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**Right-handed Z-DNA at ultrahigh resolution: a tale of two hands  
and the power of the crystallographic method**

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**Table S1.** A selection of the crystal structures of nucleic acids in Z-form with metal cations and/or polyamines, deposited in the PDB or only described in the literature.

Sequence	Polyamine and/or metal cation(s)	Resolution (Å)	R (%)	Space group	PDB code or Reference
Structures with only polyamine cation(s)					
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Spermine	0.55	7.77	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub></i>	3p4j
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Spermine	0.60	16.00	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub></i>	1i0t
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Spermine	1.00	18.50	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub></i>	1d48
d(CACGTG) <sub>2</sub>	Spermine / 13D <sup>(a)</sup>	1.20	18.30	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub></i>	2f8w
d(CGT <sup>2am</sup> ACG) <sub>2</sub>	Spermine	1.35	17.40	<i>P3<sub>2</sub>21</i>	210d
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Spermine	1.50	17.80	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub></i>	1woe
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	PAW <sup>(b)</sup> (2x)	1.60	20.20	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub></i>	2ie1
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Spw <sup>(c)</sup>	1.80	22.20	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub></i>	1v9g (N-diffraction)
Structures with only metal cation(s)					

d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup> (2x)	0.78	13.90	C2/c	5jqz (centrosymmetric)
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Cr <sup>3+</sup>	0.97	14.40	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	4r15
(dCrGdCrGdCrG) <sub>2</sub>	Ba <sup>2+</sup>	1.09	11.36	P2 <sub>1</sub>	5ebi (DNA-RNA chimera)
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup> (4x)	1.00	17.50	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	1dcg
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Na <sup>+</sup> / Cu <sup>2+</sup> (6x)	1.20	19.80	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	1d39
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup> / [Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	1.25	18.00	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	Gessner <i>et al.</i> (1985)
d(TGCGCA) <sub>2</sub>	[Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	1.30	11.70	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	362d
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Ca <sup>2+</sup>	1.30	19.50	P3 <sub>2</sub> 21	4fs6
d( <sup>m5</sup> CGUA <sup>m5</sup> CG) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup> (2x)	1.30	20.80	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	1d41
d( <sup>m5</sup> CGUA <sup>m5</sup> CG) <sub>2</sub>	Cu <sup>2+</sup> (3x) / CuCl <sub>2</sub>	1.30	20.90	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	1d40
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	1.30	21.30	P3 <sub>2</sub>	4fs5
d(C <sup>NH2</sup> ACGTG) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	1.30	21.70	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	1vty
d(aminohexyl-pCG <sup>Br</sup> CGCG)	Ba <sup>2+</sup>	1.40	16.40	C2	Jean <i>et al.</i> (1993)
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	1.45	12.00	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	4xsn
d[CGCG(DPY)AT(DRP)CGCG] <sub>2</sub> <sup>(d)</sup>	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	1.50	16.90	P2 <sub>1</sub>	1jes
d(CGCG <sup>F</sup> UG) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	1.50	17.20	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	1dnf
d(CGCGTG) <sub>2</sub>	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	1.50	18.00	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	Gao <i>et al.</i> (1993)
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Co <sup>2+</sup> / Mg <sup>2+</sup>	1.50	19.60	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	Gao <i>et al.</i> (1993)
d(CGCGTG) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	1.50	20.00	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	Gao <i>et al.</i> (1993)
d(pCGTACGTACG) <sub>2</sub>	[Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	1.50	25.00	P6 <sub>5</sub>	1dn8
d(GCGCGA):d(TCGCGC)	[Ru(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	1.54	19.10	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	2hto
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Ca <sup>2+</sup> / Cu <sup>2+</sup>	1.57	16.10	P2 <sub>1</sub>	5ihd
d(CACGCG):(CGCGTG)	Mn <sup>2+</sup>	1.61	20.30	P2 <sub>1</sub>	4dwy

d(TGCGCA) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup> (2x)	1.64	21.20	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	1ljx
d(GCGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	[Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	1.65	18.40	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	331d
d(CACGCG):(CGCGTG)	Ba <sup>2+</sup>	1.67	18.90	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	4e2r
d(CACGCG):(CGCGTG)	Ba <sup>2+</sup>	1.67	21.70	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	3fqb
d( <sup>m5</sup> GCGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup> / [Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	1.68	20.70	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	313d
d(TCGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Mn <sup>2+</sup>	1.70	17.30	C2	4kmf (Z-DNA/protein complex)
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Rb <sup>+</sup> (3x)	1.70	17.50	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	Dong (2003)
d(CGCGCA):d(TGCGCG)	[Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	1.71	21.00	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	1xa2
d(CACGCG):(CGCGTG)	Ba <sup>2+</sup>	1.72	20.40	P2 <sub>1</sub>	4e4o
d(CACGCG):(CGCGTG)	Mn <sup>2+</sup>	1.76	22.70	P6 <sub>5</sub>	4dy8
d(GCGCGCG):d(CCGCGCG)	Mg <sup>2+</sup> / [Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	1.80	20.90	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	312d
d(CACGCG):(CGCGTG)	Ba <sup>2+</sup>	1.86	21.60	P6 <sub>5</sub>	4e60
d(CGCGCA):d(TGCGCG)	[Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	1.86	27.90	P6 <sub>5</sub>	1xam
d(GCGCGCG):d(TCGCGCG)	Mg <sup>2+</sup> / [Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	1.90	19.10	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	314d
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Ca <sup>2+</sup> / Cu <sup>2+</sup>	2.15	23.10	P2 <sub>1</sub>	4xqz
d(CGTGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Mn <sup>2+</sup>	2.15	26.90	C222 <sub>1</sub>	3g2r
d( <sup>Br</sup> UGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	2.25	15.60	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	1da1
(dU)r(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Na <sup>+</sup>	2.25	19.90	C222 <sub>1</sub>	2gxb (Z-RNA/protein complex)
d(TGCGCG):d(CGCGCA)	[Ru(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	2.60	26.70	P6 <sub>5</sub>	2htt
d(CACGCG):(CGCGTG)	Mn <sup>2+</sup>	2.80	16.70	P2 <sub>1</sub>	3fq5
d(pCGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	3.00	18.20	C222 <sub>1</sub>	392d
Structures with polyamine and metal cations					
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	K <sup>+</sup> / Putrescine <sup>2+</sup>	0.60	8.77	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	7atg
L-d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	K <sup>+</sup> / Cadaverine <sup>2+</sup>	0.69	10.54	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	8a71 (right-handed Z-DNA, this work)

d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Mn <sup>2+</sup> / Spermine	0.75	7.09	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	4hig
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Zn <sup>2+</sup> (2x) / Spermine	0.85	9.22	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	4hif
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup> / Spermine (2x)	0.90	14.00	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	2dcg
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup> / Spermine	0.95	8.60	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	1ick
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup> / Trientine <sup>4+(e)</sup> (2x)	1.00	16.50	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	1dj6
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Na <sup>+</sup> / Mg <sup>2+</sup> (3x)/ P24 <sup>(f)</sup>	1.00	16.10	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	292d
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Na <sup>+</sup> / Spermine	1.00	18.00	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	131d
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup> (2x)/ Thermospermine <sup>4+(g)</sup> (2x)	1.00	19.00	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	336d
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Na <sup>+</sup> / Mg <sup>2+</sup> (3x)/ Spermidine	1.00	19.10	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	293d
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Na <sup>+</sup> / Mg <sup>2+</sup> (3x)/ Spermidine	1.00	24.40	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	2elg
d(Cp <sub>Se</sub> CGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Mg <sup>2+</sup> / Spermine	1.10	9.70	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	1vro
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Ca <sup>2+</sup> / Spermidine	1.45	12.10	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	6bst
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	Co <sup>2+</sup> / Spermine <sup>4+</sup>	1.50	23.70	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	Gao <i>et al.</i> (1993)
d(CGT <sup>2am</sup> ACG) <sub>2</sub>	[Pt(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup> / Spermine <sup>4+</sup>	1.60	17.00	P3 <sub>2</sub> 21	211d

<sup>a</sup> 1,3-diaminopropane

<sup>b</sup> N-(2-aminoethyl)-N'-{2-[(2-aminoethyl)amino]ethyl}ethane-1,2-diamine

<sup>c</sup> Spermine<sup>4+</sup> in fully deuterated form

<sup>d</sup> The N3 atoms are in the aromatic rings of modified nucleotides containing pyridine (DRP) and pyridine-2,6-dicarboxylic acid (DPY)

<sup>e</sup> N,N'-bis(2-aminoethyl)-1,2-ethanediamine

<sup>f</sup> 1-(aminoethyl)amino-4-aminobutane

<sup>g</sup> N-(3-amino-propyl)-N-(5-aminopropyl)-1,4-diaminobutane

**Table S2.** Sugar and phosphate backbone torsion angles, calculated by the 3DNA program (Lu & Olson, 2003), as well as the furanose pseudorotation amplitude ( $\tau_m$ ) and phase angle of pseudorotation (P), calculated by the method of Jaskolski (1984). All numerical x/y values in the table are in degrees, and were calculated (x) for the left-handed model of D-Z-DNA, PDB ID 3p4j, and (y) the right-handed model of L-Z-DNA (this work). Because of the inverted configuration, the P values for 2'-deoxy-L-ribose are shifted on the pseudorotation wheel by 180°.

Angle	C1	C3	C5	C7	C9	C11	G2	G4	G6	G8	G10	G12
$\alpha$	-	-148.1 / 147.9	167.9 / -163.9	-	-142.6 / 145.3	-148.9 / 151.3	60.2 / -63.9	68.7 / -74.6	75.2 / -90.6	61.1 / -62.6	65.2 / -67.4	78.5 / -79.3
$\beta$	-	-121.3 / 118.2	167.1 / -162.7	-	132.1 / 126.1	-122.8 / 121.7	-169.3 / 170.3	-170.2 / 175.6	-179.4 / 176.0	-172.6 / 174.1	-179.5 / 177.1	-176.3 / 176.3
$\gamma$	53.3 / -55.0	54.5 / -52.2	44.1 / -52.9	54.2 / -55.4	56.3 / -57.2	54.9 / -55.3	178.2 / -177.5	-179.5 / -177.2	-176.4 / 178.3	176.8 / -175.8	179.8 / -179.6	-175.2 / 175.9
$\delta$	142.7 / -141.9	148.2 / -149.0	142.9 / -146.1	148.4 / -146.0	146.7 / -144.6	141.2 / -140.5	90.6 / -89.9	92.4 / -94.4	147.5 / -142.8	92.9 / -96.8	98.5 / -95.3	152.8 / -152.6
$\epsilon$	-92.8 / 93.2	-98.4 / 96.7	-94.5 / 95.3	-88.0 / 90.8	-91.6 / 92.5	-96.8 / 97.0	-120.2 / 119.6	-177.9 / -179.3	-	-111.1 / 114.9	-117.3 / 116.2	-
$\zeta$	78.0 / -73.5	71.8 / -69.2	73.5 / -60.2	73.5 / -75.1	74.0 / -71.4	67.3 / -66.1	-68.9 / 69.9	65.6 / -62.7	-	-77.5 / 79.2	-69.2 / 70.1	-
$\chi$	-152.3 / 153.0	-154.4 / 154.0	-143.6 / 148.7	-145.1 / 147.2	-155.3 / 155.0	-156.0 / 154.5	59.2 / -58.8	55.8 / -58.1	77.2 / -77.1	67.3 / -64.8	62.1 / -60.0	77.7 / -77.5
$\nu_0$	-25.1 / 25.1	-25.5 / 25.2	-22.7 / 25.3	-20.1 / 23.4	-21.3 / 21.9	-24.7 / 25.3	-6.5 / 7.5	-4.1 / 3.5	-19.4 / 18.5	-8.0 / 9.0	-0.1 / 1.7	-19.7 / 20.9
$\nu_1$	35.4 / -35.0	38.4 / -38.8	33.3 / -36.3	33.6 / -35.1	34.4 / -34.5	35.0 / -35.1	-13.6 / 13.5	-13.6 / 14.2	33.1 / -31.7	-11.4 / 11.5	-15.3 / 16.0	36.1 / -37.3
$\nu_2$	-31.7 / 31.2	-36.2 / 37.7	-30.8 / 33.0	-33.8 / 33.0	-33.7 / 33.4	-31.7 / 31.5	26.7 / -27.4	24.7 / -24.9	-33.4 / 32.1	24.8 / -25.6	23.5 / -25.9	-37.8 / 38.0
$\nu_3$	18.1 / -17.2	22.6 / -24.0	18.4 / -19.3	23.2 / -20.6	22.1 / -21.5	18.2 / -17.8	-31.2 / 32.8	-27.7 / 27.5	22.9 / -22.2	-29.9 / 31.3	-23.9 / 27.6	27.7 / -26.7
$\nu_4$	4.3 / -4.8	1.8 / -0.4	2.5 / -3.6	-2.1 / -1.8	-0.7 / 0.0	4.1 / -4.5	24.0 / -25.8	20.2 / -19.8	-2.4 / 2.4	24.0 / -25.6	15.3 / -18.8	-5.1 / 3.9
<b>Pseudorotation parameters</b>												
P	154.9(7)/154.0(6)	159.2(7)/161.0(7)	157.5(7)/156.1(7)	165.0(7)/159.0(8)	162.7(6)/161.6(7)	155.3(7)/154.5(8)	29.9(8)/31.4(9)	26.5(7)/25.2(8)	165.5(6)/165.7(6)	33.2(7)/34.3(8)	18.2(7)/21.6(8)	169.0(7)/167.1(7)
$\tau_m$	36.0(5)/35.5(4)	39.7(5)/40.7(5)	34.2(4)/37.0(5)	35.9(4)/36.3(5)	36.1(4)/36.0(4)	35.7(4)/35.8(5)	31.5(4)/33.0(5)	28.2(3)/28.2(4)	35.3(4)/33.9(4)	30.2(4)/31.6(4)	25.2(3)/28.6(4)	39.6(5)/40.0(5)
<b>Sugar pucker</b>	C2'-endo	C2'-endo	C2'-endo	C2'-endo	C2'-endo	C2'-endo	C3'-endo	C3'-endo	C2'-endo	C3'-endo	C3'-endo	C2'-endo

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