# 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


$$
S+E \underset{\eta^{-}}{\stackrel{\eta^{+}}{\rightleftharpoons}}[S E] \xrightarrow{\mu} E+P
$$

- Deterministic model: Michaelis-Menten equation

$$
\frac{d[P]}{d t}=\frac{\mu[E]_{0}[S]}{K+[S]}, \quad K=\frac{\eta^{-}}{\eta^{+}}
$$

- Here: stochastic model, limited \#enzymes, shared


## Bottlenecks in Enzymatic Processing

Competitive enzymatic degradation in E. Coli:
Mistranslated proteins



Oxidative stress response in S. pombe:


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



No queue for iPad mini in London, Nov 2, 2012
Photo by Rik Henderson
Service rate > arrival rate Queues are short Little competition

## Overloaded



Photo by Ilze Ziedins

Service rate < arrival rate Queues are long
Strong competition

## Two Regimes in Queueing



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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 $X_{1}$ and $X_{2}$ are processed downstream by a common enzyme $E$



## Stochastic Model

Biochemical reaction network: protein species $X_{1}, X_{2}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\varnothing \xrightarrow{\lambda_{i}} X_{i} & \text { (production) } \\
X_{i}+E \xrightarrow{\eta} X_{i} E & \text { (binding of enzyme) } \\
X_{i} E \xrightarrow{\mu} E & \text { (degradation) } \\
X_{i} E \xrightarrow{\gamma} E, \quad & X_{i} \xrightarrow{\gamma} \varnothing \quad \text { (dilution) }
\end{aligned}
$$

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)
Theorem (Kelly): 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 $\left(n ; p_{1}, p_{2}\right)$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P\left(Q=\left(q_{1}, q_{2}\right)\right)=P(N=n) \frac{n!}{q_{1}!q_{2}!} p_{1}^{q_{1}} p_{2}^{q_{2}} \\
& \Lambda=\sum_{i} \lambda_{i} \quad p_{i}=\frac{\lambda_{i}}{\Lambda}
\end{aligned}
$$

Moments:

$$
\begin{aligned}
E\left[Q_{i}\right] & =p_{i} E[N] \\
E\left[Q_{i}^{2}\right] & =p_{i}\left(1-p_{i}\right) E[N]+p_{i}^{2} E\left[N^{2}\right] \\
\operatorname{Var}\left(Q_{i}\right) & =p_{i}^{2}(\operatorname{Var}(N)-E[N])+p_{i} E[N] \\
E\left[Q_{i} Q_{j}\right] & =p_{i} p_{j}\left(E\left[N^{2}\right]-E[N]\right) \quad \text { for } j \neq i
\end{aligned}
$$

Correlation:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& r_{i j}=\frac{E\left[Q_{i} Q_{j}\right]-E\left[Q_{i}\right] E\left[Q_{j}\right]}{\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}\left(Q_{i}\right) \operatorname{Var}\left(Q_{j}\right)}} \\
& r_{i j}=\frac{F-1}{\sqrt{\left(F-1+1 / p_{i}\right)\left(F-1+1 / p_{j}\right)}} \quad j \neq i \\
& F=\frac{\operatorname{Var}(N)}{E[N] \quad \begin{array}{l}
\text { Fano factor }- \text { can be computed } \\
\text { exactly }
\end{array}}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Moments for $N$

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

$$
\Lambda=\sum_{i} \lambda_{i} \quad \phi(n)=\min (n, L) \mu+n \gamma
$$

- Normalizing constant $c$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& c^{-1}=\sum_{n=0}^{L-1} \frac{\zeta^{n}}{n!}+\frac{\zeta^{L}}{L!} M(\overbrace{1, \beta+1, \delta)}^{\text {confluent hypergeomertric function }} \\
& \zeta=\frac{\Lambda}{\mu+\gamma}, \quad \beta=\frac{L \mu}{\gamma}+L, \quad \delta=\frac{\Lambda}{\gamma}
\end{aligned}
$$

- Moment generating function:

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

## Moments and Correlations for $Q(L=1)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& E\left[Q_{i}\right]= \frac{p_{i} \delta M(2, \beta+1, \delta)}{\beta M(1, \beta, \delta)}, \\
& \operatorname{Var}\left(Q_{i}\right)= \frac{2 p_{i}^{2} \delta^{2} M(3, \beta+2, \delta)}{\beta(\beta+1) M(1, \beta, \delta)}-\left(\frac{p_{i} \delta M(2, \beta+1, \delta)}{\beta M(1, \beta, \delta)}\right)^{2}+\frac{p_{i} \delta M(2, \beta+1, \delta)}{\beta M(1, \beta, \delta)}, \\
& r_{i j}= \frac{h(\beta, \delta)}{\left(h(\beta, \delta)+p_{i}^{-1}\right)^{1 / 2}\left(h(\beta, \delta)+p_{j}^{-1}\right)^{1 / 2}}, \\
& \beta=(\mu / \gamma)+1, \delta=\Lambda / \gamma, \Lambda=\sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_{i}, \\
& f(\beta, \delta)=\frac{2 \delta M(3, \beta+2, \delta)}{\beta+1}-\frac{\delta(M(2, \beta+1, \delta))^{2}}{\beta M(1, \beta, \delta)}, \\
& g(\beta, \delta)=M(2, \beta+1, \delta), \quad h(\beta, \delta)=\frac{f(\beta, \delta)}{g(\beta, \delta)},
\end{aligned}
$$

## Zero Dilution Limit for $L=1$

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

$$
r_{i j}=\frac{1}{\left(1+\frac{1}{p_{i}}\left(\frac{1}{\rho}-1\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(1+\frac{1}{p_{j}}\left(\frac{1}{\rho}-1\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}
$$

Here $\quad p_{i}=\lambda_{i} / \Lambda, p_{j}=\lambda_{j} / \Lambda$

## Correlation Resonance (non-zero dilution)

- Correlation as a function of $\lambda_{1}$



Simulation parameters:

$$
\lambda_{2}=5 \quad \mu L=10 \quad \gamma=.01 \quad \eta=10^{8}
$$

## Dynamics (Stochastic Simulations, $L=1$ )



Theorem (at balance: $\rho \triangleq \frac{\lambda_{1}+\lambda_{2}}{\mu}=1, \gamma=0$ )
Let $\hat{Q}_{i}^{r}(t)=\frac{Q_{i}\left(r^{2} t\right)}{r}, i=1,2 \quad$ (diffusion scaling)
As $r \rightarrow \infty$,
$\hat{Q}_{i}^{r}(\bullet) \rightarrow \lambda_{i} \tilde{W}(\bullet), \quad i=1,2 \quad$ (convergence in distribn) where $\tilde{W}$ is a one-dimensional reflecting

Brownian motion.


## Generalizations

- Finitely many types of proteins $X_{1}, \ldots, X_{m}$


$$
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$$
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& P(N=n)=c \frac{\Lambda^{n}}{\prod_{\ell=1}^{n} \phi(\ell)}, \quad \phi(\ell)=\mu \min (\ell, L)+\ell \gamma \\
& r_{i j}=\frac{F-1}{\sqrt{\left(F-1+1 / p_{i}\right)\left(F-1+1 / p_{j}\right)}}, \quad i \neq j,
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
F \text { - Fano factor for } N
$$

Correlation resonance near balance

## Generalizations

- Reversible binding $X_{i}+E \frac{n^{+}}{\eta^{+}} X_{i} E$


$$
\begin{gathered}
m=2 \quad \lambda_{2}=5 \quad \mu=10 \quad \gamma=.01 \\
\eta^{+}=10^{8}(K=0) \quad \eta^{-}=1000(K>0) \quad K=\eta^{-} / \eta^{+}
\end{gathered}
$$

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$$

- Fluctuating enzymes $\varnothing \xrightarrow{\nu} E, E \xrightarrow{\gamma} \varnothing, X_{i} E \xrightarrow{\gamma} \emptyset$


$$
\begin{array}{cl}
m=2 & \lambda_{2}=5 \quad \mu=1 \quad \gamma=.1 \quad \nu=1 \\
& \eta^{+}=200 \quad \eta^{-}=1000
\end{array}
$$

## Experiment

## Queueing in a Synthetic Gene Network

- Two independently synthesized fluorescent proteins: YFP and CFP in E Coli
- CIpXP 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 $\lambda_{1}$ increases, means both $X_{1}$ and $X_{2}$ increase rapidly at the "balance" point, where

$$
\lambda_{1}+\lambda_{2}=\mu
$$

## Effect of Coupling on Mean:

Experiment: modulated doxycycline



## 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 <br> (Theory)

## Stochastic Model with Adaptation



$$
\begin{gathered}
\varnothing \xrightarrow{\lambda_{i}} X_{i}, \quad \varnothing \xrightarrow{\nu} E, \\
X_{i}+E \stackrel{\eta^{+}}{\rightleftharpoons} X_{i} E \xrightarrow{\mu} E, \\
X_{i} E \xrightarrow{\gamma} \varnothing, \quad X_{i} \xrightarrow{\gamma} \varnothing, \quad E \xrightarrow{\gamma} \varnothing . \\
v(Q)=\alpha N=\alpha \sum_{i=1}^{m} Q_{i}
\end{gathered}
$$

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

## Steady-State Distribution

Steady-state multivariate distribution factorizes and can express the steady-state correlations in terms of Fano factor $F$ for $N$ :

$$
r_{i j}=\frac{F-1}{\sqrt{\left(F-1+1 / p_{i}\right)\left(F-1+1 / p_{j}\right)}}, \quad i \neq j
$$

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

## Correlation vs. $\lambda_{1}$ (with slow adaptation)


fixed $L=25$


adaptive $L$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& m=2, \lambda_{2}=10, \mu=1 \\
& \gamma=.01, v=.01 \mathrm{~N}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Correlation for variable $\lambda_{1}, \lambda_{2}$


fixed $L=25$

adaptive $L$

$$
\begin{gathered}
m=2, \mu=1 \\
\gamma=.01, v=.01 \mathrm{~N}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Effect of $\alpha$



$$
\begin{gathered}
m=2, v=\alpha N, \lambda_{1}=10, \lambda_{2}=15, \mu=1, \gamma=.01 \\
\frac{\gamma^{2}}{\mu} \leq \alpha \leq \gamma
\end{gathered}
$$

## Effect of $\alpha$



## Enzymatic Networks with Shared Resources

parallel network with shared enzyme

serial network with shared enzyme
networks with shared cofactor

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \xrightarrow[\rightarrow]{\lambda_{6} X_{6}} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{~S}_{1}} \xrightarrow[\mathrm{X}_{3}]{\mathrm{S}_{3}} \xrightarrow[\mathrm{~S}_{2}]{\mathrm{X}_{8}}
\end{aligned}
$$

## 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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