



AbSciCon
2019

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00:00:00,790 --> 00:00:07,320

[Music]

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00:00:11,170 --> 00:00:08,760

[Applause]

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00:00:12,910 --> 00:00:11,180

in the my name is Trent Stubbs I'm a

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00:00:14,740 --> 00:00:12,920

rising senior undergraduate student at

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00:00:15,820 --> 00:00:14,750

Furman University and I've been working

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00:00:17,890 --> 00:00:15,830

into the direction of dr. Greg

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00:00:20,439 --> 00:00:17,900

Springsteen for the past two summers at

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00:00:24,429 --> 00:00:20,449

a part of NASA and NSF funded Center for

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00:00:26,620 --> 00:00:24,439

chemical evolution so I would like to

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00:00:28,540 --> 00:00:26,630

start today by discussing the classic

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00:00:30,490 --> 00:00:28,550

miller-urey experiment done in the 1950s

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00:00:31,900 --> 00:00:30,500

it's really launched the field of

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00:00:34,210 --> 00:00:31,910

prebiotic chemistry of course by

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00:00:36,850 --> 00:00:34,220

demonstrating being able to transform

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00:00:39,069 --> 00:00:36,860

these small organic materials into

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00:00:42,040 --> 00:00:39,079

larger biologically relevant species

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00:00:44,260 --> 00:00:42,050

like amino acids to other some more

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00:00:46,510 --> 00:00:44,270

related experiments being formaldehyde

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00:00:48,670 --> 00:00:46,520

condensation producing saccharides or

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00:00:50,320 --> 00:00:48,680

HCN polymerization and hydrolysis

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00:00:53,260 --> 00:00:50,330

generating a lot of precursors to

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nucleobases but as you can tell from the

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00:00:57,700 --> 00:00:55,190

two HPLC chromatograms

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00:00:59,500 --> 00:00:57,710

there was no thermodynamic end product

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00:01:01,810 --> 00:00:59,510

to these processes and it's hard to

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00:01:04,149 --> 00:01:01,820

imagine that biology could then take

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00:01:06,910 --> 00:01:04,159

this system which is somewhat of an

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organic tar-like mess and be able to

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evolve from it and as some sort of

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00:01:14,200 --> 00:01:12,080

established foundation so when we were

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00:01:15,700 --> 00:01:14,210

designing our experiments to investigate

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00:01:17,080 --> 00:01:15,710

the origins of metabolism we wanted

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00:01:18,760 --> 00:01:17,090

something a little bit more robust and

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00:01:20,860 --> 00:01:18,770

so we wanted to study something that

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00:01:23,190 --> 00:01:20,870

exists in every living system ever and

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00:01:26,020 --> 00:01:23,200

that is the circuit citric acid cycle

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00:01:28,090 --> 00:01:26,030

these transformations now have many

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00:01:30,000 --> 00:01:28,100

roles in modern biology three of which

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00:01:32,920 --> 00:01:30,010

are to capture redox potential

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00:01:34,810 --> 00:01:32,930

biosynthesize other relevant molecules

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00:01:36,250 --> 00:01:34,820

and then fixate carbon in the form of

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00:01:39,040 --> 00:01:36,260

the reductive citric acid cycle

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00:01:41,260 --> 00:01:39,050

now these specific transformations to

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00:01:43,240 --> 00:01:41,270

turn pyruvate an acetyl co a into these

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00:01:45,010 --> 00:01:43,250

larger building block intermediates

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00:01:47,649 --> 00:01:45,020

require eleven different enzymes and

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00:01:52,030 --> 00:01:47,659

multiple Co factors including nad plus F

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00:01:54,640 --> 00:01:52,040

ad and GDP but but of course we were

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00:01:56,710 --> 00:01:54,650

just looking more for a some sort of

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00:01:59,710 --> 00:01:56,720

remnant of these robusta geochemical

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00:02:01,260 --> 00:01:59,720
pathways that existed within and many

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00:02:04,210 --> 00:02:01,270
researchers before have tried to

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00:02:05,770 --> 00:02:04,220
recapitulate these exact transformations

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00:02:08,259 --> 00:02:05,780
that occur within the citric acid cycle

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00:02:09,910 --> 00:02:08,269
and only two of which really proceeded

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00:02:11,710 --> 00:02:09,920
in high yield that's the oxidative

57
00:02:14,800 --> 00:02:11,720
decarboxylation and the beta

58
00:02:17,110 --> 00:02:14,810
decarboxylation and and it makes very

59
00:02:19,119 --> 00:02:17,120
good sense for why these transformations

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00:02:20,680 --> 00:02:19,129
don't occur the carboxylate is just

61
00:02:23,860 --> 00:02:20,690
simply not reactive enough

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00:02:25,930 --> 00:02:23,870
the carbonyl carbon is not electrophilic

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00:02:28,660 --> 00:02:25,940

enough for attack and then the carbon

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00:02:31,330 --> 00:02:28,670

alpha 2 the carboxylate has a pKa of

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00:02:33,280 --> 00:02:31,340

about 27 so it's just not something that

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00:02:35,560 --> 00:02:33,290

is nucleophilic enough to be able to

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00:02:37,510 --> 00:02:35,570

establish an appreciable equilibrium

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00:02:41,890 --> 00:02:37,520

between the carboxylate and the either

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00:02:44,230 --> 00:02:41,900

enolate or enol to attack out of so we

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00:02:46,000 --> 00:02:44,240

had an idea and now is to replace this

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00:02:47,980 --> 00:02:46,010

carboxylate functional group with

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00:02:49,510 --> 00:02:47,990

something more reactive and that more

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00:02:51,610 --> 00:02:49,520

reactive group turns out to be something

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00:02:54,100 --> 00:02:51,620

called an alpha keto acid and it's shown

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00:02:57,220 --> 00:02:54,110

below on the bottom half of the screen

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00:02:59,110 --> 00:02:57,230
and these alpha keto acids are much more

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00:03:00,700 --> 00:02:59,120
electrophilic at that carbonyl carbon

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00:03:02,830 --> 00:03:00,710
and are susceptible to attack and

79
00:03:05,860 --> 00:03:02,840
they're much more nucleophilic that

80
00:03:08,650 --> 00:03:05,870
alpha carbon next to the keto acid has a

81
00:03:10,030 --> 00:03:08,660
pKa of about 12 so now in an aqueous

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00:03:13,060 --> 00:03:10,040
environment we can begin to

83
00:03:15,010 --> 00:03:13,070
deprotonating and start form the enol or

84
00:03:17,830 --> 00:03:15,020
enolate to attack out of as a good

85
00:03:20,230 --> 00:03:17,840
nucleophile and somewhat remarkably this

86
00:03:22,690 --> 00:03:20,240
alpha keto acid can then be transformed

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00:03:24,910 --> 00:03:22,700
right back into the canonical carboxylic

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00:03:27,790 --> 00:03:24,920

acid in near quantitative yield just

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00:03:30,010 --> 00:03:27,800

through the oxidative decarboxylation so

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00:03:31,780 --> 00:03:30,020

our idea was to take the citric acid

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00:03:33,460 --> 00:03:31,790

cycle something robust in every

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00:03:35,440 --> 00:03:33,470

biological system that exists and

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00:03:37,060 --> 00:03:35,450

replaced one of those carboxylate

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00:03:38,980 --> 00:03:37,070

functional groups with this more

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00:03:40,960 --> 00:03:38,990

reactive alpha keto acid functional

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00:03:43,750 --> 00:03:40,970

group and that's shown on the second

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00:03:46,270 --> 00:03:43,760

line so for example Malley becomes now

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00:03:48,520 --> 00:03:46,280

malloy for malate or fumarate becomes

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00:03:51,729 --> 00:03:48,530

few more oil for me and you may even see

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00:03:54,280 --> 00:03:51,739

that some keto acids exist now already

101
00:03:57,640 --> 00:03:54,290
in the citric acid cycle like alpha

102
00:03:59,199 --> 00:03:57,650
ketoglutarate and oxaloacetate and

103
00:04:01,180 --> 00:03:59,209
here's just an example of one reference

104
00:04:03,820 --> 00:04:01,190
in the literature right now utilizing

105
00:04:06,970 --> 00:04:03,830
the power of these alpha keto acids this

106
00:04:08,260 --> 00:04:06,980
was done by kim @I in the 70s where they

107
00:04:11,380 --> 00:04:08,270
were able to show the generation of

108
00:04:13,330 --> 00:04:11,390
citrate through a self condensation of

109
00:04:15,100 --> 00:04:13,340
oxaloacetate followed by beta

110
00:04:17,050 --> 00:04:15,110
decarboxylation and then oxidative

111
00:04:19,300 --> 00:04:17,060
decarboxylation to give reasonable

112
00:04:23,860 --> 00:04:19,310
yields in the aqueous environment at a

113
00:04:26,500 --> 00:04:23,870

pH of 5 in pH of 7 we wanted to test our

114

00:04:28,659 --> 00:04:26,510

prebiotic pathway and so we did that by

115

00:04:31,240 --> 00:04:28,669

reacting 200 millimolar pyruvate with

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00:04:34,060 --> 00:04:31,250

three equivalents of glyoxylate and a pH

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00:04:36,220 --> 00:04:34,070

7 buffer and that gave us these first

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00:04:38,410 --> 00:04:36,230

these two NMR's shown and it was

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00:04:40,600 --> 00:04:38,420

somewhat remarkable and that not only

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00:04:43,150 --> 00:04:40,610

did we see the first aldol addition

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00:04:45,940 --> 00:04:43,160

product that mal oil form eight species

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00:04:48,400 --> 00:04:45,950

but we also saw the condensation product

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00:04:49,900 --> 00:04:48,410

and then reduction product and then

124

00:04:52,090 --> 00:04:49,910

subsequent aldol addition and

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00:04:53,500 --> 00:04:52,100

condensation product as well and this

126

00:04:56,050 --> 00:04:53,510

was really exciting for us and that's

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00:04:58,690 --> 00:04:56,060

what the both NMR's are showing us a

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00:05:01,360 --> 00:04:58,700

being starting from pyruvate and then be

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00:05:03,430 --> 00:05:01,370

starting from alpha ketoglutarate where

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00:05:06,070 --> 00:05:03,440

nearly everything we produced in

131

00:05:08,140 --> 00:05:06,080

solution was one of these citric acid

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00:05:11,820 --> 00:05:08,150

cycle equivalence right just with the

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00:05:14,410 --> 00:05:11,830

alpha keto acid functional group and

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00:05:16,390 --> 00:05:14,420

then from there we wanted to transform

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00:05:18,580 --> 00:05:16,400

this keto acid group back into the

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00:05:19,900 --> 00:05:18,590

carboxylate functional group and we did

137

00:05:22,570 --> 00:05:19,910

that just through the oxidative

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00:05:24,400 --> 00:05:22,580

decarboxylation ECAR box elation

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00:05:25,810 --> 00:05:24,410

mechanism with five equivalents of

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00:05:28,150 --> 00:05:25,820

hydrogen peroxide just at room

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00:05:30,010 --> 00:05:28,160

temperature and in mere 15 minutes it

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00:05:32,890 --> 00:05:30,020

gave us this beautiful spectra below

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00:05:34,930 --> 00:05:32,900

where now everything in solution is now

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00:05:36,790 --> 00:05:34,940

these citric acid cycle intermediates

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00:05:39,400 --> 00:05:36,800

and this all stemmed from a single

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00:05:41,410 --> 00:05:39,410

reaction pot a single system of just

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00:05:43,810 --> 00:05:41,420

pyruvate and glyoxylate the smallest

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00:05:47,740 --> 00:05:43,820

alpha keto acid and the second smallest

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00:05:49,720 --> 00:05:47,750

alpha keto acid another way which we

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00:05:53,170 --> 00:05:49,730

were able to visualize this reaction

151
00:05:55,060 --> 00:05:53,180
progression was by HPLC so two of the

152
00:05:57,730 --> 00:05:55,070
molecules in particular having a double

153
00:05:59,590 --> 00:05:57,740
bond really have a nice UV trace one

154
00:06:01,270 --> 00:05:59,600
being the few more oil formate labeled B

155
00:06:03,910 --> 00:06:01,280
and the other being a Cana torial

156
00:06:05,590 --> 00:06:03,920
formate labeled C so as we see that

157
00:06:08,260 --> 00:06:05,600
concentration of fumarole formate

158
00:06:10,450 --> 00:06:08,270
increase as we begin to go through the

159
00:06:12,910 --> 00:06:10,460
cycle we then see it reached its maximum

160
00:06:14,800 --> 00:06:12,920
and then start to fall as the

161
00:06:16,870 --> 00:06:14,810
concentration of the transit connot

162
00:06:19,150 --> 00:06:16,880
eight begins to increase so this was a

163
00:06:21,370 --> 00:06:19,160

beautiful pathway to really show that we

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00:06:23,440 --> 00:06:21,380

were following this this cyclic system

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00:06:25,810 --> 00:06:23,450

like that of the reductive reductive

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00:06:28,870 --> 00:06:25,820

citric acid cycle and we believe that

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00:06:30,700 --> 00:06:28,880

that transformation from be the fumarole

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00:06:33,070 --> 00:06:30,710

format to the alpha ketoglutarate is the

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00:06:35,050 --> 00:06:33,080

rate limiting step and it is presumed

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00:06:37,360 --> 00:06:35,060

that that might proceed through a Kaunas

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00:06:40,330 --> 00:06:37,370

ro type reduction of a hydride through

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00:06:42,340 --> 00:06:40,340

the hydrate of glyoxylate additionally

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00:06:45,280 --> 00:06:42,350

this helped us visualize that we were

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00:06:47,480 --> 00:06:45,290

also producing some sis Akana Tate which

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00:06:51,409 --> 00:06:47,490

is the biologically relevant ice

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00:06:54,529 --> 00:06:51,419

of ikana tate and so this is the pathway

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00:06:56,930 --> 00:06:54,539

in a nutshell the outer cycle being the

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00:06:59,629 --> 00:06:56,940

modern reductive citric acid cycle and

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00:07:01,670 --> 00:06:59,639

the inner cycle being our keto acid

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00:07:03,980 --> 00:07:01,680

equivalent pathway starting from

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00:07:06,529 --> 00:07:03,990

pyruvate and glyoxylate proceeding

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00:07:08,330 --> 00:07:06,539

through the exact inner the exact

183

00:07:11,659 --> 00:07:08,340

equivalent of the intermediates in the

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00:07:14,420 --> 00:07:11,669

citric acid cycle in a single reaction

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00:07:17,450 --> 00:07:14,430

pot a single reaction system at a pH of

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00:07:21,020 --> 00:07:17,460

seven and 50 degrees C and in only 21

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00:07:23,120 --> 00:07:21,030

hours now you may see the one gap in

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00:07:25,399 --> 00:07:23,130

between the Econo toll format in central

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00:07:28,330 --> 00:07:25,409

formate that's one area in which we

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00:07:31,730 --> 00:07:28,340

wanted to investigate in the future and

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00:07:35,600 --> 00:07:31,740

we have now an idea for being able to

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00:07:38,180 --> 00:07:35,610

transform that molecule the medial econo

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00:07:40,879 --> 00:07:38,190

toll format we call it into the central

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00:07:42,680 --> 00:07:40,889

forming if medial kana toriel form eight

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00:07:45,559 --> 00:07:42,690

just hydrates in water it would be a

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00:07:47,659 --> 00:07:45,569

conjugate addition and it would add not

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00:07:49,490 --> 00:07:47,669

at the tertiary carbon which is give us

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00:07:51,649 --> 00:07:49,500

the Satori form eight so we need to

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00:07:53,749 --> 00:07:51,659

somewhat rearrange this keto acid

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00:07:56,270 --> 00:07:53,759

functional group and we found that while

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00:07:59,870 --> 00:07:56,280
taking an NMR of this species we would

202
00:08:02,330 --> 00:07:59,880
exchange protons with a deuterium in d₂O

203
00:08:04,490 --> 00:08:02,340
at the beta carbon which would suggest

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00:08:06,529 --> 00:08:04,500
we somehow activated that beta carbon

205
00:08:07,909 --> 00:08:06,539
and when you look at the structures and

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00:08:09,920 --> 00:08:07,919
particularly the resonance structures of

207
00:08:12,140 --> 00:08:09,930
that species it makes sense why that

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00:08:14,209 --> 00:08:12,150
carbon was activated it's now dumping

209
00:08:16,399 --> 00:08:14,219
into the carboxylate adjacent to it and

210
00:08:19,430 --> 00:08:16,409
then through the double bond into

211
00:08:21,499 --> 00:08:19,440
another carboxylate as well so in theory

212
00:08:23,600 --> 00:08:21,509
now we can add a second equivalent of

213
00:08:26,330 --> 00:08:23,610

glyoxylate ad at the beta position and

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00:08:28,610 --> 00:08:26,340

then hydrate in retro out all that first

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00:08:30,920 --> 00:08:28,620

glyoxylate addition giving us now

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00:08:33,409 --> 00:08:30,930

terminal Akana toil for mate same

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00:08:35,149 --> 00:08:33,419

molecule just having that car box re the

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00:08:37,100 --> 00:08:35,159

keto acid a functional group in a

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00:08:39,589 --> 00:08:37,110

different location this would then

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00:08:41,180 --> 00:08:39,599

hydrate in the tertiary position we

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00:08:43,430 --> 00:08:41,190

believe which would retro a little

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00:08:46,430 --> 00:08:43,440

giving us two molecules of pyruvate and

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00:08:48,139 --> 00:08:46,440

one molecule of carbon dioxide so if we

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00:08:49,760 --> 00:08:48,149

can achieve this transformation now in

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00:08:51,949 --> 00:08:49,770

the future that would have taken us from

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00:08:55,930 --> 00:08:51,959

one pyruvate starting the cycle to two

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00:08:57,680 --> 00:08:55,940

pyruvates and in excess of glyoxylate

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00:09:00,439 --> 00:08:57,690

something else we wanted to demonstrate

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00:09:01,639 --> 00:09:00,449

was how far can we take these alpha keto

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00:09:04,219 --> 00:09:01,649

acids how

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00:09:05,869 --> 00:09:04,229

can we utilize their reactivity and

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00:09:08,509 --> 00:09:05,879

and we wanted to generate some amino

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00:09:10,129 --> 00:09:08,519

acids much like biology does with them

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00:09:12,199 --> 00:09:10,139

now and so we did that through a

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00:09:13,429 --> 00:09:12,209

transamination with the simplest amino

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00:09:16,009 --> 00:09:13,439

acid glycine

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00:09:18,559 --> 00:09:16,019

and a potassium aluminium salt at 80

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00:09:21,710 --> 00:09:18,569

degrees C and a pH of 5 for about five

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00:09:23,179 --> 00:09:21,720

hours and NMR a showing the generation

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00:09:26,210 --> 00:09:23,189

of glutamate from alpha ketoglutarate

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00:09:28,759 --> 00:09:26,220

and then B showing the generation of

242

00:09:30,619 --> 00:09:28,769

alanine from pyruvate in the presence of

243

00:09:33,229 --> 00:09:30,629

the glyoxylate and this potassium

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00:09:37,249 --> 00:09:33,239

aluminium salt and then now somewhat

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00:09:39,799 --> 00:09:37,259

interestingly is as well the glycine

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00:09:41,689 --> 00:09:39,809

species then is also it's undergoing

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00:09:44,509 --> 00:09:41,699

that transamination so it is producing

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00:09:46,429 --> 00:09:44,519

glyoxylate which is the feed stock for

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00:09:50,689 --> 00:09:46,439

our prebiotic cycle as shown on the

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00:09:52,219 --> 00:09:50,699

previous slide and so just one more time

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00:09:54,859 --> 00:09:52,229

just to kind of wrap up everything that

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00:09:57,109 --> 00:09:54,869

was done on this project the inner cycle

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00:09:59,089 --> 00:09:57,119

being our alpha keto acid equivalent in

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00:10:03,079 --> 00:09:59,099

the outer cycle being the canonical

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00:10:06,229 --> 00:10:03,089

citric acid cycle and a couple key

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00:10:08,239 --> 00:10:06,239

points I want to emphasize or we're not

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00:10:10,969 --> 00:10:08,249

suggesting that it was hydrogen peroxide

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00:10:13,699 --> 00:10:10,979

or a potassium aluminium salt which

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00:10:15,590 --> 00:10:13,709

under did these exact transformations

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00:10:18,590 --> 00:10:15,600

but what we're trying to show is that

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00:10:20,569 --> 00:10:18,600

going from these keto acids to the

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00:10:23,119 --> 00:10:20,579

canonical carboxylates or two amino

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00:10:25,309 --> 00:10:23,129

acids would have been really easy and

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00:10:28,579 --> 00:10:25,319

really efficient and even advantageous

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00:10:31,579 --> 00:10:28,589

for an evolving enzymatic system to to

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00:10:34,309 --> 00:10:31,589

to use once it requires regulation

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00:10:36,229 --> 00:10:34,319

because once we get the car nautical

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00:10:38,840 --> 00:10:36,239

citric acid cycle intermediates as I

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00:10:40,969 --> 00:10:38,850

showed on I think slide 2 they're dead

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00:10:42,859 --> 00:10:40,979

ends and we can't undergo any further

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00:10:45,559 --> 00:10:42,869

transformations unless we have that

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00:10:49,489 --> 00:10:45,569

enzyme so we can imagine this as a

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00:10:51,859 --> 00:10:49,499

possible prebiotic we plausible system

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for now in evolving enzyme to really get

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ahold of and grasp and be and to

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transform and evolve so with that I

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help

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operation on this product and lastly my

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lab members ELISA clay who's now at

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Stanford Rachel Cooke who will be giving

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a poster presentation tonight at seven

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and my p i-- and and mentor dr. Greg

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Springsteen so with that thank you so

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much for your attention I'd be happy to

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take any questions so we have time for

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yes right so we do see some oxalate in

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the NMR and particularly we believe

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there are a couple of competing pathways

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which might produce this the alpha

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ketoglutarate another one being through

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a second edition of glyoxylate but

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that's something we're still

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00:12:25,500 --> 00:12:24,370
investigating and wanting to look down

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00:12:27,060 --> 00:12:25,510
the road to really confirm that

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00:13:00,270 --> 00:12:27,070
particularly with some isotopic labeling

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studies though I think it's a great

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00:13:03,960 --> 00:13:01,870
question I think that's one of the the

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00:13:06,570 --> 00:13:03,970
strongest points we have for this

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00:13:09,630 --> 00:13:06,580
prebiotic cycle is that it runs by

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00:13:11,010 --> 00:13:09,640
itself and therefore for some sort of

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living system there would be no

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00:13:15,660 --> 00:13:13,060
regulation and there would be no control

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00:13:18,120 --> 00:13:15,670
over what's occurring it can just go in

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00:13:20,250 --> 00:13:18,130
water by itself pretty remarkable so

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00:13:21,960 --> 00:13:20,260

then once the enzyme catalysis were

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00:13:23,370 --> 00:13:21,970

available it could really kind of

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capture it and get a hold of what was

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00:13:47,340 --> 00:13:26,790

going on that's exactly right

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00:13:51,540 --> 00:13:49,410

so right now that that's just an

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00:13:55,050 --> 00:13:51,550

oxidative decarboxylation mechanism and

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the currently the the cofactor to do

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00:13:59,819 --> 00:13:57,970

that is TPP but we can do that with

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hydrogen peroxide which is just the

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byproduct of the photo oxidation of