



**AB
GRAD
CON 23**

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00:00:04,230 --> 00:00:11,049

[Music]

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00:00:15,709 --> 00:00:13,490

okay so we're gonna shift gears a little

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00:00:17,390 --> 00:00:15,719

bit here and so my project largely

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00:00:20,090 --> 00:00:17,400

focuses on the evolution of

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00:00:22,550 --> 00:00:20,100

multicellularity uh in bacteria

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00:00:24,529 --> 00:00:22,560

specifically so titled here cellular

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00:00:26,750 --> 00:00:24,539

differentiation within an obligate

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00:00:28,189 --> 00:00:26,760

multicellular bacteria

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00:00:29,570 --> 00:00:28,199

so where I like to start is just

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00:00:32,210 --> 00:00:29,580

generally when we think about the

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00:00:33,889 --> 00:00:32,220

evolution of life on Earth we can kind

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00:00:38,030 --> 00:00:33,899

of think of it as an increase in

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00:00:40,069 --> 00:00:38,040

complexity as as life continue to evolve

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00:00:42,530 --> 00:00:40,079

and this is yes and over Simplicity but

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00:00:44,150 --> 00:00:42,540

thinking of it as molecules coming

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00:00:46,450 --> 00:00:44,160

together to form a first cell and

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00:00:49,729 --> 00:00:46,460

eventually getting a multi-cellular

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00:00:50,990 --> 00:00:49,739

organism and then some something that

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00:00:53,150 --> 00:00:51,000

looks like the life that we have on

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00:00:56,689 --> 00:00:53,160

Earth today

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00:00:58,490 --> 00:00:56,699

if we look at our classic uh Tree of

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00:01:00,049 --> 00:00:58,500

Life where we have different domains of

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00:01:03,590 --> 00:01:00,059

the bacteria the archaea and the

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00:01:05,270 --> 00:01:03,600

eukaryotes generally we tend to think of

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00:01:07,969 --> 00:01:05,280

all the multicellular life forms

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00:01:10,149 --> 00:01:07,979
belonging to the Eukarya and we think of

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00:01:14,210 --> 00:01:10,159
the bacteria and archaea as these simple

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00:01:18,830 --> 00:01:16,490
um if we look at uh the Tree of Life as

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00:01:20,749 --> 00:01:18,840
we know it today uh multicellularity

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00:01:23,870 --> 00:01:20,759
actually it can be plotted across the

31
00:01:27,410 --> 00:01:23,880
entire uh tree of life and so what I'm

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00:01:29,270 --> 00:01:27,420
showing here is the aggregative uh

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00:01:31,609 --> 00:01:29,280
evolution of multicellularity or a

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00:01:33,830 --> 00:01:31,619
clonal uh evolution of multicellularity

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00:01:35,870 --> 00:01:33,840
and we see it present in the bacteria

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00:01:39,230 --> 00:01:35,880
the archaea and the Eukarya of course

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00:01:41,630 --> 00:01:39,240
and so just focusing in on some bacteria

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00:01:43,810 --> 00:01:41,640

that are capable of this these are just

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00:01:46,190 --> 00:01:43,820

some micrographs showing different uh

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00:01:49,249 --> 00:01:46,200

cyanobacteria that are in those chains

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00:01:52,670 --> 00:01:49,259

up there in the upper left and then mixo

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00:01:55,190 --> 00:01:52,680

Cox mixobacteria that sporulate an

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archaea called methanosarcina another

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00:01:59,929 --> 00:01:58,020

example is this uh bacteria called cable

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00:02:01,730 --> 00:01:59,939

bacteria that form these long centimeter

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00:02:03,469 --> 00:02:01,740

long filaments and can actually move

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00:02:05,870 --> 00:02:03,479

electrons along that

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00:02:08,330 --> 00:02:05,880

so the organism that I study is called

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00:02:09,830 --> 00:02:08,340

multicellular magnetotactic bacteria or

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00:02:11,630 --> 00:02:09,840

MMB for short because I just don't want

51
00:02:13,670 --> 00:02:11,640
to say that the whole talk and so this

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00:02:16,430 --> 00:02:13,680
is what they look like where we have a

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00:02:18,589 --> 00:02:16,440
tem image sewing uh where these cells

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00:02:22,070 --> 00:02:18,599
are grouped together in this kind of

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00:02:23,449 --> 00:02:22,080
soccer ball shape or football shape

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00:02:25,070 --> 00:02:23,459
um and then here in the lower half just

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00:02:27,410 --> 00:02:25,080
an sem showing you what that structure

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00:02:28,490 --> 00:02:27,420
looks like so I built a cartoon kind of

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00:02:30,110 --> 00:02:28,500
showing

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00:02:31,850 --> 00:02:30,120
um what this Ultra structure looks like

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00:02:33,850 --> 00:02:31,860
and one of the things I want to point

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00:02:36,650 --> 00:02:33,860
out that pertains the name is this

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00:02:38,150 --> 00:02:36,660

magnetotaxis and so they make these uh

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00:02:40,910 --> 00:02:38,160

organelles inside the cells called

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00:02:43,309 --> 00:02:40,920

magnetosomes where they synthesize a

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00:02:45,170 --> 00:02:43,319

Paramount or ferromagnetic mineral that

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00:02:47,570 --> 00:02:45,180

allows them to sense Earth's geomagnetic

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00:02:50,330 --> 00:02:47,580

poles and then they can taxi in the

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water column or the sediment column

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00:02:55,130 --> 00:02:52,739

um they also have these carbon or energy

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00:02:57,110 --> 00:02:55,140

storage granules inside them this

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00:02:59,330 --> 00:02:57,120

acellular Center so it's just one layer

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00:03:00,170 --> 00:02:59,340

of cells surrounding this acellular

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00:03:02,150 --> 00:03:00,180

Center

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00:03:04,070 --> 00:03:02,160

and then these actin like filaments that

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00:03:07,610 --> 00:03:04,080
seem to have some something to do with

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00:03:11,869 --> 00:03:09,470
um I've referred to them as obligate

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00:03:13,670 --> 00:03:11,879
multicellular organisms and this is rare

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00:03:16,130 --> 00:03:13,680
in bacteria in fact the only example

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00:03:18,110 --> 00:03:16,140
where the hypothesized life cycle is

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00:03:20,750 --> 00:03:18,120
that they grow in size and then the

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00:03:23,869 --> 00:03:20,760
entire consortia divides and so we don't

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00:03:26,630 --> 00:03:23,879
typically see this in uh bacteria where

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00:03:29,750 --> 00:03:26,640
typically we see this this facultative

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00:03:31,970 --> 00:03:29,760
multicellularity so they can be uh

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00:03:33,710 --> 00:03:31,980
multicellular but they can also exist as

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00:03:35,030 --> 00:03:33,720
a single cell and that's true for all

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00:03:36,229 --> 00:03:35,040

the examples I showed you with the tree

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00:03:38,570 --> 00:03:36,239

life

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00:03:40,910 --> 00:03:38,580

so here's just an image of uh one of the

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00:03:43,970 --> 00:03:40,920

MMB from my sample site and kind of what

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00:03:46,369 --> 00:03:43,980

we think it looks like uh MMB dividing

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00:03:49,070 --> 00:03:46,379

into possibly three

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00:03:50,869 --> 00:03:49,080

I also mentioned moment of truth if the

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00:03:55,970 --> 00:03:50,879

video works

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00:03:58,490 --> 00:03:55,980

um that they're magnetactic oh let me

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00:04:04,729 --> 00:03:58,500

see if I can get this to work

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00:04:10,550 --> 00:04:07,869

Okay cool so what we have here is a uh

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00:04:13,789 --> 00:04:10,560

tube with the MMB in the bottom of it

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00:04:15,649 --> 00:04:13,799

and then a magnetic stir bar next to it

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00:04:17,750 --> 00:04:15,659

and if you just watch it you can see

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00:04:20,569 --> 00:04:17,760

them swim up out of the bottom of that

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00:04:22,670 --> 00:04:20,579

tube and they taxi towards the the stir

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00:04:23,990 --> 00:04:22,680

bar these ones are going towards the

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00:04:27,290 --> 00:04:24,000

magnetic north

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00:04:30,170 --> 00:04:27,300

here in on the right is a hanging water

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00:04:33,590 --> 00:04:30,180

droplet just on a cover slip and there's

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00:04:36,050 --> 00:04:33,600

a magnet uh to the right and then what

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00:04:37,790 --> 00:04:36,060

I've done is just move that magnet turns

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00:04:39,230 --> 00:04:37,800

around they start taxiing the in the

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00:04:40,730 --> 00:04:39,240

opposite direction

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00:04:43,129 --> 00:04:40,740

so that's uh just showing their

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00:04:44,390 --> 00:04:43,139

magnetotaxis

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00:04:46,249 --> 00:04:44,400

um it helps when we think of

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00:04:47,570 --> 00:04:46,259

multicellularity to have some criteria

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00:04:49,610 --> 00:04:47,580

for what that is

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00:04:51,590 --> 00:04:49,620

and so just a list of these would be

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00:04:53,749 --> 00:04:51,600

built from several cells of the same

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00:04:55,850 --> 00:04:53,759

species a specific shape and

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00:04:57,950 --> 00:04:55,860

organization and synchronized growth so

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00:05:01,129 --> 00:04:57,960

that exclude things like cancer

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00:05:03,290 --> 00:05:01,139

no competition between the cells

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00:05:06,170 --> 00:05:03,300

coordinated behavior in response to

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00:05:08,570 --> 00:05:06,180

external or internal stimuli existence

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00:05:10,550 --> 00:05:08,580

of cell to cell signaling and then this

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00:05:13,310 --> 00:05:10,560

last one that's kind of like the

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00:05:15,850 --> 00:05:13,320

catch-all metabolic differentiation or a

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00:05:18,890 --> 00:05:15,860

division of labor so with my organism

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00:05:21,110 --> 00:05:18,900

they fit these first four and these

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00:05:23,570 --> 00:05:21,120

second the last two are what we're kind

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00:05:25,249 --> 00:05:23,580

of looking into

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00:05:27,830 --> 00:05:25,259

um one of the things we found with our

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00:05:30,469 --> 00:05:27,840

project was that the these MMB are not

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actually clonal and how we did this was

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00:05:35,450 --> 00:05:33,300

we sorted whole consortia's

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00:05:37,249 --> 00:05:35,460

did multiple displacement amplifications

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so we Amplified their entire genome and

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sequenced that and we were able to map

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reads to the longest read the best

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00:05:46,189 --> 00:05:43,199

assembly there and look at these single

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00:05:48,770 --> 00:05:46,199

nucleotide polymorphism differences

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00:05:50,510 --> 00:05:48,780

and what we found was that they have

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00:05:52,430 --> 00:05:50,520

compared to controls which is a

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00:05:54,770 --> 00:05:52,440

pseudomonas control as well as other

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environmental cosorts they have this

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00:05:58,850 --> 00:05:56,160

much higher

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00:06:00,350 --> 00:05:58,860

um single nucleotide polymorphism rate

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00:06:02,990 --> 00:06:00,360

than than what we see with other

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00:06:04,610 --> 00:06:03,000

organisms which was kind of a surprise

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00:06:06,050 --> 00:06:04,620

and we're still scratching our heads

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00:06:08,029 --> 00:06:06,060

about this

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00:06:10,670 --> 00:06:08,039

um and that equates to 20 to 100

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00:06:12,230 --> 00:06:10,680

nucleotide polymorphisms in the genome

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00:06:14,990 --> 00:06:12,240

and their genomes are about eight

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00:06:16,670 --> 00:06:15,000

megabases which is about double that of

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00:06:18,770 --> 00:06:16,680

E coli

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another thing that we looked into was

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this metabolic differentiation or this

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00:06:24,890 --> 00:06:22,800

division of labor and this was done by

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doing stable isotope incubations where

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00:06:29,770 --> 00:06:26,460

we incubated them in the presence of

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00:06:33,070 --> 00:06:29,780

these ¹³C or deuterium oxide

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00:06:35,809 --> 00:06:33,080

chemicals and then we use uh

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00:06:39,830 --> 00:06:35,819

nanosecondary ion Mass spectroscopy to

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00:06:42,050 --> 00:06:39,840

look at those and map that back where we

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00:06:44,510 --> 00:06:42,060

found in the lower left whereas the 13c

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00:06:46,610 --> 00:06:44,520

image differences in the use of that

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00:06:49,490 --> 00:06:46,620

substrate indicating this the vision of

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00:06:52,430 --> 00:06:49,500

Labor that we suspected

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00:06:54,350 --> 00:06:52,440

so with that just to kind of give

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00:06:56,090 --> 00:06:54,360

conclusions and takeaways

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00:06:58,309 --> 00:06:56,100

um the m and b are the only known

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00:07:00,409 --> 00:06:58,319

obligate multidocellular bacteria that

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00:07:02,090 --> 00:07:00,419

we know of yet

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00:07:05,210 --> 00:07:02,100

um they are not clonal and do not

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conform to these canonical ideas of what

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multicellular multicellularity is where

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we typically have this clonal

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development

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00:07:15,290 --> 00:07:13,020

from where one cell divides into

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00:07:17,689 --> 00:07:15,300

daughter cells that stick together or

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00:07:18,650 --> 00:07:17,699

this aggregative multicellularity and

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00:07:21,170 --> 00:07:18,660

they seem to

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fall somewhere in the middle there

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00:07:25,790 --> 00:07:23,580

they also engage in a division of labor

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00:07:27,409 --> 00:07:25,800

as we were looking at with the metabolic

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00:07:29,270 --> 00:07:27,419

differentiation

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00:07:30,589 --> 00:07:29,280

and then of course just to think the lab

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00:07:31,900 --> 00:07:30,599

and all the collaborators that help us

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00:07:32,160 --> 00:07:31,910

with that thank you

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00:07:37,500 --> 00:07:32,170

[Applause]