Range expansions can be <u>unstructured</u> or <u>structured</u>



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<u>unstructured</u> range expansion (E. coli on a Petri dish, O. Hallatschek & drn Ramanathan lab)

<u>structured</u> range expansion (leads to allopatric speciation)

Collective Behavior and Growth: Range Expansions in Structured Environments

Frontier populations with spatial structure

-- Our world is not featureless landscape \rightarrow geographical features influence ecosystems and population fronts

-- How does a range expansion in a inhomogeneous environment shape genetic diversity at the frontier?

Simplified model of spatial structure: migration around obstacles such as "lakes and deserts" (or a mountain range...)

-- Population fronts around obstacles: experiments, "Fermat's principle" and simulations of the bacterial virus T7 invading inhomogeneous bacterial lawns

---Adding population genetics: simulations and an experiment with E. coli







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Unstructured range expansion in non-motile E. coli (thanks to Tom Shimizu, Berg Lab, for strains)



50-50 mixture, 1550/1553



1550/1553



Approximate linear inoculations by annihilating random walks





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If $D_W =$ wall diffusion constant $n_w(t) =$ density of walls $= 1/\sqrt{2D_W t}$ $\propto 1/t^{\zeta}$, in general But the genetic boundaries may wander more vigorously...



Hallatschek, Hersen, Ramanathan, drn, PNAS **104,** 19926 (2007)

How can we make structured environments? Can the "homeland" be regarded as an "ecological landscape"?

50-50 circular inoculants 24 hours after inoculation; (~ 1mm spot size)

~25 green & 25 "red" viable founder bacteria ~250 green & 250 "red" viable founder bacteria







~2500 green & 2500 "red" viable founder bacteria/



Introduction - bacteriophage T7

- phage T7: well-studied
- obligatory lytic
- forms large plaques
- grows on bacteria in stationary phase
- size: ~ 60 nm (1/20 E. coli size)
- 40 kb linear genome (length can be moderately changed)
- 56 known or potential genes, three classes of genes (early, metabolism, morphogenesis)
- early genes transcribed by E. coli RNAP, importantly: gene 1, coding for T7 RNAP
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T4 infection Bacteriophage Ecology.aspx



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left microscope, Nov 20-21 2010

phage T7 genome



Growth of viral plaques

- A virus V encounters a bacterium B and (reversibly) produces an infected organism I
- The infected bacterium lyses in a latency time 1/k₂ to produce new viral particles with an integer yield Y (Y ~ 30 for T7)

J. Yin and J. S. McCaskill Biophys. J. **61**, 1540 (1992)

$$V + B \xrightarrow[k_{-1}]{k_2} I \xrightarrow{k_2} Y \cdot V$$

Reaction-Diffusion equations for [V], [B] and [I] lead to a Fisher equation for the spatial virus concentration [V] = u(r,t)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(\vec{r},t) = D\nabla^2 u(\vec{r},t) + au(\vec{r},t)[1 - u(\vec{r},t)/K]$$

 $K =$ phage density in the plaque = "carrying capacity"
 $D =$ effective viral diffusion constant in bacterial lawn
 $a = a(k_1, k_{-1}, k_2, Y) =$ effective phage multiplication rate

What happens with this autocatlytic reaction-diffusion equation???

Fisher Wave of Plaque Growth In One Dimension

 $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(x,t) = D\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}u(x,t) + au(x,t)[1 - u(x,t)/K]; \quad let \ u(x,t) = f(x - vt)$



Schematic time development of a wavefront solution of Fisher's equation on the infinite line. (J.D. Murray, Mathematical Biology)

Interface velocity $v = 2\sqrt{Da}$ Interface width $= \sqrt{D} / a$

Front velocity of an T7 plaque invading a bacterial lawn



Y. Lee and J. Yin, Nat. Biotech. 14, 491 (1996).

Mutant isolated from stab taken at point A of the wild type descendants

"Refraction" of a T7 population wave....







Spread of a T7 epidemic through the homeland

= T7-susceptible E. coli = T7-resistant E. coli





Simplify by focusing on a few well defined obstacles...







<u>1000 μm</u> 31:28:39.568



Wolfram's ink jet printer: (see also: Leibler Lab, PLoS 1, (2007)



Simplified problem: population dynamics around well-defined obstacles = "lakes" plaque growth experiment



Christiaan Huygens (1629-1695)



Dutch mathematician, physicist and astronomer who formulated the wave theory of light. (also, pendulum clock, centrifugal force, the rings of Saturn .



Pierre de Fermat (1601-1665)



French lawyer at the Parlement of Toulouse, and amateur mathematician contributing to early developments leading to infinitesimal calculus.





minimize over paths $\vec{r}(s)$, s = arclength $T[\{\vec{r}(s)\}] = \int_{A}^{B} dt = \int_{A}^{B} \frac{dr(s)}{v[\vec{r}(s)]} = \int_{A}^{B} \frac{\vec{t}(s)}{v[\vec{r}(s)]} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}(s)}{ds} ds,$ $\vec{t}(s) = \frac{d\vec{r}(s)}{ds} \rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} \left[\frac{1}{v[\vec{r}(s)]} \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds} \right] = 0$

Fermat's principle for viral plaques [require L >> sqrt(D_{eff}/a_{eff})]

- At a given point on the frontier, ask "where did you ancestors come from?"
- Resulting principle of least time equivalent to "survival of the fastest"





Simulations: T7 population dynamics around obstacles

$$V + B \xrightarrow[k_{-1}]{k_{2}} I \xrightarrow{k_{2}} Y \cdot V \quad (Y \sim 30)$$

 $u(\vec{r},t)$ = phage density on plate

 $\frac{\partial u(\vec{r},t)}{\partial t} = D\nabla^2 u(\vec{r},t) + a(\vec{r})u(\vec{r},t)[1 - u(\vec{r},t) / K]$ $a(\vec{r}) = 0 \text{ inside obstacles}$





Cusps heal according to $\Delta \sim 1/d$, independent of the width of the obstacle



Huygens-Fermat principle neglects discreteness of viruses and cells...



It's only a good first approximation, like ray optics, which neglects photons and the wave nature of light!



Population genetics and range expansions (note genetic drift!)



Wandering of genetic boundaries during range expansions given by a "wall diffusion constant".

 $D_w \approx a^2 / \tau_g$ a = cell size τ_g = division time

What happens if we add an obstacle????

Population genetics near obstacles: E. coli colonies obstructed by a disk impermeable to nutrients



Simulation of an "infinite color" model

"selection by geometry"



Coalescent lineages for range expansions around a "lake" (Wolfram Moebius ...)



simulation \leftrightarrow Huygens principle \leftrightarrow bacterial growth experiment

Population genetics of fronts impinging on obstacles

- Obstacles impress long-lived characteristic footprints on allele frequency patterns at population frontiers.
- Populations migrating through inhomogenous media above the percolation threshold will be described by an index of refraction



- obstacles reduce genetic diversity ('unlucky genotypes')
- obstacles putatively boost genotypes ('lucky genotypes')
- cusps behind obstacles eventually heal, but sector boundaries caused by obstacles can persist indefinitely

Geometry"

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Range Expansions in Structured Environments

Frontier population genetics with spatial structure --Range expansions are very common in biology... Number fluctuations very large at the edge of a population wave

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→ How does a range expansion in a non-homogeneous environment shape genetic diversity?

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