

PROJECT PROPOSITION - Lab1- 2023

(M1, second semester)

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Hosting lab: CBS

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QUANTITATIVE STUDY OF COACERVATION IN A MODEL RNA / CATIONIC PEPTIDE MODEL

Subject (5 lines max for the description)

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Recently, membrane-less assemblies of proteins have emerged as a novel layer of spatial organization. These assemblies are triggered by weak multivalent interactions and result from liquid-liquid phase separation. We use a model coacervation system composed of unstructured RNAs (polyU) and a cationic peptide. Phosphorylation of the peptide leads to dissociation of the coacervates, and we use this dynamic system to study liquid-liquid phase separation out of equilibrium.

Technical tools to be used:

- Fluorescence polarization anisotropy
- Fluorescence Correlation Spectroscopy



Objectives:

The aim is to produce quantitative data to feed theoretical models of polyU / peptide coacervation. Anisotropy will be used to measure polyU / peptide affinity in different conditions. The peptide concentration will be measured by FCS in the soluble and condensed phases to build experimental phase diagrams.

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