Optimality in metobolic networks

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Abstract

We compute, both numerically and analytically (via cavity methods), the typical properties of optimal growth of large assemblies of reactants interconnected by networks of mutually catalytic interactions. Results are qualitatively robust with respect to changes of the network topology and provide means to evaluate the functionality of real chemical systems, e.g. metabolic networks.