

Constraining the Definition of Life

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WHAT IS LIFE?



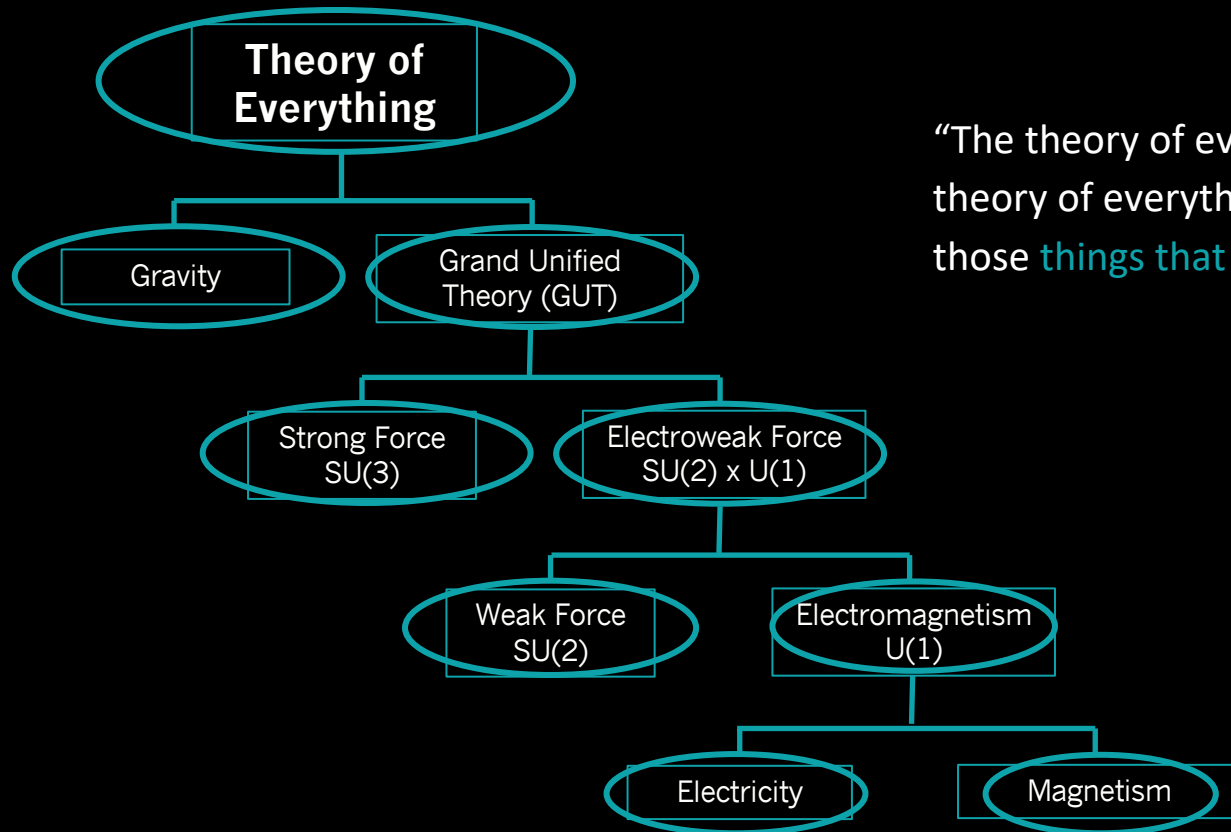
“... living matter, while not eluding the ‘laws of physics’ as established up to date, is likely to involve ‘other laws of physics’ hitherto unknown”

E. Schrödinger. *What is Life?* Cambridge University Press, 1944

HISTORY OF UNIFICATIONS IN PHYSICS



<https://epod.usra.edu/blog/2012/01/crescent-moon-earthshine-and-venus.html>

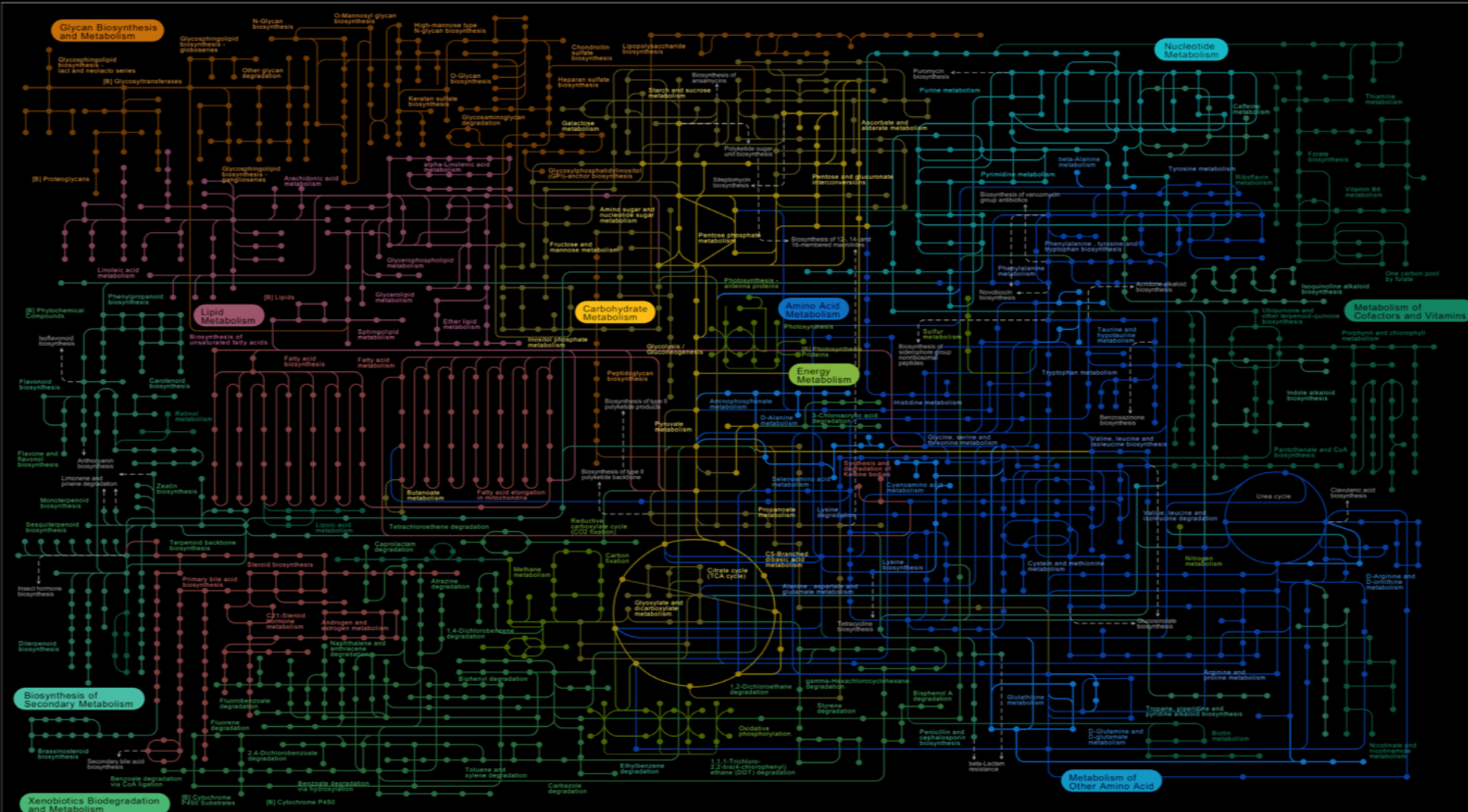


“The theory of everything is a theory of everything except of those things that theorize.”

—David Krakauer
Santa Fe Institute

EXAMPLES OF “LIFE”







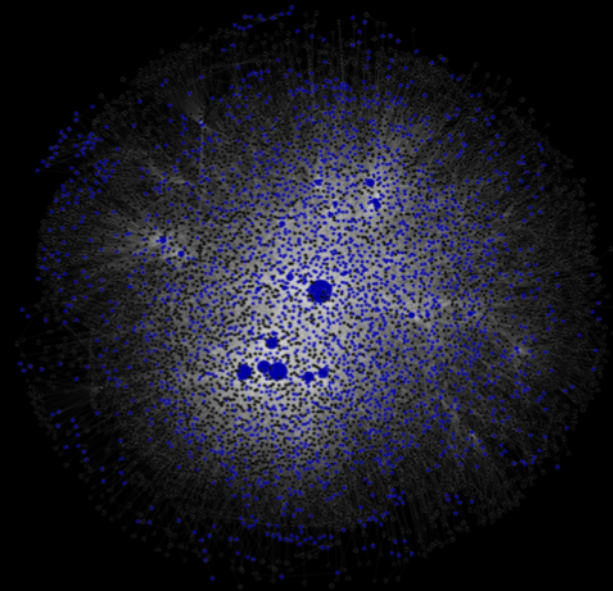


Images of two-headed planaria provided by Michael Levin (Tufts U.)



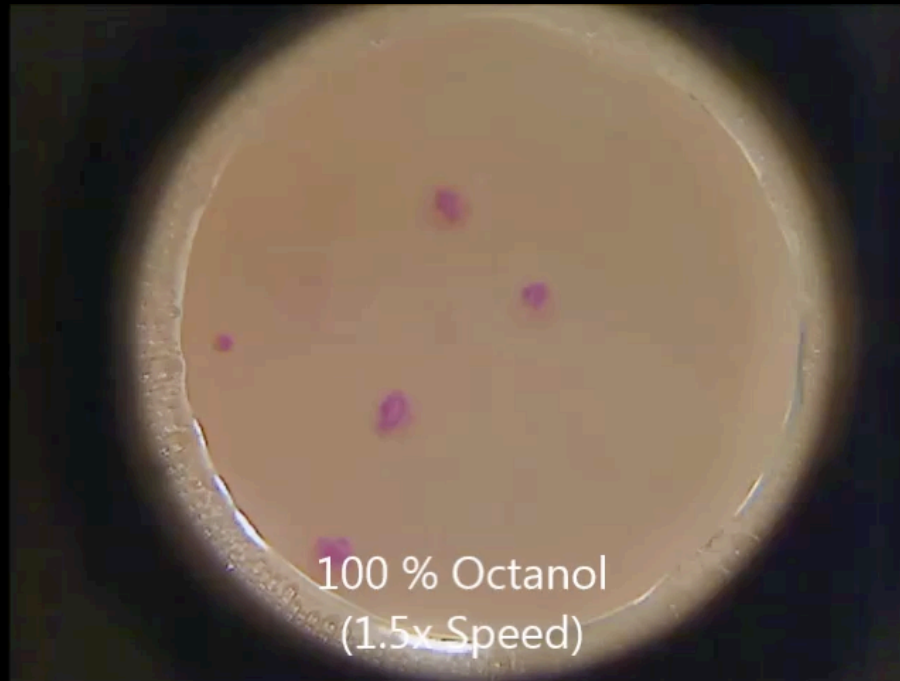
This image is from the lab of Stephen Pratt at Arizona State University





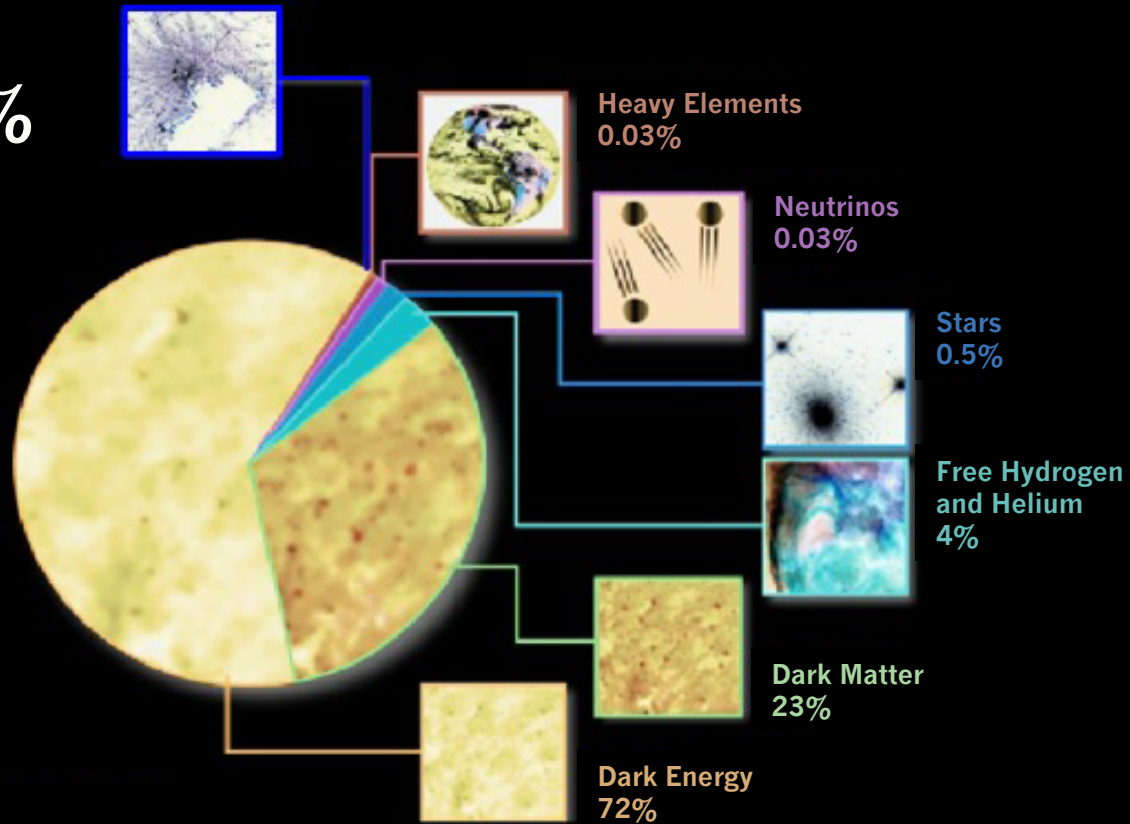
Network representation of the global inventory of enzymatically catalyzed biochemical reactions

WHAT ABOUT “ALMOST LIFE?” IS THERE SUCH A THING?



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