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Why ???


We the people on the earth are gifted with wonderful energy sources by the nature, which has made our routine much more smother & easier... However, this gift of the nature is ' limited '. What we have done is, with the growth of science & technology, we have started using it extremely, because of which the energy resources are going to finish in near future. Hence, let us take the pledge to conserve the energy - save the energy!!!

Tips of the Month




Use a kettle for boiling water

If you're boiling water, use a kettle or put a lid on the saucepan; the water will come to the boil sooner and use less energy.



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Article - 1 : Energy transmission by gold nanoparticles coupled to DNA structures

Since the inception of the field in 2006, laboratories around the world have been exploring the use of 'DNA origami' for the assembly of complex nanostructures. The method is based on DNA strands with defined sequences that interact via localized base pairing. "With the aid of short strands with appropriate sequences, we can connect specific regions of long DNA molecules together, rather like forming three-dimensional structures by folding a flat sheet of paper in certain ways," as Professor Tim Liedl of the Faculty of Physics at LMU explains.

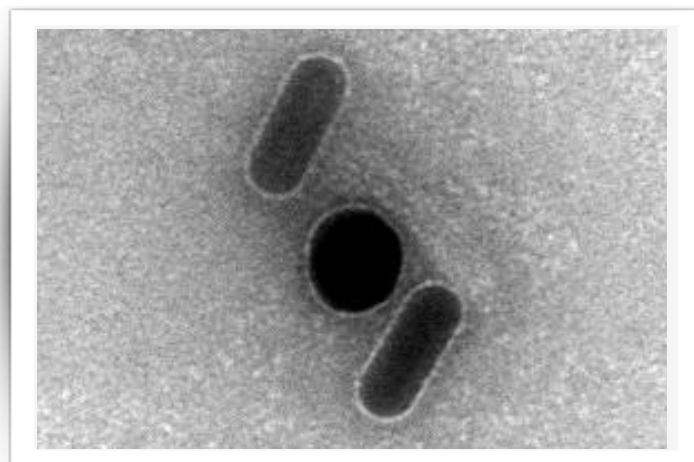
Liedl has now utilized DNA origami to build chiral objects, for example structures that can't be superimposed by any blend of revolution and interpretation. Rather they have 'handedness', and are identical representations of each other. Such matches frequently contrast in their actual properties, for instance, in how much they assimilate enrapured light. This impact can be abused from various perspectives. For instance, it is the reason for CD spectroscopy (the 'Disc' here means 'roundabout dichroism'), a procedure that is utilized to explain the generally spatial arrangement of synthetic mixtures, and surprisingly entire proteins.

With the end goal of gathering chiral metal designs, Liedl and his gathering blended complex DNA-origami structures that give absolutely situated restricting locales to the connection of round and bar molded gold nanoparticles. The framework thusly fills in as a layout or shape for the arrangement of nanoparticles at foreordained positions and in a characterized spatial direction. "One can amass a chiral object dependent on the course of action of the gold nanoparticles

Gold isn't just artificially strong, as a respectable metal it displays what are known as surface plasmon resonances. Plasmons are intelligent electron motions that are produced when light cooperates with the outside of a metal design. "One can picture these motions as resembling the waves that are energized when a jug of water is shaken either equal or at right points to its long pivot. Motions energized in spatially adjoining gold particles can couple to each other, and the plasmons in tests carry on as picture and perfect representation, because of their chiral manner on the origami framework.

"This is affirmed by our CD spectroscopic estimations." In the tests, the chiral structures are illuminated with circularly enraptured light and the degree of assimilation is estimated as a level of the information. This empowers both ways gave plans to be recognized from each other.

On a basic level, two gold nanorods ought to be adequate for the development of chiral object, as they can be orchestrated either as a L or an upset L. In any case, the poles utilized in the tests were moderately far separated (on the nanoscale) and the plasmons energized in one had little impact on those created in the other,



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for example the two barely coupled to one another by any means. Be that as it may, Liedl and his associates had a stunt up their sleeves. By suitable upgrade of the origami structure, they had the option to situate a gold nanosphere between the pair of L-shaped bars, which viably enhanced the coupling. Compact disc spectroscopy uncovered the presence of energy advances, subsequently affirming the speculation which the group had gotten from reproductions.

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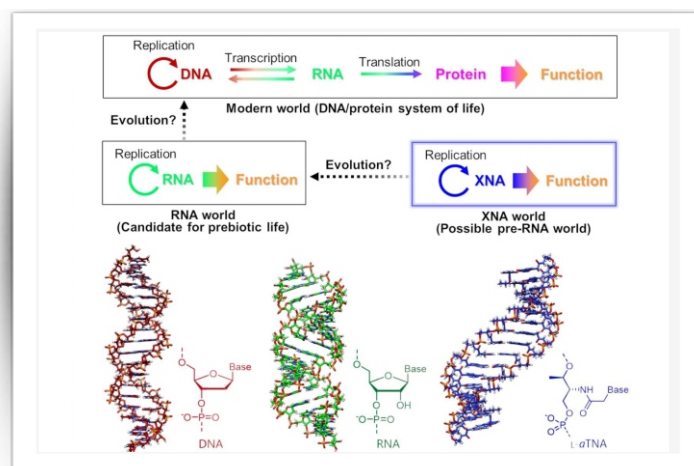
Article - 2 : Origins of life could have started with DNA-like XNAs

"The RNA world is generally thought to be a phase in the birthplace of life," says Nagoya University biomolecular engineer Keiji Murayama. "Prior to this stage, the pre-RNA world may have been founded on atoms called xeno nucleic acids (XNAs). Not at all like RNA, in any case, XNA replication presumably didn't need compounds. We had the option to orchestrate a XNA without catalysts, firmly supporting the speculation that a XNA world may have existed before the RNA world."

XNAs are shaped of chains of connected nucleotides, like DNA and RNA yet with an alternate sugar spine. XNAs can convey hereditary code steadily in light of the fact that the human body can't separate them. A few analysts have detailed that XNAs containing explicit groupings can go about as chemicals and tie to proteins. This makes XNAs energizing in the field of engineered hereditary qualities, with likely biotechnology and atomic medication applications. Murayama, Hiroyuki Asanuma and partners needed to see whether conditions probably present on early Earth might have prompted XNA chain arrangement. They blended sections of non-cyclic (non-round) L-threoninol nucleic corrosive (L-aTNA), an atom that is thought to have existed before RNA became. They likewise made a more extended L-aTNA with a nucleobase arrangement that supplemented the groupings of the sections, like how DNA strands coordinate.

At the point when put together in a test tube under controlled temperature, the more limited L-aTNA pieces met up and connected up with one another on the more L-aTNA layout. Fundamentally, this occurred within the sight of a compound, called N-cyan imidazole, and a metal particle, similar to manganese, the two of which were conceivably present in early Earth. The sections interlinked when a phosphate toward the finish of one synthetically appended to a hydroxyl bunch toward the finish of its neighbor, without the assistance of a compound.

"Apparently, this is the main exhibition of format driven, compound free augmentation of non-cyclic XNA from an irregular section pool, creating phosphodiester holding," says Murayama. The group additionally showed that



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L-aTNA parts could interlink on DNA and RNA formats. This proposes that hereditary code could be moved from DNA and RNA onto L-aTNA and the other way around. "Our methodology is an alluring framework for trying different things with the development of fake life and the improvement of exceptionally utilitarian organic instruments made out of non-cyclic XNA," says Murayama. "The information likewise show that L-aTNA might have been a RNA forerunner." The group intends to proceed with their examinations to explain whether L-aTNA might have been integrated in early Earth 'pre-life' conditions and to inspect their potential for creating progressed natural instruments.

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Article - 3 : Living fossils: Microbe discovered in evolutionary stasis for millions of years

It resembles something out of sci-fi. Exploration drove by Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences has uncovered that a gathering of microorganisms, which feed off synthetic responses set off by radioactivity, have been at a developmental halt for a long period of time. The revelation could have huge ramifications for biotechnology applications and logical comprehension of microbial development. "This disclosure shows that we should be cautious when causing suspicions about the speed of advancement and how we to decipher the tree of life," said Eric Becraft, the lead creator on the paper. "It is conceivable that a few living beings go into a transformative full-run, while others delayed to a creep, testing the foundation of dependable sub-atomic courses of events."

The microorganism, *Candidatus Desulforudis Audax viator*, was first found in 2008 by a group of researchers, driven by Tullis Onstott, a co-creator on the new examination. Found in a South African gold mine very nearly two miles underneath the Earth's surface, the microorganisms obtain the energy they need from substance responses brought about by the regular radioactive rot in minerals. They possess water-filled holes inside rocks in a totally autonomous biological system, liberated from dependence on daylight or some other organic entities.

Due to their one of a kind science and seclusion, the creators of the new examination needed to see how the organisms advanced. They looked through other natural examples from profound underground and found *Candidatus Desulforudis Audax viator* in Siberia and California, just as in a few extra mines in South Africa. Since every climate was synthetically extraordinary, these revelations gave the analysts an exceptional chance to search for contrasts that have arisen between the populaces over their large number of long periods of development.

"We needed to utilize that data to see how they developed and what sort of natural conditions lead to what sort of hereditary transformations," said Bigelow Laboratory Senior Research Scientist Ramunas Stepanauskas, the relating creator on the paper and Becraft's postdoctoral guide. "We considered the organisms however they were occupants of separated

islands, similar to the finches that Darwin concentrated in the Galapagos." Using progressed apparatuses that permit researchers to peruse the hereditary diagrams of individual cells, the specialists inspected the genomes of 126 microorganisms got from three landmasses. Shockingly, they all ended up being practically indistinguishable.

"There's an appeal for DNA polymerases that don't commit numerous errors," Stepanauskas said. "Such catalysts might be helpful for DNA



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sequencing, demonstrative tests, and quality treatment. "Past likely applications, the aftereffects of this investigation could have broad ramifications and change the manner in which researchers consider microbial hereditary qualities and the speed of their advancement.

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Article - 4 : Being top baboon costs males their longevity

A few people have everything: the muscle, the force, the high economic wellbeing, the sped up maturing. Yet, pause. Quicker maturing? Who needs that? For male monkeys, it's the value they pay to be at the top.

New examination showing up April 6 in eLife by Jenny Tung, partner educator of developmental human studies and science at Duke University, and her associates shows that male monkeys that ascend the social stepping stool age quicker than guys with lower social standing. On the off chance that a male drops in economic wellbeing, his assessed pace of maturing drops also. Utilizing blood tests from 245 wild monkeys in the Amboseli environment in Kenya, the group examined synthetic changes to DNA known as DNA methylation marks. "These imprints change with age in a clock-like design," Tung said. "Be that as it may, ecological stressors can make the clock tick quicker." This would cause a person to seem more seasoned than they truly are, and, research in people proposes, can put them at a higher danger of maturing related infection. Since this accomplice of primates is perhaps the most seriously concentrated wild well evolved creature populaces on the planet, the analysts definitely realized every mandrill's age, yet in addition the climate where they grew up, their openness to early life affliction, and an incredible arrangement about their grown-up climate, particularly the viewpoints that anticipate how long they live and the number of posterity they abandon.

"We utilized DNA methylation to contrast the mandrills known ages with their 'natural ages,'" said Jordan Anderson, an alumni understudy in the Tung lab who co-drove the work. These methylation markers are found across the genome, so the group initially expected to quantify an enormous number of these locales - around 400,000 of them - and afterward, through factual strategies and models, trim the quantity of destinations down to around 500 that best anticipated age.

Grown-up economic wellbeing was the most grounded factor that influenced maturing. "Male monkeys who contend effectively for high economic wellbeing seem to age quicker," Tung said. "We more than once examined a portion of these guys and had the option to show that the clock can accelerate or back off as guys go up or down the social stepping stool." This is in opposition to what we find in people. Normally, high

economic wellbeing in people predicts better wellbeing, not more awful. The richest and amazing people approach and can manage the cost of the best houses, schools, medical services and the sky is the limit from there. The individuals who live in neediness and have lower financial status are at expanded danger and have higher paces of infection, malignancy and all-cause mortality. Male mandrills, however, need to battle for their economic wellbeing. Along these lines, it's not unexpected to see male-male rivalry consistently, where mandrill onlookers can see a reasonable victor and an unmistakable failure.



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To keep up their societal position, guys at the top consistently need to hold their ground and shield themselves actually. Along these lines, male mandrills at the top will in general have more bulk and preferable body condition over lower positioning primates. Yet, as their rawness begins to decrease with age, another, more youthful, more grounded male may defeat them for the best position.

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