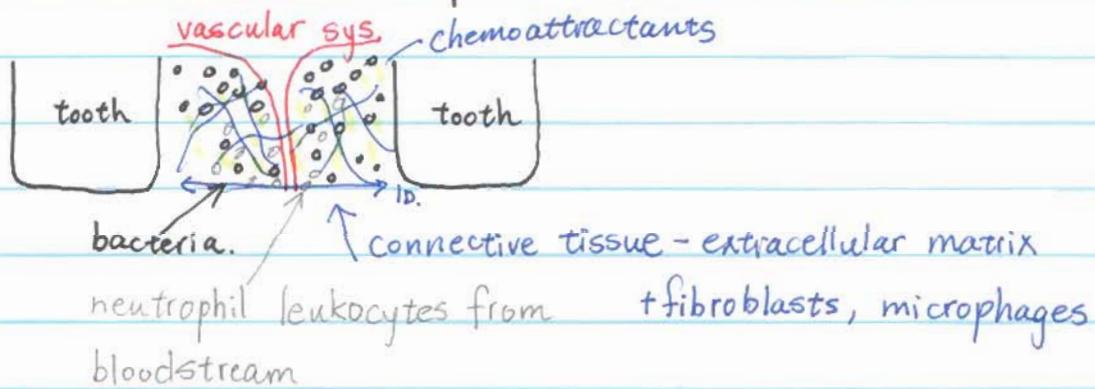


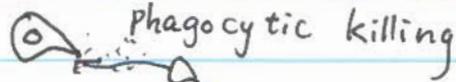
## Motivating Example

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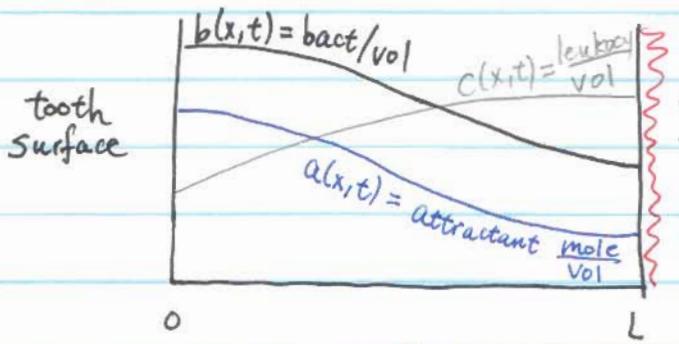
- bacterial infection + periodontal inflammation



Dynamic competition between bacterial proliferation vs. killing by leukocytes



Schematic illustration of situation



So, tooth-to-tooth distance is  $2L$

$c(x,t)$  is bad if it's too big, cause damage via inflammation

severity of infection

severity of inflammation

Goal - determine how  $b(x,t)$  and  $c(x,t)$  depend on certain molecular and cellular proportions.

Let's write Species conservation eqns.

$$\text{bacteria: } \frac{\partial b}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial N_b}{\partial x} + R_b$$

$$\text{Attractant: } \frac{\partial a}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial N_a}{\partial x} + R_a$$

$$\text{Leukocytes: } \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial N_c}{\partial x} + R_c$$

bact. random motility coefficient

$$Nb = -D_b \frac{\partial b}{\partial x}$$

down density gradient

→ specific bacterial killing attractant by leukocytes.

$$R_b = k_g b - k_k b c$$

bacteria specific growth rate constant.

$D_b$ ,  $k_g$ ,  $k_k$  are all empirically measurable.

$$Na = -D_a \frac{\partial a}{\partial x}$$

attractant diffusion coefficient

$$Ra = k_p b - k_u a c$$

attractant uptake rate constant.

$$- \frac{k_d a}{K_m + a}$$

Maximum proteolytic degradation rate constant  
Michaelis-Menten constant

Michaelis-Menten enzyme rxn expression

$k_p$ ,  $k_u$ ,  $k_d$ ,  $K_m$ , all measurable

leukocyte random motility coefficient

$$Nc = -D_c \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} + \left[ \chi \frac{\partial a}{\partial x} \right] c$$

random migration term.

↑  
Chemotactic Velocity

$D_c, \chi$  are measurable

↑ most critical for disease

leukocyte chemotactic migration coefficient.

leuk death rate constant, measurable

$$R_c = -k_s(b)C \quad \text{take } C_{\text{blood}}.$$

↓  
neglect.  
no proliferation

alternative  
problem formulation

Model:

Standard diffusion.

$$\frac{\partial b}{\partial t} = D_b \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial x^2} + kgb - k_k bc \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Nonlinear rxn terms}}$$

$$\frac{\partial a}{\partial t} = Da \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial x^2} + k_p b - \frac{k_u ac}{K_m + a} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Nonlinear transport terms.}}$$

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D_c \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} - \chi \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial x^2} c - \chi \frac{\partial a}{\partial x} \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} - k_s c$$

I.C.  $t=0$        $b(x,0) = b_i(x) > 0.$

$a(x,0) = a_i(x) = 0.$

$c(x,0) = c_i(x)$

find S.S. solution for  $b(x,0) = 0$

B.C.  $x=0; N_b = 0, N_a = 0, N_c = 0$

$$D_b \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} = 0 \quad Da \frac{\partial a}{\partial x} = 0 \quad D_c \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} - \chi \frac{\partial a}{\partial x} c = 0$$

$$D_c \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} = 0$$

$x=L: 0 = N_b + R_b$       blood density in bloodstream

$$0 = -D_b \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} - h_b (b - b_{\text{blood}})$$

bacterial

tissue to blood transfer coefficient

If  $a_0, b_0 \rightarrow \infty$ , then could impose  $a=0, b=0$

$$O = Na + Ra$$

$$O = -Da \frac{\partial a}{\partial x} - ha(a - a_{blood})$$

attractant tissue to blood

transfer-coefficient

measurable quantity

$$O = Nc + Rc$$

$$O = -De \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} + \chi \frac{\partial a}{\partial c} C + hc [C_{blood} - c]$$

Analysis - start by scaling variables to ascertain relative contributions of terms

Define scaled variables:  $T = \frac{t}{t^*}, \ell = \frac{x}{x^*}, u = \frac{b}{b^*}, v = \frac{a}{a^*}, w = \frac{c}{c^*}$

$$t^* = \frac{1}{kg}, x^* = L, b^* = \frac{b_i}{kg}, \boxed{a^* = km?} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{leave undefined} \\ \text{until later.} \end{matrix} \quad c^* = C_{blood}$$

Obtain

$$\text{bacteria: } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta_b \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + u - \theta_{uw} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{dimensionless} \\ \text{or} \\ \text{unitless} \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{matrix} \frac{\partial b}{\partial t} > 0 \\ \downarrow \\ \text{is } 1 - \theta_w < 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} L \sim 10^{-1} \text{ cm} \\ D_b \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \sim 10^{-9} \\ \text{kg} \sim 0.3 \text{ hr}^{-1} \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \Delta_b \sim 10^{-3} \quad C_{blood} \sim 10^{-6} \text{ leuk/cm}^3 \quad k \Rightarrow \theta \rightarrow 1.$$

$\frac{\partial b}{\partial t} = (1 - \theta_w) u$

to a good approx, bacterial dynamics