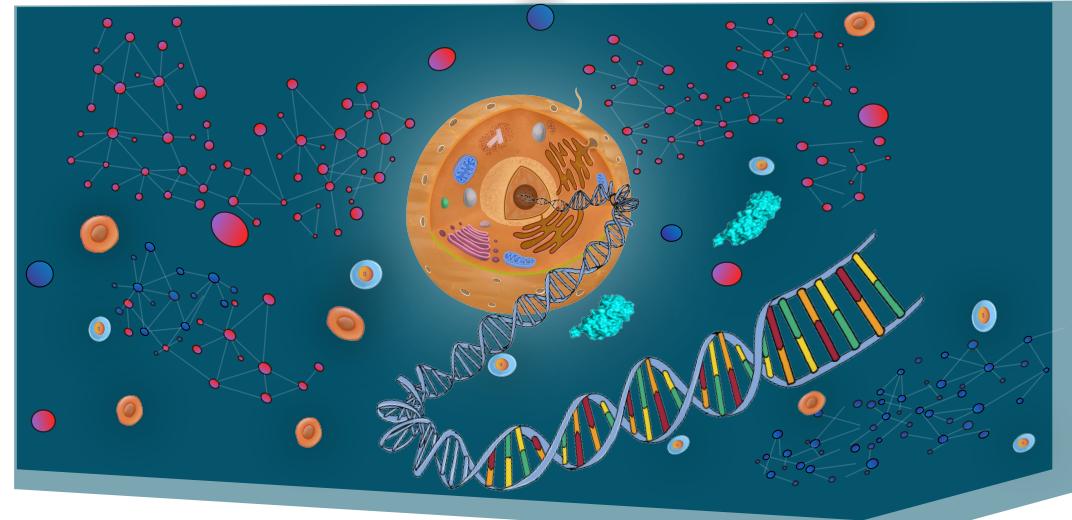


0930 – 1005	Manikandan Narayanan (IIT Madras) GWAS across borders: Simple models for cross-ethnic disease risk prediction
1005 – 1040	Satyavani Vemparala (IMSc Chennai) Functional group mediated mechanisms of membrane recognition in antimicrobial peptides and polymers
1040 – 1130	<i>Tea Break & Poster Session</i>
1130 – 1205	Pranay Goel (IISER Pune) The oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT), a 100 years later can we build an alternative?
1205 – 1240	Sandeep Choube (IMSc Chennai) Pearls on a string: Phase-separating proteins on biopolymers as functional assemblies
1240 – 1400	<i>Lunch</i>
1400 – 1435	Debayan Chakraborty (IMSc Chennai) Exploring energy landscapes of model polyampholytes and intrinsically disordered proteins using minimalist models
1435 – 1510	Nivedita Deo (University Delhi) Viewing protein structure through the random matrix and network lens
1510 – 1545	Parul Verma (IIT Madras) A neural mass modeling approach to understand biophysics of brain regional activity
1545 – 1600	<i>Concluding Remarks</i>

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Meeting Schedule

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0845 – 0930	<i>Registration with Tea/Coffee</i>
0930 – 0940	<i>Opening Remarks</i>
0940 – 1015	Sitabhra Sinha (IMSc Chennai) Devo-Eco: Environment, interactions and the embryo
1015 – 1050	Deepak Agrawal (IIT Bombay) Optimizing chemotherapy balance with reinforcement learning
1050 – 1130	<i>Tea Break and Poster Session</i>
1130 – 1205	Chetan Gadgil (NCL Pune) A systems pharmacology model for extrapulmonary tuberculosis
1205 – 1240	Samrat Chatterjee (THSTI Faridabad) Targeting calcium-dependent perturbations in the functioning of pancreatic beta cells using mathematical modelling
1240 – 1400	<i>Lunch</i>
1400 – 1435	M. Michael Gromiha (IIT Madras) Development of computational models for predicting the binding affinities of protein complexes and their mutants
1435 – 1510	Nagasuma Chandra (IISc Bengaluru) Exploiting immune selfness, A tumour immunosculpting strategy
1510 – 1545	<i>Tea Break and Poster Session</i>
1545 – 1620	Athi Naganathan (IIT Madras) Proteins, strings, ensembles and mechanisms
1620 – 1655	Debnath Pal (IISc Bengaluru) From static structure to dynamic landscapes: Understanding macromolecular function
1655 – 1800	<i>Poster Session and High Tea</i>
1800 – 1835	Debarka Sengupta (IIIT Delhi) AI approaches in detecting and treating cancers.
1835 – 1910	Aswin SN Seshasayee (NCBS Bengaluru) The beginnings of transcription regulation
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0930 – 1005	Rahul Siddharthan (IMSc Chennai) Gene regulatory sequence : Beyond motifs
1005 – 1040	Satyanarayan Rao (IIT Roorkee) Understanding gene regulation: from sub-angstrom sensitivity of transcription factors to language models
1040 – 1130	<i>Tea Break & Poster Session</i>
1130 – 1205	Sanjay Jain (University Delhi) A mechanism for the evolution of protocells without genes
1205 – 1240	Brato Chakrabarti (ICTS Bengaluru) The physical consequence of sperm gigantism
1240 – 1400	<i>Lunch</i>
1400 – 1435	Chirag Jain (IISc Bengaluru) Algorithms for assembling human genome sequence
1435 – 1510	Susan Idicula-Thomas (ICMR-NIRRH Mumbai) Multiscale systems analysis of host- <i>Candida albicans</i> interactions in vulvovaginal candidiasis
1510 – 1545	<i>Tea Break & Poster Session</i>
1545 – 1620	Olivier Martin (INRAE France) Inferring driver-to-target interactions in gene regulatory networks
1620 – 1655	Ram Rup Sarkar (NCL Pune) Multi-scale modelling of immune dysregulation under microgravity
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