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What is meant by autoregulation?

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What is the choice he uses for the “null model,” and what is its purpose?

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What is $f(Y)$? Which separation of timescales is used to estimate $f(Y)$?

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Why is Y_{st} called a fixed point? How do we know it is stable?

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Why might there be an overshoot in the production of Y in the case of negative autoregulation?

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Where does the Hill coefficient come from in the physical system?

What does K represent?

Why is negative autoregulation more robust to noise than simple regulation?

How might negative autoregulation contribute to organismal fitness?

1:04:00 Answer the question!

1:20:00 How does positive autoregulation slow responses and increase noise?