

(Expression for the Chemotactic Flux)































## What is the problem?

*Experiment:* Cells move only in the wave front and not in the back => chemotactic response can not be determined by the concentration gradient alone















## **Keller-Segel (3)** • Instability is promoted by <a href="mailto:low">Instability is promoted by</a> <a href="mailto:low">Instability & chemoattractant degradation high chemotactic sensitivity, secretion rate, cell density</a> • Problems no saturating effect: $\lim_{t \to \infty} n(x,t) = \delta(x)$ instability does not appear to involve linear mechanism mechanism is more complicated **References:** • E.F. Keller and L.A. Segel, J. theor. Biol. (26), 399-415, 1970. • T. Hillen and K. Painter, Adv. Appl. Math. (26), 280-315, 2001













## Linear Transport + Nonlinear Chemistry



"... a mathematical model of the growing embryo will be described. This model will be a simplification and an idealization,

and consequently a falsification. It is to be hoped that the features retained for discussion are those of greatest importance in the present state of knowledge"

- Diffusion can have a destabilizing effect
   Nonlinear chemistry can generate patterns
- 3. These mechanisms operate in development

A.M. Turing, "The Chemical Basis of Morphogenesis", Phil. Trans. Roy. Soc. B 237 (1952)



























