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Influence of Oxygen Consumption Rate Modulation on Bacterial Pattern Formation Models

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Mathematical bacterial pattern formation models have been studied since the 1970s. Most models are based on Keller-Segel equations. In this approach, the dynamics of the bacteria population is modelled using a system of nonlinear reaction-diffusion-chemotaxis partial differential equations.

Escherichia coli exhibits attraction to self-excreted chemoattractant. It was also shown that the activity of *E. coli* depends on available oxygen. The dynamics of oxygen consumption rate play an important part in the pattern formation. Multiple methods of oxygen consumption rate modulation have been used in different studies. The interactions between several active processes lead to very complex dynamic systems that are still poorly understood.

The aim of this work is to examine the effects of several different oxygen consumption rate modulation functions on the spatiotemporal pattern formation of luminous bacteria. The model involving chemoattractant and oxygen dynamics is used to simulate the 2D patterns in bacterial populations near the inner lateral surface of a cylindrical micro-container. The numerical simulation was conducted using the finite difference technique.