

Cologne Evolution Colloquium

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Bacterial Growth and Death – Towards a Physiological Understanding of Bacterial Fitness

Evolution works on sequences, but is directed by the physiological effects produced by the changes of these sequences. For practically all biological systems, we are far away from a deep physiological understanding of fitness, i.e. how the molecular machinery determines survival and reproductive success. However, considerable progress has been made in recent years. I will review some of the progress for the bacterial model organism *Escherichia Coli*, with emphasis on our own work on the quantitative physiology of cell growth and death. The ultimate goal is to be able to measure and understand the different physiological “costs” and “benefits” associated with the molecular components of the system.

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