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The role of transient compartmentalization for origin of life scenarios

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In the fifties, Oparin imagined liquidlike compartments called coacervates, which could have played a central role in the origin of life [1]. Although the experimental verification of this idea remained scarce for many years, the idea resurfaced recently in various systems of biological interest in which liquid non-membrane compartments were found. An important aspect not tested in the Oparin scenario is the role of the transient nature of compartmentalization. Here, we discuss a general class of multilevel selection with transient compartmentalization [2], and its robustness against noise and mutations [3].

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