

Outline

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Position Jump Process (1)

N steps, net displacement - $m: -N \leq m \leq N$

(N odd/even $\Rightarrow m$ odd/even)

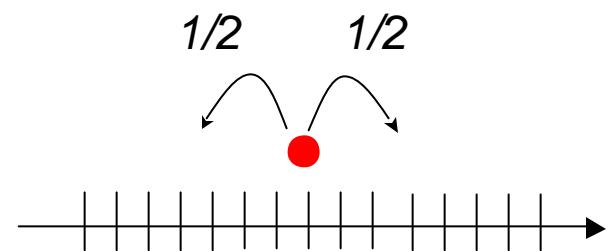
$$P_N(m) = \frac{N!}{(\frac{N+m}{2})!(\frac{N-m}{2})!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^N$$

$\langle m \rangle = 0 \quad \langle (m - \langle m \rangle)^2 \rangle = N \quad \longrightarrow \quad \textit{diffusive behavior}$

Approximate solution: $P_N(m) \approx \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi N}} e^{-\frac{m^2}{2N}}$

use $\log(n!) \approx (n+1/2)\log n - n + 1/2 \log \pi + O(n^{-1})$ &

$$\log \left(1 \pm \frac{m}{N} \right) \approx \pm \frac{m}{N} - \frac{m^2}{2N^2} + O\left(\frac{m^2}{N^2}\right)$$



Position Jump Process (2)

step size: l frequency of jumps: I

Continuous space and time:

$$p(x, t) dx = P_N(m) \frac{dx}{2l} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi l^2 t}} e^{-x^2/2l^2 t} dx$$

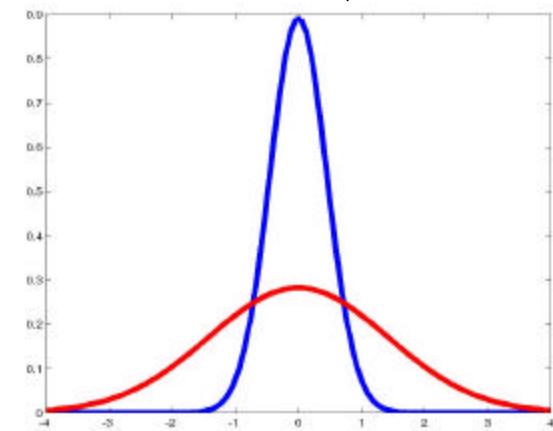
$$D \equiv I l^2 / 2 \rightarrow p(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi D t}} e^{-x^2/4Dt}$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (D \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}) \text{ with } p(x, t=0) = d(x)$$

$$\text{Rewrite: } \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} J \leftarrow \text{ flux } J \equiv -D \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}$$

$$\boxed{<x^2> = 2Dt}$$

$p(x, t) > 0$ for all t



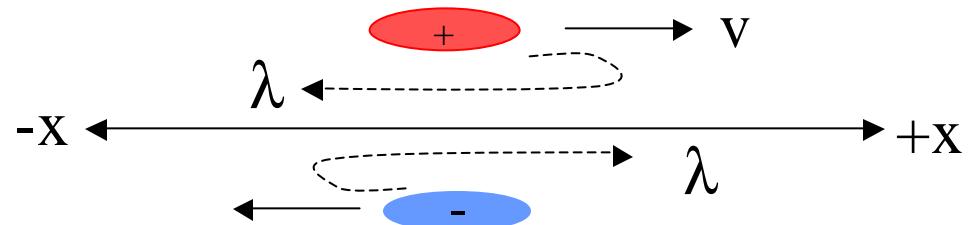
Approximation for large times

*earlier times: correlations in motion
-> cell migration is like that*

Velocity Jump Process (1)

instantaneous changes in velocity

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial p^+}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial p^+}{\partial x} &= -I p^+ + I p^- \\ \frac{\partial p^-}{\partial t} - v \frac{\partial p^-}{\partial x} &= -I p^- + I p^+\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}p(x, t) &\equiv p^+(x, t) + p^-(x, t) && \text{total probability} \\ j(x, t) &\equiv v(p^+(x, t) - p^-(x, t)) && \text{flux}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial t^2} + 2I \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} &= v^2 \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} \\ p(x, 0) = p_0(x), \quad \frac{\partial p(0, x)}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\partial j(0, x)}{\partial x}\end{aligned}$$

$$\left\langle x(t)^2 \right\rangle \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 p(x, t) dx = \frac{v^2}{I} \left\{ t - \frac{1}{2I} (1 - e^{-2It}) \right\}$$

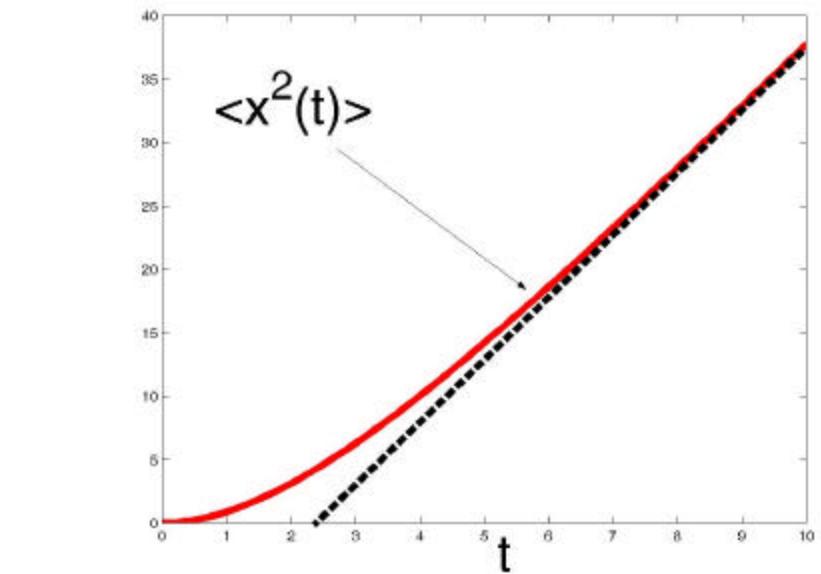
Velocity Jump Process (2)

ballistic and diffusive regimes

$$\langle x(t)^2 \rangle = \begin{cases} t \ll 1: \langle x^2(t) \rangle \sim v^2 t^2 \\ t \gg 1: \langle x^2(t) \rangle \sim \frac{v^2 t}{I} \end{cases}$$

$$D \equiv \frac{\mathbf{n}^2}{2I}$$

$T \equiv 2I$ – "persistence time"
 v – velocity

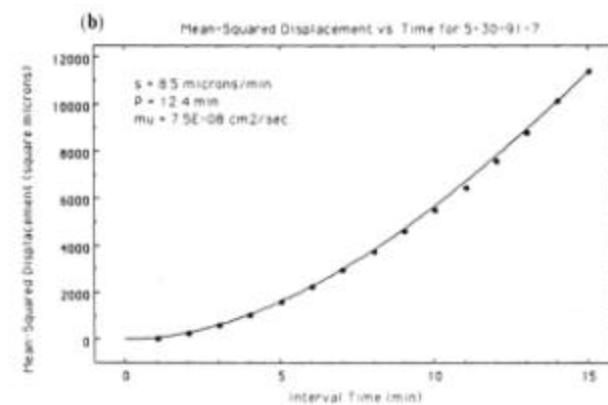
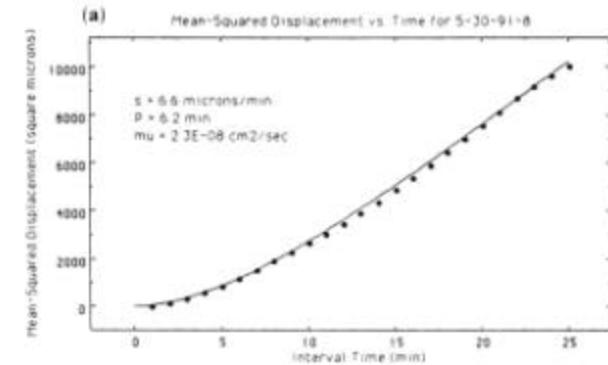
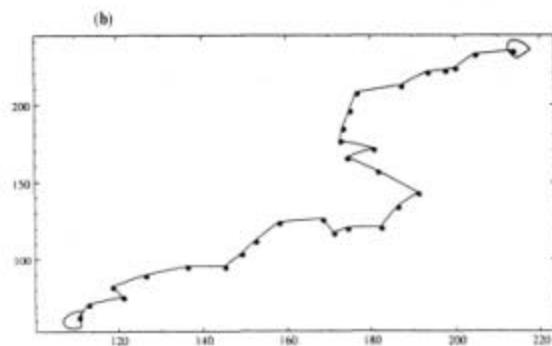
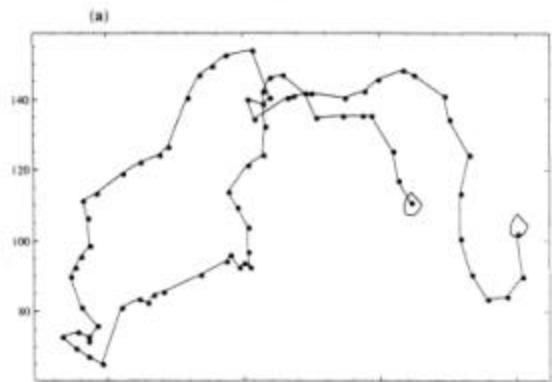


$$j(x, t) = -D \frac{\partial p(x, t)}{\partial x} \text{ only when } I \rightarrow \infty$$

expression for flux has memory:

$$j(x, t) = e^{-2It} j(x, 0) - v^2 \int_0^t e^{-2I(t-t')} \frac{\partial p(x, t')}{\partial x} dt'$$

Velocity Jump Process (3) fitting data



1. Microscopic parameters can be extracted from data
2. Next step: expressions for macroscopic fluxes

BE Farrell et al, Cell Motil Cytoskeleton, 16:279-293, 1990 - example

RB Dickinson, RT Tranquillo, AICHE J, 39 (12): 1995, 1993 - estimation algorithms

Macroscopic Flux (1)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial n^+}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(vn^+) &= I^- n^- - I^+ n^+ \\ \frac{\partial n^-}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(vn^-) &= I^+ n^+ - I^- n^-\end{aligned}$$

total cell density: $n \equiv n^+ + n^-$

flux: $j \equiv v(n^+ - n^-)$

steady state for the flux ($t \gg (I^+ + I^-)^{-1}$)

$$j_{eq} = \frac{-v^2 \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} - nv \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - vn(I^+ - I^-)}{(I^- + I^+) - v^{-1} \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}}$$

Macroscopic Flux (2)

$$T_p \equiv [(I^- + I^+) - v^{-1} \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}]^{-1} \quad \text{persistence time}$$

$$\mathbf{m} \equiv T_p v^2 \quad \text{random motility coefficient}$$

$$V_c \equiv T_p v(I^- - I^+) \quad \text{chemotactic velocity}$$



$$j_{eq} = -\mathbf{m} \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} + V_c n - T_p v n \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

in phenomenological models

$$j_{eq} = -\mathbf{m} \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} + \underline{\mathbf{a}} n$$

Three contributions to flux:

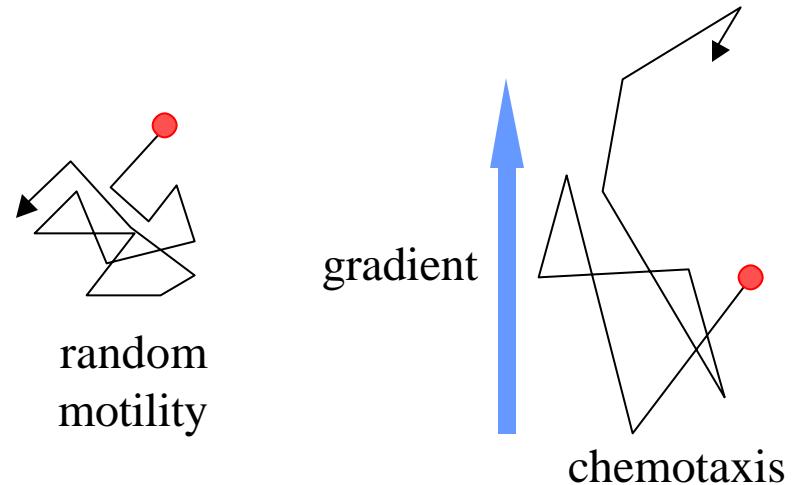
1. random motility
2. chemotaxis (right- and left- moving cells reverse differently)
3. chemokinesis (gradient in cell velocity)

*To couple to external concentration field, combine
with the experimentally determined dependencies of \mathbf{m} and T_p*

Flux in a 1D Gradient (1)

Motivated by Berg & Brown 1972 Experiments

- runs & tumbles
- tumble duration is zero
- use velocity jump process in 1D
- motion in a gradient



$$T_p = (\mathbf{I}^- + \mathbf{I}^+)^{-1}$$

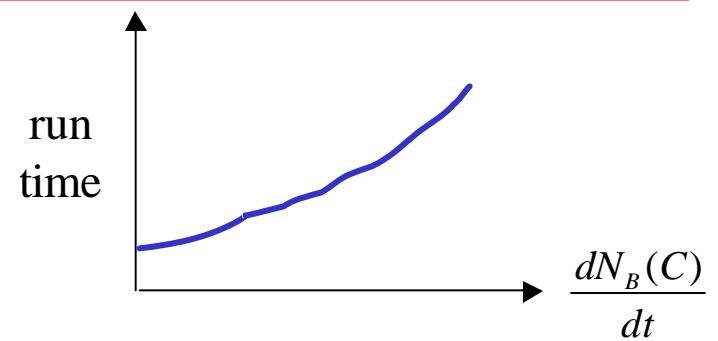
$$\mathbf{I}^{+/-} = p_{_T}^{+/-}(1-\mathbf{y})/2$$

p_T : is the tumbling probability

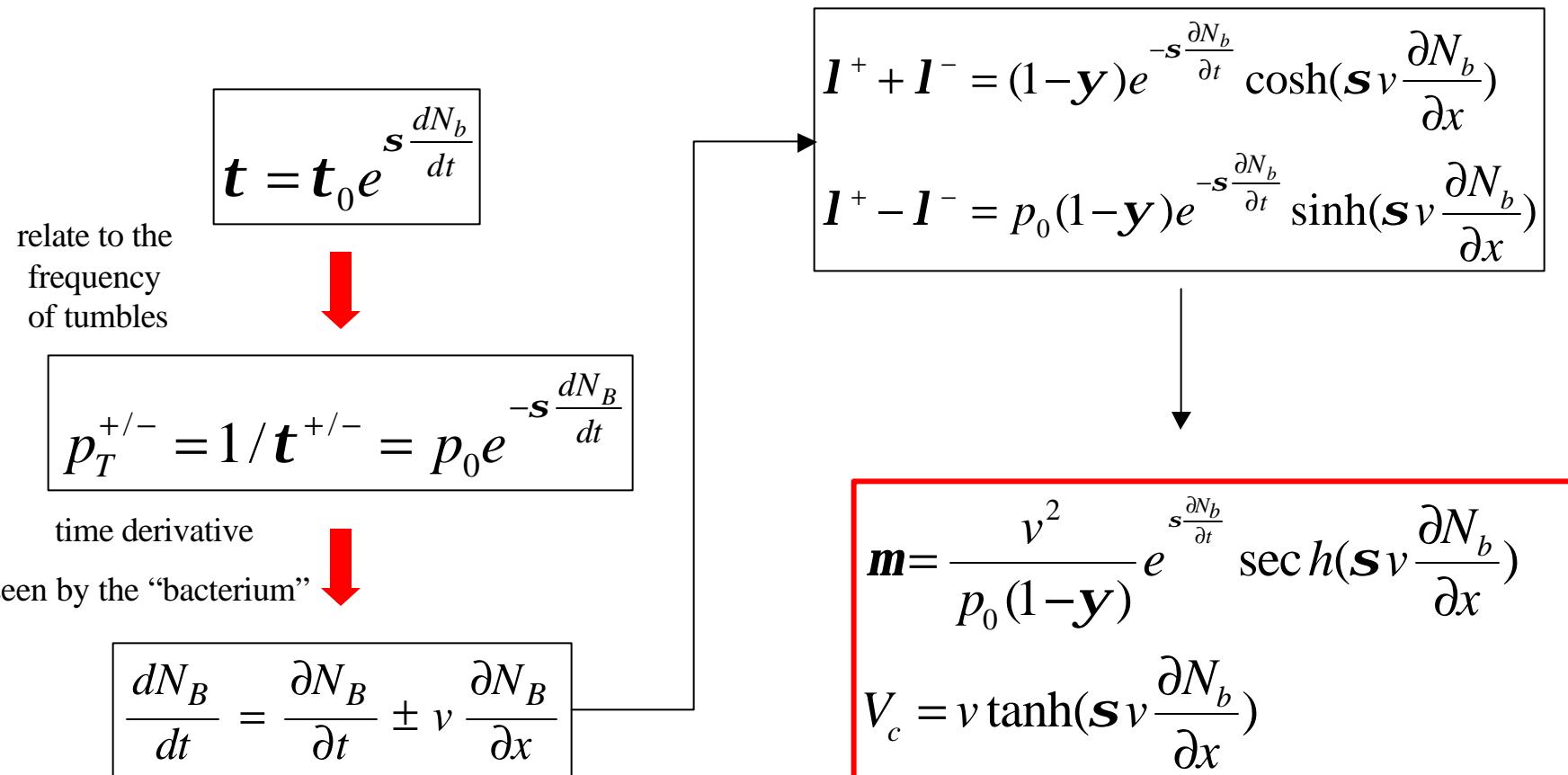
\mathbf{y} : "directional persistence"

probability of reversing after tumbling

receptor-mediated mechanism:
 N_B – # of occupied receptors



Flux in a 1D Gradient (2)



Flux in a 1D Gradient (3)

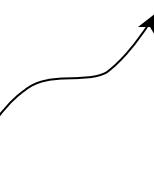
Simple Ligand/receptor Equilibrium

$$N_B = \frac{N_{total}c}{K_D + c} \Rightarrow \frac{dN_B}{dc} = \frac{N_T K_d}{(K_d + c)^2}$$

$$\mathbf{m} = \frac{\nu^2}{p_0(1-y)} e^{s \frac{\partial c dN_B}{\partial t \ dc}} [\cosh(\mathbf{s} \nu \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \frac{dN_B}{dc})]^{-1}$$

$$V_c = \nu \tanh(\mathbf{s} \nu \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \frac{dN_B}{dc})$$

chemotactic coefficient, χ

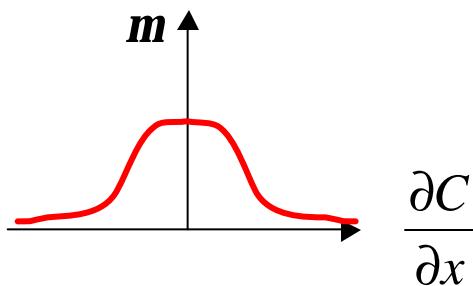
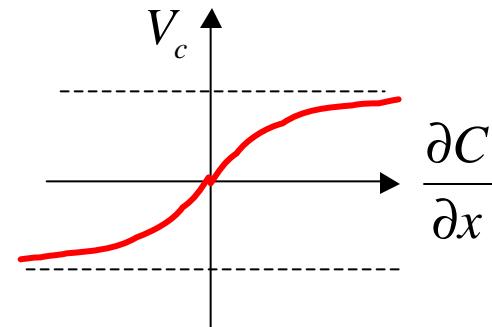
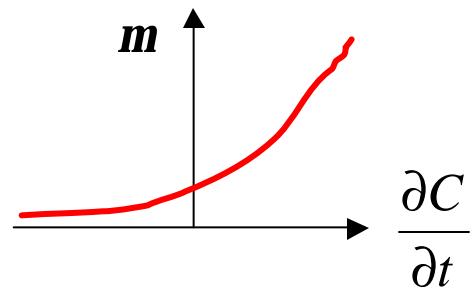


small gradients:

$$\mathbf{m} = \frac{\nu^2}{p_0(1-y)} [1 + \mathbf{s} \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} \frac{dN_B}{dc}], \quad V_c = \boxed{\mathbf{s} \nu^2 \frac{dN_B}{dc}} \frac{\partial c}{\partial x}$$

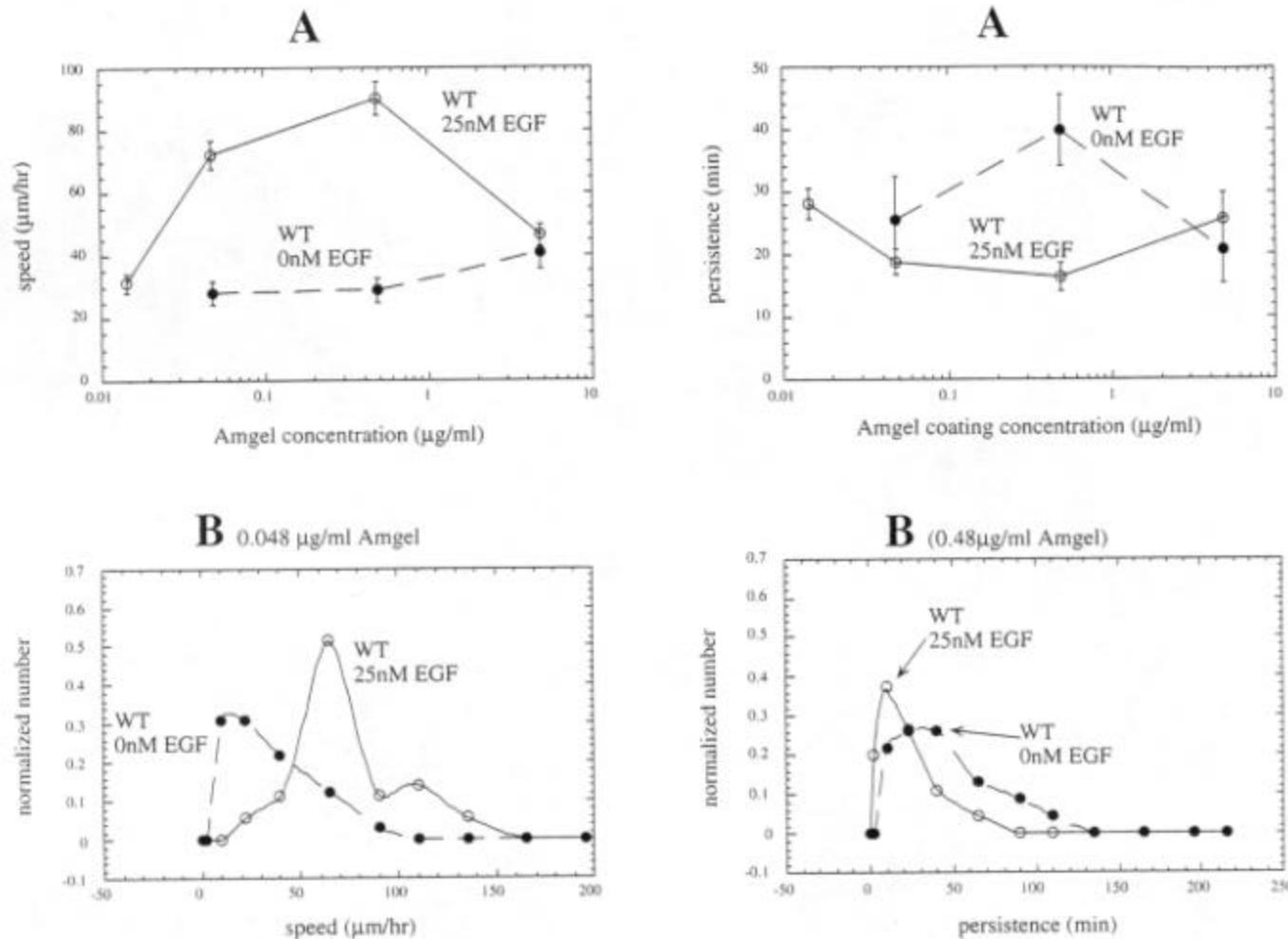
If the model is correct: macroscopic flux can be estimated from data on binding and microscopic parameters for cell migration

Flux in a 1D Gradient (4): Analysis



1. Random motility coefficient increases with temporal gradient
2. Random motility coefficient is a decreasing function of spatial gradient: at large gradients all cells swim in one direction
3. Chemotactic velocity has a limiting value: the population can not move faster than the maximal cell speed

Example: Growth Factor Mediated Cell Motility



“Chemotactic Wave Paradox”

Observation

aggregation to the source of chemical wave
pulse of cAMP is nearly symmetric

Devreotes & Tomchik, *Science* 212, 443-6, 1981

Simple-model:

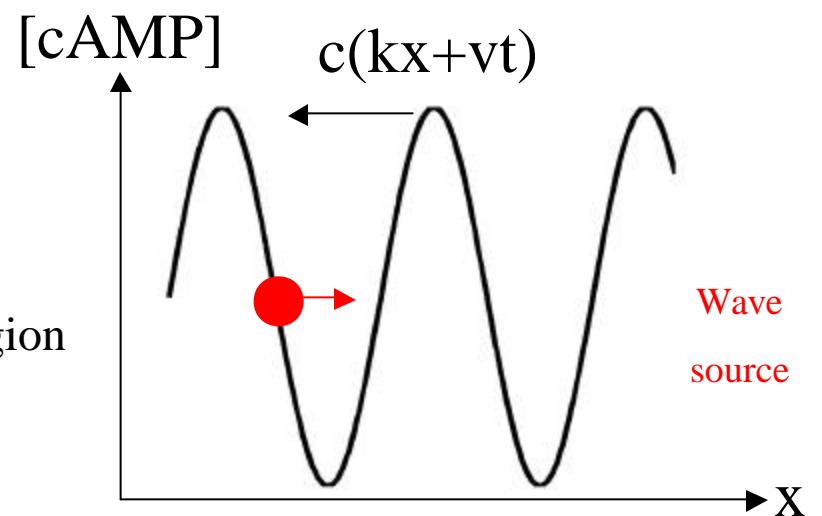
symmetric chemotactic velocity
no net directed motion

Worse: cells stay longer in the negative gradient region

Prediction: cells move away from the wave source

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



$$c = c(a)$$

chemotactic sensitivity

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Model: Soll, Wessels, Sylwester, 1993

Translocation phase:

Rapid & persistent translocation;
suppressed lateral pseudopods formation;
elongate shape

Peak of the wave:

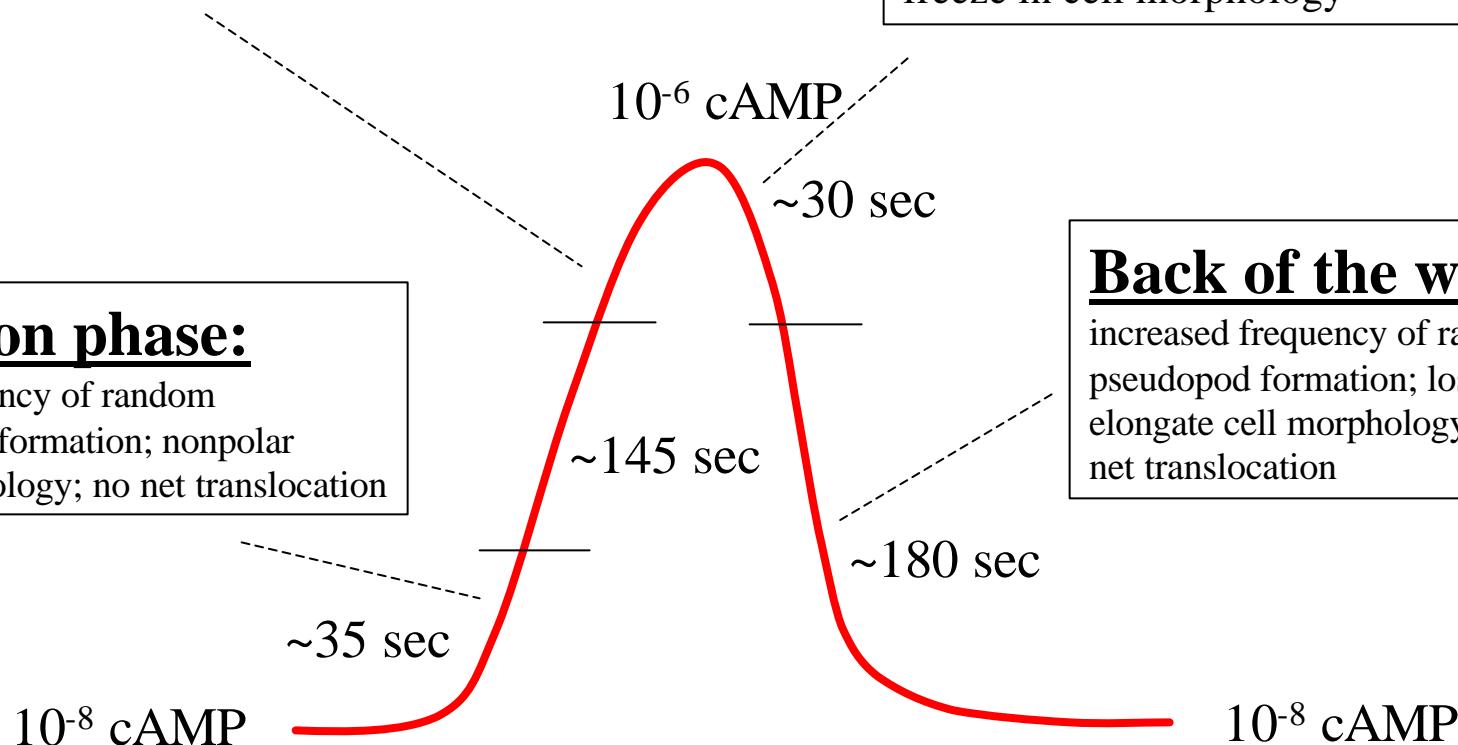
suppression of pseudopod
formation and cellular translocation;
freeze in cell morphology

Decision phase:

high frequency of random
pseudopod formation; nonpolar
cell morphology; no net translocation

Back of the wave:

increased frequency of random
pseudopod formation; loss of
elongate cell morphology; little
net translocation

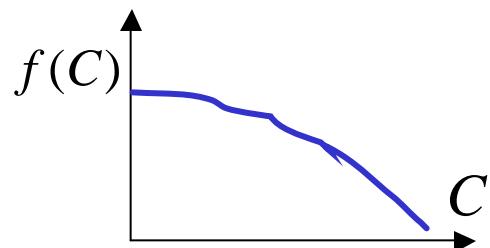


Chemotactic Sensitivity Is Dynamic

$$\frac{dx_{cell}}{dt} = \mathbf{c}(C) \frac{dC(kx + vt)}{dx}$$
$$t \frac{d\mathbf{c}}{dt} = f(C) - \mathbf{c}$$

$$t / T \sim 1$$

Wave period



- Cells are sensitive in the wave front
- Refractory in the wave back
- Recovered by the next pulse

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Chemotaxis-driven Linear Instability (1)

Keller & Segel, 1971: cells migrate in a self-imposed field of chemoattractant

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(-\mathbf{m} \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} + \mathbf{c} n \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \right), & \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} \Big|_{0,L} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(-D \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \right) + f n - k c, & \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \Big|_{0,L} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

s.s.: $\bar{n} = N/L, \bar{c} = \bar{n}f/k$

$n(x,t) = \bar{n} + n'(x,t)$

$c(x,t) = \bar{c} + c'(x,t)$

Linearized equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial n'}{\partial t} &= \mathbf{m} \frac{\partial^2 n'}{\partial x^2} - \mathbf{c} \bar{n} \frac{\partial^2 c'}{\partial x^2} \\ \frac{\partial c'}{\partial t} &= D \frac{\partial^2 c'}{\partial x^2} + f n' - k c'\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} n'(x,t) \\ c'(x,t) \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \begin{pmatrix} A_i \\ B_i \end{pmatrix} \cos(q_i x) \exp(\mathbf{l}_i t)$$

why $i \neq 0$?

Linear instability of uniform state: $\mathbf{l}_i > 0$

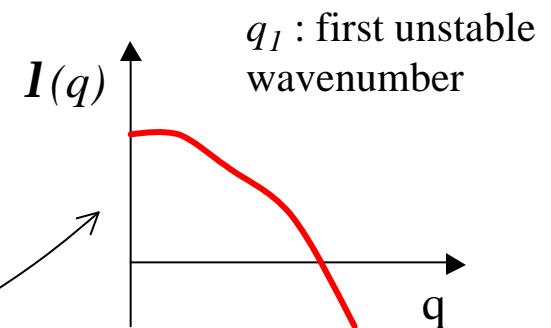
Keller-Segel (2)

For every wavenumber q :

$$\begin{bmatrix} I + mq^2 & -cn\bar{q}^2 \\ -f & I + Dq^2 + k \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Nontrivial solutions ($A \neq 0, B \neq 0$) when $\det(M) \neq 0$

$I_{1,2}$ satisfy $(I + mq^2)(I + Dq^2 + k) - cn\bar{q}^2 f = 0$



Condition for instability : $m(Dq^2 + k) < cn\bar{f}$

Using the B.C. :

$$m \left[\frac{D(pi)^2}{L^2} + k \right] < cn\bar{f}$$

Interpretation :

- 1) small m, D, k, i
- 2) large L
- 3) large c, \bar{n}, f

This is just linear analysis ...

Keller-Segel (3)

- Instability is promoted by
 - low random motility & chemoattractant degradation
 - high chemotactic sensitivity, secretion rate, cell density
- Problems
 - no saturating effect: $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} n(x, t) = d(x)$
 - instability does not appear to involve linear mechanism
 - mechanism is more complicated

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