

### 大會手冊 **PROGRAM BOOK**

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#### **PLENARY LECTURE I**

主持人:陳玉如理事長 (中國化學會)

### Pseudo-Natural Peptides, Products and Neobiologics for Therapeutic Applications

Macrocyclic peptides possess a number of pharmacological characteristics distinct from other well-established therapeutic molecular classes, resulting in a versatile drug modality with a unique profile of advantages. Macrocyclic peptides are accessible by not only chemical synthesis but also ribosomal synthesis. Particularly, recent inventions of the genetic code reprogramming integrated with an in vitro display format, referred to as RaPID (Random non-standard Peptides Integrated Discovery) system, have enabled us to screen mass libraries (>1 trillion members) of non-standard peptides containing multiple non-proteinogenic amino acids, giving unique properties of peptides distinct from conventional peptides, e.g. greater proteolytic stability, higher affinity (low nM to sub nM dissociation constants similar to antibodies), and superior pharmacokinetics. The field is rapidly growing evidenced by increasing interests from industrial sectors, including mega-pharmas, toward drug development efforts on macrocyclic peptides and more recently extended to pseudonatural products. This lecture discusses the aforementioned screening technology, the RaPID system, and several showcases of therapeutic potentials of macrocyclic peptides. This lecture also discusses the most recent advance in the display of pseudo-natural products generated by thiopeptide post-translationally modifying enzymes and the development of neobiologics using LassoGraft technology.

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Keiji Numata has been a team leader (PI) of Biomacromolecules Research Team, RIKEN (2012-), a full professor of Department of Material Chemistry, Kyoto University (2020-), and a project professor of Keio University (2023-), Japan. He was Research Director for JST-ERATO Numata Organelle Reaction Cluster Project (2016-2023) and has been Research Director for for MEXT Program: Data Creation and Utilization-Type Material Research and Development Project (2022-). He received Policy Award, Cabinet Office, Japan (2023), Nagase Prize from the Frontier Salon Foundation (2022), the 2020 ACS (American Chemical Society, 2020), and so on. He was appointed as an associate is currently an associate editor of ACS Biomaterials Science and Engineering (2020-). He also serves on the editorial advisory boards of international journals. including Biomacromolecules and ACS Polymers Au.

14:30-16:00, March 30, 2024 (Sat)

# **KEIJI NUMATA**

Kyoto University, Japan

#### Big Data-driven Molecular Design of Artificial Spider Silk with Nano-scale Hierarchical Structures

Structural protein such as silk, collagen, and keratin, is one of the key molecules to realize the unique properties and functions of natural tissues and organisms. Spider silks are among the toughest known materials and thus provide models for renewable, biodegradable, and sustainable biopolymers. However, the entirety of their diversity still remains elusive, and silks that exceed the performance limits of industrial fibers are constantly being found. We sampled over 1000 spider species and developed a spider silk database, SILKome. Our global sampling, comprehensive testing, integrated analysis, and open data will provide a solid starting point for future biomaterial designs. Our research group also reported the new finding in spider silk spinning, which is essential to clear the hierarchical structure of spider silk. The scalable and sustainable synthesis method along the clarified structure-function relationship of natural proteins provides a new insight for structural and functional material design of amino acids-based polymers.



Figure: Sustainable design and biosynthesis of artificial spider silk.

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Miwa Suzuki has been an Assistant
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for Food Science and Wellness since
2021. She obtained her Ph.D. from
Gunma University in 2018, specializing in
biodegradable plastics. Her research
primarily revolves around investigating
the biodegradation mechanisms of
plastics in various environments.

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## **MIWA SUZUKI**

Gunma University, Japan

#### Differences between Biodegradable and Non-Biodegradable Plastics as Revealed by Microbiome

*n*-Alkanes are known to exhibit biodegradability <sup>[1]</sup>. In contrast, polyethylene (PE), a high molecular mass form of *n*-alkanes, does not display biodegradability. This suggests a threshold in microbial metabolism between the molecular mass of *n*-alkanes and their biodegradability. Our study aims to elucidate the environmental degradation mechanisms of *n*-alkanes of different molecular masses by conducting meta-omics analyses.

n-Alkanes with carbon numbers from 6 to 40 showed over 58% biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) biodegradability within 100 ds in soil environment.  $C_{44}H_{90}$  and PE do not show biodegradability.

The microflorae during the BOD biodegradability tests were revealed by 16S rRNA gene amplicon sequencing analysis. The microflora in the presence of n-alkanes with carbon numbers below 36 were similar, whereas that in the presence of  $C_{40}H_{82}$  was distinguishable. The microflora of  $C_{44}H_{90}$  did not alter it compared to the absence of a carbon source.

Soil extracts were incubated with  $C_{14}H_{30}$ ,  $C_{20}H_{42}$ ,  $C_{36}H_{74}$ ,  $C_{40}H_{82}$ , and  $C_{44}H_{90}$  and their microflora were investigated by metaomics analysis. A metagenome assembly genome (MAG) was created based on metagenomic DNA data of the soil microflora in the presence of each alkane. In the biodegradation process of alkanes, the initial reaction involves terminal oxidation by alkane monooxygenases produced by microorganisms <sup>[2]</sup>. The MAGs having the alkane monooxygenase genes, which were constructed in the presence of  $C_{14}H_{30}$ ,  $C_{20}H_{42}$ , and  $C_{36}H_{74}$  were classified into the genera *Nocardioides* and *Acinetobacter*. In contrast, the MAGs in the presence of  $C_{40}H_{82}$  were classified into the class of Bacteroidea, and genera of *Sphingorhabdus*, and *Prosthecobacter*. The results revealed that the expressed alkane monooxygenase genes in the presence of  $C_{40}H_{82}$  were different from those of lower molecular mass n-alkanes.

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#### **EDUCATION**

Sept. 2013: PhD, Department of Chemistry and Biotechnology, Graduate School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo

#### JOB CAREER

- Oct. 2013-Mar. 2015: Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Chemistry, Graduate School of Science, Tokyo Institute of Technology
- Apr. 2015-Mar. 2022: Assistant professor, Department of Chemistry, Graduate School of Science, Tokyo Institute of Technology
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#### Research Interest

Organometallic Chemistry, Organic Synthesis, Polymer Chemistry 16:30-18:00, March 30, 2024 (Sat)

# **KOHEI TAKAHASHI**

The University of Tokyo, Japan

# Metal-catalyzed Degradations of Epoxy Resins and Olefin-based Polymers

Environmental pollution by waste plastic is an urgent problem in human society. Polyolefins are the most consumed polymer materials but hardly degradable due to the difficulty to cleave the C-C bond in their main chain, and poor processability owing to their low solubility, high melting point, high viscosity, etc. Epoxy resin is another kind of widely used polymer, which is also challenging material to degrade because of the stability of the C-O bond in its main chain and insolubility to any solvent. Here, metal-catalyzed degradations of polyolefins and epoxy resins have been developed.

Polyethylene bearing COOH group is an easily available material via late transition metal catalyzed copolymerization reaction, bearing enhanced properties in adhesivity, mechanical strength, etc. When the polymer was subjected to a cerium-catalyzed photo-induced decarboxylation reaction, radical species was generated in the main chain, followed by fragmentation to give low molecular weight fragments (Figure a). Notably, the reaction proceeds at low temperature (60-80 °C), with O2 in the air as the oxidant, as solid without swelling in nearly quantitative recovery of carbon atoms. A general structure of most widely used bisphenol A based epoxy resin is presented in Figure b. Degradation of the epoxy resins was realized by a nickel-catalyzed hydrogenolysis of the C-O bonds to recover bisphenol A in good yield. By DFT analyses, the key C-O cleavage step was suggested to proceed through unique transition state where nickel center does not directly interact with both of the carbon and the oxygen atom of the cleaving C-O bond.

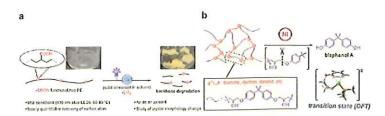


Figure a: Ce-catalyzed photodegradation of PE-COOH, b: Nickel-catalyzed degradation of epoxy resin.

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Kotaro Satoh received his Ph.D. degree in polymer chemistry from Kyoto University under supervision of Professor Mitsuo Sawamoto in 2000. During 2000–2004, he worked for Kuraray Co., Ltd. as a researcher. In 2004, he moved to Nagoya University as an Assistant Professor Working with Professor Masami Kamigaito and was promoted to an Associate Professor in 2007. In 2009–2010, he was a visiting scientist at University of California, Santa Barbara, working with Professor Craig J. Hawker. In 2019, he moved to Department of Chemical Science and Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology as a full professor. He received the Awards for the Encouragement of Research in Polymer Science SPSJ (2008), The Young Scientists' Prize by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan (2012), SPSJ Asahi Kasei Award (2012), and SPSJ Wiley Award (2015). His research interest includes exploring new precision polymerization systems, as well as developments of bio-based and degradable polymers.

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# **KOTARO SATOH**

Tokyo Institute of T<mark>echnol</mark>ogy, Japan

# Novel Bio-Based and/or Degradable Polymers Using Controlled/Living Polymerization

Increasing number of techniques for vinyl polymerizations have been developed and one can easily access various polymers with well-defined primary structures by controlled/living polymerization systems. However, environmental issue caused by polymeric material has become a serious problem nowadays. To dissolve this problem, we now must consider the beneficial materials from birth to grave. Bio-based polymer materials from renewable resources have recently been attracting much attention from the viewpoint of environmentally benign and sustainable chemistry, i.e., reducing our reliance on fossil fuels. The specific or complicated structures originating from natural products are also definitely beneficial for developing high performance or functional bio-based polymeric materials. In this talk, I will present the controlled/living polymerization of a series of naturally-occurring and/or -derived vinyl monomer for creating novel bio-based polymers. In addition, we tried to synthesize novel degradable polymers that is composed of C-C bonds as the main chain but decomposes upon a specific stimulus by using the chemistry of controlled/living polymerization for efficient chemical recycling.

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