# Part III Small network, high performance

### **Bacteria chemotaxis**

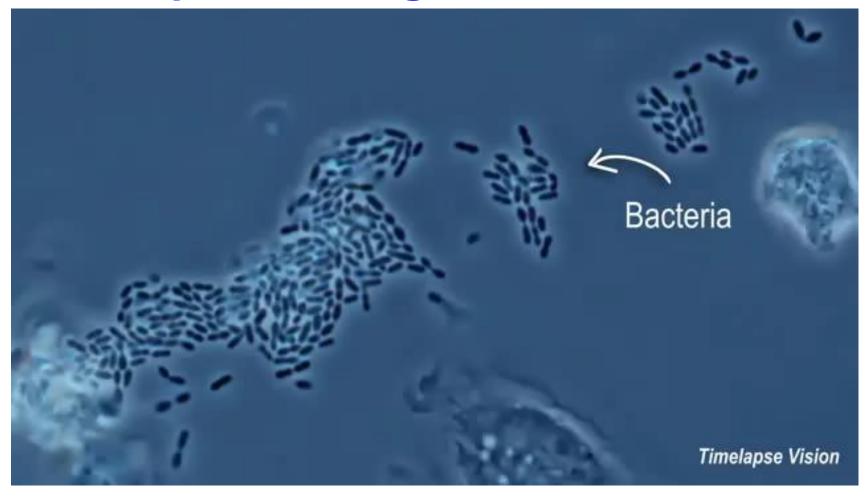
based on pioneered works by Howard Berg and others

Week 5-6

## Cell chemotaxis

- Chemotaxis (from <u>chemo-</u> + <u>taxis</u>) is movement of an organism in response to a chemical stimulus.
- Is precisely controlled in many developmental and physiological process
- The underline biochemical network has been gradually deciphered
- Correlation between biochemical reactions and precise control required systems biology approaches

1. Neutrophil: eating bacteria



### 1. Neutrophil: how to find bacteria, fungi

Chemotactic and phagocytic response of a micropipette-held human neutrophil to zymosan

Zymosan is a glucan from the surface of fungi

Heinrich & Lee, JCS 2011

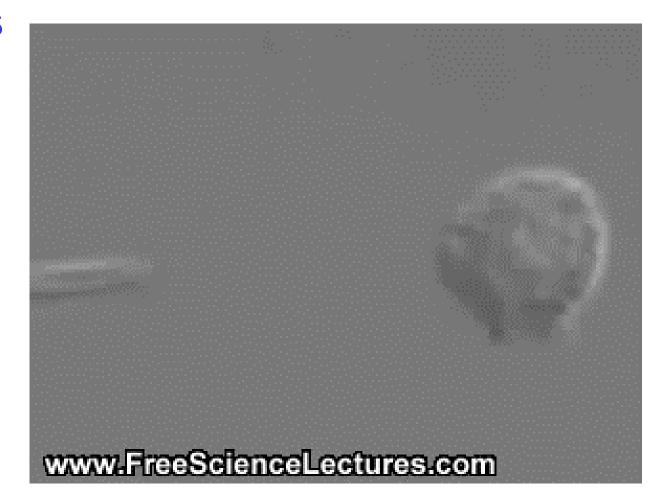
## 1. Neutrophil: how to find bacteria, fungi



Neutrophil chasing bacterium
Sensing LPS
produced by bacteria

1. Neutrophil: how to call for reinforcement? Secreting chemokines that attract other

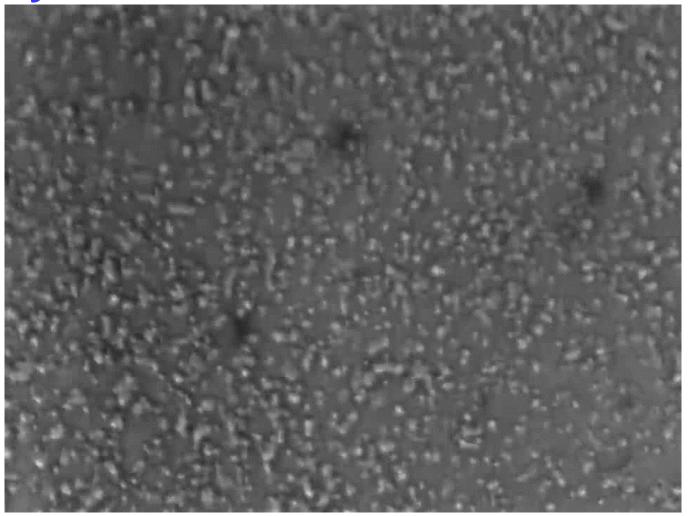
neutrophils



# 2. Dictyostelium: moving towards high concentration of cAMP



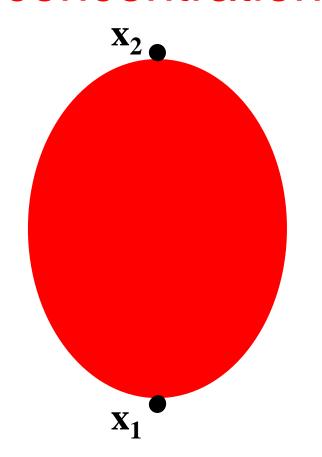
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# How do they find the direction of high concentration chemoattractants?



#### **Spatial Sensing**

$$\frac{C(x_2) - C(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{dC}{dx}$$

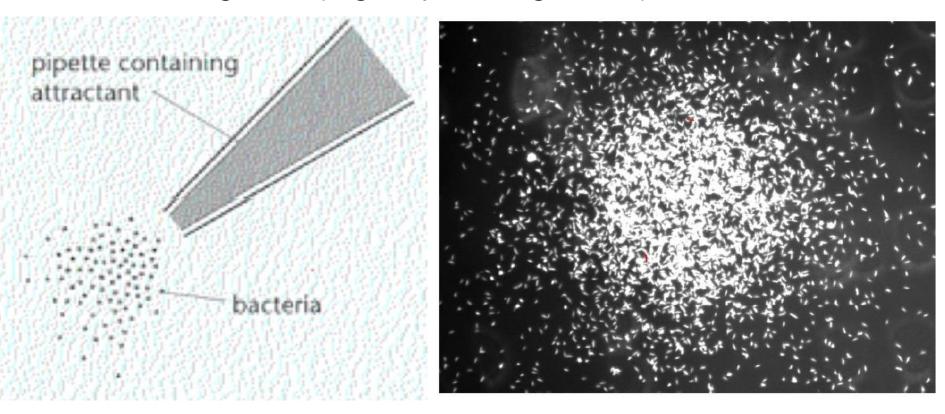
if  $\frac{dC(x_2)}{dx} > 0$ , shmoo in direction of  $x_2$ 

Challenge: how to find it in shallow gradient:

~1% difference between front and back?

### An biochemically simplest example of chemotaxis

Bacteria finding food (e.g. aspartate, glucose) in the wild



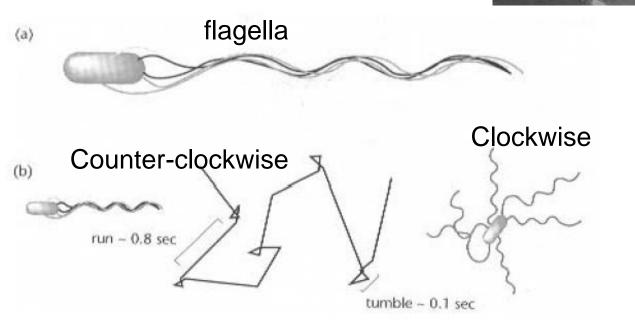
The length of a bacteria ( $\sim 1 \mu m$ ) is much smaller than eukaryotic cell ( $\sim 10 \mu m$ ), spatial sensing of gradient is even harder.

How does it achieve this?

### Bacteria movement

When swimming, the cell travels in a straight line for about 1sec, travels about 30µm. When tumbling, the cell changes on average by 60 degrees.

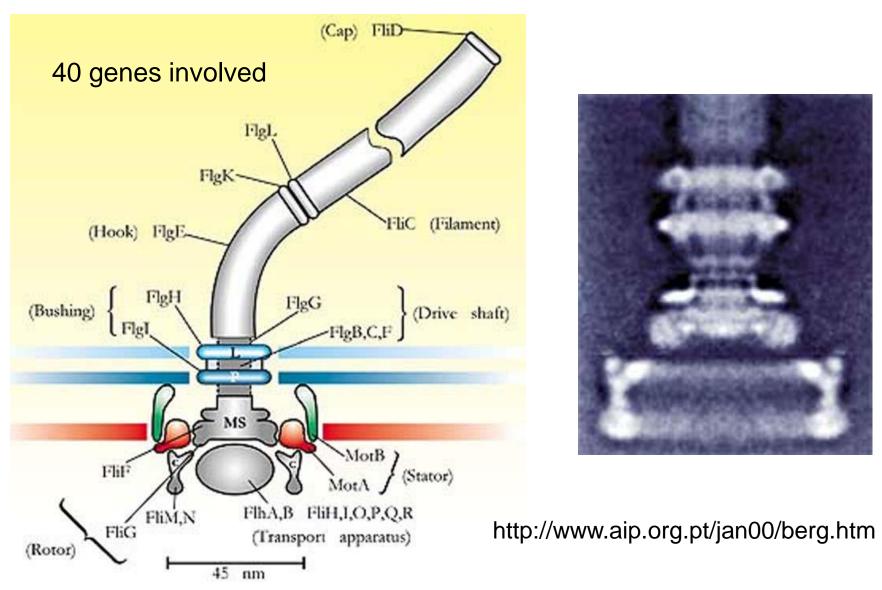
cell length ~ 3 μm, diameter ~ 1 μm



Flagella is labeled with conjugated fluorescent dye, and imaged with high speed fluorescent microscopy.

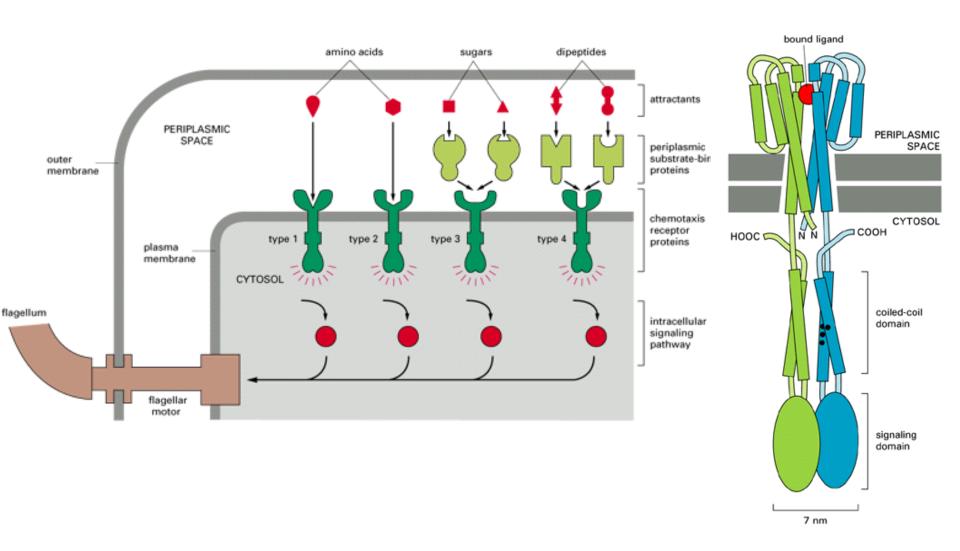
Turner and Berg, 2000

### Structure of the flagella machinery



Rotary 8 cylinder motor driven by protonmotive force (400 steps/rev)

## Receptors sensing chemoattractants

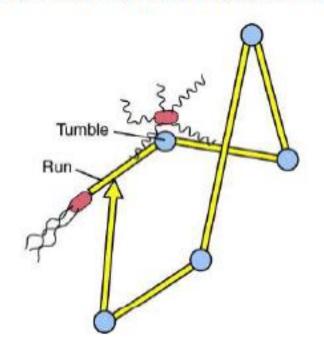


Alberts et al. Mol Biol Cell 3rd Ed.

## Classes of Chemoreceptors

- Originally called methyl-accepting chemotaxis proteins (MCPs)
- Four Types:
  - -tsr (MCP I)
  - tar (MCP II) (important, binds aspartate)
  - trg (MCP III)
  - tap (MCP IV)
- Mainly differ in periplasmic domain

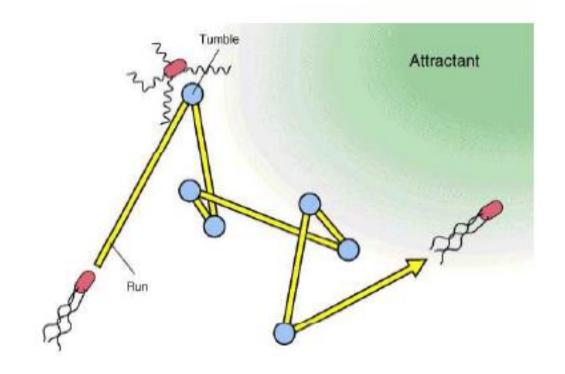
#### Absence of chemical attractant



Since bacteria cannot move straight and is too small to directly sense the spatial gradient, how does it perform chemotaxis?

# The higher the attractant concentration, the lower probability of tumbling.

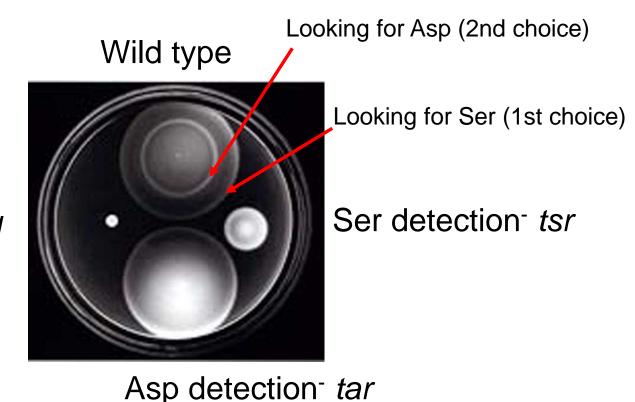
#### Presence of chemical attractant



chemical gradient sensed in a temporal manner

# Mutational approaches to tease out genes mediating chemotaxis

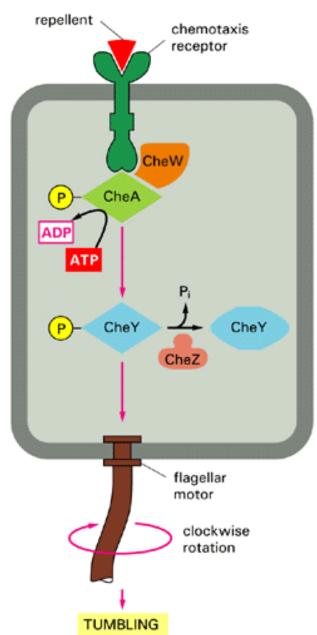
Plate contains serine and aspartate



Non-motile flg

http://www.aip.org.pt/jan00/berg.htm

## The biochemical network performing the task



Counter-Clockwise = straight swim, bundled flagella

Clockwise = tumble, separate flagella

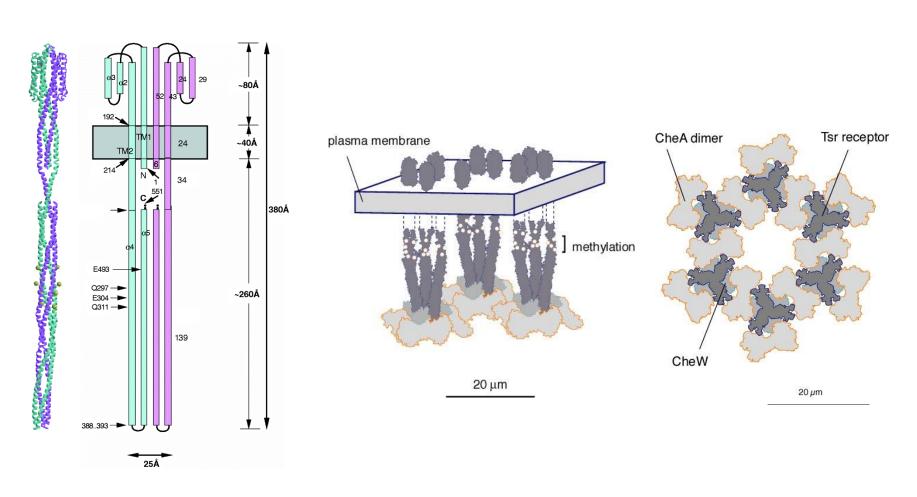
CheY-P binding to motor -> CW rotation

↑Repellent -> ↑CheA-P -> ↑CheY-P -> ↑ CW

↑Attractant -> ↓CheA-P -> ↓CheY-P -> ↓CW

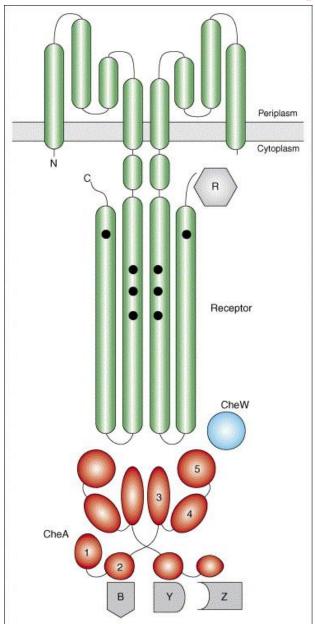
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# The spatial organization of chemotaxis receptors

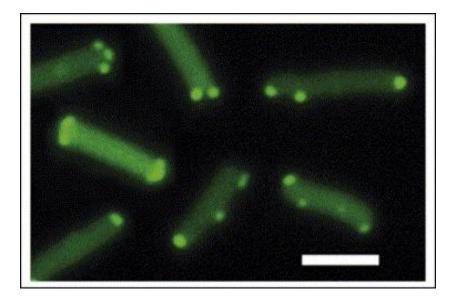


http://www.pdn.cam.ac.uk/groups/comp-cell/Research.html

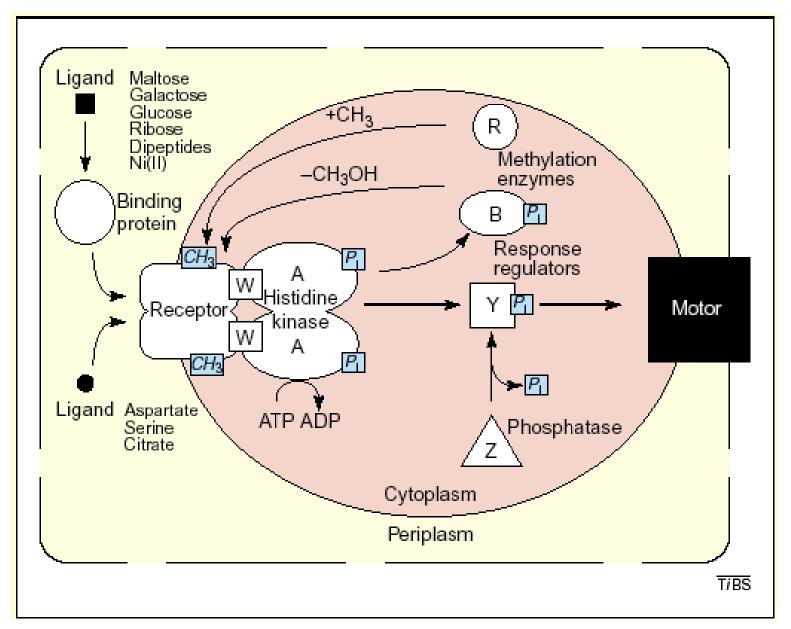
# Receptor Localization



#### Kentner and Sourjik

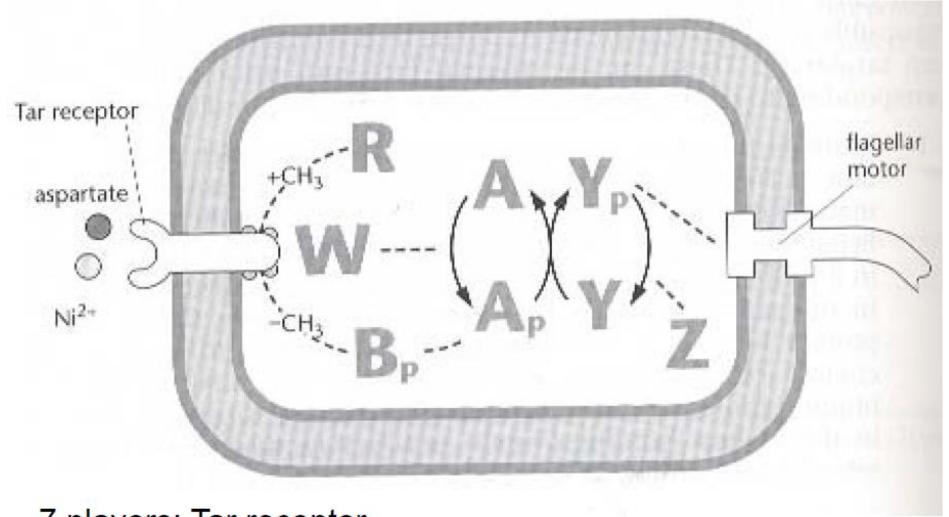


### The entire chemotactic network



Falk and Hazelbauer (2001) TIBS 26, 257

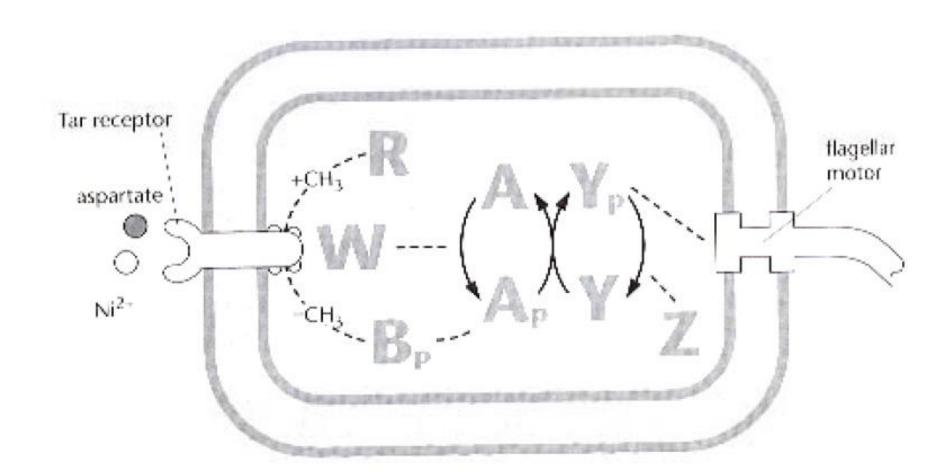
## Simplified drawing of the chemotactic network



7 players: Tar receptor, CheA, CheB, CheR, CheW, CheY, CheZ

## Proteins in the network can be posttranslational modified in different ways

- Phosphorylation (CheA, CheY, CheB)
- II Methylation (Tar receptor)



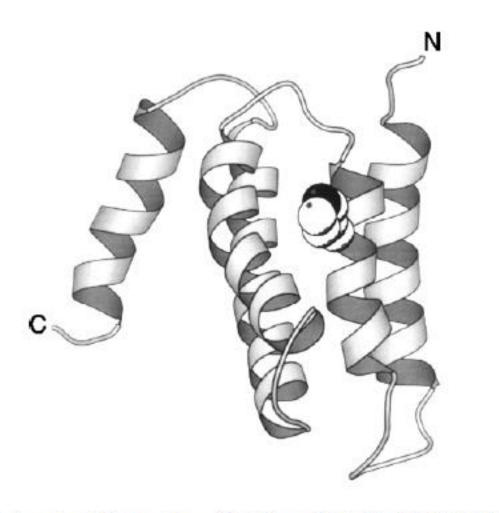
#### I Phosphorylation (CheA, CheY, CheB)

**CheA** (protein kinase), uses ATP to phosphorylate one of its histidines.

$$CheA + ATP \leftrightarrow CheA_p + ADP$$

CheA (CheA<sub>p</sub>)is bound to the Tar receptor through an adapter protein CheW. CheW is not known to have any enzymatic activity. (these proteins are sometimes called 'scaffolding protein')

**CheA**<sub>p</sub> is unstable and transfers its phosphoryl group to CheY (highly soluble, diffuses through the cytoplasm



CheA His48

Falke et al. Annu. Rev. Cell Dev. Biol. 13, 457 (1997)

#### I Phosphorylation (CheA, CheY, CheB)

CheYp binds to the motor (FliM), motor rotates CW (= tumbles)

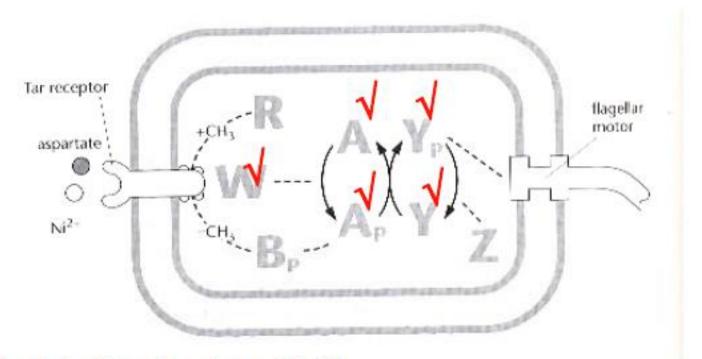
#### logic:

high levels of CheAp -> high levels of CheYp

low levels of CheAp -> low levels of CheYp

(lots of tumbles)

(straight swimming)



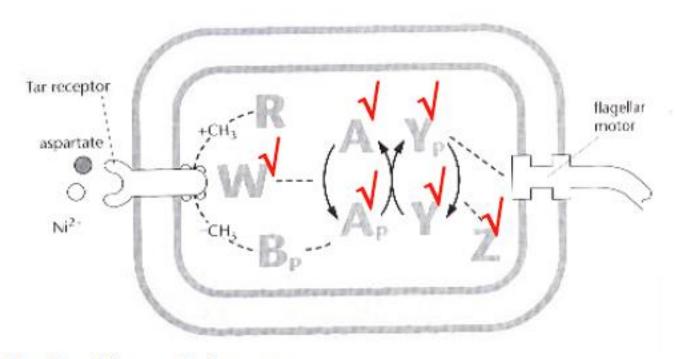
CheZ dephosphorylates CheY<sub>p</sub> (phosphatase, opposite function as CheA)

logic:

high levels of CheZ -> low levels of CheYp

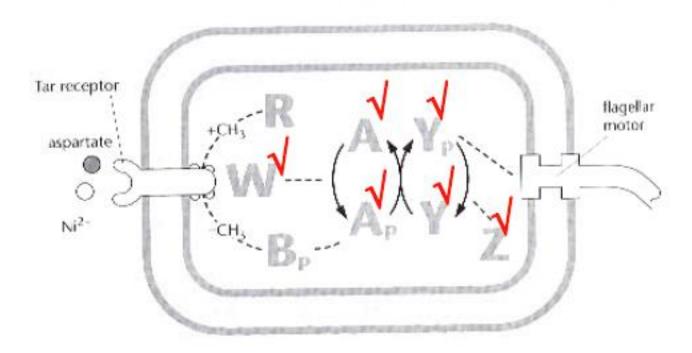
(straight swimming)

#### II Methylation (tar receptor)



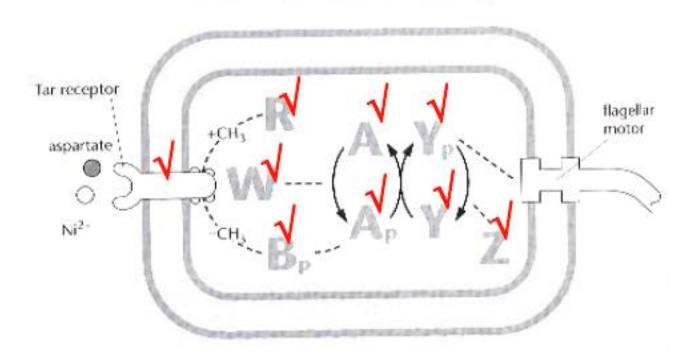
CheR adds methyl group
CheB<sub>p</sub> removes methyl group

#### Methylation - Phosphorylation coupling



phosphorylation state of CheB is controlled by CheA

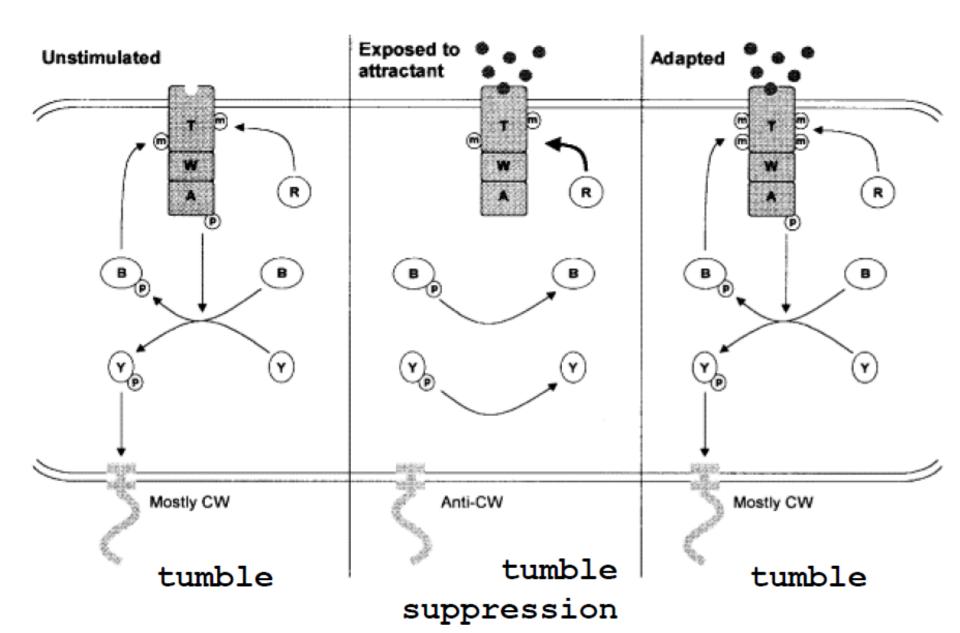
#### Role of ligand binding



The rate of CheA phosphorylation is stimulated by <u>unoccupied</u> receptors

# Competing process of different time scale leads to the critical adaptation

- The attractant/repellant is detected by the chemoreceptors on the cell surface
- Signal is sent to a central processing system
- Central processing system signals the flagellar motor - Excitation (fast)
- The system adapts to the ligand concentration in the environment outside the cell - Adaptation (slow)

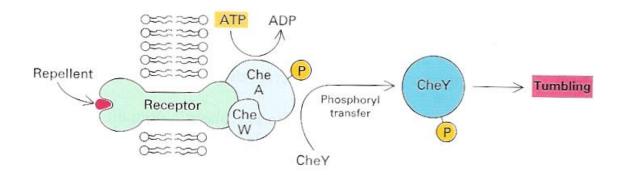


## Fast Response - Excitation

- Normally, CheA autophosphorylates slowly on a histidine residue
  - CheA bound with CheW and receptor
  - Unoccupied receptor or repellant-receptor complex increases autophosphorylation
  - Attractant-receptor complex does not
- A phosphate group can be transferred to an aspartate residue on CheY

## Fast Response - Excitation

- CheY ultimately determines direction of rotation
  - Phosphorylated CheY (CheYp) induces tumbling, unphosphorylated CheY does not
  - CheYp is dephosphorylated by the phosphatase
     CheZ



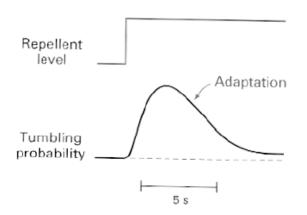
## Fast Response - Excitation

 More attractant → less CheAp → less CheYp → less tumbling

Less attractant/More repellant → more
 CheAp → more CheYp → more tumbling

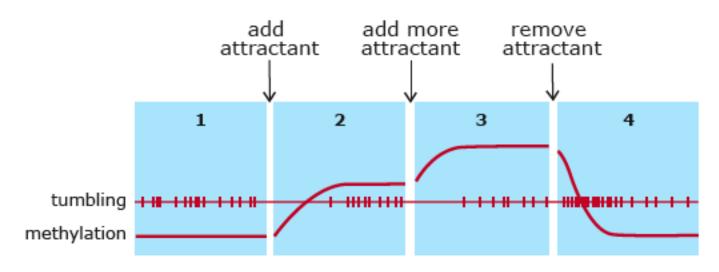
### Slow Response - Adaptation

- After an increase in stimuli, system eventually returns to normal tumbling probability
- Adaptation controlled by reversible methylation of chemoreceptors - negative feedback
  - CheR is a methyltransferase (adds methyl)
  - CheB is a methylesterase (removes methyl)



# Why does it have to be so complex?

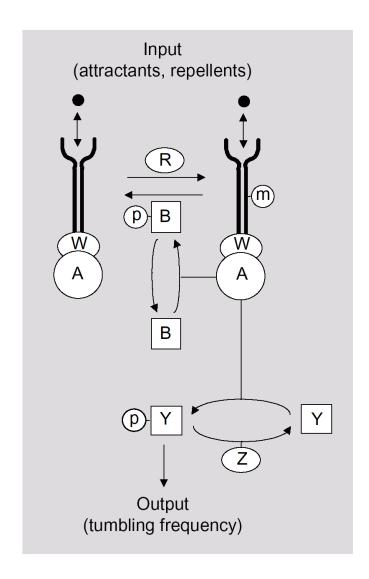
### **Exact Adaptation and sensitivity**



Correlation of Receptor Methylation with Behavioral Response

- Methylation is important for adaptation
- E. coli can sense aspartate from 10nM-1mM
- Sense gradients as shallow as 0.1%

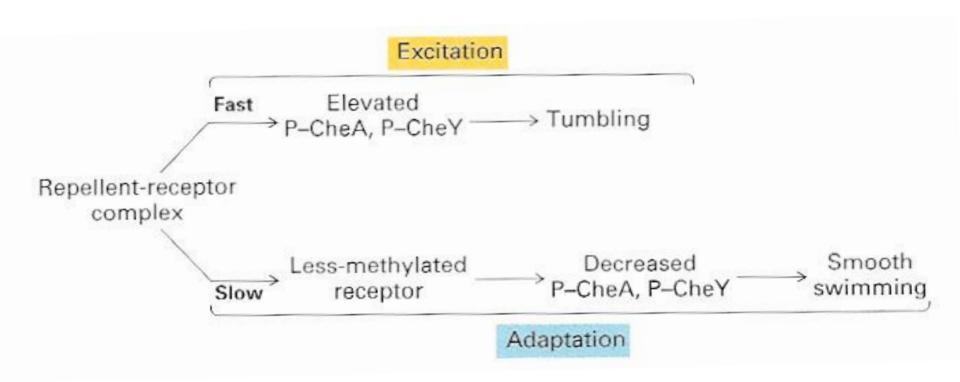
### CheB/CheR Methylation and Adaptation



- 1) CheR adds methyl group, CheB removes it
- 2) Attractant/receptor binding → methylation up Repellent/receptor binding → methylation down
- 3) Methylation → CheA auto-phosphorylation up
- 4) CheA a-p → CheY phosphorylation up CheA a-p → CheB phosphorylation up
- 5) CheB phosphorylation → CheB methylesterase

### Excitation and Adaptation are coupled

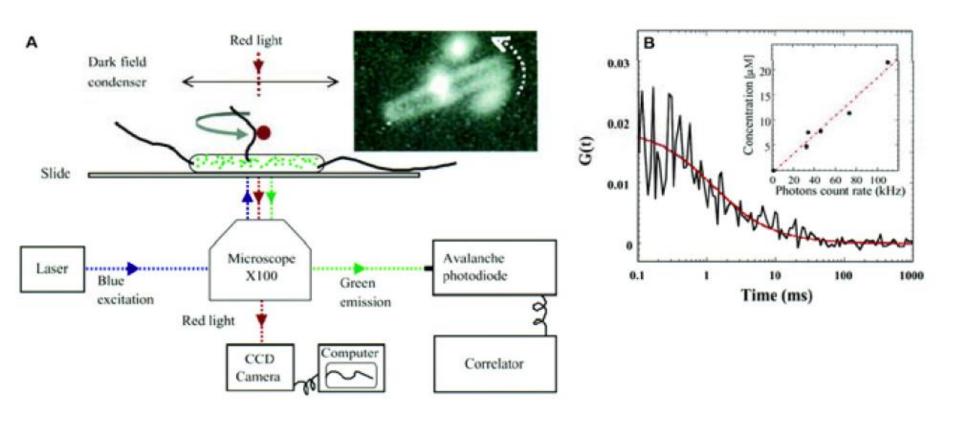
- Functions as a pulse generator
  - Temporary response due to faster kinetics eventually repressed by slower negative feedback system



### Before starting with the modeling, first let's look at some recent experiments

Alon et al. Nature **397**,168 (1999) Cluzel et al. Science **287**, 1652 (2000) Sourjik et al., PNAS **99**, 123 (2002) PNAS **99**, 12669 (2002) Nature **428**, 439 (2004)

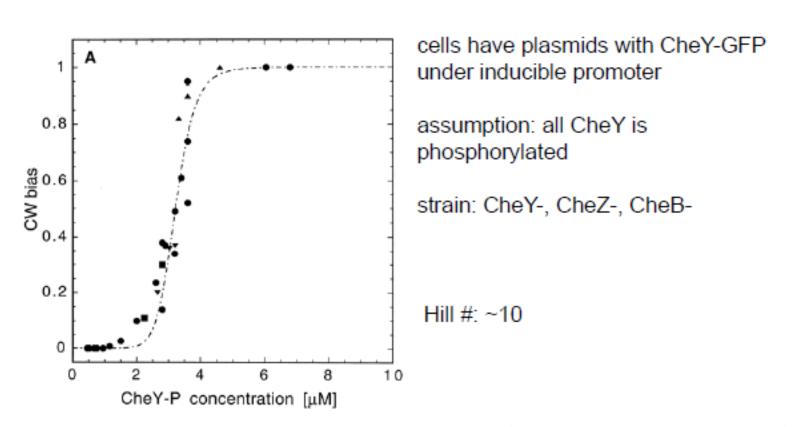
## Experimental procedure to analyze flagella rotation directions



Single cell chemotactic analysis

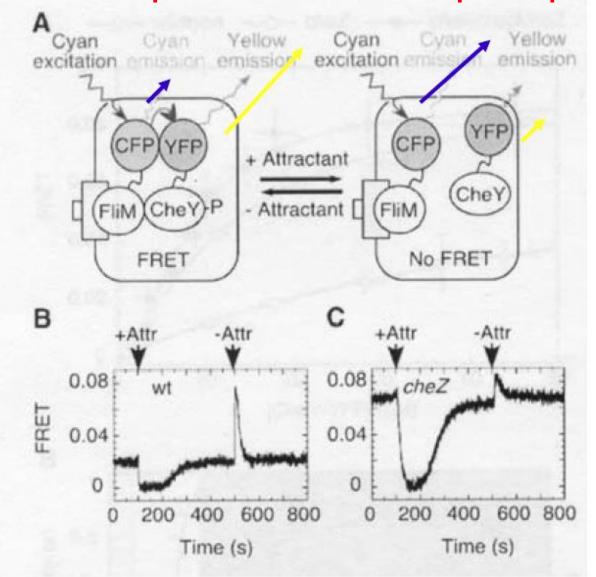
## Flagella rotation is very sensitive to cheY phosphorylation

correlation CW bias & CheY-P gene expression



What about measurement of direct binding of CheY-p to motor?

## FRET and cheYp-FliM interaction indicate adaptation of CheY phosphorylation



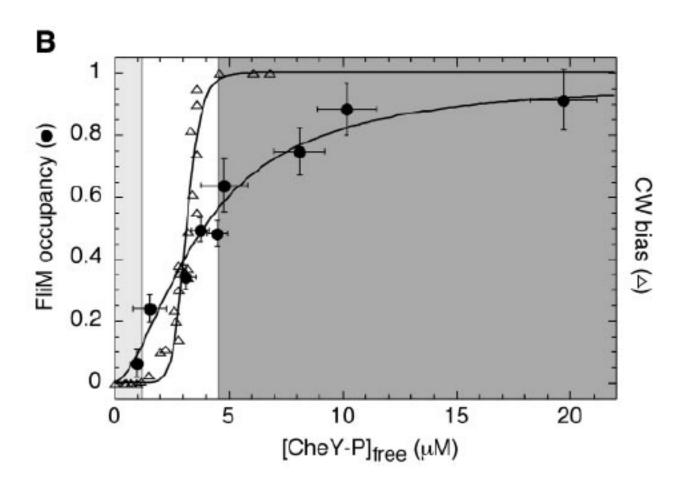
low YFP/CFP: unbound

high YFP/CFP: bound

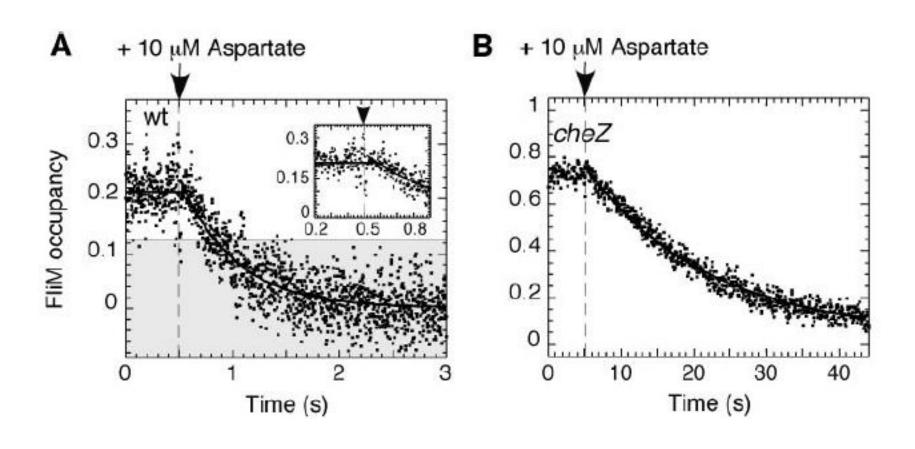
Sourjik PNAS 2000

FRET (fluorescence resonant transfer)

## FliM-cheYp interaction is less cooperative than Motor output



# cheZ speeds up the FliM response to Aspartate

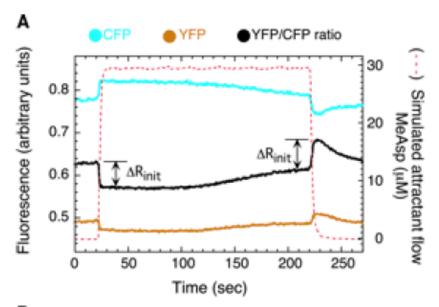


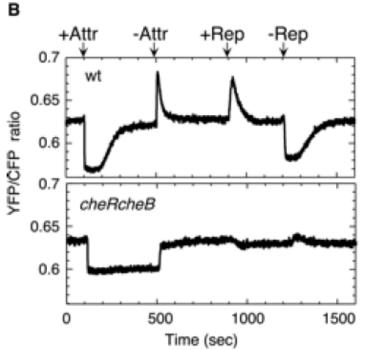
### FRET-based adaptation of CheZ-CheYp interaction

CheY-YFP (yellow) CheZ-CFP (blue

CheZ binds only to CheYp!!

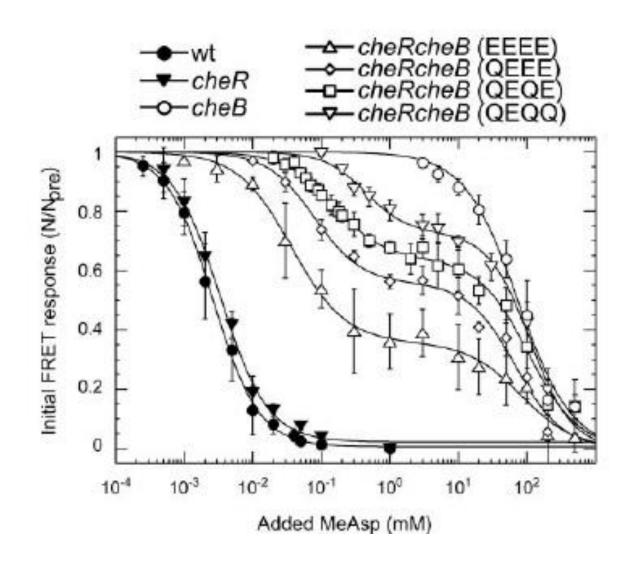
adding attractant leads to immediate lower concentration of CheY<sub>p</sub>-CheZ complex, lower [CheYp], less tumbling





Sourjik PNAS 2000

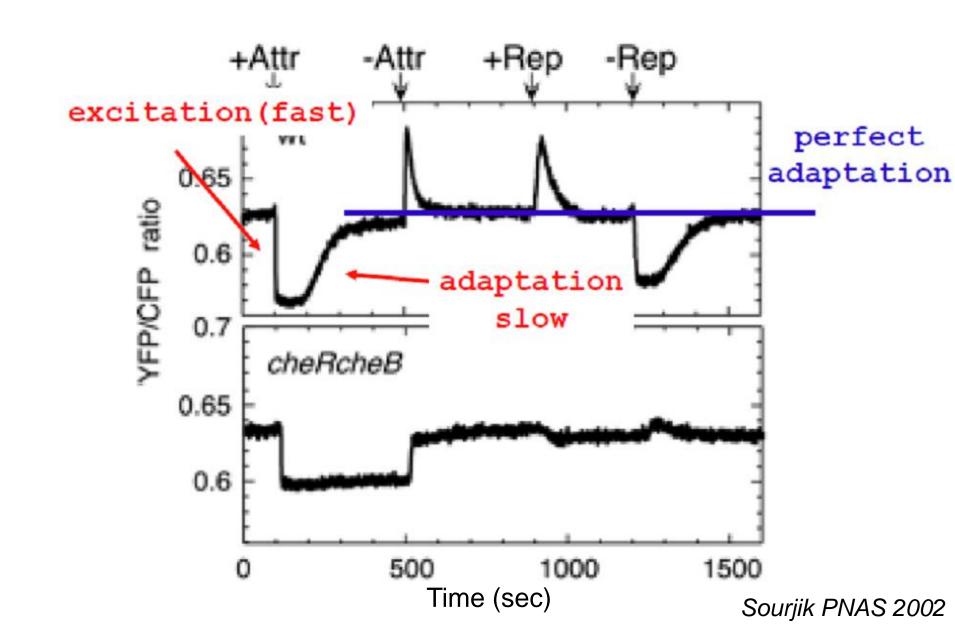
## cheR cheB mutants show significantly wide range of sensitivities to Asp and no cooperativity



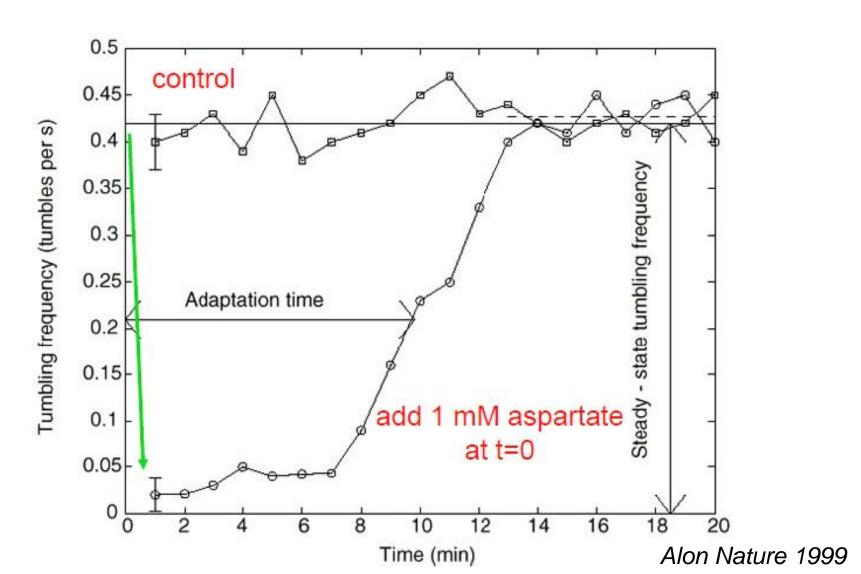
## Multistep reactions leads to high amplification

- Amplification between receptors and cheYp: ~35 folds
- Amplification between cheYp and motor:
   ~10 folds
- cheZ doesn't cause amplification

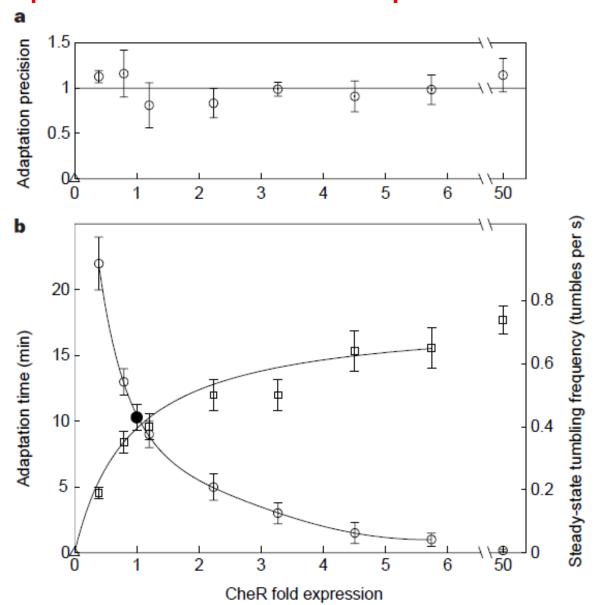
### Perfect adaptations



# The measurement of adaptation precision and time



## Perfect adaptation is robust against changes in cheR expression but not adaptation time.



### The goal of the model

- Huge gain
- Sensitivity
- Perfect adaptation

All these are ubiquitous in signal transduction networks in general.

# What's the basis for perfect adaptation? Two explanations:

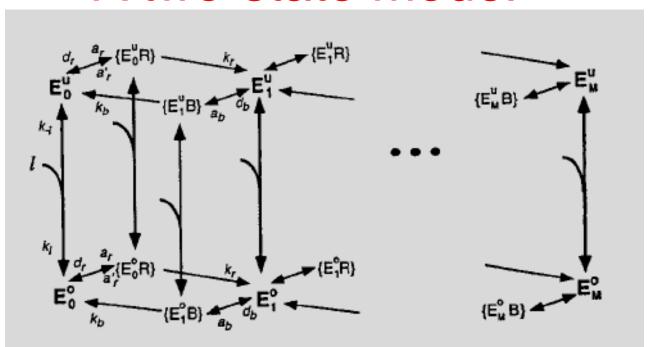
- The kinetic parameters are fine-tuned.
  - E. g.: Spiro et al. A model of excitation and adaptation in bacterial chemotaxis. PNAS, 1997

- Perfect adaptation is a robust property of the underlying network.
  - Barkai & Leibler 1997, Nature (Modeling)
  - Alon et al 1999, Nature (Experiment)

### Assumptions in Barkai-Leibler model

- 1. Tar is only receptor type considered. CheW and CheA always bound to Tar.
- 2. Methylation occurs in specific order
- 3. Consider only 3 highest methylation states
- 4. Only cheBp demethylates
- Phosphorylation of cheA does not affect ligand (un)binding
- 6. Tar-CheR binding does not affect ligand (un)binding
- 7. CheZ is not regulated
- 8. Phosphotransfer from complex to cheY or cheB is not affected by occupancy and methylation state.

### A two-state model



The differential equations describing our model can be written in a standard way from the figure. For instance, the kinetic equation for  $E_m^u$  is

$$\frac{dE_{m}^{u}}{dt} = -k_{l} | E_{m}^{u} + k_{-l} | E_{m-1}^{u} | E_{m-1}^{u}$$

### **Testing Robustness**

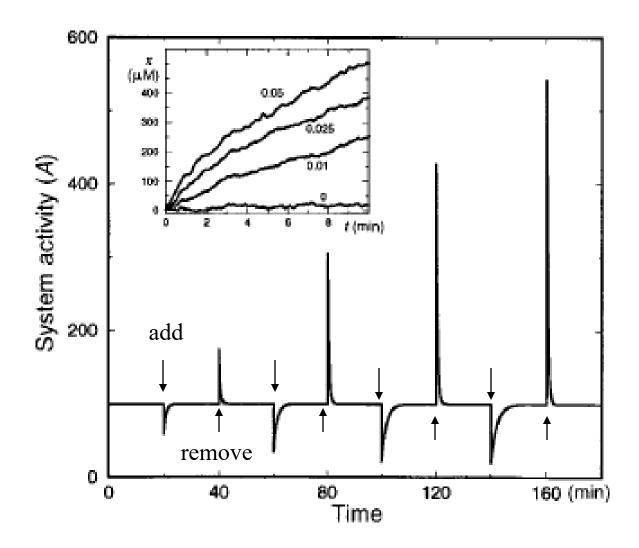
Model has 9 rate constants and 3 enzyme concentrations

In each simulation increase or decrease each parameter 2X randomly

Overall parameter Change =  $P_{n,1}/P_{o,1} \times P_{n,2}/P_{o,2} \times \dots$ 

Do 6000 independent simulations

Examine effects on precision and timing of adaptation



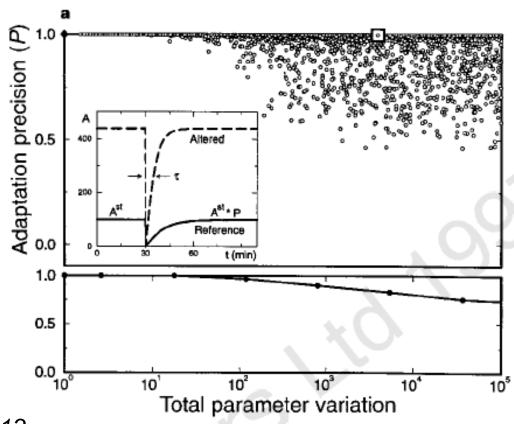
Modeling the effect of successive addition and removal (after 20 min.) of 1, 3, 5 and 7 mM of chemoattractant

Barkai&Leibler 1997 Naure 387, 913

All rate constants in the model can be changed randomly by 2 fold with only a ~15% deviation from perfect adaptation.

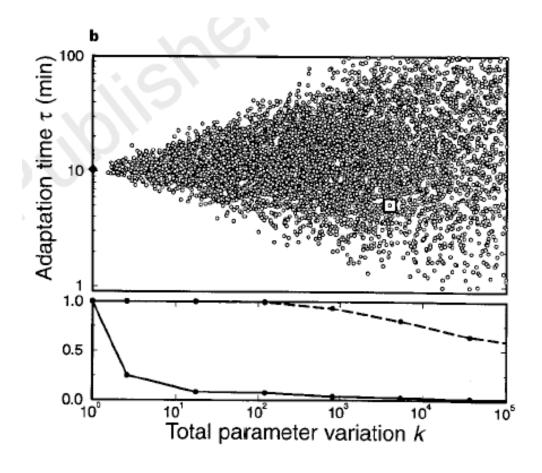
A single rate constant can be changed by several orders of magnitude (holding other parameters constant) without significant deviation from perfect adaptation.

Multiple methylation is not necessary for robustness but improves adaptation response time.



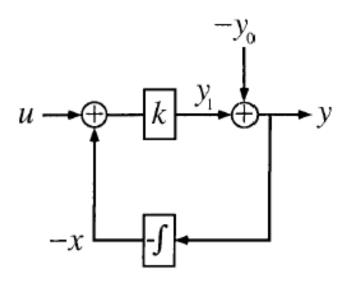
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The time required for adaptation varies widely as the rate constants for the model are randomly changed.



### Barkai-Leibler Model is a form of Integral Control

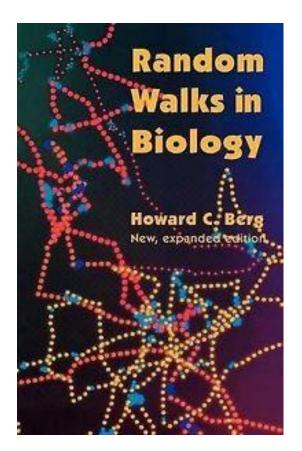
Yi, Huang, Simon&Doyle 2000 PNAS 97, 4649



$$\begin{vmatrix}
\dot{x} = y & y(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \\
y = y_1 - y_0 & iff \\
= k(u - x) - y_0 & k > 0
\end{vmatrix}$$

Read the paper if you are interested.

# Basic concepts of diffusion and chemotaxis population vs individual



### Diffusion

- Previously we assumed that the state of a cell at a particular point in time could be described by the concentrations of key components.
- The concentrations could change over time
- We implicitly assumed that within the cell these concentrations do not vary spatially inside the cell
- We considered the cell as a well-stirred biochemical reactor

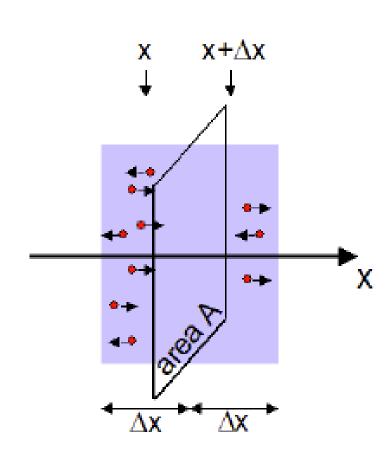
### Where does the assumption fail

- For small cells such as E coli this is often a valid assumption
  - Dynamical phenomena:
    - time scale:seconds-minutes.
  - Random mixing by diffusion:
    - time scale  $\sim$ L<sup>2</sup>/D $\sim$ 0.1s, L $\sim$ 1 $\mu$ m, D $\sim$ 10 $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup>/sec
- Larger cells such as eukaryotic cells
- Fast process in small cells
- Signal molecules diffusion between cells etc

### Fick's first law

To understand the spatial inhomogeneous systems we take a look at Fick's laws

- Considering particles randomly moving along one-dimension crossing an area A.
- Assuming there are N(x)
   particles on the left of area A
   and N(X+∆X) particles on the
   right of area A



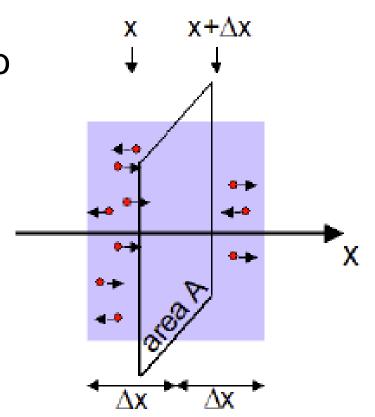
### Fick's first law

Probability of traveling to left and right are identical. 0.5N(x) will travel to the right cross area A.

However,  $0.5N(x+\Delta x)$  will travel to the left cross area A.

Therefore the net number of crossing to the right is:

$$-\frac{1}{2}\big(N(x+\Delta x)-N(x)\big).$$



### Fick's first law

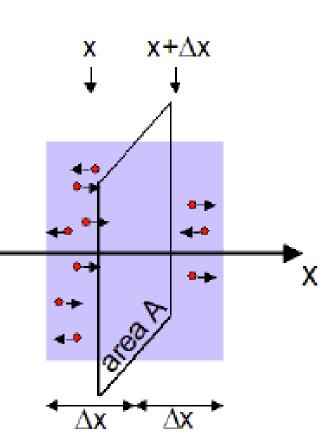
The flux of molecules J through the area A during a short time interval  $\tau$  is defined as:

$$J = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}(N(x + \Delta x) - N(x))}{A\tau}$$

Defining concentration  $C(x) = \frac{N(x)}{A\Delta x}$  results in:

$$J = -\frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2\tau} \frac{\left(C(x + \Delta x) - C(x)\right)}{\Delta x} = -D\frac{\partial C(x)}{\partial x}$$

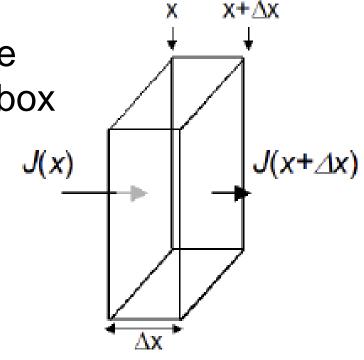
Where D is defined as the diffusion constant.



### Fick's second law

Assuming a particle cannot be created or destroyed, consider the volume  $A\Delta x$ , A flux J(x) enter the box from the left and a flux  $J(x+\Delta x)$  leaves the box to the right.

The rate of change of the concentration in the box during a short time  $\tau$  is given by:



$$\frac{C(t+\tau) - C(t)}{\tau} = \frac{1}{\tau} \frac{\left(J(x) - J(x+\Delta x)\right) A \tau}{A \Delta x} = -\frac{\left(J(x+\Delta x) - J(x)\right)}{\Delta x}$$

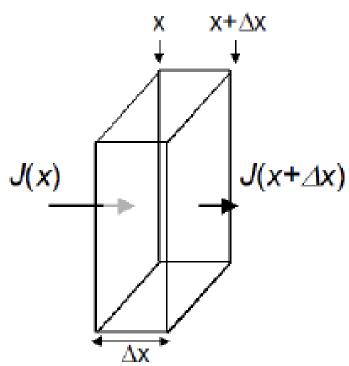
### Fick's second law

Taking the limit t→0 and ∆x→ 0 results in:

$$\frac{\partial C(x)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial J(x)}{\partial x}$$

 Combining it with the first law lead to the second law

$$\frac{\partial C(x,t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 C(x,t)}{\partial x^2}$$



### Random walks

- Let us consider a one-dimensional random walk of N particles. A particle always takes a fixed step size  $\Delta x$  toward the left or right with equal probability.
- The position of the particle is denoted by  $X_j(n)$ , where the subscript denotes which particles and n denotes the number of steps that particle j took.
- All particles starts their random walk at x=0. The position average of all particles remains zero:

$$\langle x(n) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i(n-1) \pm \Delta x) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i(n-1) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i(0) = 0$$

### Random walks

- However individual particles are spreading in both the positive and negative direction,
- A convenient way to quantify the spreading is to calculate the variance of the distribution of positions. The variance is defined as:

$$Var(x(n)) = \langle x^{2}(n) \rangle - \langle x(n) \rangle^{2}$$

$$Var(x(n)) = \langle x^{2}(n) \rangle - 0 = \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i}^{2}(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_{i}(n-1) \pm \Delta x)^{2} = \langle x^{2}(n-1) \rangle + \Delta x^{2}$$

The variance is non-zero, and it grows by  $\Delta X^2$  for each steps, and since the variance is non-zero

$$\langle x^2(n) \rangle = n\Delta x^2$$

### Random walks

During one step the particle moves at a constant velocity  $v=\Delta x/\tau$ . This means that a time t the particles performed  $n=t/\tau$  steps, therefore the variance is proportional to t:

$$\left\langle x^2(n) \right\rangle = t \frac{\Delta x^2}{\tau} \equiv 2Dt$$

### Random walk under external force

Single particles: Langevin equations

$$m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \gamma \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) + \Gamma(t)$$

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### Random walk of biological cell

### **Damped Langevin equations**

$$\gamma \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) + \Gamma(t) \qquad \qquad \Gamma(t) = \sqrt{D / dt} \ g(t)$$

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f(x), gravity, chemotaxis etc

A good approximation?

## From damped Langevin equation of single cell/molecule, mathemacians derived:

$$\frac{\partial C(x,t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} C(x,t) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [f(\dots)C(x,t)]$$

In physics and mathematics, this type od equations is called Fokker-Planck Equations.

In finance, the famous Black-Scholes-Merton model for pricing of options is a derivation of this equations. Scholes and Merton won the Nobel prize in Economy in 1997.



The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 1997

Robert C. Merton, Myron Scholes

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Robert C. Merton Prize share: 1/2



Myron S. Scholes Prize share: 1/2

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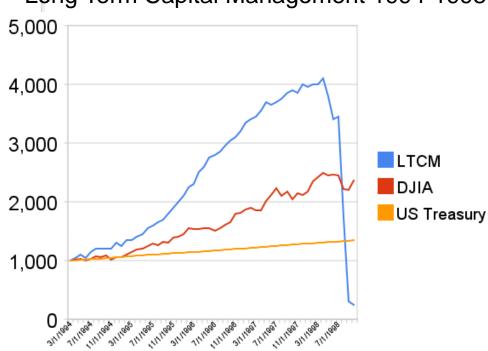
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Myron S. Scholes (left) and Robert C. Merton were principals at LTCM.

### Long Term Capital Management 1994-1998



#### 1998 bailout [edit]

Long-Term Capital Management did business with nearly everyone important on Wall Street. Indeed, much of LTCM's capital was composed of funds from the same financial professionals with whom it traded. As LTCM teetered, Wall Street feared that Long-Term's failure could cause a chain reaction in numerous markets, causing catastrophic losses throughout the financial system.

After LTCM failed to raise more money on its own, it became clear it was running out of options. On September 23, 1998, Goldman Sachs, AIG, and Berkshire Hathaway offered then to buy out the fund's partners for \$250 million, to inject \$3.75 billion and to operate LTCM within Goldman's own trading division. The offer was stunningly low to LTCM's partners because at the start of the year their firm had been worth \$4.7 billion. Warren Buffett gave Meriwether less than one hour to accept the deal; the time lapsed before a deal could be worked out.<sup>[24]</sup>

Seeing no options left, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York organized a bailout of \$3.625 billion by the major creditors to avoid a wider collapse in the financial markets. The principal negotiator for LTCM was general counsel James G. Rickards. The contributions from the various institutions were as follows: [27][28]

- \$300 million: Bankers Trust, Barclays, Chase, Credit Suisse First Boston, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch, J.P.Morgan, Morgan Stanley, Salomon Smith Barney, UBS
- \$125 million: Société Générale
- \$100 million: Paribas, Credit Agricole<sup>[29]</sup>
- Bear Stearns and Lehman Brothers<sup>[29]</sup> declined to participate.



On September 23, 1998, the chiefs of some of the largest investment firms of Wall Street—Bankers Trust, Bear Stearns, Chase Manhattan, Goldman Sachs, J.P. Morgan, Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, and Salomon Smith Barney—met on the 10th floor conference room of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (pictured) to rescue LTCM.

In return, the participating banks got a 90% share in the fund and a promise that a supervisory board would be established. LTCM's partners received a 10% stake, still worth about \$400 million, but this money was completely consumed by their debts. The partners once had \$1.9 billion of their own money invested in LTCM, all of which was wiped out.<sup>[30]</sup>

The fear was that there would be a chain reaction as the company liquidated its securities to cover its debt, leading to a drop in prices, which would force other companies to liquidate their own debt creating a vicious cycle.

The total losses were found to be \$4.6 billion. The losses in the major investment categories were (ordered by magnitude):<sup>[20]</sup>

- \$1.6 bn in swaps
- \$1.3 bn in equity volatility
- \$430 mn in Russia and other emerging markets
- \$371 mn in directional trades in developed countries
- \$286 mn in Dual-listed company pairs (such as VW, Shell)
- \$215 mn in yield curve arbitrage
- \$203 mn in S&P 500 stocks
- \$100 mn in junk bond arbitrage
- no substantial losses in merger arbitrage

### Diffusion coefficients of proteins in solution and in cell

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TABLE 1. Diffusion coefficients determined for GFP constructs in the cytoplasm of E. coli cells (unless indicated otherwise)<sup>a</sup>

Protein <sup>b</sup>	Molecular mass (kDa)	$D  (\mu\mathrm{m}^2  \mathrm{s}^{-1})$	Treatment	Source or reference
GFP in water	27	87		26
GFP	27	$7.7 \pm 2.5$	Induced with 100 μM IPTG <sup>c</sup>	6
GFP	27	$3.6 \pm 0.7$	Induced with 1 mM IPTG	6
EYFP	26.5	$7.08 \pm 0.3$		12
GFP-His <sub>6</sub>	27+	$4.0 \pm 2.0$		6
cMBP-GFP	72	$2.5 \pm 0.6$		6
CheY-GFP	41	$4.6 \pm 0.8$		3
CFP-CheW-YFP	71	$1.5 \pm 0.05$		12
CFP-CheR-YFP	86.2	$1.7 \pm 0.05$		12
torA-GFP	30	$9.0 \pm 2.1$	Cephalexin	18
GFP	27	$9.8 \pm 3.6$	Cephalexin	28
GFP	27	$0.4 \pm 0.3$	After osmotic upshock with NaCl	28
GFP	27	$6.3 \pm 1.1$	-	25
GFP	27	$3.1 \pm 1.0$	After osmotic shock	25
torA-GFP2 in ΔtatABCDE strain	57	$7.5 \pm 3.9$	Cephalexin, 2% arabinose	This study
GFP2	27	$9.1 \pm 5.1$	Cephalexin	This study
torA-GFP2	57	$8.3 \pm 4.2$	Cephalexin, 500 µM arabinose	This study
torA-GFP3	84	$6.3 \pm 2.6$	Cephalexin, 200 µM arabinose	This study
torA-GFP4	111	$5.5 \pm 1.9$	Cephalexin, 1 mM arabinose	This study
torA-GFP5	138	$2.8 \pm 1.5$	Cephalexin, 800 µM arabinose	This study
AmiA-GFP	58	$1.8 \pm 0.8$	2% arabinose	This study
AmiA-GFP	58	$1.8 \pm 1.2$	Cephalexin, 2% arabinose	This study
AmiA <sub>noSP</sub> -GFP	58	$7.1 \pm 3.6$	Cephalexin, 2% arabinose	This study
NlpA-GFP	55	$2.1 \pm 1.4$	Cephalexin, 2% arabinose	This study
NlpA <sub>noLB</sub> -GFP	55	$2.7 \pm 3.2$	Cephalexin, 2% arabinose	This study

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The techniques used were FRAP and photoactivation of a red-emitting fluorescence state of GFP (6), fluorescence correlation spectroscopy (3), confocal FRAP (12, 18), pulsed FRAP (28), and continuous photobleaching with evanescent illumination (25).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> EYFP, enhanced yellow fluorescent protein; cMBP, cytoplasmic maltose-binding protein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> IPTG, isopropyl-β-D-thiogalactopyranoside.