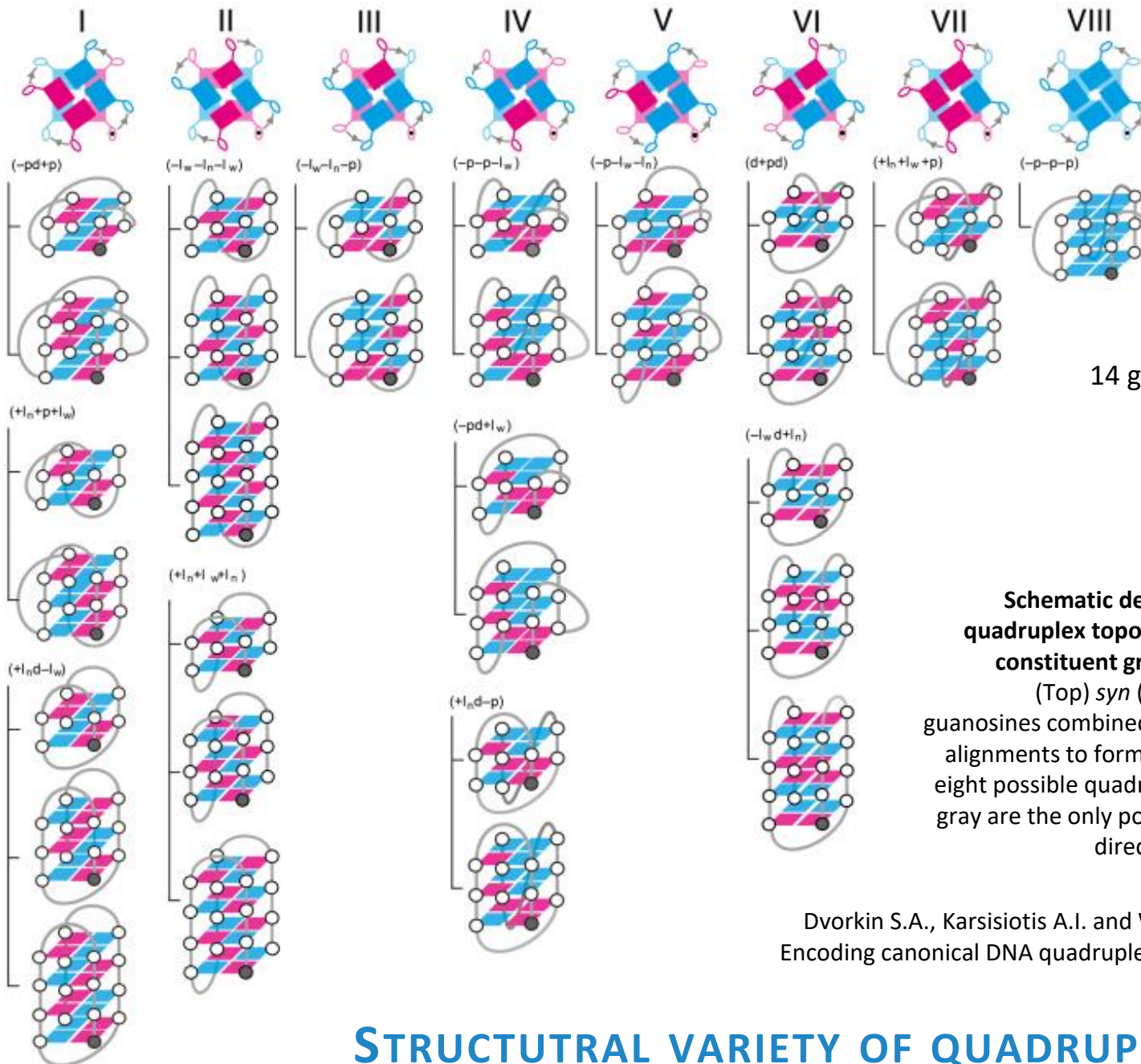
ONZM class coverage by unimolecular quadruplexes



AGGGTTAGGGTTAGGGTTAGGG



143D



8 general classes  
14 groups in these classes

**Schematic description of all canonical quadruplex topologies feasible with their constituent groove type combination.**  
(Top) *syn* (magenta) and *anti* (cyan) guanosines combined through hydrogen bond alignments to form tetrads representing the eight possible quadruplex stems. Indicated in gray are the only possible strand progression directionalities for each stem.

Dvorkin S.A., Karsisiotis A.I. and Webba da Silva M. (2018)  
Encoding canonical DNA quadruplex structure. *Sci Adv*, 4(8).

# STRUCTUTRAL VARIETY OF QUADRUPLEXES

# DESCRIBING QUADRUPLEX STRUCTURE

- Loops (lateral, diagonal, propeller)
- Paralel/antiparallel directionality
- Right-handed/left-handed torsion
- Number of tetrads
- Sequence
- G-tracts
- Number of strands
- Rise and twist parameters
- Groove
- Planarity deviation
- Webba da Silva Classification
- ONZ classification (by our group)
- and more...


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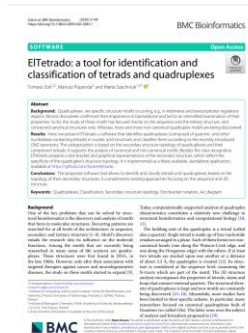
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## ElTetrado: a tool for identification and classification of tetrads and quadruplexes

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# RG4 AND ITS 2D/3D STRUCTURE PROCESSING

	classification		computation of structure parameters						visualization		
	G4 Classification	Base-pair Classification	Strand polarity	Area	Rise	Twist	Planarity	Torsion angles	2D view	3D view	Moving camera
<b>DSSR</b>	Loop-based	Saenger, LW	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
<b>ElTetrado</b>	ONZ	LW	+		+	+	+		+		
<b>RNApdbee</b>		Saenger, LW							+		
<b>3D-Nus</b>	Q1-Q17				+	+		+		+	+

DSSR <http://skmatic.x3dna.org/>

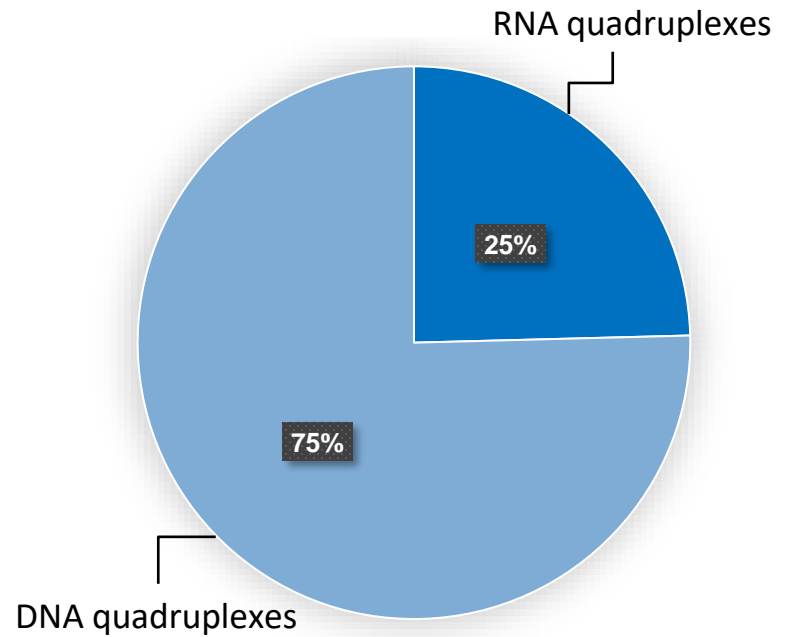
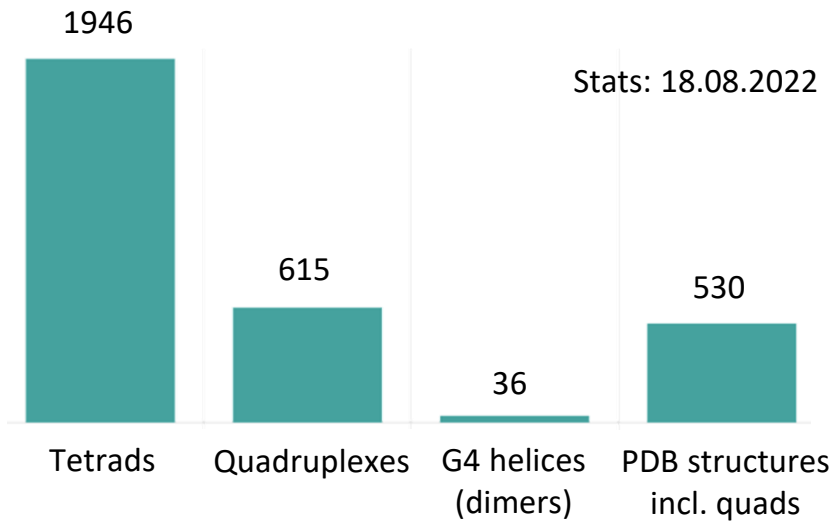
ElTetrado <https://github.com/tzok/eltetrado/>

RNApdbee <http://rnadbbee.cs.put.poznan.pl/>

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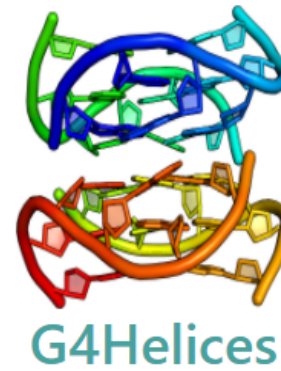
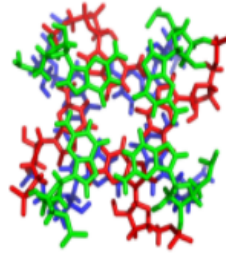
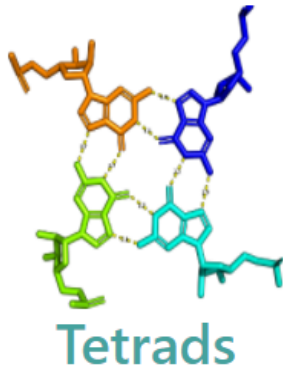
LW: Leontis-Westhof classification





## ONQUADRO

**ONQUADRO** database collects tetrads and quadruplexes found in PDB-deposited structures of nucleic acids. It stores their sequences, secondary and tertiary structures, and motif-specific description including planarity, rise and twist parameters, ONZ classification, dot-bracket encoding, arc diagrams, etc. Graphical 2D and 3D views complement their characteristics.

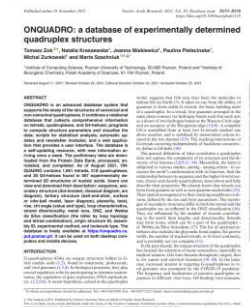


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## ONQUADRO: a database of experimentally determined quadruplex structures

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## structure parameters

Tetrad pairs	Twist [°]	Rise [Å]	Strand direction
T26 - T27	18.46	3.37	antiparallel
T27 - T28	35.82	3.26	antiparallel
T28 - T29	21.54	3.37	antiparallel

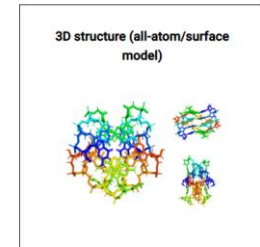
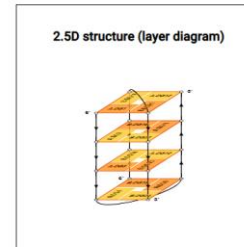
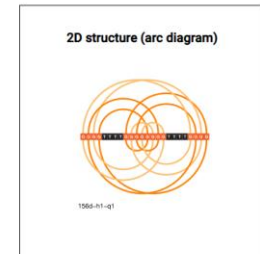
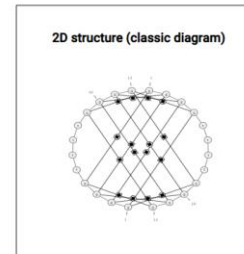
Loop ID	Short sequence	Full sequence	Loop length	Loop type
L1	TTTT	A.DT5, A.DT6, A.DT7, A.DT8	4	diagonal
L2	TTTT	B.DT17, B.DT18, B.DT19, B.DT20	4	diagonal

Tetrad ID	Nucleotide 1	Nucleotide 2	Nucleotide 3	Nucleotide 4
T26	60.24° / syn	56.09° / syn	-115.09° / anti	-108.173° / anti
T27	-114.73° / anti	62.16° / syn	43.97° / syn	-124.417° / anti
T28	62.32° / syn	44.03° / syn	-124.21° / anti	-114.899° / anti
T29	-108.05° / anti	60.19° / syn	55.98° / syn	-115.168° / anti

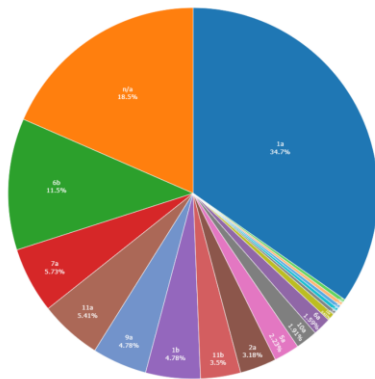
## structure visualizations, dot-brackets

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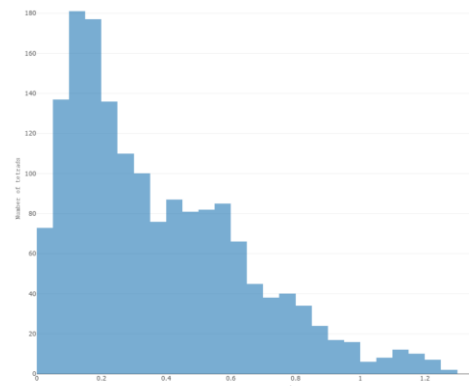
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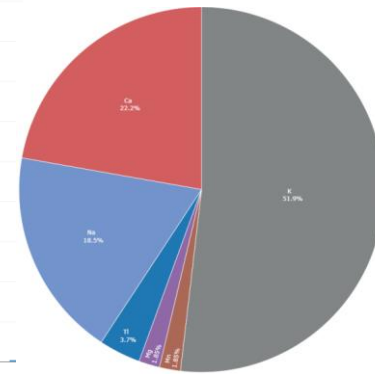
## statistics



Webba da Silva classes



planarity



ions

## OTHER QUADRUPLEX-RELATED DATABASES (16)

	DNA	RNA	G4 verification	G4 sequence	No. of G4s	DB records	Customized search	Web interface	Visual output
DSSR-G4DB	+	+	Experimental	+	354	354 (PDBs)	+	+	+
G4IPDB	+	+	Experimental	+	unknown	216	+	+	+
G4LDB	+	+	Experimental	+	unknown	>800	+	+	+
G4RNA	+	+	Experimental	+	321	567	+	+	
Lit392	+	+	Experimental	+	298	392			
Lit638	+	+	Experimental	+	506	638			
GSE63874	+		Experimental		716 310	32 mln			
GSE77282		+	Experimental		3 383	1,15 bln			
GSE110582	+		Experimental		1 420 841	767,39 Mb			
GSE129281		+	Experimental		329	3 505			
Greglist	+		In silico	+	Unknown	115 442	+	+	+
GRSDB2		+	In silico	+	3 255 075	29 288	+	+	+
G4-virus	+	+	In silico		47	248		+	+
Non-B DB	+		In silico	+	3 864 596	12	+	+	+
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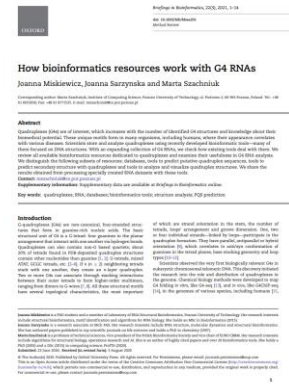


## How bioinformatics resources work with G4 RNAs

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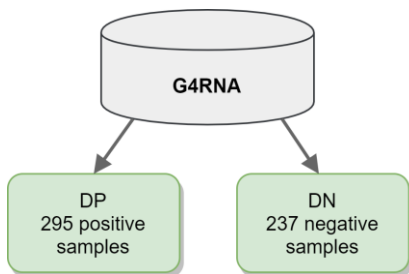
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<p>Analysis of 2D &amp; 3D structure (4)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSSR</li> <li>RNApdbee</li> <li>EITetrado</li> <li>3D-Nus</li> </ul>
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# G4 PATTERNS IN PQS PREDICTION ALGORITHMS

Tool	Pattern	Pattern description	Exemplary motif	
G4Catchall	$G_n$	Perfect G-tract	GGG	$n = 3$
	$G_x N_y G_{(n-x)}$	Bulged G-tract	GGAG	$n = 3; x = 2; y = 1$
	$G_x N_y G_{(n-x-1)}$	Mismatched G-tract	GGAG	$n = 4; x = 2; y = 1$
G4Hunter	n/a	n/a	n/a	
G4-iM Grinder	n/a	n/a	n/a	
G4P Calculator	$G_n$	Perfect G-tract	GGG	$n = 3$
G4Predict (Intra)	$G_{x_1} N_{y_1} G_{x_2} N_{y_2} G_{x_3} N_{y_3} G_{x_4}$	General pattern for intramolecular PQS	GGAAGGAAAGGAAGG	$x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 2; y_1 = y_3 = 2; y_2 = 3$
G4-Predictor V.2	$G_{2-6} N_{0-36} G_{2-6} N_{0-36} G_{2-6} N_{0-36} G_{2-6}$	Patterns depend on users' settings	GGAGGGAAGGAAGGG	
G4PromFinder	$G_{x_1} N_{y_1} G_{x_2} N_{y_2} G_{x_3} N_{y_3} G_{x_4}$	General pattern for PQS	GGAGGGAAGGAAGGG	$x_1 = x_3 = 2; x_2 = x_4 = 3; y_1 = 1; y_2 = y_3 = 2$
G4RNA screener	n/a (ML algorithm)	n/a	n/a	
ImGQfinder	$G_n$	Perfect G-tract	GGG	$n = 3$
	$G_{i-1} N G_{n-i+1}$	Bulged G-tract	GGAGG	$n = 4; i = 3$
	$G_{i-1} N G_{n-i}$	Mismatched G-tract	GGAG	$n = 4; i = 3$
pqsfinder	$G_{x_1} N_{y_1} G_{x_2} N_{y_2} G_{x_3} N_{y_3} G_{x_4}$	General pattern for PQS	GGAGGAAGGAAGGG	$x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 2; x_4 = 3; y_1 = 1; y_2 = y_3 = 2$
QGRS Mapper	$G_{x_1} N_{y_1} G_{x_2} N_{y_2} G_{x_3} N_{y_3} G_{x_4}$	General pattern for PQS	GGAGGAAGGAAGG	$x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 2; y_1 = 1; y_2 = y_3 = 2$
QPARSE	n/a	Patterns depend on users' settings	n/a	
Quadron	$G_{x_1} N_{y_1} G_{x_2} N_{y_2} G_{x_3} N_{y_3} G_{x_4}$	General pattern for PQS	GGAGGAAGGAAGG	$x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 2; y_1 = 1; y_2 = y_3 = 2$
TetraplexFinder	$G_{x_1} N_{y_1} G_{x_2} N_{y_2} G_{x_3} N_{y_3} G_{x_4}$	General pattern for PQS	GGAAAGGAAGGAAGG	$x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = 2; y_1 = 3; y_2 = y_3 = 2$

# BENCHMARKING ALGORITHMS FOR G4 LOCATION PREDICTION

tested for RNA quadruplexes



Positive (DP) and negative (DN) datasets

**Best results:**  
G4RNA screener  
G4Catchall  
RNAfold

Coverage of DP and DN datasets with correct predictions: positive in DP and negative in DN [%].



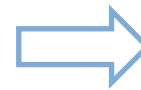
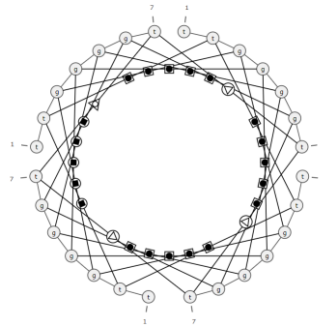
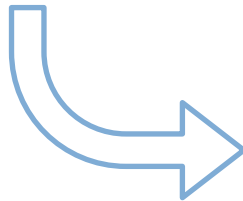
# BIG CHALLENGES - PREDICTION

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GGGTGCCTTGGGGTAT  
ATACCCCCCTTGGGG



**TTGGGGTAACACCTTG**  
**GGGTGCCTTGGGGTAT**  
**ATACCCCCCTTGGGG**

- Predict the location of non-G-quads
- Predict the secondary structure  
(non-canonical bps!)
- Predict the 3D structure of quadruplexes







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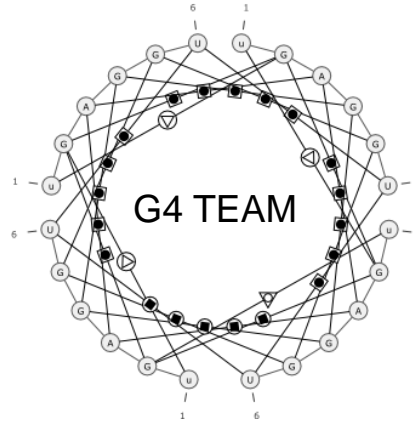
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