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1  
00:00:05,990 --> 00:00:05,430  
we know a lot about the biological tree

2  
00:00:07,510 --> 00:00:06,000  
of life

3  
00:00:09,350 --> 00:00:07,520  
and can trace life's evolutionary

4  
00:00:11,910 --> 00:00:09,360  
history all the way back to a last

5  
00:00:13,350 --> 00:00:11,920  
universal common ancestor

6  
00:00:14,870 --> 00:00:13,360  
but for all that we understand about the

7  
00:00:16,630 --> 00:00:14,880  
tree of life there's still a great deal

8  
00:00:18,550 --> 00:00:16,640  
that we don't understand about its root

9  
00:00:20,390 --> 00:00:18,560  
system

10  
00:00:22,550 --> 00:00:20,400  
research on the origin of life can focus

11  
00:00:24,790 --> 00:00:22,560  
on any of a number of stages in life's

12  
00:00:26,790 --> 00:00:24,800  
emergence

13  
00:00:28,070 --> 00:00:26,800

some origins of life research takes a

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00:00:30,150 --> 00:00:28,080

top-down approach

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00:00:32,310 --> 00:00:30,160

looking at the proximate ancestors to

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00:00:34,229 --> 00:00:32,320

the last universal common ancestor

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00:00:35,750 --> 00:00:34,239

with all of the historical contingencies

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00:00:38,630 --> 00:00:35,760

they may have picked up along the way in

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00:00:42,310 --> 00:00:40,389

alternatively one can take more of a

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00:00:44,549 --> 00:00:42,320

bottom-up approach investigating the

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00:00:46,229 --> 00:00:44,559

earliest stages of life's emergence

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00:00:47,590 --> 00:00:46,239

when it only has the first intimations

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00:00:50,069 --> 00:00:47,600

of lifelike behavior

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00:00:53,830 --> 00:00:50,079

and when few significant historical

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00:00:57,830 --> 00:00:55,590

auto catalytic cycles may have been an

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00:00:59,990 --> 00:00:57,840

important part of life's chemical roots

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00:01:00,790 --> 00:01:00,000

providing a means by which chemicals can

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00:01:03,430 --> 00:01:00,800

collectively

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00:01:05,189 --> 00:01:03,440

self-propagate the chemicals involved in

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00:01:07,510 --> 00:01:05,199

auto-catalytic cycles

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00:01:10,230 --> 00:01:07,520

can be split into three categories food

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00:01:11,830 --> 00:01:10,240

species which only show up as reactants

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00:01:13,750 --> 00:01:11,840

waste species that only show up as

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00:01:15,990 --> 00:01:13,760

products and member species which show

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00:01:17,749 --> 00:01:16,000

up as both products and reactants

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00:01:20,390 --> 00:01:17,759

and whose abundance grow with each turn

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00:01:21,990 --> 00:01:20,400

of the cycle

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00:01:23,910 --> 00:01:22,000

here we have a simple toy model for an

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00:01:25,429 --> 00:01:23,920

auto catalytic cycle consisting of two

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00:01:26,710 --> 00:01:25,439

reversible reactions

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00:01:28,469 --> 00:01:26,720

the first of which produces an

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00:01:30,069 --> 00:01:28,479

intermediary member species and the

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00:01:31,830 --> 00:01:30,079

second of which produces two of the

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00:01:33,830 --> 00:01:31,840

original member species

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00:01:36,469 --> 00:01:33,840

this provides a stoichiometric asymmetry

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00:01:38,390 --> 00:01:36,479

that allows the cycle to grow and spread

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00:01:40,149 --> 00:01:38,400

we simulate auto catalytic cycles in

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00:01:41,670 --> 00:01:40,159

flow reactor environments where food

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00:01:43,030 --> 00:01:41,680

flows in from a source to drive the

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00:01:44,710 --> 00:01:43,040

system out of equilibrium

51  
00:01:46,870 --> 00:01:44,720  
and where all chemicals flow out of the

52  
00:01:48,630 --> 00:01:46,880  
reactor such that if a cycle doesn't

53  
00:01:49,350 --> 00:01:48,640  
propagate itself fast enough it will go

54  
00:01:51,350 --> 00:01:49,360  
extinct

55  
00:01:52,789 --> 00:01:51,360  
these simulations can be performed using

56  
00:01:54,870 --> 00:01:52,799  
mass action kinetics in which case

57  
00:01:56,709 --> 00:01:54,880  
chemical concentrations are continuous

58  
00:01:58,389 --> 00:01:56,719  
and the simulations are deterministic

59  
00:02:00,389 --> 00:01:58,399  
we're using the gillespie algorithm in

60  
00:02:02,550 --> 00:02:00,399  
which case chemical counts are discrete

61  
00:02:04,149 --> 00:02:02,560  
and the simulations are stochastic we

62  
00:02:04,870 --> 00:02:04,159  
use the gillespie algorithm in this

63  
00:02:06,469 --> 00:02:04,880

presentation

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00:02:08,229 --> 00:02:06,479

an example is on the right you can see

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00:02:11,110 --> 00:02:08,239

the logistic growth of member species

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00:02:12,949 --> 00:02:11,120

and waste species as food is depleted

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00:02:14,309 --> 00:02:12,959

in 2020 we published a paper

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00:02:15,750 --> 00:02:14,319

investigating the different types of

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00:02:17,670 --> 00:02:15,760

ecological interactions that auto

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00:02:19,589 --> 00:02:17,680

catalytic cycles might exhibit

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00:02:22,710 --> 00:02:19,599

extending the analogy of auto catalytic

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00:02:24,710 --> 00:02:22,720

cycles as species in an ecosystem

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00:02:26,390 --> 00:02:24,720

we showed that auto catalytic cycles can

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00:02:27,910 --> 00:02:26,400

compete for food sources

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00:02:29,990 --> 00:02:27,920

exhibit facultative and obligate

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00:02:32,630 --> 00:02:30,000

mutualisms with the waste of one

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00:02:34,550 --> 00:02:32,640

serving as the food for another that the

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00:02:36,150 --> 00:02:34,560

one cycle can prey on the member species

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00:02:38,070 --> 00:02:36,160

of another cycle and that cycles can

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00:02:40,710 --> 00:02:38,080

mutually inhibit one another

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00:02:42,630 --> 00:02:40,720

the idea is that different ecological

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00:02:44,390 --> 00:02:42,640

interactions can be composed to form

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00:02:45,509 --> 00:02:44,400

stable ecosystems of increasing

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00:02:47,110 --> 00:02:45,519

complexity

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00:02:49,750 --> 00:02:47,120

to provide the scaffolding for later

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00:02:51,830 --> 00:02:49,760

stages in the emergence of

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00:02:53,830 --> 00:02:51,840

this previous work limited its analysis

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00:02:54,790 --> 00:02:53,840

to auto catalytic cycles in well-mixed

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00:02:56,390 --> 00:02:54,800

environments

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00:02:58,470 --> 00:02:56,400

but the ecological possibilities for

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00:03:00,470 --> 00:02:58,480

chemical ecosystems might be expanded if

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00:03:02,390 --> 00:03:00,480

we consider different types of spatially

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00:03:04,550 --> 00:03:02,400

structured environments instead

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00:03:06,390 --> 00:03:04,560

for example reaction diffusion systems

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00:03:08,630 --> 00:03:06,400

where cycles can spread

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00:03:10,149 --> 00:03:08,640

to occupy new locations and thereby gain

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00:03:11,990 --> 00:03:10,159

access to new food

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00:03:14,470 --> 00:03:12,000

these will be the primary focus of this

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00:03:15,910 --> 00:03:14,480

presentation

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00:03:17,110 --> 00:03:15,920

there are several reasons the spatial

101  
00:03:19,350 --> 00:03:17,120  
structure might be important to the

102  
00:03:20,869 --> 00:03:19,360  
dynamics of chemical ecosystems

103  
00:03:22,550 --> 00:03:20,879  
first it might help to sustain more

104  
00:03:24,229 --> 00:03:22,560  
complex chemical ecosystems by

105  
00:03:25,910 --> 00:03:24,239  
permitting the coexistence of cycles

106  
00:03:26,949 --> 00:03:25,920  
that couldn't coexist in a well-mixed

107  
00:03:30,630 --> 00:03:26,959  
environment

108  
00:03:32,070 --> 00:03:30,640  
might select for spatial properties of

109  
00:03:34,630 --> 00:03:32,080  
auto catalytic cycles

110  
00:03:36,630 --> 00:03:34,640  
such as the permeability or diffusivity

111  
00:03:39,030 --> 00:03:36,640  
of their constituent chemicals

112  
00:03:40,390 --> 00:03:39,040  
and third spatial structure might create

113  
00:03:42,309 --> 00:03:40,400

new levels of selection

114

00:03:43,430 --> 00:03:42,319

either favoring traits that couldn't be

115

00:03:45,910 --> 00:03:43,440

avored in the well-mixed

116

00:03:47,589 --> 00:03:45,920

environment analogous to group structure

117

00:03:48,949 --> 00:03:47,599

favoring different traits and biological

118

00:03:51,030 --> 00:03:48,959

populations

119

00:03:52,630 --> 00:03:51,040

or creating new units of selection

120

00:03:54,149 --> 00:03:52,640

altogether

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00:03:56,149 --> 00:03:54,159

first i'm going to present a simple

122

00:03:57,589 --> 00:03:56,159

example where a spatially structured

123

00:03:59,589 --> 00:03:57,599

environment permits a more complex

124

00:04:01,030 --> 00:03:59,599

chemical ecosystem to be maintained

125

00:04:03,110 --> 00:04:01,040

then could otherwise be maintained in

126

00:04:05,190 --> 00:04:03,120

the well-mixed case this is going to be

127

00:04:07,429 --> 00:04:05,200

similar in spirit to the bz reaction

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00:04:09,509 --> 00:04:07,439

which has auto catalytic mechanisms

129

00:04:11,110 --> 00:04:09,519

and which while oscillating between two

130

00:04:13,429 --> 00:04:11,120

states in the wellmix case

131

00:04:15,990 --> 00:04:13,439

exhibits stable and dynamic patterns and

132

00:04:17,909 --> 00:04:16,000

as a reaction diffusion system

133

00:04:19,749 --> 00:04:17,919

this example is going to consist of two

134

00:04:20,310 --> 00:04:19,759

mutually inhibiting auto catalytic

135

00:04:22,629 --> 00:04:20,320

cycles

136

00:04:23,830 --> 00:04:22,639

a and b which are colored red and blue

137

00:04:25,270 --> 00:04:23,840

respectively

138

00:04:26,629 --> 00:04:25,280

each cycle is supplied with an

139

00:04:29,189 --> 00:04:26,639

independent food source so that they're

140

00:04:30,870 --> 00:04:29,199

not directly competing for food

141

00:04:32,950 --> 00:04:30,880

each consists of two reversible

142

00:04:34,390 --> 00:04:32,960

reactions identical to the toy model i

143

00:04:36,629 --> 00:04:34,400

initially showed

144

00:04:37,990 --> 00:04:36,639

additionally we include two reversible

145

00:04:40,230 --> 00:04:38,000

inhibition reactions

146

00:04:42,469 --> 00:04:40,240

which react the waste of one cycle with

147

00:04:43,510 --> 00:04:42,479

the food of the other cycle to produce

148

00:04:46,150 --> 00:04:43,520

another species

149

00:04:47,270 --> 00:04:46,160

x or y that neither cycle can directly

150

00:04:49,270 --> 00:04:47,280

use

151

00:04:51,510 --> 00:04:49,280

the effect of this is that if one cycle

152

00:04:54,070 --> 00:04:51,520

increases its abundance more quickly

153

00:04:55,430 --> 00:04:54,080

the waste that it produces can inhibit

154

00:04:57,670 --> 00:04:55,440

the growth of the other cycle

155

00:04:59,990 --> 00:04:57,680

ultimately driving it extinct and once

156

00:05:00,710 --> 00:05:00,000

again all chemicals will be constantly

157

00:05:03,189 --> 00:05:00,720

diluted

158

00:05:06,469 --> 00:05:03,199

creating a selective pressure for cycles

159

00:05:08,390 --> 00:05:06,479

that can propagate more quickly

160

00:05:09,670 --> 00:05:08,400

instead of simulating this chemical

161

00:05:11,830 --> 00:05:09,680

reaction network

162

00:05:13,909 --> 00:05:11,840

in a singular flow reactor will simulate

163

00:05:16,150 --> 00:05:13,919

it in a reaction diffusion system

164

00:05:18,230 --> 00:05:16,160

where each pixel has inflow from a

165

00:05:20,870 --> 00:05:18,240

source and outflow into a sink

166

00:05:24,870 --> 00:05:20,880

but also exchanges its chemical contents

167

00:05:27,110 --> 00:05:24,880

with neighboring pixels via diffusion

168

00:05:29,270 --> 00:05:27,120

more specifically we'll use a 5x5

169

00:05:31,029 --> 00:05:29,280

reaction diffusion system with periodic

170

00:05:33,510 --> 00:05:31,039

boundaries

171

00:05:34,390 --> 00:05:33,520

now if we were to seed every pixel in

172

00:05:37,590 --> 00:05:34,400

this system

173

00:05:38,550 --> 00:05:37,600

uniformly with equal amounts of cycles a

174

00:05:41,350 --> 00:05:38,560

and b

175

00:05:43,189 --> 00:05:41,360

but with no diffusion it would be

176

00:05:46,310 --> 00:05:43,199

possible to have an outcome like this

177

00:05:49,510 --> 00:05:46,320

in which cycles a and b dominate

178

00:05:51,270 --> 00:05:49,520

in adjacent pixels and stably coexist

179

00:05:53,749 --> 00:05:51,280

because there is no interaction between

180

00:05:54,310 --> 00:05:53,759

those pixels if we were to add diffusion

181

00:05:57,909 --> 00:05:54,320

in

182

00:05:59,990 --> 00:05:57,919

this sort of outcome would be unstable

183

00:06:01,510 --> 00:06:00,000

for example with any slight imbalance

184

00:06:03,270 --> 00:06:01,520

like blue coming to dominate in the

185

00:06:05,830 --> 00:06:03,280

center

186

00:06:07,749 --> 00:06:05,840

accumulated member species by cycle b in

187

00:06:09,909 --> 00:06:07,759

the center could diffuse outwards

188

00:06:13,510 --> 00:06:09,919

and strengthen the invasion of pixels

189

00:06:17,430 --> 00:06:15,430

and with high enough diffusion rates we

190

00:06:19,590 --> 00:06:17,440

would expect the whole system to reach

191

00:06:21,990 --> 00:06:19,600

one global outcome

192

00:06:23,510 --> 00:06:22,000

here we have stochastic simulations of

193

00:06:25,670 --> 00:06:23,520

the reaction diffusion system

194

00:06:26,550 --> 00:06:25,680

under three different conditions where

195

00:06:29,189 --> 00:06:26,560

we're varying

196

00:06:31,029 --> 00:06:29,199

the rate constant for the diffusion of

197

00:06:32,790 --> 00:06:31,039

all chemicals in the system

198

00:06:35,909 --> 00:06:32,800

we have a slow diffusion case a moderate

199

00:06:37,909 --> 00:06:35,919

diffusion case and a fast diffusion case

200

00:06:39,749 --> 00:06:37,919

here we have time series plots for the

201  
00:06:40,790 --> 00:06:39,759  
total number of member species belonging

202  
00:06:42,710 --> 00:06:40,800  
to each cycle

203  
00:06:45,430 --> 00:06:42,720  
and each pixel of the reaction diffusion

204  
00:06:47,430 --> 00:06:45,440  
system for each of the three cases

205  
00:06:48,870 --> 00:06:47,440  
on the left in the slow diffusion case

206  
00:06:51,670 --> 00:06:48,880  
we can see that each pixel

207  
00:06:53,670 --> 00:06:51,680  
quickly has one cycle dominate and that

208  
00:06:55,110 --> 00:06:53,680  
a low amount of material is exchanged

209  
00:06:57,430 --> 00:06:55,120  
between reactors

210  
00:06:59,670 --> 00:06:57,440  
such that each cycle struggles to invade

211  
00:07:02,070 --> 00:06:59,680  
adjacent pixels

212  
00:07:03,830 --> 00:07:02,080  
on the right we see the opposite extreme

213  
00:07:05,990 --> 00:07:03,840

a large amount of chemicals are

214

00:07:07,909 --> 00:07:06,000

exchanged between adjacent pixels

215

00:07:10,070 --> 00:07:07,919

so that the plots tend to resemble one

216

00:07:10,550 --> 00:07:10,080

another and a global outcome is quickly

217

00:07:13,510 --> 00:07:10,560

reached

218

00:07:15,830 --> 00:07:13,520

approximating a well-mixed reactor in

219

00:07:17,830 --> 00:07:15,840

the moderate diffusion regime each pixel

220

00:07:18,469 --> 00:07:17,840

alternates between being dominated by

221

00:07:21,670 --> 00:07:18,479

cycle a

222

00:07:23,990 --> 00:07:21,680

and cycle b neither cycle wins globally

223

00:07:25,589 --> 00:07:24,000

and each shifts around its advantage

224

00:07:27,430 --> 00:07:25,599

forming patterns reminiscent

225

00:07:30,309 --> 00:07:27,440

of the spatial patterns of the bc

226

00:07:35,189 --> 00:07:30,319

reaction in a petri dish

227

00:07:39,670 --> 00:07:37,510

next i'll continue using the example of

228

00:07:40,790 --> 00:07:39,680

mutually inhibiting cycles in a reaction

229

00:07:42,550 --> 00:07:40,800

diffusion system

230

00:07:44,309 --> 00:07:42,560

to show a case where the spatial

231

00:07:46,550 --> 00:07:44,319

properties of auto catalytic cycles can

232

00:07:48,390 --> 00:07:46,560

be selected for

233

00:07:50,950 --> 00:07:48,400

we'll take the same two mutually

234

00:07:52,950 --> 00:07:50,960

inhibiting cycles that we had before

235

00:07:55,029 --> 00:07:52,960

but instead of making them identical to

236

00:07:57,510 --> 00:07:55,039

one another in their rate constants

237

00:07:58,950 --> 00:07:57,520

and the diffusion constants associated

238

00:08:01,270 --> 00:07:58,960

with their chemicals

239

00:08:02,150 --> 00:08:01,280

we're going to make them differ in two

240

00:08:04,550 --> 00:08:02,160

ways

241

00:08:06,070 --> 00:08:04,560

the red cycle is going to be fiercer in

242

00:08:08,390 --> 00:08:06,080

the sense that it's going to have

243

00:08:10,469 --> 00:08:08,400

reactions with higher rate constants

244

00:08:11,990 --> 00:08:10,479

but the blue cycle is going to be faster

245

00:08:16,550 --> 00:08:12,000

meaning that its member species are

246

00:08:20,710 --> 00:08:18,629

we are going to do this in a 3x3

247

00:08:21,670 --> 00:08:20,720

reaction diffusion system with periodic

248

00:08:24,150 --> 00:08:21,680

boundaries

249

00:08:25,110 --> 00:08:24,160

where both cycles are only seated in the

250

00:08:29,110 --> 00:08:25,120

center pixel

251  
00:08:34,790 --> 00:08:32,230  
the expectation is that cycle a in red

252  
00:08:36,230 --> 00:08:34,800  
being fiercer will tend to dominate in

253  
00:08:39,110 --> 00:08:36,240  
the central pixel

254  
00:08:39,990 --> 00:08:39,120  
whereas cycle b in blue being faster

255  
00:08:42,230 --> 00:08:40,000  
will tend to spread

256  
00:08:45,750 --> 00:08:42,240  
more quickly to adjacent pixels and

257  
00:08:48,710 --> 00:08:45,760  
thereby access new food more quickly

258  
00:08:49,750 --> 00:08:48,720  
as cycle b continues to expand it might

259  
00:08:51,110 --> 00:08:49,760  
be able to build up

260  
00:08:53,190 --> 00:08:51,120  
enough of an advantage in the

261  
00:08:54,150 --> 00:08:53,200  
surrounding pixels to re-invade the

262  
00:08:57,829 --> 00:08:54,160  
central pixel

263  
00:09:00,070 --> 00:08:57,839

and overcome cycle a here we have an

264

00:09:02,070 --> 00:09:00,080

animation of the unfolding of time

265

00:09:04,070 --> 00:09:02,080

series of the total number of member

266

00:09:07,190 --> 00:09:04,080

species for each cycle in each pixel of

267

00:09:10,470 --> 00:09:09,590

in the central pixel cycle a being

268

00:09:11,990 --> 00:09:10,480

fiercer

269

00:09:14,710 --> 00:09:12,000

drives cycle b to the brink of

270

00:09:17,030 --> 00:09:14,720

extinction but cycle b being faster

271

00:09:18,630 --> 00:09:17,040

is able to diffuse into adjacent sites

272

00:09:20,150 --> 00:09:18,640

and build up an advantage in those

273

00:09:22,230 --> 00:09:20,160

pixels more quickly

274

00:09:23,750 --> 00:09:22,240

so that it can suppress the growth of

275

00:09:26,230 --> 00:09:23,760

cycle a

276  
00:09:27,829 --> 00:09:26,240  
eventually cycle b is able to re-invade

277  
00:09:29,590 --> 00:09:27,839  
the central pixel

278  
00:09:33,030 --> 00:09:29,600  
to such an extent that it begins to

279  
00:09:34,870 --> 00:09:33,040  
drive cycle a towards extinction

280  
00:09:36,870 --> 00:09:34,880  
the outcome of this type of simulation

281  
00:09:39,030 --> 00:09:36,880  
largely depends on the relative fastness

282  
00:09:40,870 --> 00:09:39,040  
and fierceness of cycles a and b

283  
00:09:43,110 --> 00:09:40,880  
here we have a heat map in which we

284  
00:09:45,829 --> 00:09:43,120  
sweep over those parameters

285  
00:09:48,470 --> 00:09:45,839  
on the left we sweep over the diffusion

286  
00:09:50,470 --> 00:09:48,480  
constants for the chemicals of cycle b

287  
00:09:52,230 --> 00:09:50,480  
where as we go down cycle b gets

288  
00:09:54,630 --> 00:09:52,240

increasingly fast

289

00:09:55,750 --> 00:09:54,640

on the bottom we sweep over the reaction

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00:09:58,550 --> 00:09:55,760

rate constants

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00:09:59,750 --> 00:09:58,560

for cycle b's reactions whereas we move

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00:10:03,829 --> 00:09:59,760

from right to left

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00:10:05,670 --> 00:10:03,839

cycle b gets increasingly less fierce

294

00:10:06,870 --> 00:10:05,680

the colors in the heat map encode the

295

00:10:09,430 --> 00:10:06,880

final frequency

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00:10:10,230 --> 00:10:09,440

of member species for cycles a and b

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00:10:13,430 --> 00:10:10,240

aggregated

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00:10:15,509 --> 00:10:13,440

over the reaction diffusion system we

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00:10:17,750 --> 00:10:15,519

find parameter combinations where

300

00:10:20,310 --> 00:10:17,760

fastness overcomes fierceness and where

301  
00:10:22,069 --> 00:10:20,320  
fierceness overcomes fastness

302  
00:10:24,069 --> 00:10:22,079  
meaning that either could be selected

303  
00:10:26,150 --> 00:10:24,079  
for

304  
00:10:28,310 --> 00:10:26,160  
additionally while it is always better

305  
00:10:29,750 --> 00:10:28,320  
to be fiercer it is not always better to

306  
00:10:32,230 --> 00:10:29,760  
be faster

307  
00:10:33,190 --> 00:10:32,240  
in the bottom left we see a region where

308  
00:10:35,750 --> 00:10:33,200  
cycle b

309  
00:10:37,590 --> 00:10:35,760  
being faster gives it a disadvantage to

310  
00:10:40,310 --> 00:10:37,600  
cycle a

311  
00:10:41,910 --> 00:10:40,320  
likely because its members diffuse so

312  
00:10:43,829 --> 00:10:41,920  
quickly that they can't stably

313  
00:10:45,750 --> 00:10:43,839

accumulate

314

00:10:47,190 --> 00:10:45,760

in addition to simple reaction diffusion

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00:10:48,870 --> 00:10:47,200

systems there are various other

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00:10:50,550 --> 00:10:48,880

spatially structured environments that

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00:10:52,310 --> 00:10:50,560

may be relevant to the origin of life

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00:10:53,910 --> 00:10:52,320

and to the dynamics of auto catalytic

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00:10:56,069 --> 00:10:53,920

chemical ecosystems

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00:10:58,230 --> 00:10:56,079

for example mineral surfaces where

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00:10:59,030 --> 00:10:58,240

chemicals can adsorb and desorb from a

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00:11:03,430 --> 00:10:59,040

surface

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00:11:05,269 --> 00:11:03,440

and also provide a new basis for

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00:11:07,269 --> 00:11:05,279

competition between auto catalytic

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00:11:08,710 --> 00:11:07,279

cycles as they compete for adsorption

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00:11:10,710 --> 00:11:08,720  
sites

327  
00:11:12,310 --> 00:11:10,720  
compartments are another important class

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00:11:12,949 --> 00:11:12,320  
of spatial structures that might affect

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00:11:15,030 --> 00:11:12,959  
the dynamic

330  
00:11:16,870 --> 00:11:15,040  
chemical ecosystems they might be

331  
00:11:19,829 --> 00:11:16,880  
semi-permeable or closed

332  
00:11:21,430 --> 00:11:19,839  
they might grow and or divide some

333  
00:11:22,150 --> 00:11:21,440  
examples of these in the origins of life

334  
00:11:25,430 --> 00:11:22,160  
literature

335  
00:11:26,470 --> 00:11:25,440  
are vesicles and coagulate some forms of

336  
00:11:28,630 --> 00:11:26,480  
spatial structure

337  
00:11:30,710 --> 00:11:28,640  
especially compartments provide the

338  
00:11:32,550 --> 00:11:30,720

possibility of new levels of selection

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00:11:34,310 --> 00:11:32,560

especially when the dynamics of the

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00:11:36,230 --> 00:11:34,320

spatial structure become coupled to the

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00:11:38,630 --> 00:11:36,240

chemistry itself

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00:11:40,389 --> 00:11:38,640

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00:11:51,590 --> 00:11:50,240

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00:11:53,030 --> 00:11:51,600

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00:12:02,790 --> 00:12:01,040

for additional reading you can check out

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00:12:04,470 --> 00:12:02,800

our paper from last year in ecological

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00:12:07,430 --> 00:12:04,480

framework for the analysis of prebiotic

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00:12:08,790 --> 00:12:07,440

chemical reaction networks