Criticality and Adaptivity in Enzymatic Networks

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Enzymes

 Large biological molecules that act as catalysts for complex biochemical reactions in living organisms



• Deterministic model: Michaelis-Menten equation

$$\frac{d[P]}{dt} = \frac{\mu[E]_0[S]}{K + [S]}, \quad K = \frac{\eta^-}{\eta^+}$$

Here: stochastic model, limited #enzymes, shared

Bottlenecks in Enzymatic Processing





Translational crosstalk:

Synthetic shared degradation model



Connection to Queueing

- Queueing theory traditionally has used stochastic models to understand congestion effects in man-made systems in engineering and business where the processing resources are limited
- Queueing theory useful for formulating, analysing and interpreting models
- Two interesting regimes

Two Regimes in Queueing

Underloaded



No queue for iPad mini in London, Nov 2, 2012 Photo by Rik Henderson

Service rate > arrival rate

Queues are short Little competition

Overloaded



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Service rate < arrival rate Queues are long Strong competition

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Balance: service rate = arrival rate

Outline

- Competition for common downstream (degradation) enzyme
- Adaptive enzymatic processing
- Enzymatic networks with shared resources

Competition for Enzymatic Processing



Theory



Experiment

Competition for Degradation

• Two uncoupled proteins X₁ and X₂ are processed downstream by a common enzyme E



Stochastic Model

Biochemical reaction network: protein species X_1, X_2

Assume: exponential reaction times and binding is instantaneous Key stochastic processes (i=1,2):

 $Q_i(t)$ = total number of molecules of species *i* in the system at time t (includes free molecules and those being degraded)

N(t) = total number of protein molecules in system at time t

Multiclass Queue: Processing in Random Order + Reneging



Total service rate = $\phi(n) = min(n, L)\mu + n\gamma$ n = total number of protein molecules in system

Steady-State Distribution (Quasireversible Queue)

Markovian state descriptor: ordered list of the types in the queue (incl. those being processed)

<u>Theorem (Kelly):</u> There is a unique steady-state distribution for the "list" Markov process. The associated steady-state distribution for the total number of molecules in the system, *N*, is:

$$P(N=n) = c \frac{\Lambda^n}{\prod_{\ell=1}^n \phi(\ell)}$$

and conditioned on *N=n*, the stationary distribution for the molecular count process *Q* is a binomial distribution with parameters $(n; p_1, p_2)$:

$$P(Q = (q_1, q_2)) = P(N = n) \frac{n!}{q_1! q_2!} p_1^{q_1} p_2^{q_2}$$
$$\Lambda = \sum_i \lambda_i \qquad p_i = \frac{\lambda_i}{\Lambda}$$

Moments:

$E[Q_i]$	=	$p_i E[N]$
$E[Q_i^2]$	=	$p_i(1-p_i)E[N] + p_i^2E[N^2]$
$Var(Q_i)$	=	$p_i^2(Var(N) - E[N]) + p_i E[N]$
$E[Q_iQ_j]$	=	$p_i p_j (E[N^2] - E[N]) \text{for } j \neq i$

Correlation:

$$r_{ij} = \frac{E[Q_i Q_j] - E[Q_i]E[Q_j]}{\sqrt{Var(Q_i)Var(Q_j)}}$$

$$r_{ij} = \frac{F - 1}{\sqrt{(F - 1 + 1/p_i)(F - 1 + 1/p_j)}} \qquad j \neq i$$

 $F = \frac{Var(N)}{E[N]}$

Fano factor - can be computed exactly

Moments for N

• Distribution: $P(N = n) = c \frac{\Lambda^n}{\prod_{\ell=1}^n \phi(\ell)}$ where $\Lambda = \sum_{i} \lambda_{i} \qquad \qquad \phi(n) = \min(n, L)\mu + n\gamma$ $\int M(x,y,z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x)_n z^n}{(y)_n n!}$ Normalizing constant c: \bullet $c^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{L-1} \frac{\zeta^n}{n!} + \frac{\zeta^L}{L!} M(1, \beta + 1, \delta)$ confluent hypergeometric function $\zeta = \frac{\Lambda}{\mu + \gamma}, \quad \beta = \frac{L\mu}{\gamma} + L, \quad \delta = \frac{\Lambda}{\gamma}$ Moment generating function: lacksquare

$$E[e^{uN}] = c \left(\sum_{n=0}^{L-1} \frac{(e^u \zeta)^n}{n!} + \frac{(e^u \zeta)^L}{L!} M(1, \beta + 1, e^u \delta) \right)$$

Moments and Correlations for Q (L=1)

$$E[Q_i] = \frac{p_i \delta M(2, \beta + 1, \delta)}{\beta M(1, \beta, \delta)},$$

$$Var(Q_i) = \frac{2p_i^2 \delta^2 M(3, \beta + 2, \delta)}{\beta (\beta + 1) M(1, \beta, \delta)} - \left(\frac{p_i \delta M(2, \beta + 1, \delta)}{\beta M(1, \beta, \delta)}\right)^2 + \frac{p_i \delta M(2, \beta + 1, \delta)}{\beta M(1, \beta, \delta)},$$

$$r_{ij} = \frac{h(\beta, \delta)}{(h(\beta, \delta) + p_i^{-1})^{1/2} (h(\beta, \delta) + p_j^{-1})^{1/2}},$$

 $\beta = (\mu/\gamma) + 1, \ \delta = \Lambda/\gamma, \ \Lambda = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i,$

$$f(\beta,\delta) = \frac{2\delta M(3,\beta+2,\delta)}{\beta+1} - \frac{\delta (M(2,\beta+1,\delta))^2}{\beta M(1,\beta,\delta)},$$
$$g(\beta,\delta) = M(2,\beta+1,\delta), \qquad h(\beta,\delta) = \frac{f(\beta,\delta)}{g(\beta,\delta)},$$

Zero Dilution Limit for L=1

• For $\gamma \rightarrow 0$ and $\rho = \Lambda / \mu < 1$



Here $p_i = \lambda_i / \Lambda$, $p_j = \lambda_j / \Lambda$

Correlation Resonance (non-zero dilution)

• Correlation as a function of λ_1



 $\lambda_2 = 5 \qquad \mu L = 10 \qquad \gamma = .01 \qquad \eta = 10^8$

Dynamics (Stochastic Simulations, L=1)



Theorem (at balance: $\rho \triangleq \frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}{\mu} = 1$, $\gamma = 0$)

Let $\hat{Q}_i^r(t) = \frac{Q_i(r^2 t)}{r}$, i = 1, 2 (diffusion scaling)

As $r \to \infty$, $\hat{Q}_{i}^{r}(\bullet) \to \lambda_{i} \tilde{W}(\bullet)$, i = 1,2 (convergence in distribn) where \tilde{W} is a one-dimensional reflecting Brownian motion. $\tilde{W}(t)$

Generalizations

• Finitely many types of proteins X



Steady-state multivariate distribution factorizes:

$$P(Q = (q_1, \dots, q_m)) = P(N = n) \frac{n!}{q_1! \dots q_m!} p_1^{q_1} \dots p_m^{q_m}$$

$$P(N=n) = c \frac{\Lambda^n}{\prod_{\ell=1}^n \phi(\ell)}, \quad \phi(\ell) = \mu \min(\ell, L) + \ell\gamma$$

$$r_{ij} = \frac{F-1}{\sqrt{(F-1+1/p_i)(F-1+1/p_j)}}, \quad i \neq j,$$

F – Fano factor for N

$$\sum_{k=1}^{B} 0.6$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{0.6} 0.40.5$$

$$0.2$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{0.6} 0.4$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{1} 0.4$$

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• Fluctuating enzymes $\varnothing \xrightarrow{\nu} E, E \xrightarrow{\gamma} \varnothing, X_i E \xrightarrow{\gamma} \emptyset$



$$m = 2$$
 $\lambda_2 = 5$ $\mu = 1$ $\gamma = .1$ $\nu = 1$
 $\eta^+ = 200$ $\eta^- = 1000$

Experiment

Queueing in a Synthetic Gene Network

- Two independently synthesized fluorescent proteins: YFP and CFP in *E Coli*
- ClpXP protease degrades LAA tagged proteins
- Tet promoter driving YFP
 - Repressible by TetR
 - Tunable by Doxycycline
- Lac/Ara promoter driving CFP
 - Activated by AraC
 - Tunable by Arabinose



Effect of Coupling on Mean:



As λ_1 increases, means both X_1 and X_2 increase rapidly at the "balance" point, where $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \mu$

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Dynamic Modulation



Red trace: periodic influx of doxycycline Green trace: response in level of YFP Blue trace: response in level of CFP due to coupled degradation

Adaptive Enzymatic Processing (Theory)

Stochastic Model with Adaptation



If enzymes are underloaded - make less If enzymes are overloaded - make more

Steady-State Distribution

С

0.6

0.4

0.2

0.0

Steady-state multivariate distribution factorizes and canexpress the steady-state correlations in terms of Fano factor *F* for *N*:

$$r_{ij} = \frac{F-1}{\sqrt{(F-1+1/p_i)(F-1+1/p_j)}}, \quad i \neq j,$$

For instant irreversible binding, (N,L) is a twodimensional birth-death process.

Correlation vs. λ_1 (with slow adaptation)





fixed L=25



$$m = 2, \ \mu = 1$$

 $\gamma = .01, \ \nu = .01N$

Effect of α



$$m = 2, \ \nu = \alpha N, \ \lambda_1 = 10, \ \lambda_2 = 15, \ \mu = 1, \ \gamma = .01$$
$$\gamma^2 / \mu = \alpha \le \gamma$$

Effect of *a*



$$m = 2, \ \nu = \alpha N, \ \lambda_1 = 10, \ \lambda_2 = 15, \ \mu = 1, \ \gamma = .01$$
$$\gamma^2 / \mu = \alpha \le \gamma$$

Enzymatic Networks with Shared Resources

parallel network with shared enzyme

 $X_{1} \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} X_{2} \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} X_{3} \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} X_{4} \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} \dots X_{8} \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} E_{\alpha} \stackrel{\downarrow}{=$

serial network with shared enzyme





Conclusions

- Shared processing resources produce correlated behavior in enzymatic networks
- By mapping stochastic enzymatic models to multiclass quasireversible queues, we obtained explicit formulas for steady-state multi-variate distributions and correlations
- Correlations have a strong peak near balance point
- Slow adaptation of enzymatic resources leads to high correlations in broad regions of parameter space
- Theoretical predictions agree with experimental results for a two-component synthetic gene network

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