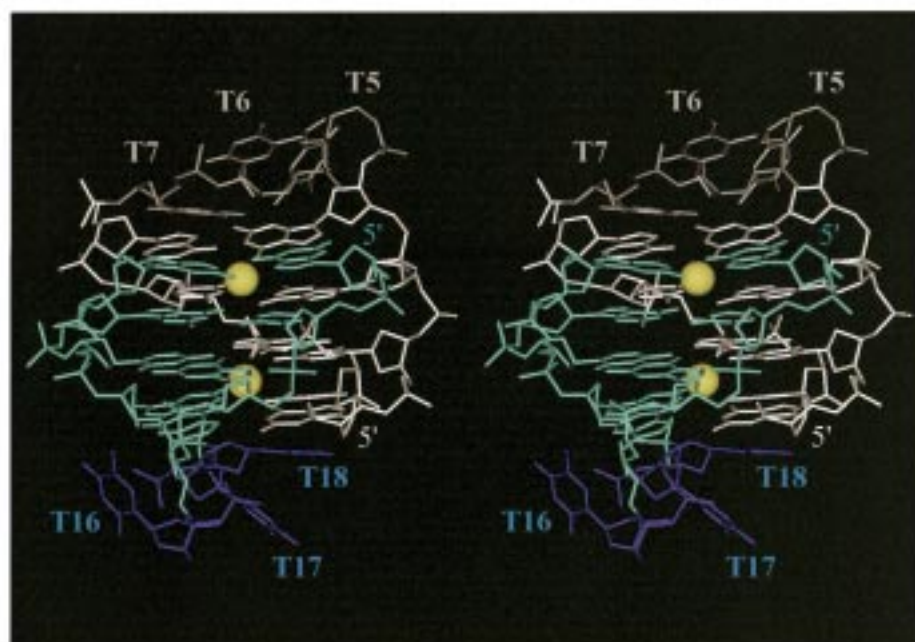


Stereo representation of starting coordinates and theoretical structures

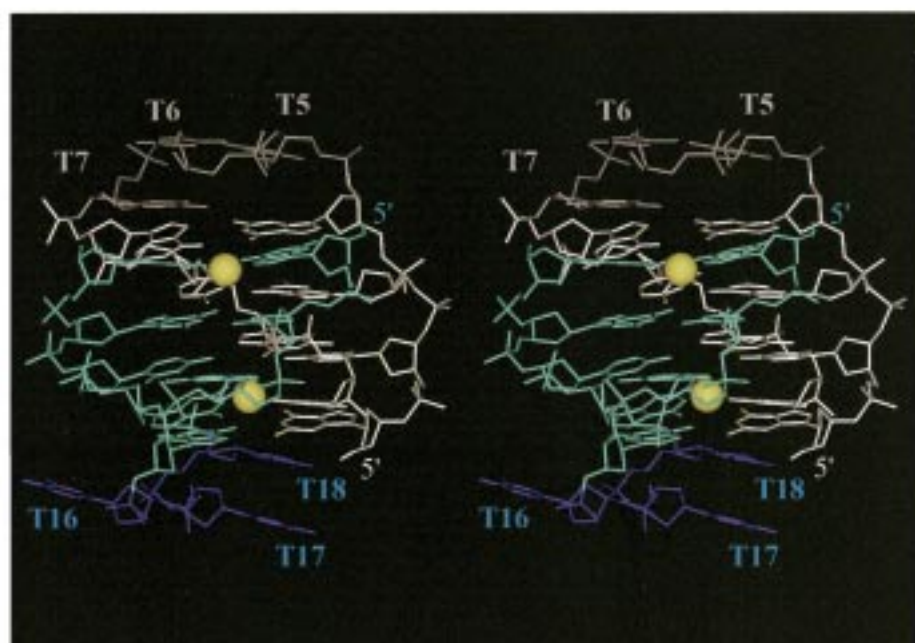
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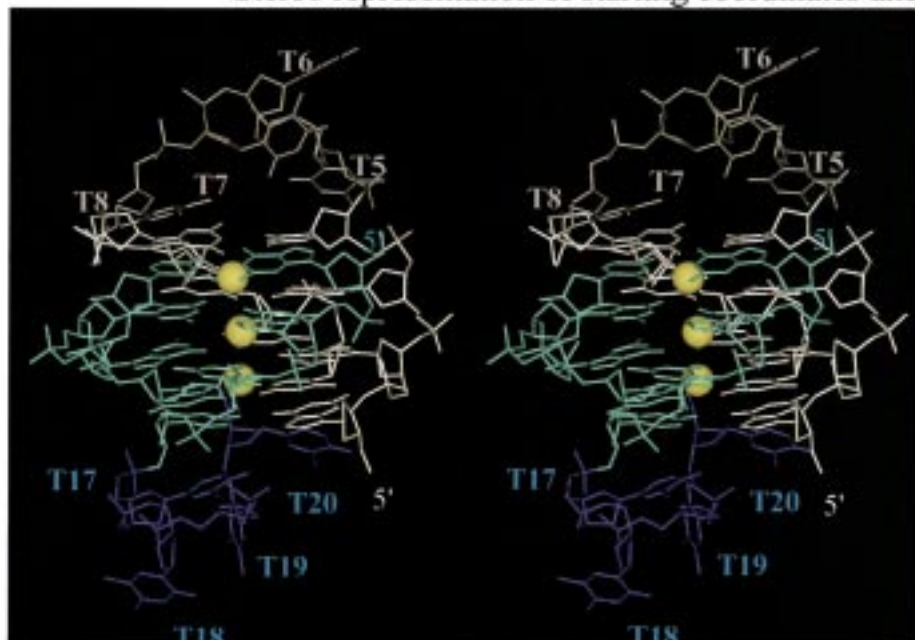


d(GCGGTTTGCGG)₂; NaCl, NMR structure (Ref. 9a)

Chains are in blue and white, corresp. thymine loops are colored dark blue and gray, respectively.
Sodium ions are shown as larger spheres in yellow.



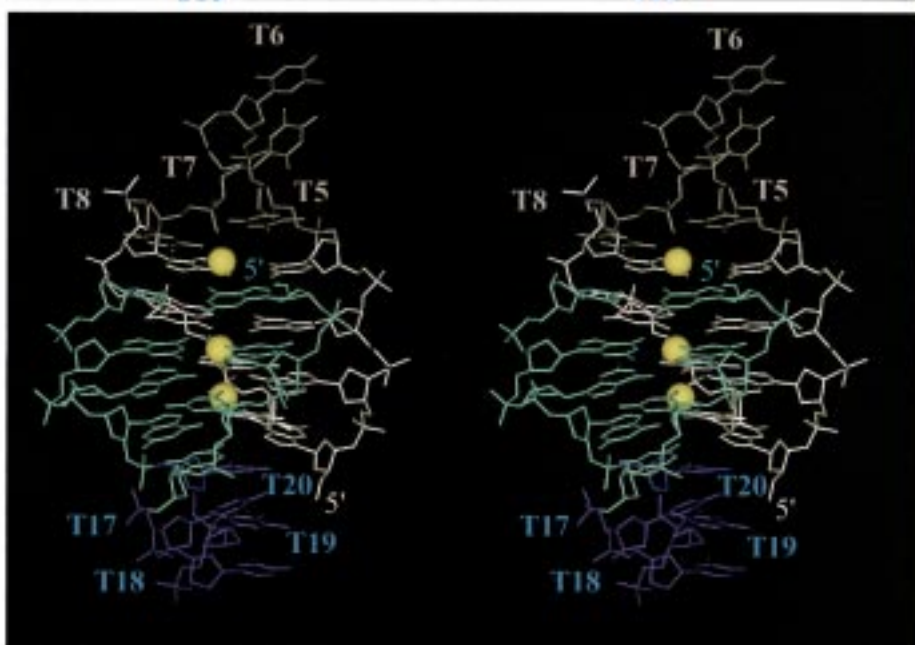
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Averaged structure 1.5-2.5ns,
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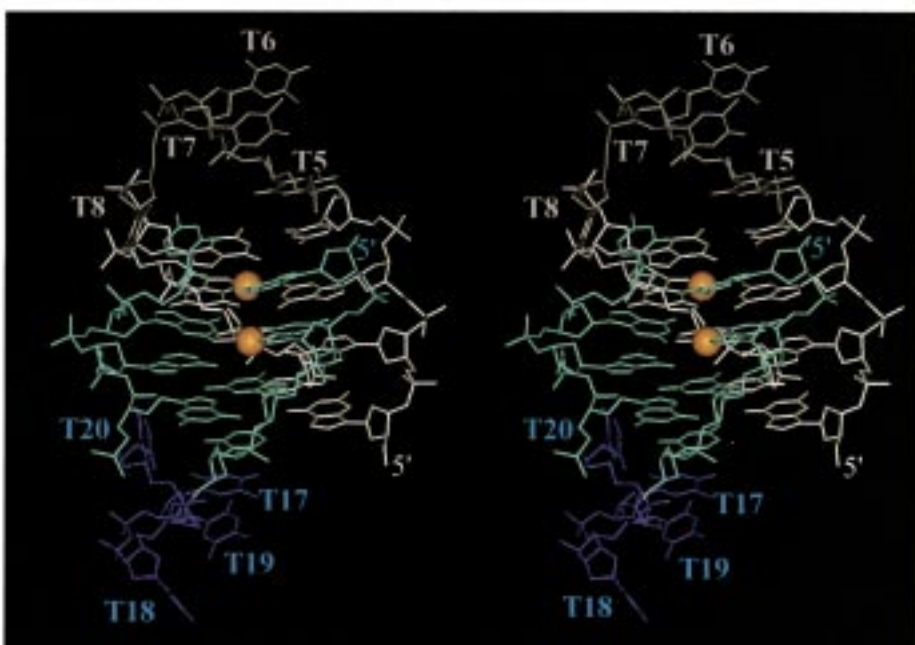
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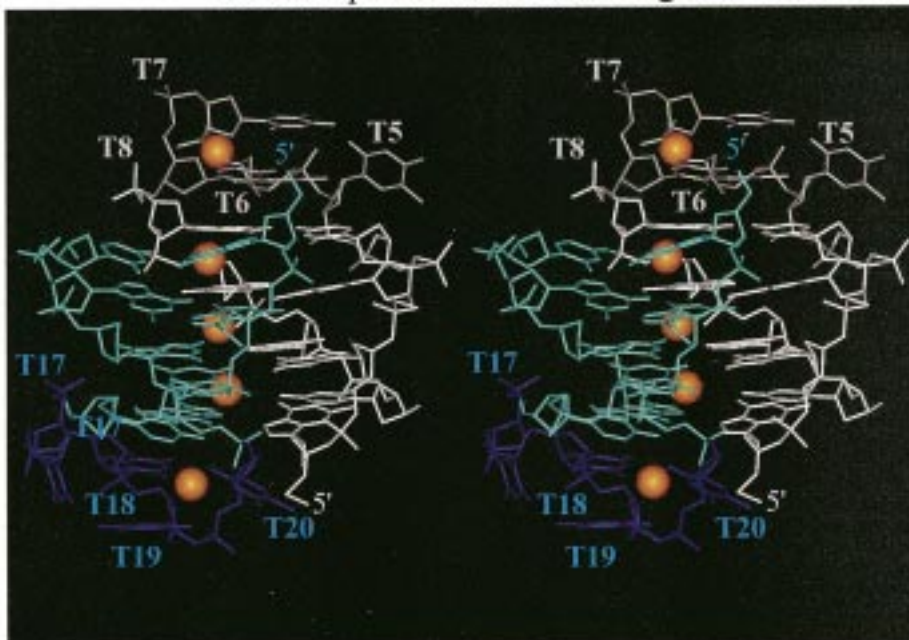
Note T6 and T18 residues projecting
away from the molecule (see text).



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Average structure 4-5ns,
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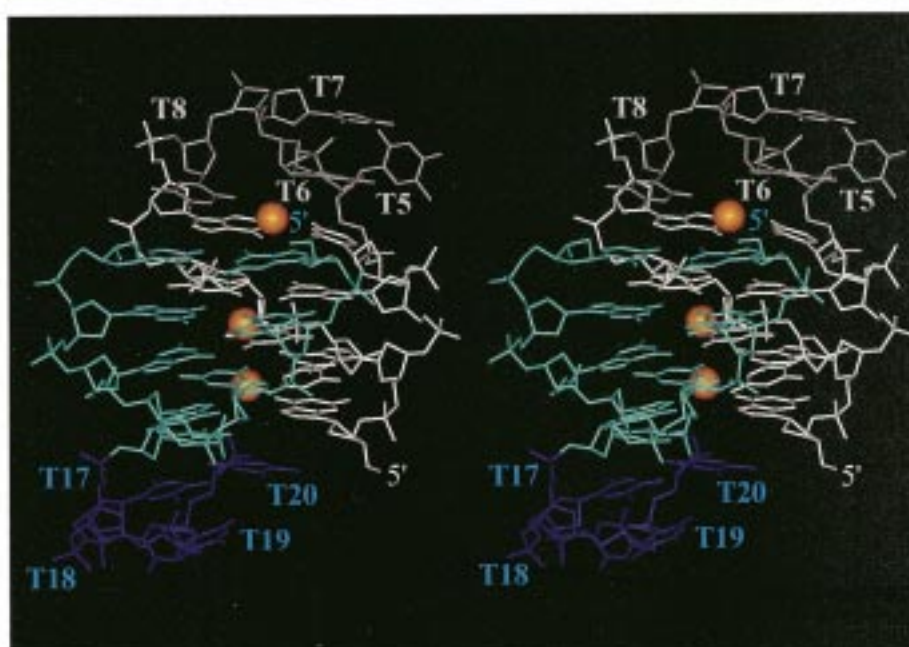


Simulation B6L (see Table I).
Average structure 4-5ns.
Color coding as above, except
potassium ions that are drawn
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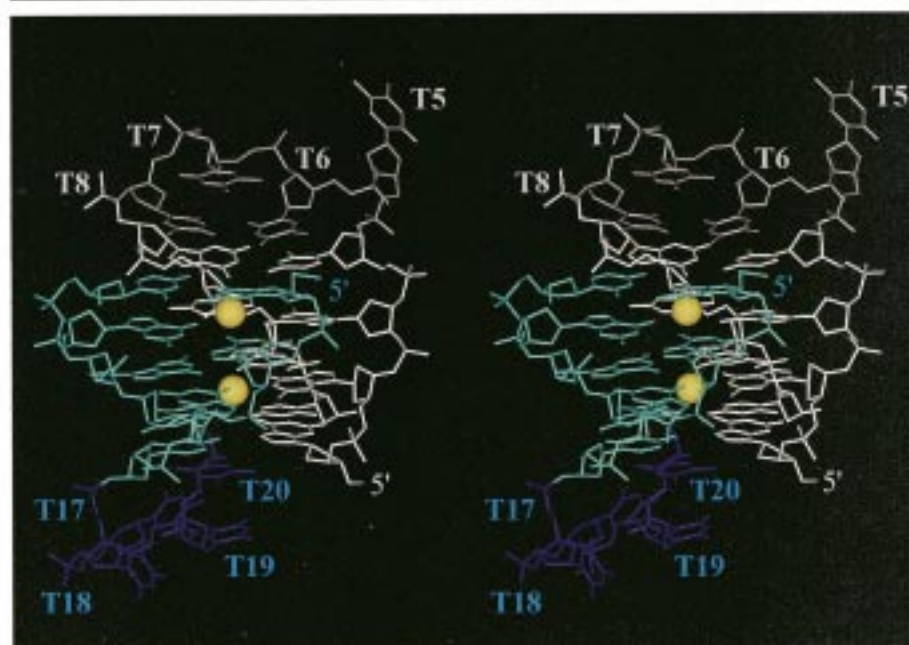


d(GGGCTTTTGGGC)₂; KCl,
NMR structure (Ref. 9c)

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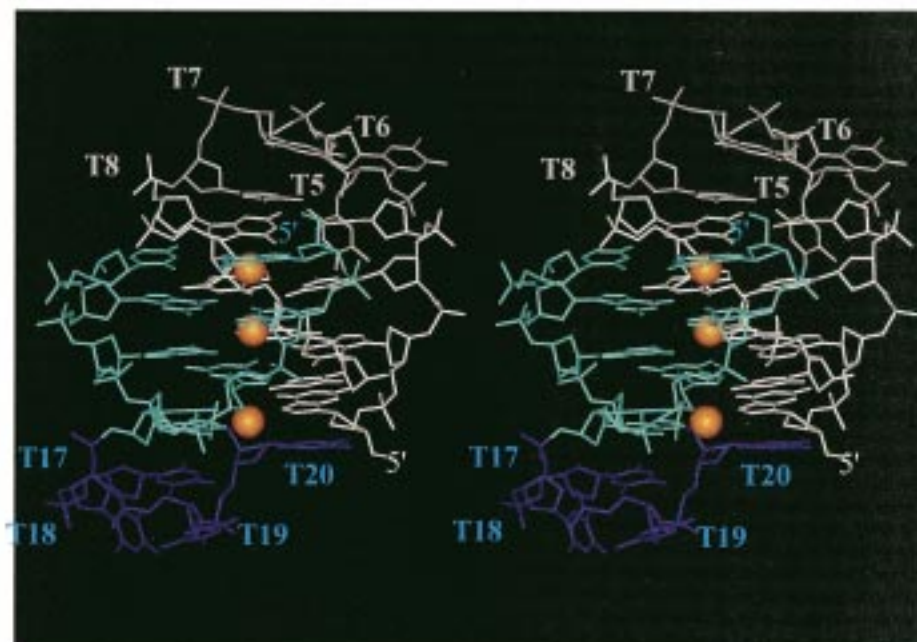
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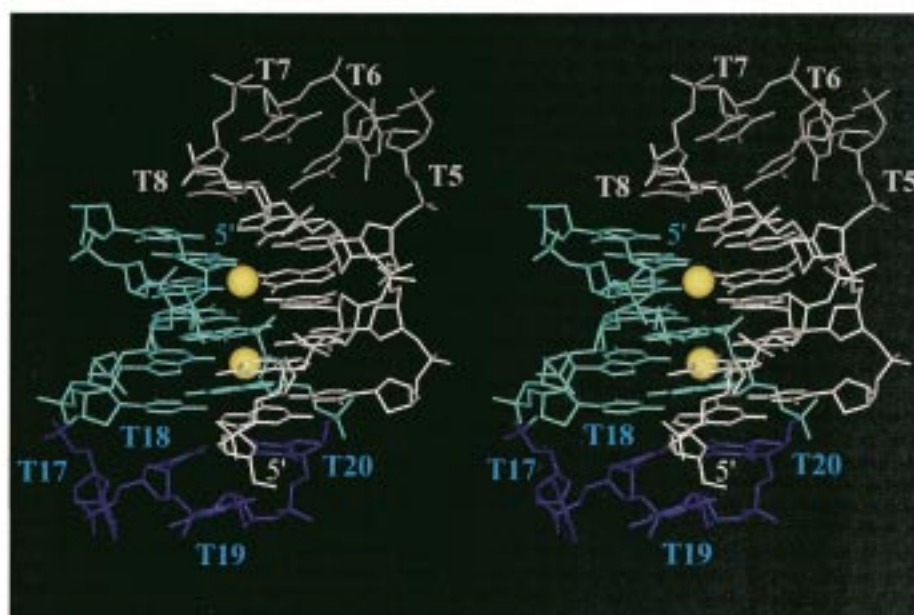
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Averaged structure 3-4ns.
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Stereo representation of starting coordinates and theoretical structures

d(GGGCTTTTGGGC)₂; KCl, NMR starting structure (Ref. 9c)

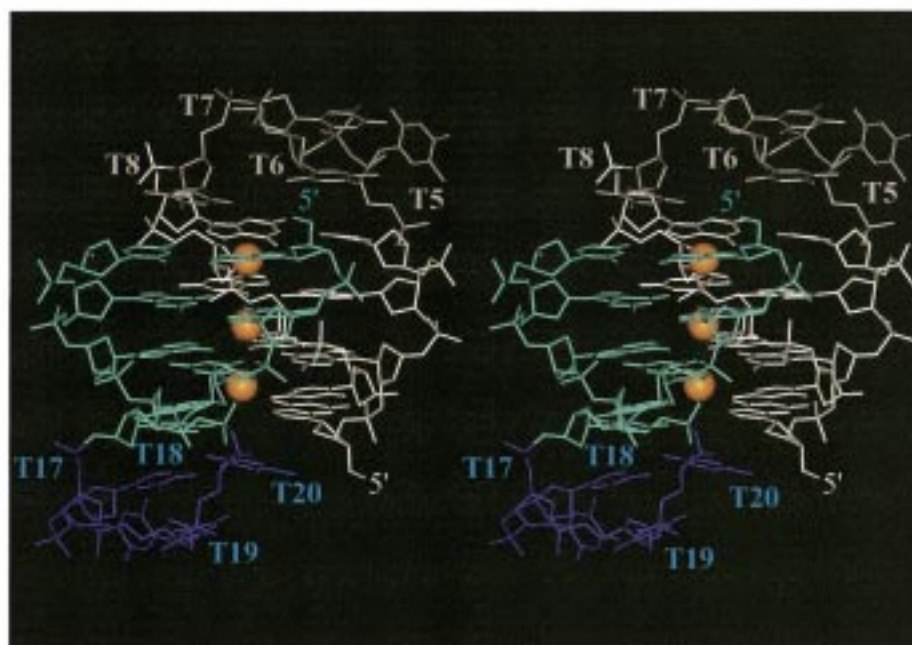


Simulation B7L (see Table I)
Averaged structure 11-12ns,
color coding as before.
Modified Cornell *et al.* force field.



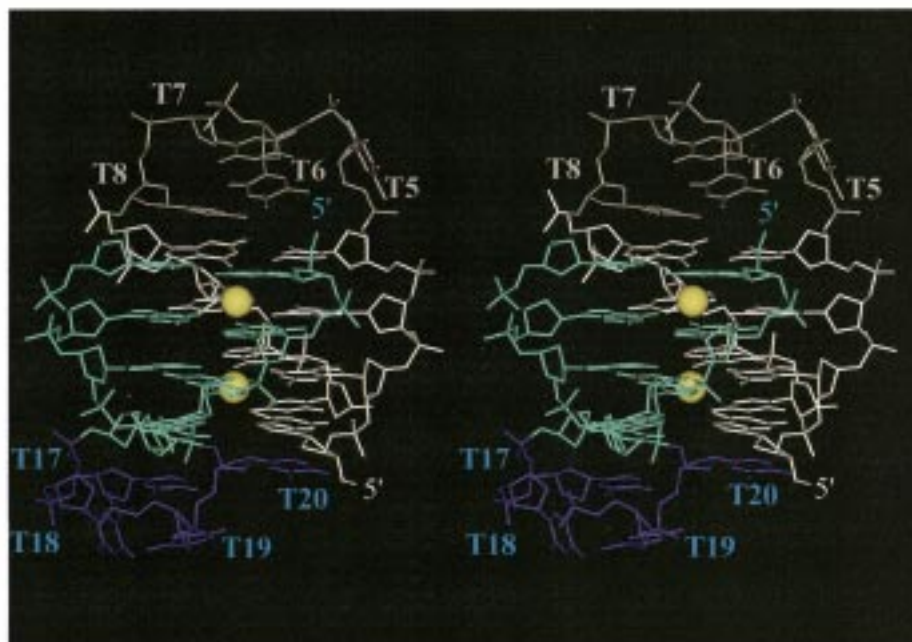
Simulation B8L (see Table I)
Averaged structure 9-10ns,
color coding as above except for
sodium ions drawn in yellow.
Force field as above.

d(GGGCTTTTGGGC)₂; KCl, NMR starting structure (Ref. 9c)



Simulation B9L (see Table I)

Averaged structure 4-5ns, color coding as before.
Same as B7L; with modified equilibration protocol
and modified Cornell *et al.* force field.

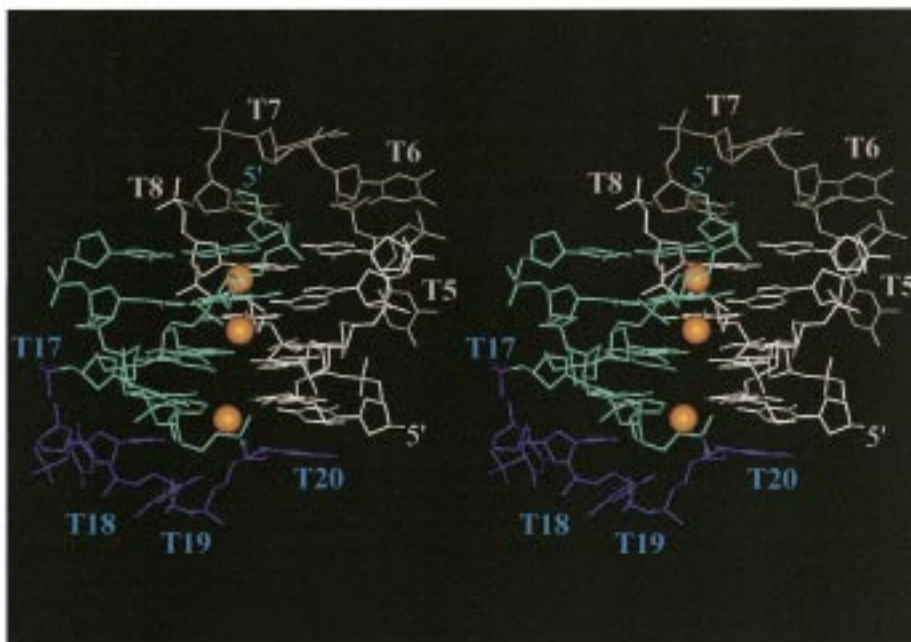


Simulation B11L (see Table I)

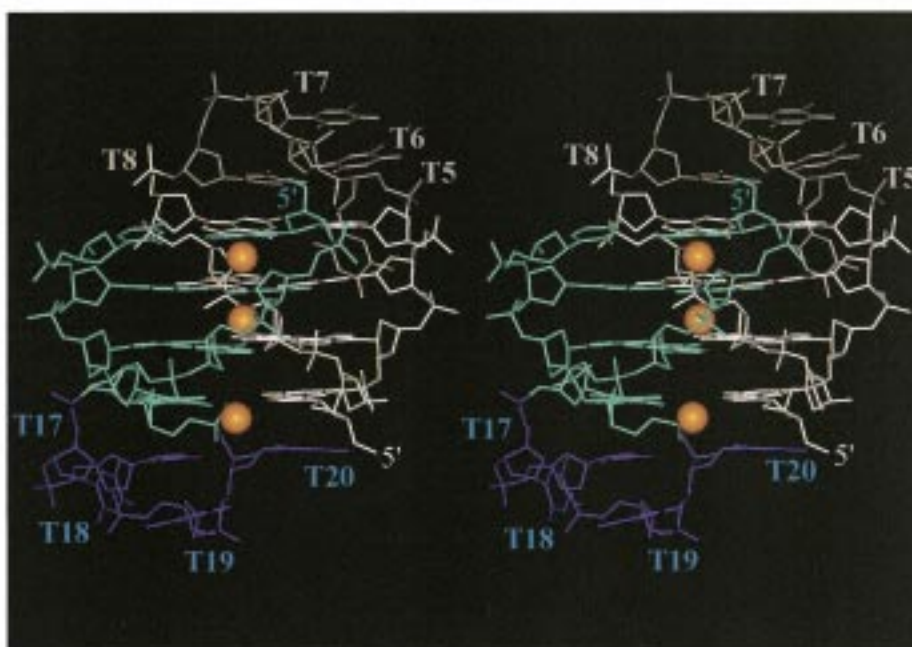
Averaged structure 4-5ns,
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sodium ions drawn in yellow.
High salt simulation.

Stereo representation of starting coordinates and theoretical structures

d(GGGCTTTTGGGC)₂; KCl, NMR starting structure (Ref. 9c)

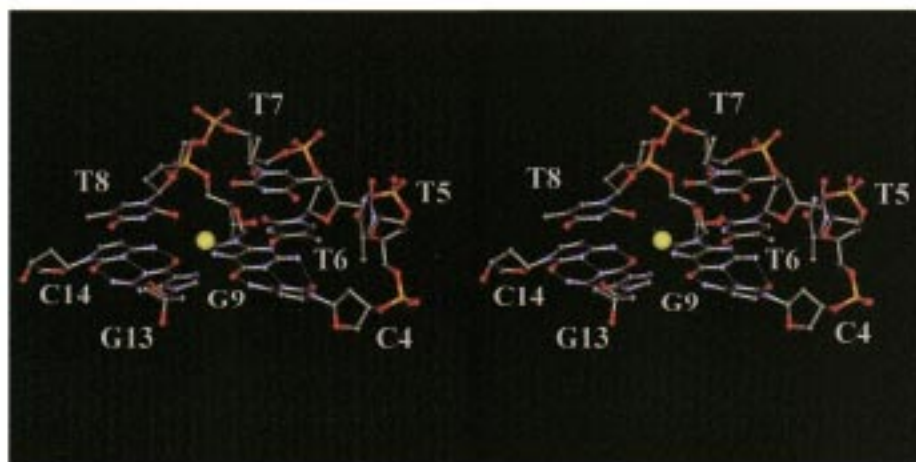


Snapshot from simulation B7L at 10ns,
starting geometry for simulation B10L (below).
Color coding as before.



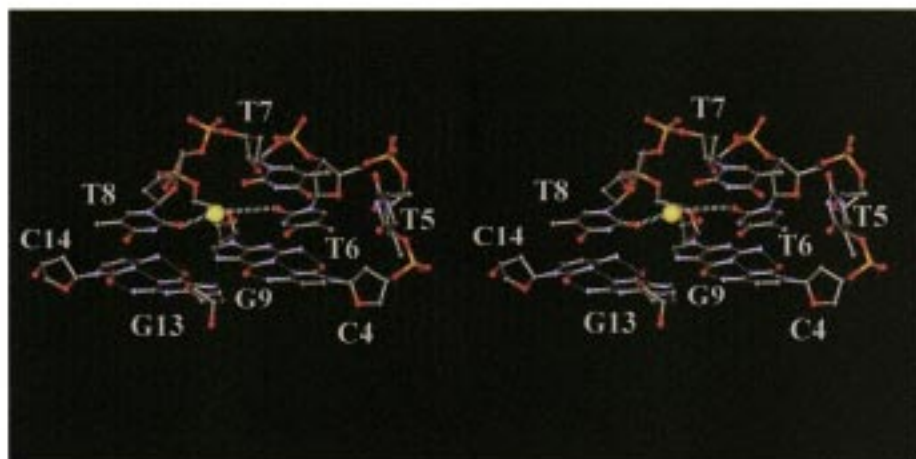
Simulation B10L (see Table I)
Averaged structure 2.5-3ns.
Modified Cornell *et al.* force field.

Stereo representation of representative loop geometries and ion-loop interactions in simulated structures based on d(GGGCTTTTGGGC)2 NMR starting coordinates (Ref. 9c)



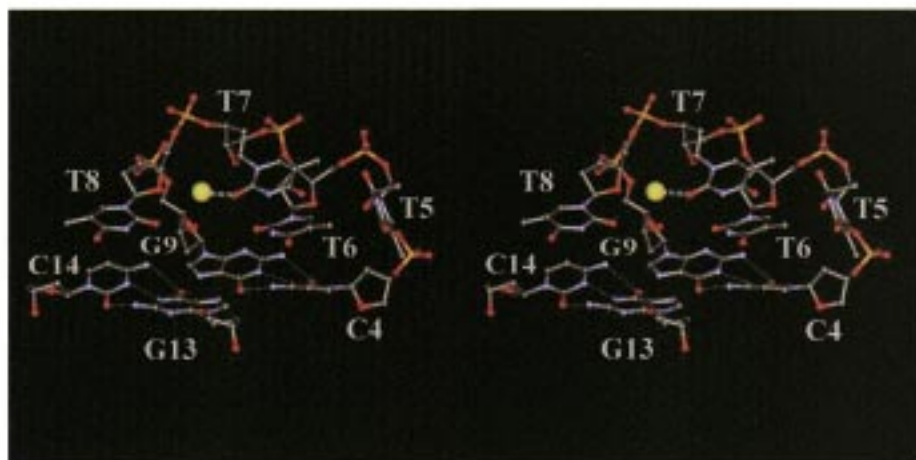
Ion - loop interaction A
Residues are colored by atom type, Sodium is drawn as a larger sphere in yellow.

The ion resides above the mixed GCGC quartet layer that adopts a sheared conformation. Note stacked thymines T6 and T7. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bond interactions..



Ion - loop interaction B
Color coding as above.

The ion is coordinated to residues thymines T6 and T8, interacting with O2 keto oxygen atoms (thick dashed lines).



Ion - loop interaction C
Color coding as above.

The ion resides at the loop apex, interacting with the O2 keto oxygen of residue thymine T7.

Supplementary material – PDB files

Coordinate files in PDB format for all initial structures utilized in simulations with thymidine loops and for all final structures with thymidine loops. PDB files were submitted via electronic mail to pdb.ja@acs.org.

Coordinates are not presented in this printed material.

Headers of presented PDB files:

REMARK description: initial structure 1A6H (PDB database), ref.9a
REMARK NMR structure
REMARK sequence: d(GCGGTTTGCGG)2
REMARK number of integral cations inside the solute: two
REMARK PDB format: output from the Carnal module of AMBER5.0

REMARK description: initial structure 1A8N (PDB database), ref.9b
REMARK NMR structure obtained in presence of NaCl
REMARK sequence: d(GGGCTTTTGGGC)2
REMARK number of integral cations inside the solute: three
REMARK PDB format: output from the Carnal module of AMBER5.0

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REMARK NMR structure obtained in presence of KCl
REMARK sequence: d(GGGCTTTTGGGC)2
REMARK number of integral cations inside the solute: five
REMARK PDB format: output from the Carnal module of AMBER5.0

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REMARK initial structure for simulation B10L
REMARK sequence: d(GGGCTTTTGGGC)2
REMARK number of integral cations inside the solute: three
REMARK PDB format: output from the Carnal module of AMBER5.0

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REMARK description: averaged structure from the interval 1.5-2.5 ns
REMARK simulation carried out in presence of Na⁺
REMARK sequence: d(GCGGTTTGCGG)2
REMARK initial structure: 1A6H (PDB database), two internal cations
REMARK number of integral cations inside the solute at the end
REMARK of simulation: two
REMARK PDB format: output from the Carnal module of AMBER5.0

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REMARK simulation carried out in presence of K⁺
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REMARK number of integral cations inside the solute at the end
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REMARK PDB format: output from the Carnal module of AMBER5.0

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 REMARK number of integral cations inside the solute at the end
 REMARK of simulation: two
 REMARK PDB format: output from the Carnal module of AMBER5.0

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 REMARK simulation carried out in presence of K+
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 REMARK number of integral cations inside the solute at the end
 REMARK of simulation: two
 REMARK PDB format: output from the Carnal module of AMBER5.0

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 REMARK number of integral cations inside the solute at the end
 REMARK of simulation: three
 REMARK PDB format: output from the Carnal module of AMBER5.0

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REMARK description: averaged structure from the interval 2.5-3.0 ns
REMARK simulation carried out in presence of K+
REMARK sequence: d(GGGCTTTTGGGC)2
REMARK initial structure: snapshot from simulation B7L at 10 ns
REMARK number of integral cations inside the solute at the end
REMARK of simulation: three
REMARK PDB format: output from the Carnal module of AMBER5.0

REMARK name: B11L (see Table 1)
REMARK description: averaged structure from the interval 4-5 ns
REMARK simulation carried out in presence of Na+ (high salt concentration)
REMARK sequence: d(GGGCTTTTGGGC)2
REMARK initial structure: 1A8W (PDB database), five internal cations
REMARK number of integral cations inside the solute at the end
REMARK of simulation: two
REMARK PDB format: output from the Carnal module of AMBER5.0