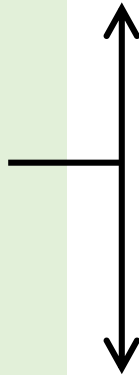


BB101 Quiz on May 31st 2023 (8 - 9:30 am)

1. Questions in Quiz will cover only Lecture 1 to Lecture 6 taught by R Mallik
2. Weightage = 10% of the part taught by R Mallik
3. There will be no “Re-Quiz”. No Crib-Sessions or Crib-Emails for Quiz
4. If you miss the Quiz for genuine reasons then Endsem Marks can be scaled up to compensate for the missed Quiz.
5. To do this, you must send an Email from your IITB-ID to Head-TA (cc R Mallik) with (1) Your Name and Roll number (2) Reason for missing the Quiz. This Email must be sent before 9PM of 1st June 2023.
6. Reason Genuine/Not Genuine will be decided according to IITB Academic rules



Lec1 - Proteins as Machines
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LECTURE 1 : BACTERIAL CHEMOTAXIS

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Resources

Chapters 4 and 19 of Physical Biology of the Cell, Phillips, Kondev, Theriot, Garcia

Molecular Biology of the Cell.
Alberts, Johnson, Lewis Walter

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[Primer on Bacterial Chemotaxis](#)

Diversity of Motion in different Cell types

For today's Lecture

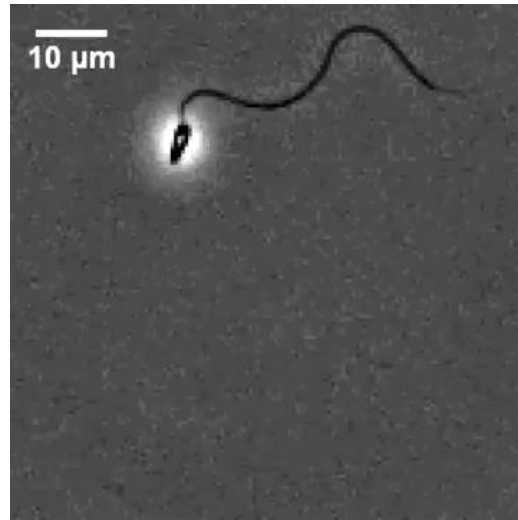
EUKARYOTES

PROKARYOTE

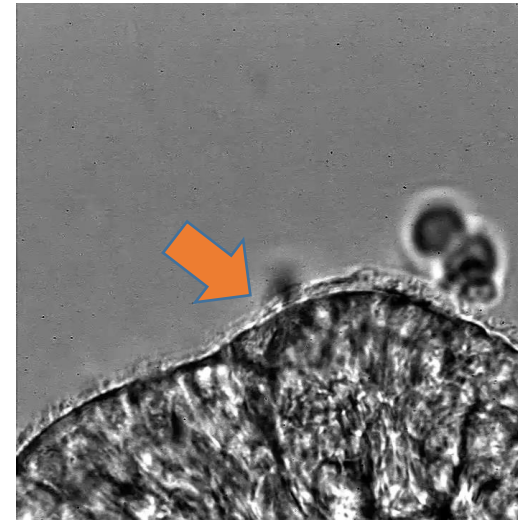
Bacteria



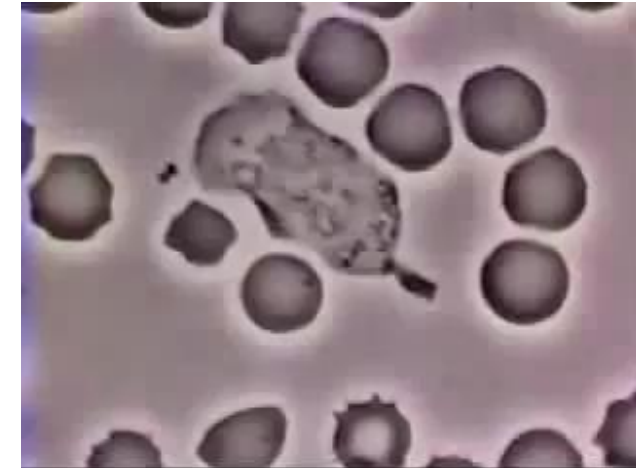
Sperm



Motion of Cilia on surface
of Epithelial Cells
(e.g. Lung airway)



White Blood Cell
Catching bacteria



Both use “Flagella”,
But mechanism is different
Bacteria :- Rotary Flagellar Motor
Sperm :- Whip-like flagella driven by Dynein

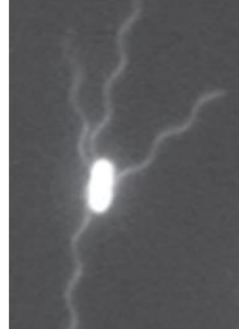
Whip-like motion of
Flagella (Sperm) or Cilia
(Epithelial Cell)
Driven by Dynein in the
Flagella or Cilia

Different Mechanism
Actin Polymerization and
Depolymerization
Discussed in Lec-6

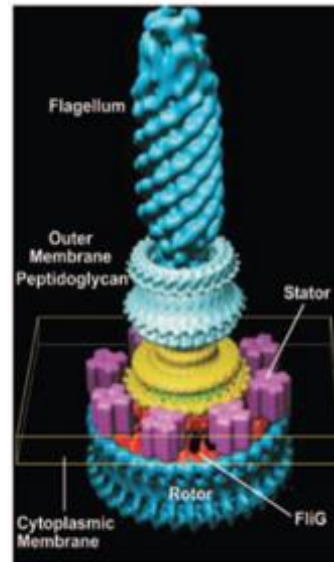
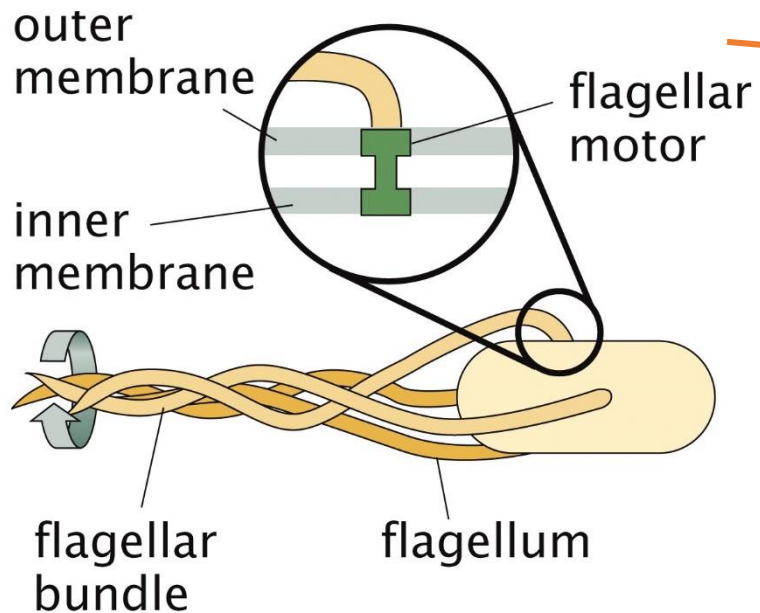
PROKARYOTES - Bacterial Propulsion and Chemotaxis



➡ Sometimes you see this..



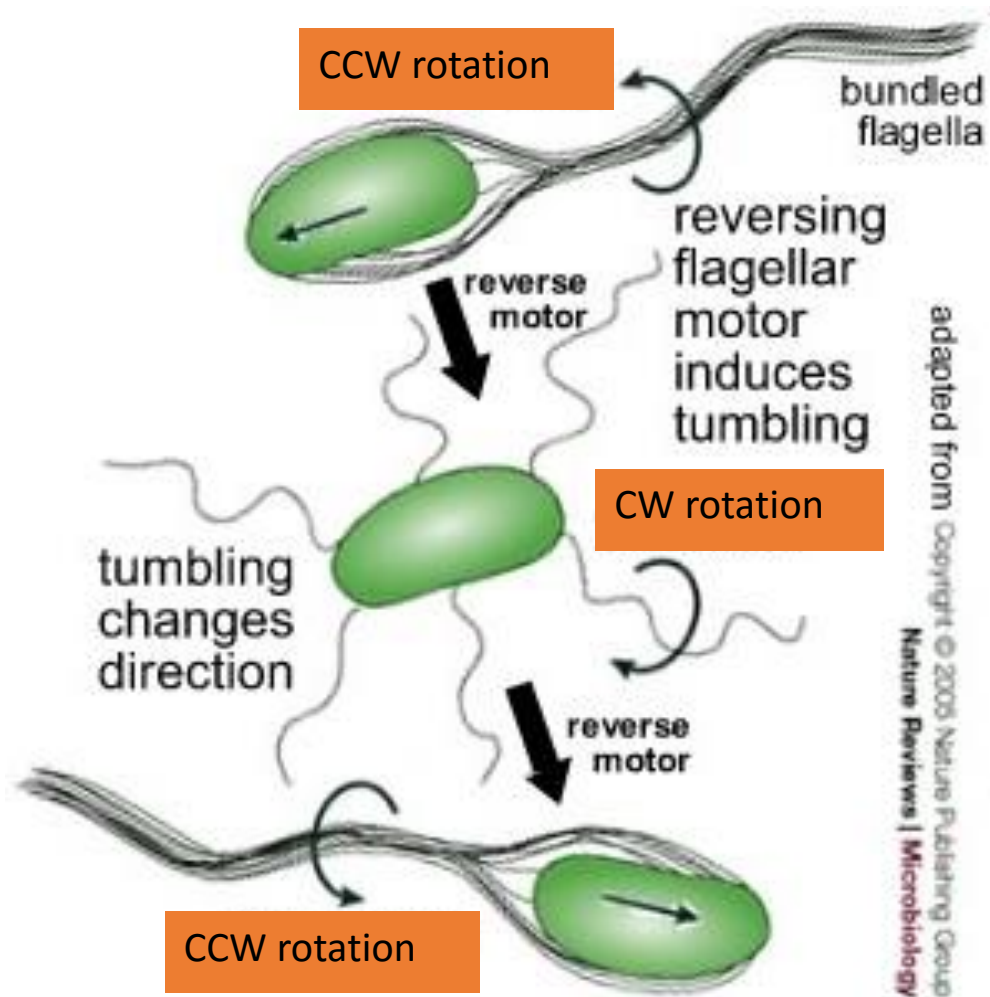
We have already discussed the Motor



But, how does the bacteria control this motor to find Food ?

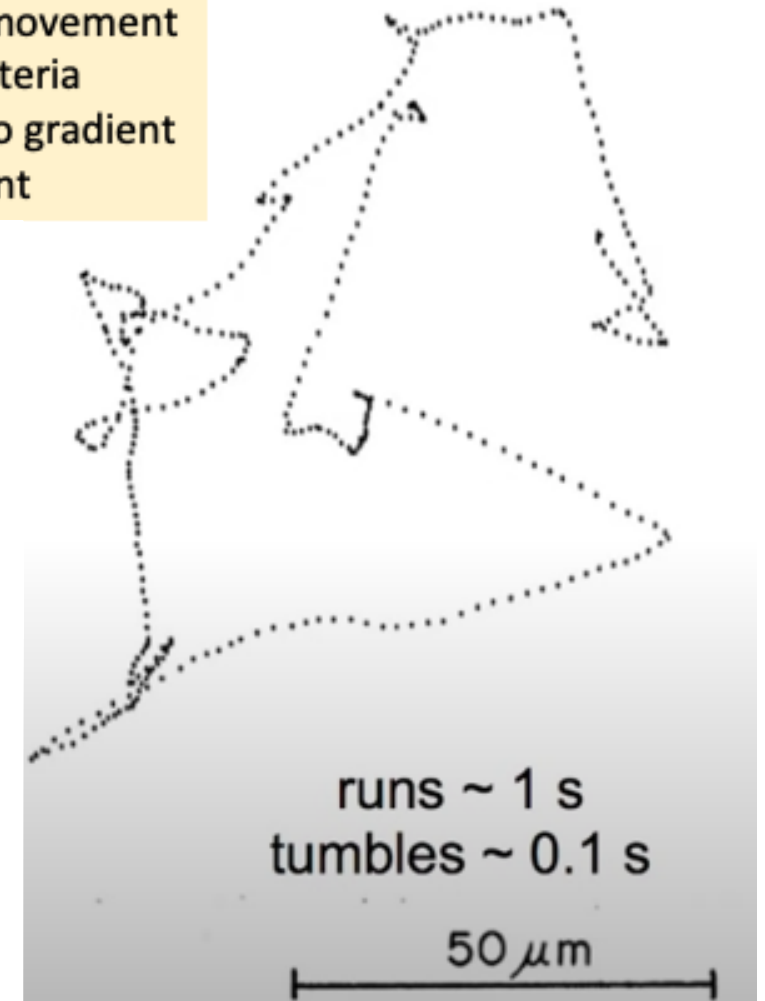
LIFE AS A BACTERIA

RUN → TUMBLE → RUN → TUMBLE → ...



CW = Clockwise
CCW = Counter Clockwise

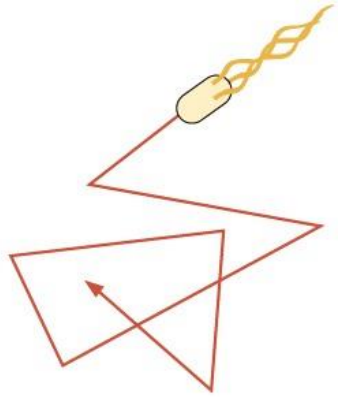
Actual movement
of a bacteria
when no gradient
is present



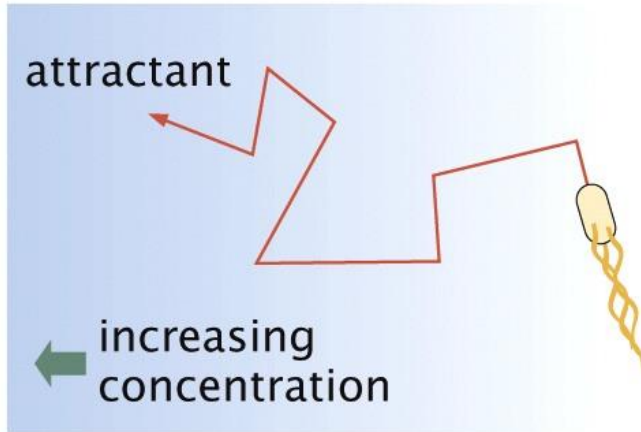
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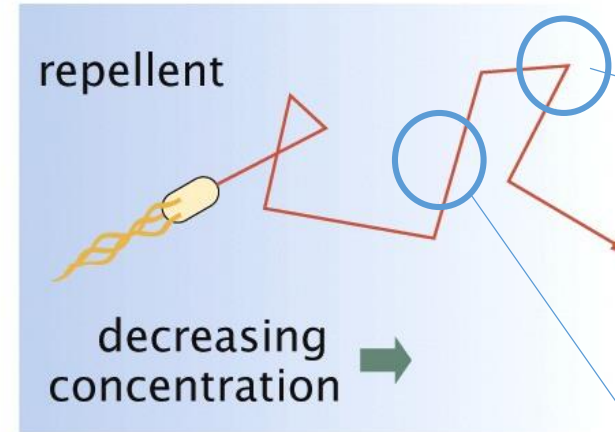
Bacteria Swim Towards Nutrients & Away from Repellents



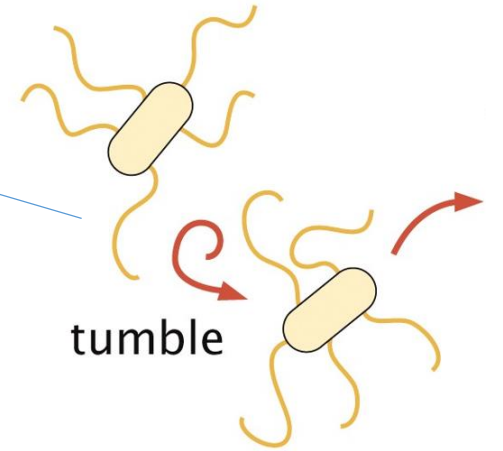
NO ATTRACTANT
OR REPELLENT



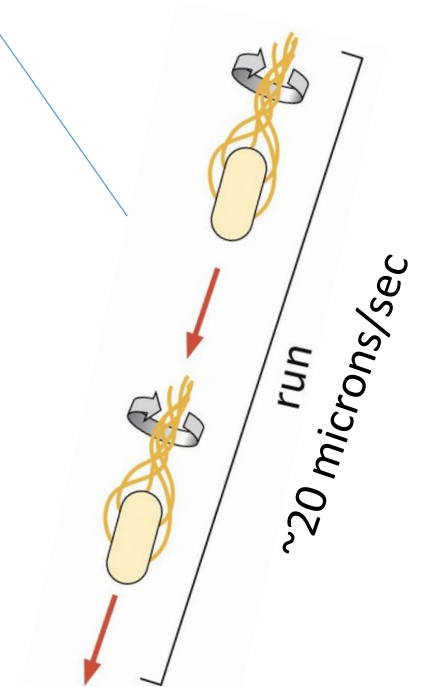
POSITIVE
CHEMOTAXIS



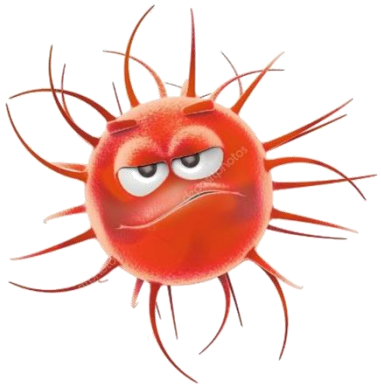
NEGATIVE
CHEMOTAXIS



tumble



run
~20 microns/sec



LIFE AS A BACTERIA

RUN → TUMBLE → RUN → TUMBLE →

... BINARY SWITCHING

How is it implemented?

What does molecule do ?

What is molecule called?

How does the molecule do it's job ?

1. RECEPTOR outside the Cell

Receptor

Receptor binds to Food outside the cell
→ Changes the shape of receptor inside the cell

2. TRANSMITTER of info to Cell interior *CheW+CheA*

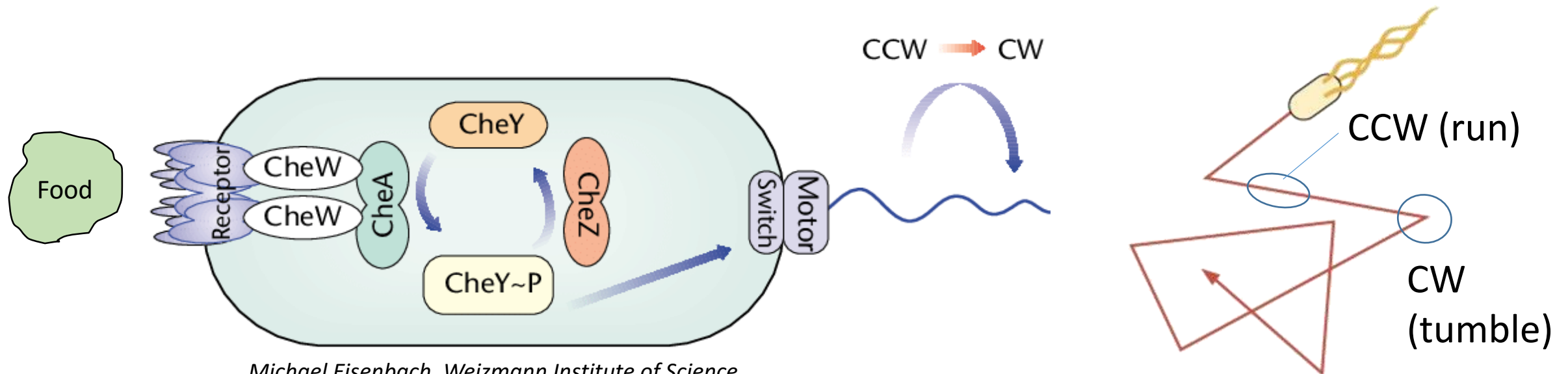
Bind food to receptor → CheW/CheA bind to Receptor
→ Now, activity of CheA increases (it is a Kinase)

3. SWITCH for motor (Run or Tumble) *CheY*

CheA adds a Phosphate to CheY → CheY-P interacts with Flagellar Motor → CW → Tumble (Eat Food)

4. RESET CheZ

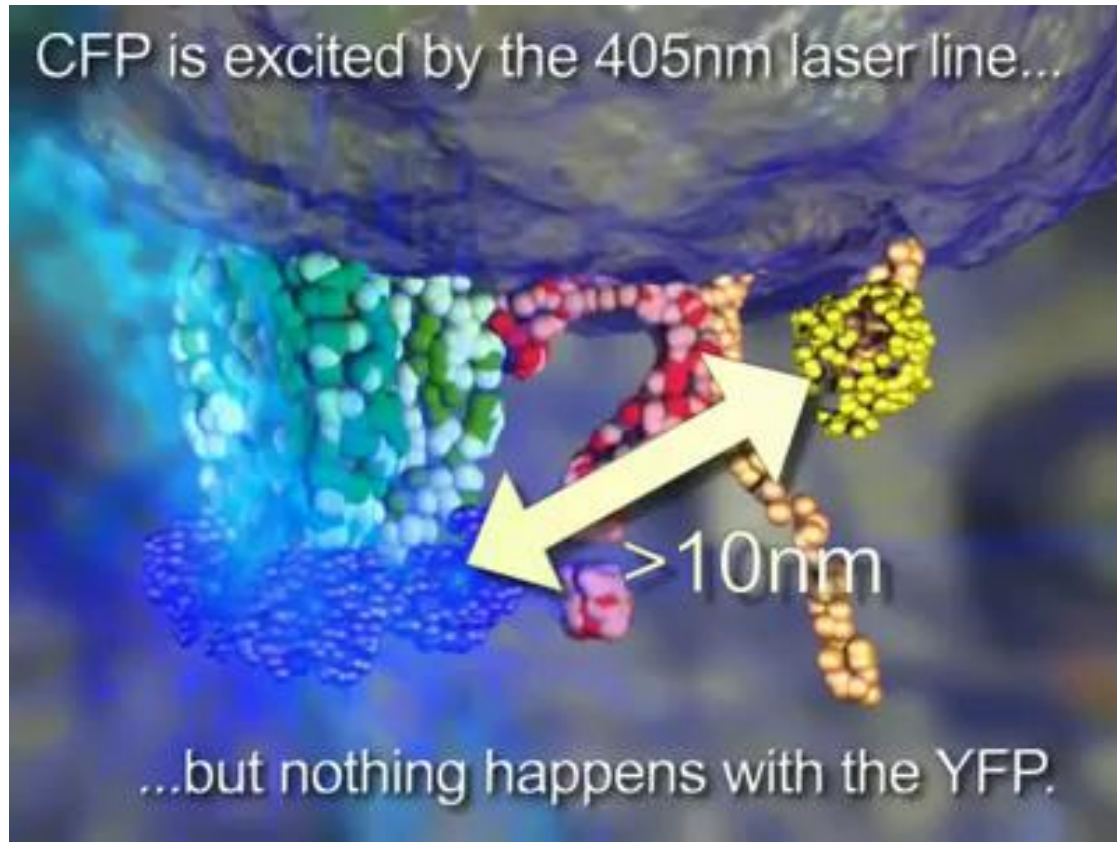
CheZ is a Phosphatase → It Removes the Phosphate from CheY → Motor CCW → Run (find more food)



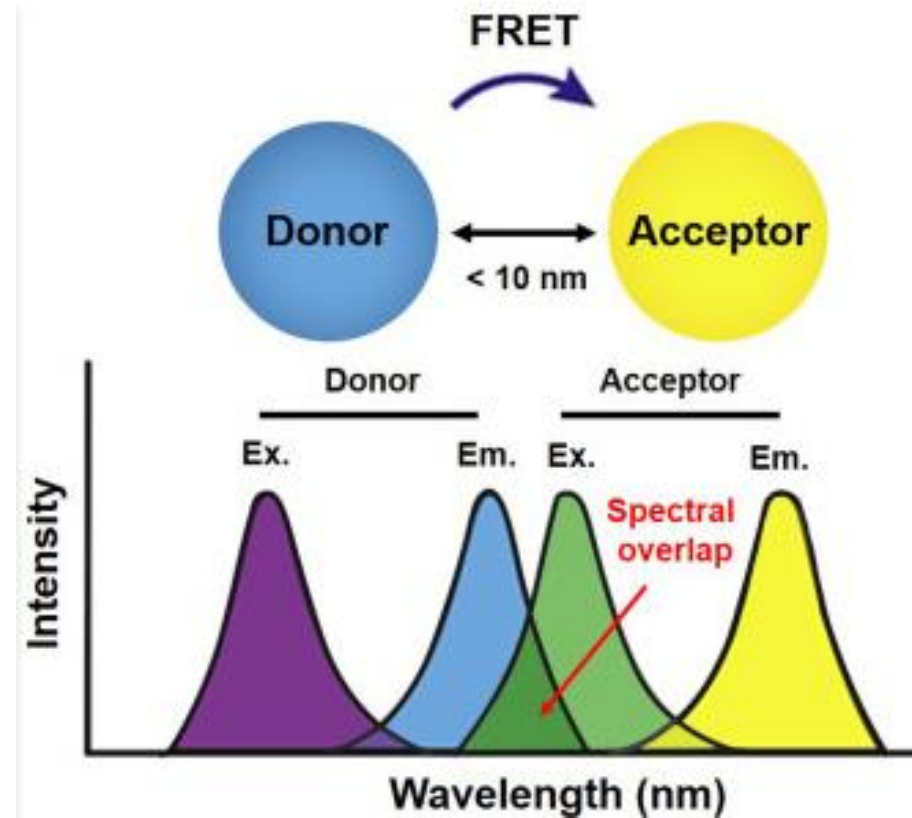
Michael Eisenbach, Weizmann Institute of Science

Bacteria are VERY small. How can we understand it's internal machinery ?

FRET - Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer
Dr Othon Gervasio - 3D Scientific Animation



CFP – Cyan Fluorescent Protein - Donor
YFP – Yellow Fluorescent Protein - Acceptor



[Link to Video](#)

[Source](#)

Let's look at one experiment to test the Reset Mechanism

4. RESET

CheZ

CheZ is a **Phosphatase** → It Removes the Phosphate from CheY → Motor CCW → Run (find more food)

Make a FRET pair between CheZ and CheY

Add food	→	Less interaction	→ YFP fluorescence decreases
Remove food	→	More interaction	→ YFP fluorescence increases

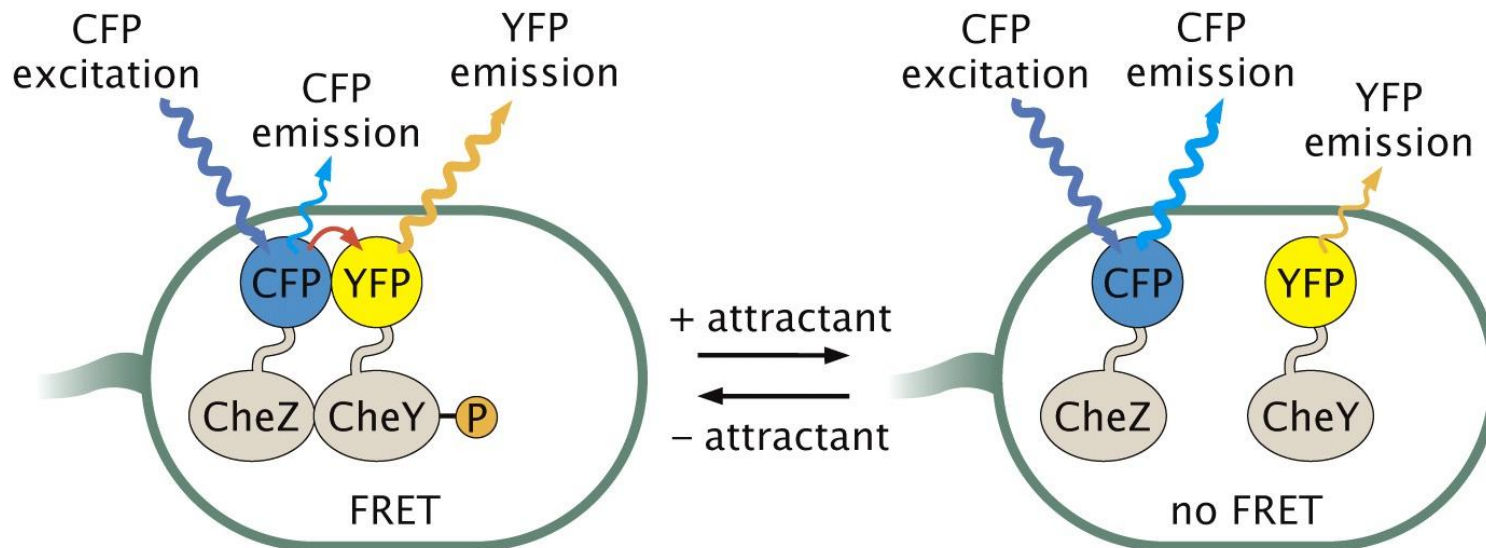


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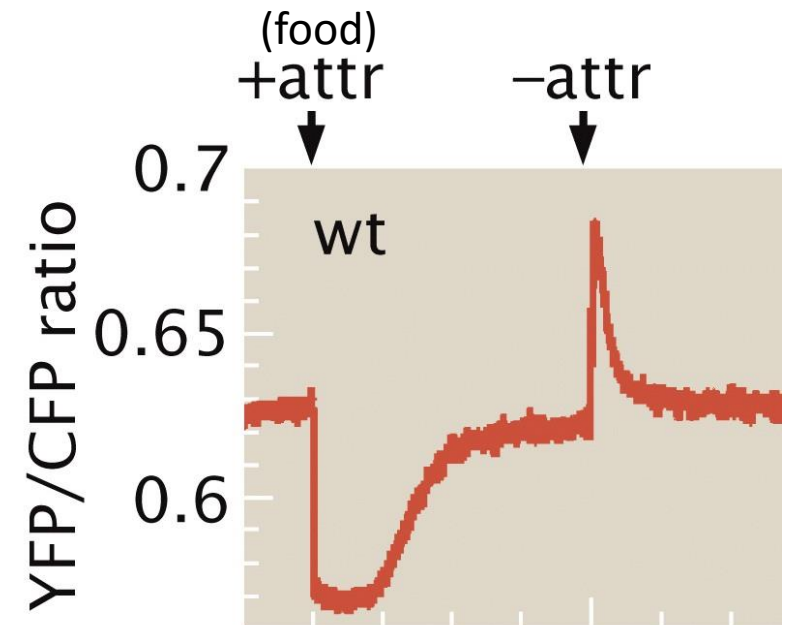


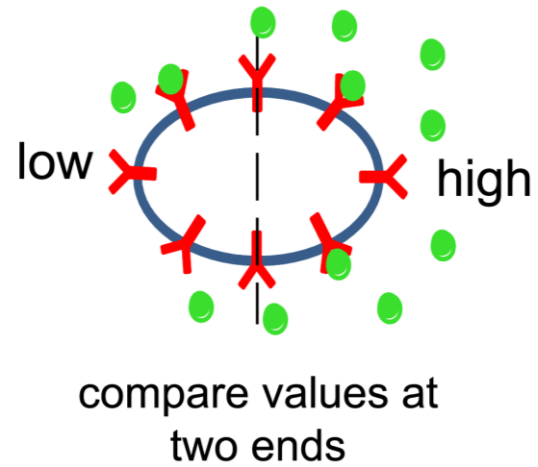
Figure 19.54b Physical Biology of the Cell, 2ed. (© Garland Science 2013)

How can Bacteria
moves towards
nutrients ?

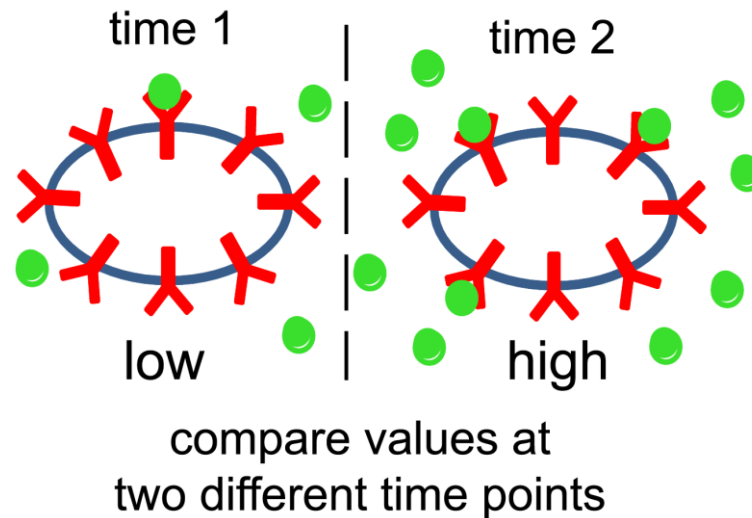
Two possibilities :-

1. Compare Signals
coming from
Opposite ends of
the bacteria
(Spatial Sensing)
2. Compare Signals
coming at different
Time points
(Temporal Sensing)

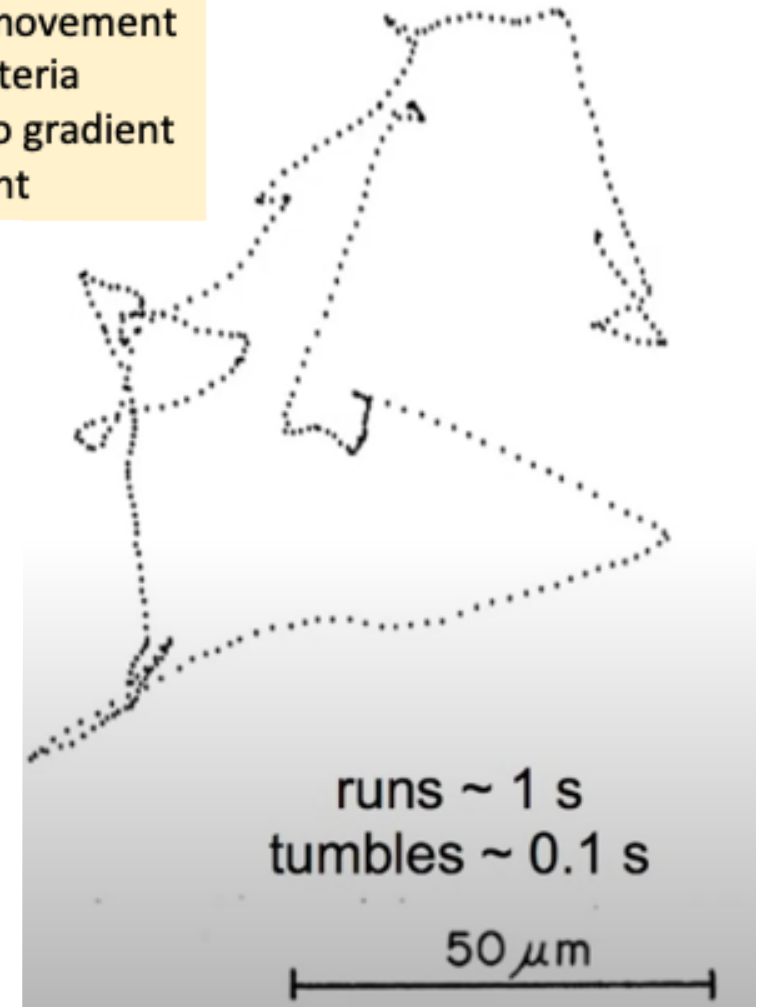
Spatial sensing



Temporal sensing



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Would Spatial Sensing work ?

Bacteria of radius $a = 1$ micron

If bacteria diffuses distance “ x ”
in time t (in 3D), then ...

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = 6Dt, D = \kappa T / 6\pi\eta a$$

Diffusion constant
 $D = \kappa T / 6\pi\eta a$
 η = viscosity
 κ = Boltzmann constant

Put in the numbers

→ Bacteria diffuses a distance $x \approx 1$ micron in 1 second

But, food particle will diffuse ~ 3 microns in 1 second

(Assuming that the food particle is ~ 10 times smaller than bacteria)

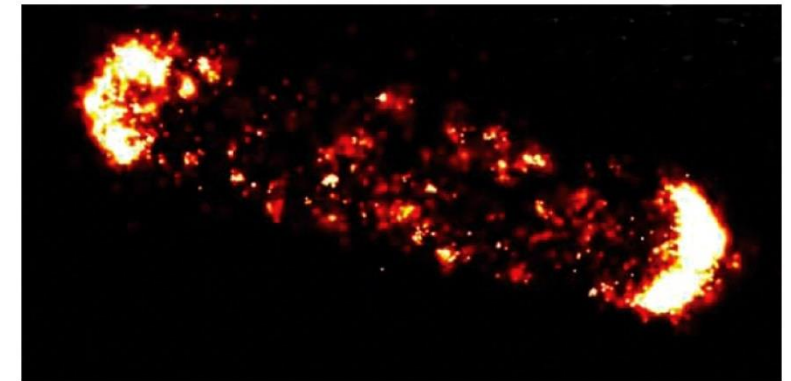
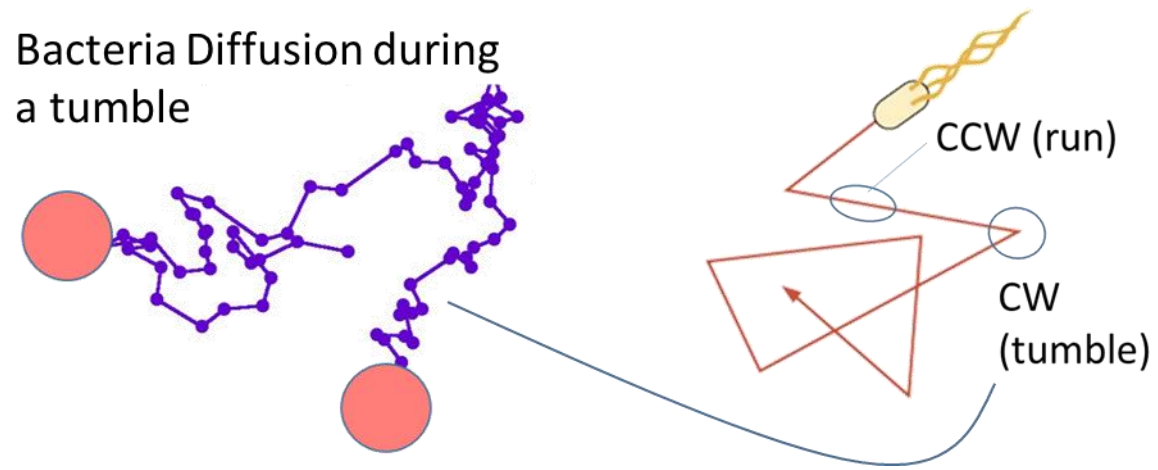
Appears Controversial :-

Will diffusion wash out whatever the bacteria is sensing?

Can the bacteria “Count” reliably within its tumble?

Why are the sensors placed at two extreme ends of bacteria?

Bacteria Diffusion during
a tumble



800 nm

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