

# Computer modelling of hematopoiesis with applications to blood pathologies

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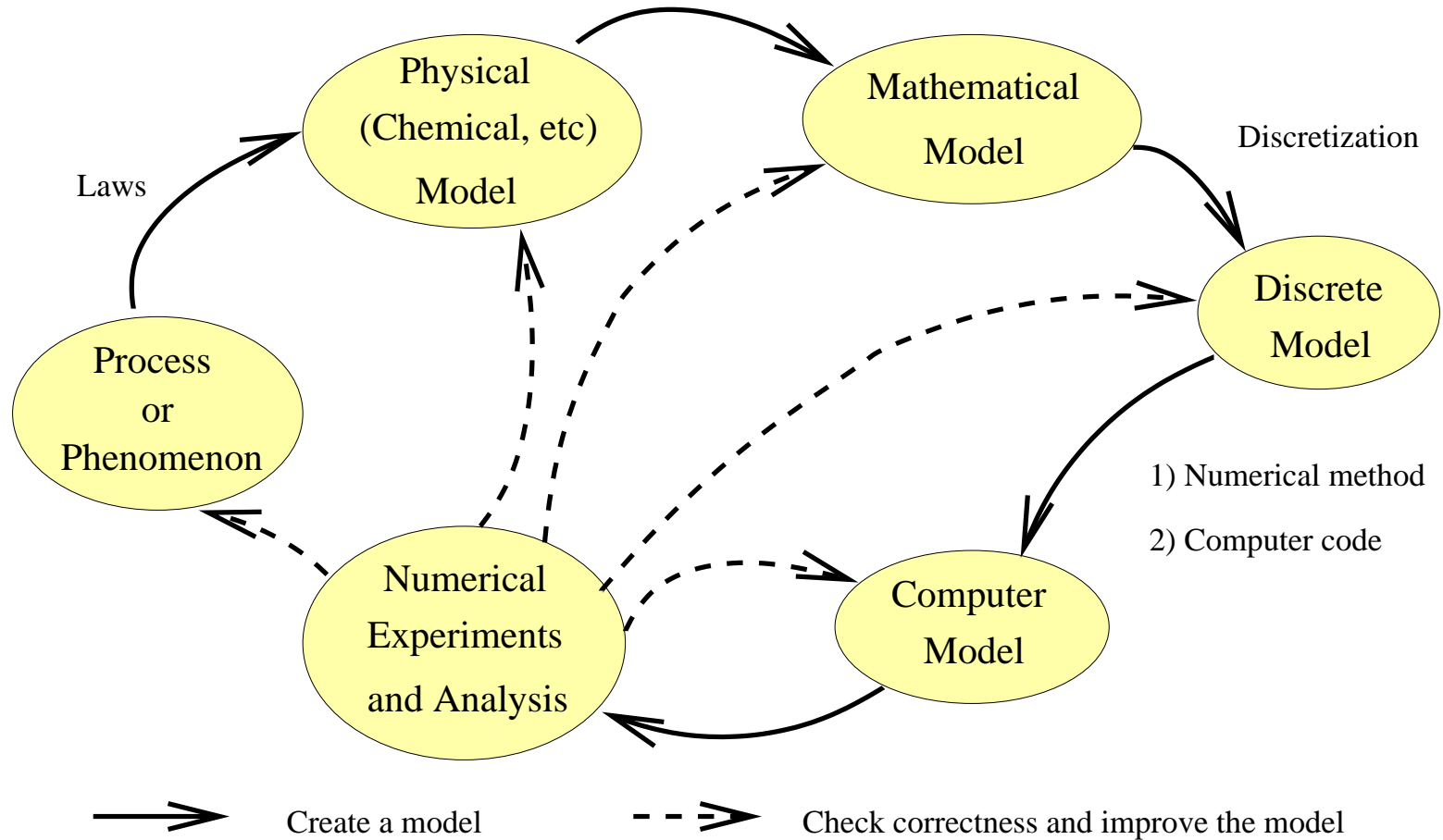
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# Computer modelling ...

## ... includes:

- mathematical model, adequately describing the results of planned experiments and observations
- numerical methods for discretization of differential and/or integral equations
- efficient methods and algorithms for solution of the obtained after discretization systems of linear algebraic equations
- algorithms for visualization and analysis of the results of the performed numerical experiments
- high performance computer programs, which use in maximum degree the potential and architecture of the contemporary computing systems

## ... gives possibilities for:

- Economy of expensive laboratory and nature experiments
- Determination of characteristics of new materials and technologies, as well as investigation of processes for which direct measurements and observations are impossible
- Substantial acceleration of the development process
- Real time processes' management

# Blood cells production and regulation

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**Haematopoietic pluripotent stem cells** (HSCs) in bone marrow (BM) give birth to the three blood cell types, due to their

- rapid migratory activity and ability to "home" to their niche in BM;
- high self-renewal and differentiation capacity.

**Growth factors** or **Colony Stimulating Factors** (CSF) – specific proteins that stimulate the production and maturation of each blood cell type.

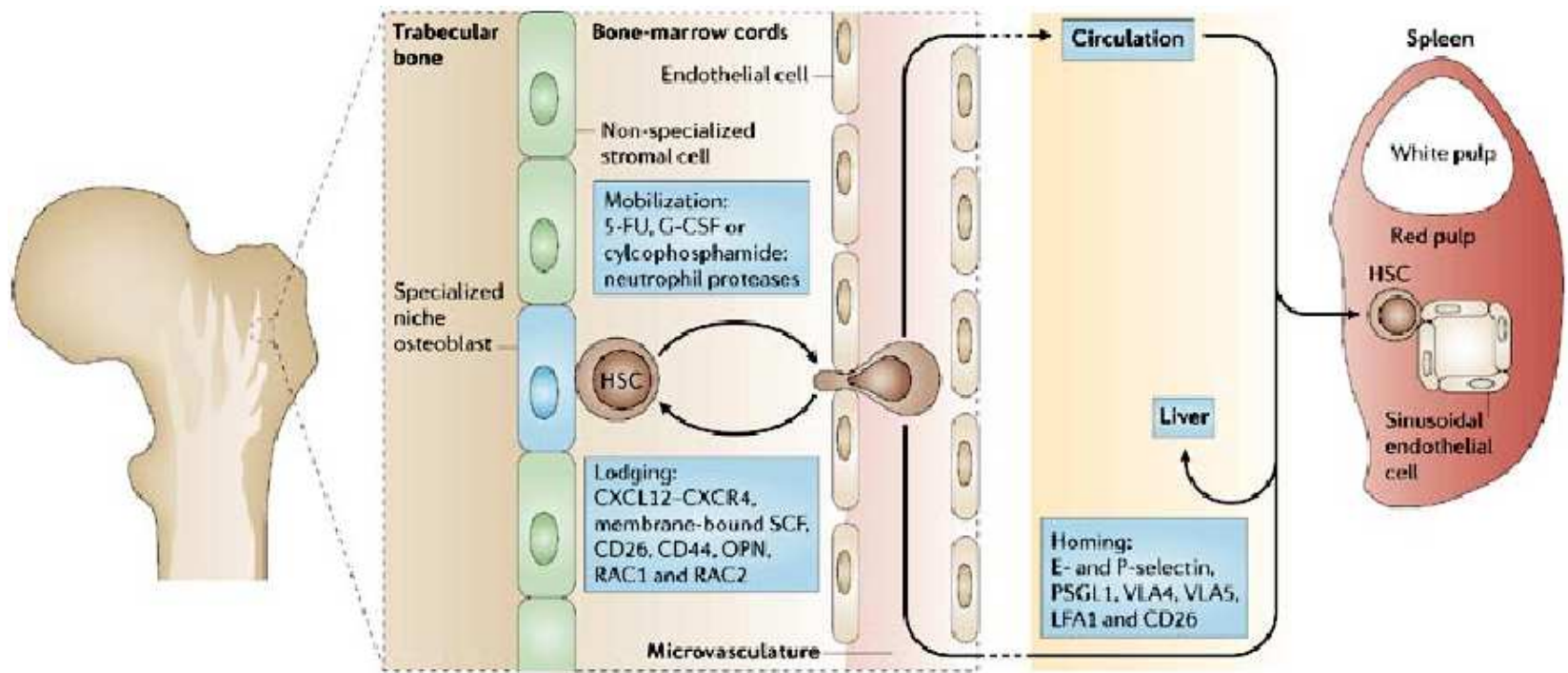
**Blast cells** – blood cells that have not yet matured.

Blood cell type	Function	Growth factors
Erythrocyte	Transport oxygen to tissues	Erythropoietin
Leukocyte	Fight infections	G-CSF, M-CSF, GM-CSF, Interleukins
Thrombocyte	Control bleeding	Thrombopoietin

**Leukopoiesis** – process of production and regulation of white blood cells (T- and B-lymphocytes, NK cells, monocytes, granulocytes, eosinophils, and basophils)

# HSCs mobilization, homing and lodging

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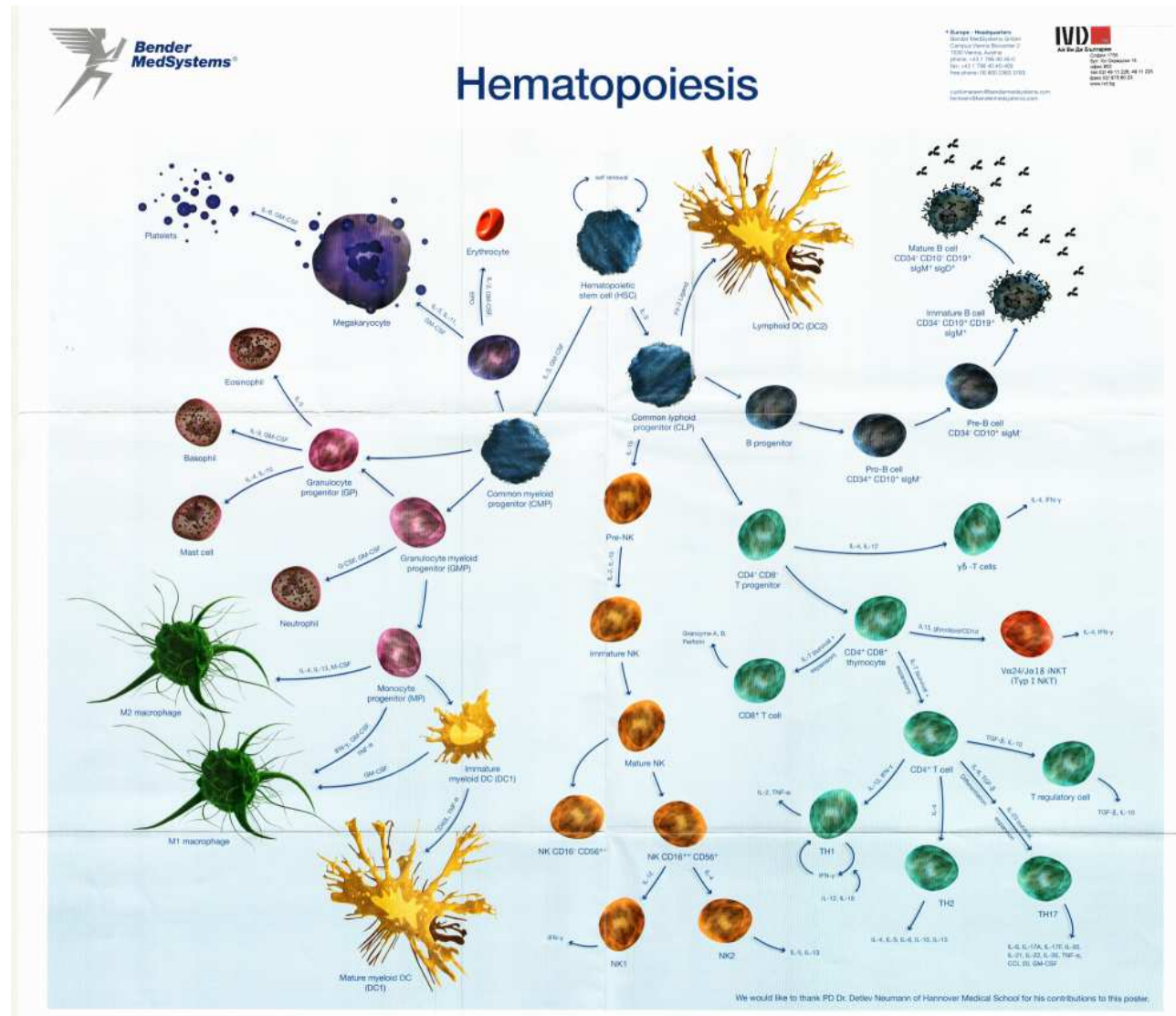
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# Differentiation stages in haematopoiesis



<http://www.bendermedsystems.com/>

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Various **hematological diseases** (including leukaemia) are characterized by **abnormal production** of particular blood cells (matured or blast).

Main stages in the therapy of blood diseases:

**TBI:** Total body irradiation (TBI) and chemotherapy – kill the "tumour" cells, but also the healthy ones.

**BMT:** Bone marrow transplantation (BMT) – stem cells of a donor (collected under special conditions) are put in the peripheral blood.

After BMT, HSCs have to:

1. find their way to the stem cell niche in the bone marrow; and
2. self-renew and differentiate to regenerate the patient's blood system.

*Adequate computer models would help medical doctors to shorten the period in which the patient is missing his/her effective immune system.*

# Need for computer simulation

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The approach "trial-error" is not recommended for dealing with questions related to understanding and predicting of human physiological processes in health and disease.

Development of software tools for real-time data-driven simulation of haematopoiesis will give possibility to

- understand better the HSCs migration and differentiation processes;
- design nature experiments for validation of hypotheses;
- predict the effect of various treatment options for patients with specific hematological diseases;

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# Chemotactic HSCs movement

# Involved data

## Unknowns:

$s(t, x)$  – concentration of stem cells in  $\Omega$

$a(t, x)$  – concentration of chemoattractant

$b(t, x)$  – concentration of stem cells bound to stroma cells at the boundary part  $\Gamma_1$

## Parameters:

$\varepsilon$  – random motility coefficient of HSCs

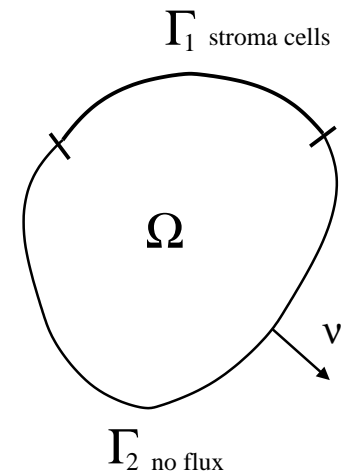
$\chi(a)$  – chemotactic sensitivity function

$D_a$  – diffusion coefficient of chemoattractant

$\gamma$  – consumption rate-constant for SDF-1

$c(x)$  – concentration of stroma cells on  $\Gamma_1$

$\beta(t, b)$  – proportionality function in the production rate of chemoattractant



$$\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\partial\Omega = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$$

$$\Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma_2 = \emptyset$$

*A. Kettemann, M. Neuss-Radu, Derivation and analysis of a system modeling the chemotactic movement of hematopoietic stem cells, Journal of Mathematical Biology, 56, (2008), 579-610.*

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# The model

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$$\begin{cases} \partial_t s &= \nabla \cdot (\varepsilon \nabla s - s \nabla \chi(a)), & \text{in } (0, T) \times \Omega \\ \partial_t a &= D_a \Delta a - \gamma a s, & \text{in } (0, T) \times \Omega \end{cases}$$

$$-(\varepsilon \partial_\nu s - s \chi'(a) \partial_\nu a) = \begin{cases} c_1 s - c_2 b, & \text{on } (0, T) \times \Gamma_1 \\ 0, & \text{on } (0, T) \times \Gamma_2 \end{cases}$$

$$D_a \partial_\nu a = \begin{cases} \beta(t, b) c(x), & \text{on } (0, T) \times \Gamma_1 \\ 0, & \text{on } (0, T) \times \Gamma_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t b &= c_1 s - c_2 b, & \text{on } (0, T) \times \Gamma_1 & \text{ and } b = 0, & \text{on } (0, T) \times \Gamma_2 \\ s(0) &= s_0, a(0) = a_0 & \text{in } \Omega, & \text{ and } b(0) = b_0 & \text{on } \Gamma_1 \end{aligned}$$

Existence of unique solution is ensured by

$$c \in H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\partial\Omega), \beta \in C^1(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}), \chi \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$$

$$0 \leq c(x) \leq \bar{c}, x \in \Gamma_1 \text{ and } c \equiv 0, x \in \Gamma_2$$

$$\beta(0, b_0) = 0, 0 \leq \beta(t, b) \leq M, \left| \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial b}(t, b) \right| \leq M_s, \left| \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial t}(t, b) \right| \leq M_t$$

$$\chi \in \{ \chi \in C^2(\mathbb{R}) \mid 0 \leq \chi(a), 0 \leq \chi'(a) \leq C_\chi, |\chi''(a)| \leq C'_\chi, a \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

# Methods and software

**Software:** COMSOL Multiphysics (<http://www.comsol.com>)

PDE mode – system of 2 PDEs + ODE on the boundary

Positivity property –  $s(t), a(t), b(t) \geq 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ , whenever  $s(0), a(0), b(0) \geq 0$

- Nonlinearities – Automatic choice of nonlinear solver;
- Discretization on space: Finite Element Method – nonuniform mesh  
Finite Difference Method (FDM), Finite Element Method (FEM),  
Finite Volume Method (FVM)
- Discretization on time  
FDM;  $\theta$ -scheme (Forward/Backward Euler, Crank-Nicolson);  
Fractional step and operator splitting methods.
- Solution methods – BDF for time integration; Implicit Euler +  
PARDISO or GMRES/ILU for linearised system

*A. Quarteroni, A. Valli, Numerical Approximation of Partial Differential Equations, Springer Ser. in Comp. Math., Springer, 1997.*

*V. Thomée, Galerkin Finite Element Methods for Parabolic problems, Springer Ser. in Comp. Math., Springer, 1997.*

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# Nonlinearities

## ■ Newton methods

Assume we have to solve a nonlinear operator equation  $F(x) = 0$  wherein  $F : D \in X \rightarrow Y$  for Banach spaces  $X, Y$  endowed with norms  $\|\cdot\|_X$  and  $\|\cdot\|_Y$ . Let  $F$  be at least once continuously differentiable. Suppose we have a starting guess  $x^0$  of the unknown solutions  $x^*$  at hand. Then successive linearization leads to the general Newton method

$$F'(x^k)\Delta x^k = -F(x^k), \quad x^{k+1} = x^k + \Delta x^k, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

*P. Deufhard, Newton Methods for Nonlinear Problems, Springer Ser. in Comp. Math., Springer, 2004.*

## ■ Bifurcation analysis

Reaction diffusion equations often depend on various parameters, e.g. temperature, catalyst and diffusion rate, etc. Moreover they form normally a nonlinear dissipative system, coupled by reaction among different substances. The number and stability of solutions of a reaction diffusion system may change abruptly with variation of control parameters. Correspondingly we see formation of patterns in the system. This kind of phenomena is called bifurcation.

*Z. Mei, Numerical Bifurcation Analysis for Reaction-Diffusion Equations, Springer Ser. in Comp. Math., Springer, 2000.*



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**Test data:**  $\Omega = (0, 1.5) \times (0, 1)$ ,  $\Gamma_1 = \{x_1 = 1.5\}$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.1$

$c(x_2) = 0.01(1 + 0.2 \sin(5\pi x_2))$ ,  $\beta(t, b) = V(t)\beta^*(b)$  with

$$V(t) = \begin{cases} 4t^2(3 - 4t) & \text{for } t \leq 0.5 \\ 1 & \text{for } t > 0.5 \end{cases} \text{ and } \beta^*(b) = \frac{0.005}{0.005 + b^2}$$

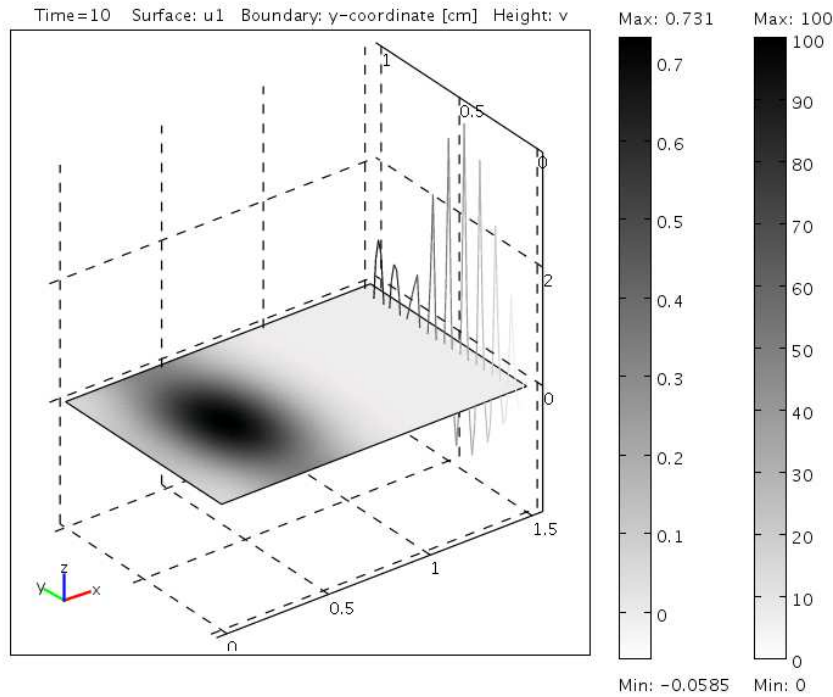
$$\chi(a) = 10a \quad \chi(a) = \log(a)$$

$$\varepsilon = 0.0015, D_a = 2, \gamma = 0.1, c_1 = 0.3, c_2 = 0.5$$

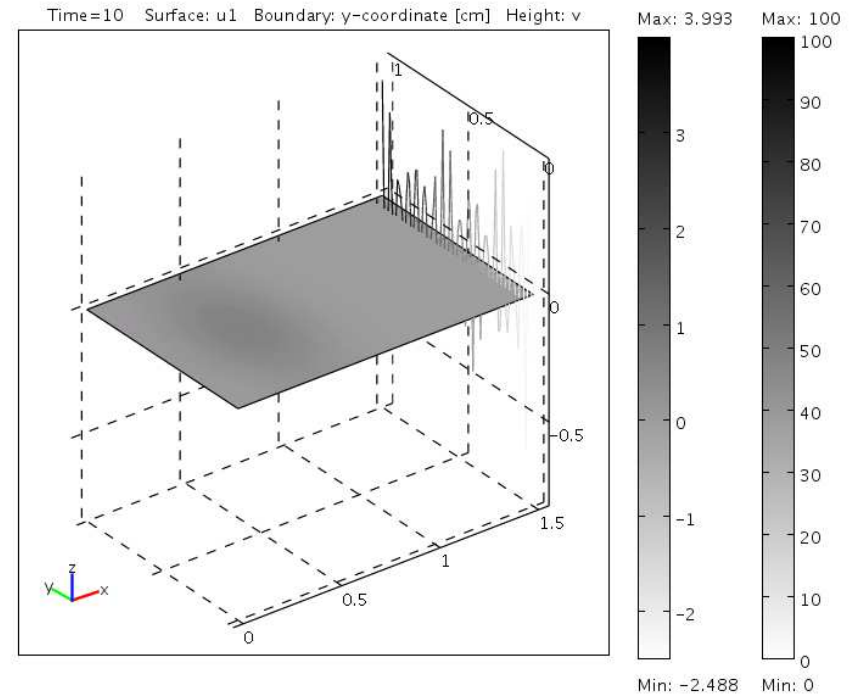
$$a_0 = 0, b_0 = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$s_0(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} (1 + \cos(5\pi(x_1 - 0.4)))\sin(\pi x_2), & \text{for } 0.2 \leq x_1 \leq 0.6 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Model data – $s(t, x)$ and $b(t, x)$ , $T = 10$ , GMRES/ILU.

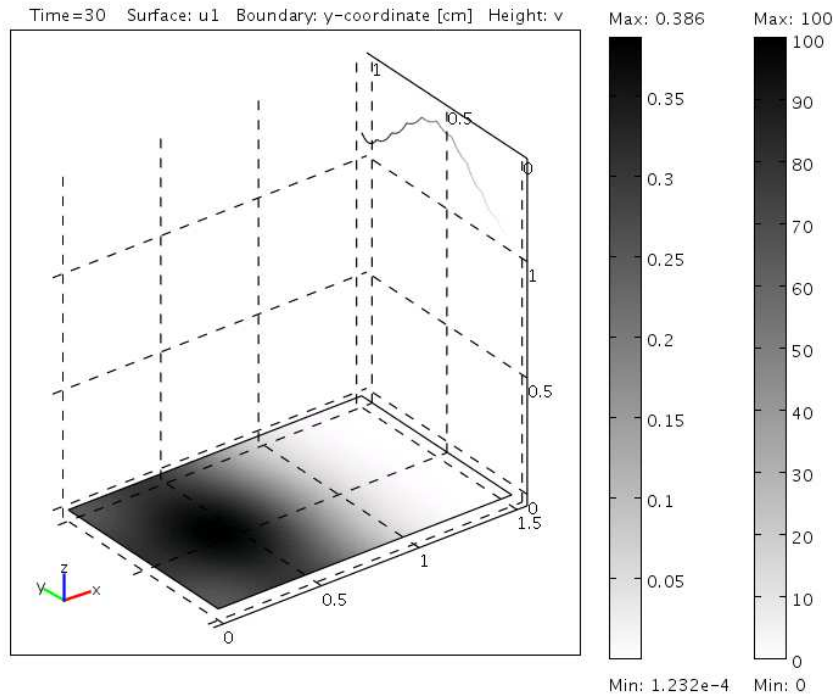


dof = 1723

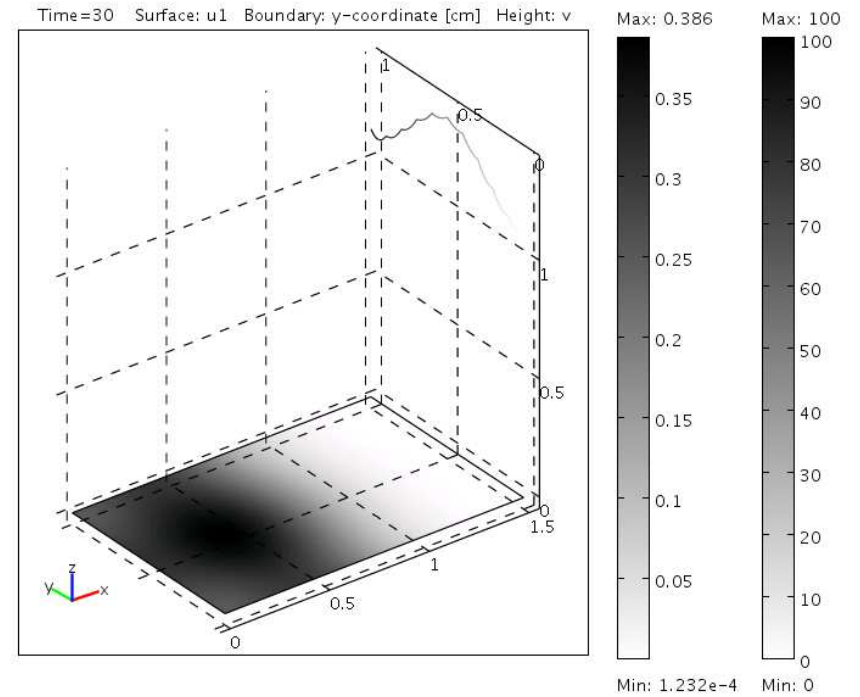


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# Model data – $s(t, x)$ and $b(t, x)$ , $T = 30$ , GMRES/ILU.

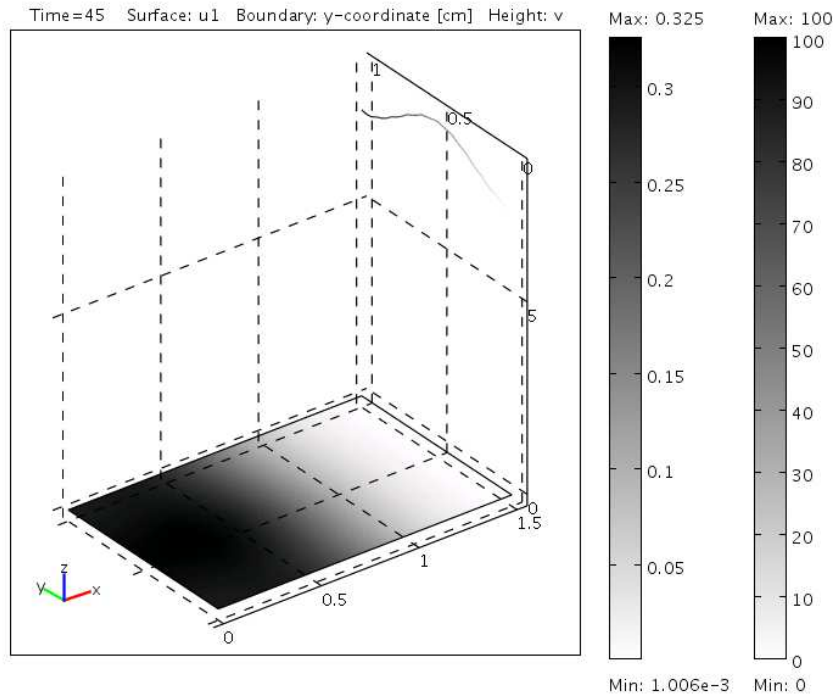


$$\chi = 10a$$

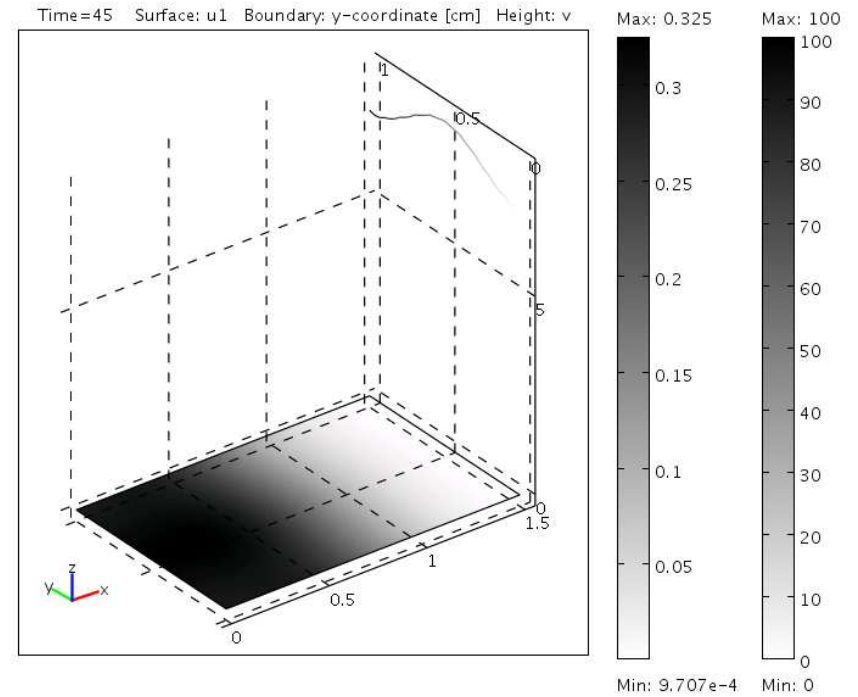


$$\chi = \log(a)$$

# Model data – $s(t, x)$ and $b(t, x)$ , $T = 45$ .

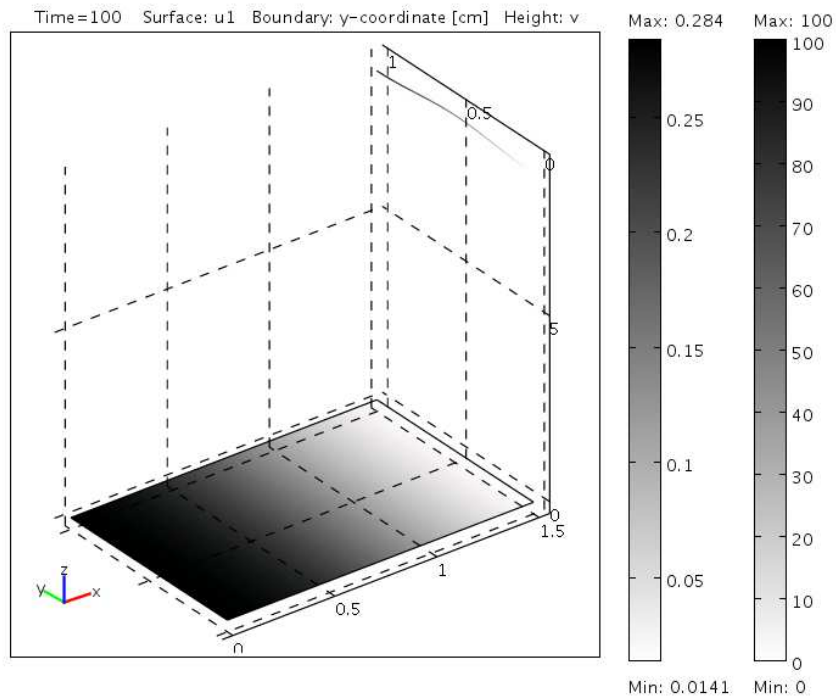


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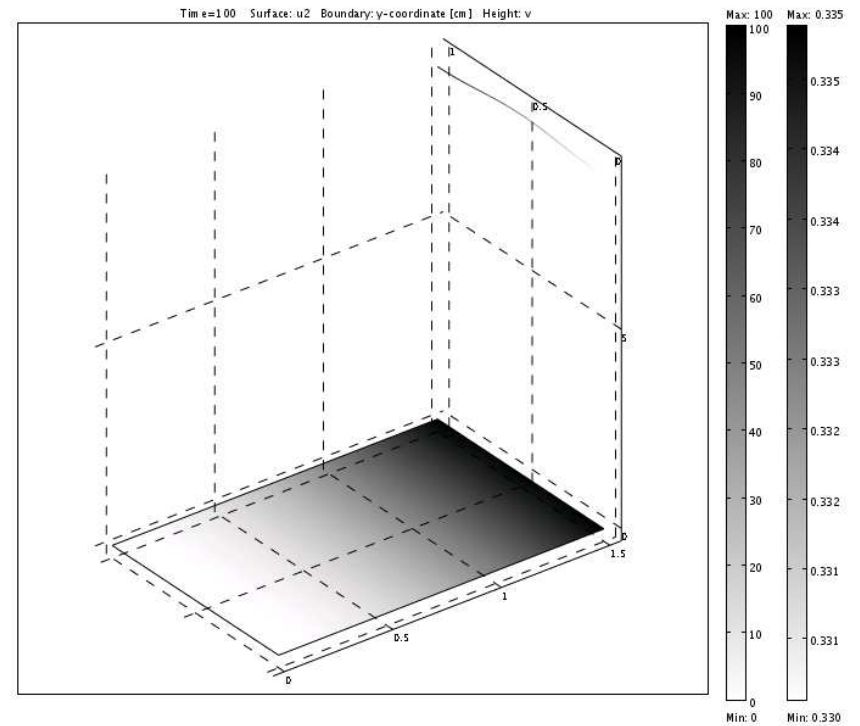


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# Model data – solution $T = 100$ , GMRES/ILU.



$s(t,x)$  and  $b(t,x)$



$a(t,x)$  and  $b(t,x)$

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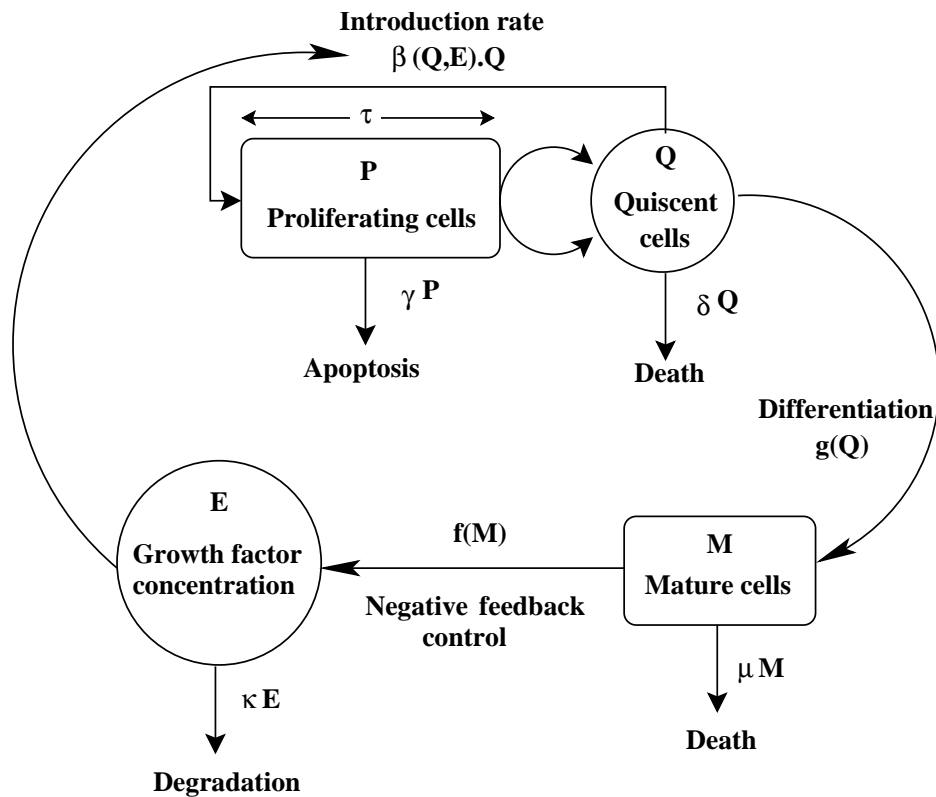
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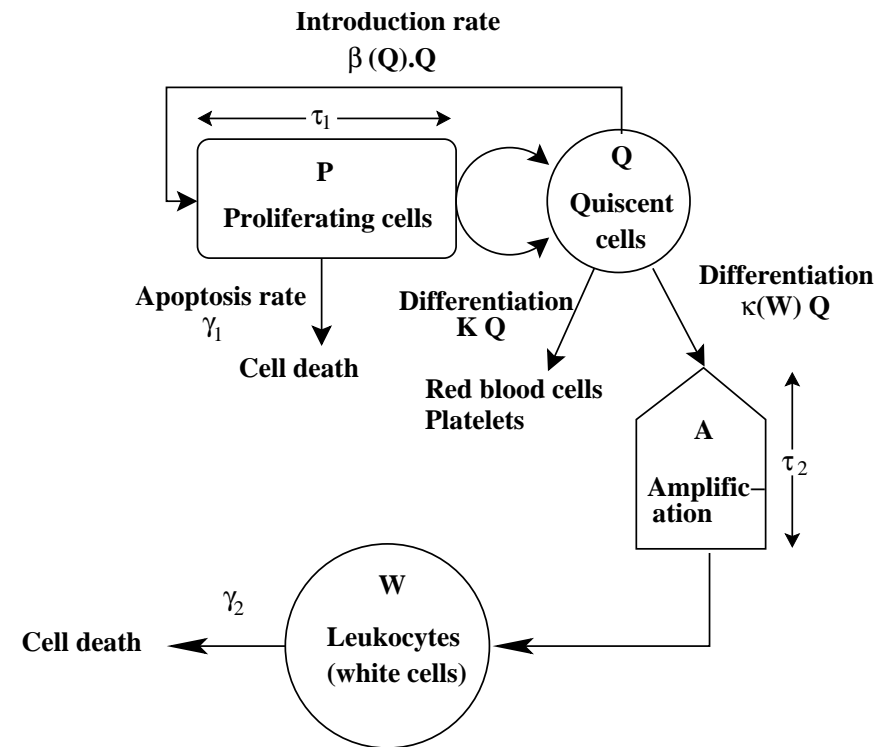
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# Two models – involved data



Growth factors model (GFM)



Leukopoiesis model (LM)

[GFM] M. Adimy, F. Crauste, S. Ruan, *Modelling Hematopoiesis Mediated by Growth Factors with Applications to Periodic Hematological Diseases*, *Bulletin of Mathematical Biology*, 68 (8), (2006), 2321–2351.

[LM] M. Adimy, F. Crauste, S. Ruan, *Periodic oscillations in leukopoiesis models with two delays*, *Journal of Theoretical Biology* 242, (2006), 288–299.

# Description of parameters and functions

Stem cells –  $P$  in proliferating phase,  $Q$  in quiescent phase  
Growth factor –  $E$ , Mature cells –  $M$ , Leukocytes –  $W$

Proliferating phase duration –  $\tau, \tau_1$

Amplification phase duration –  $\tau_2$

Amplification parameter –  $A = \alpha 2^i$ , with

$\alpha \in (0, 1)$  – survival rate,  $i$  – number of generations

Apoptosis rate –  $\gamma, \gamma_1$

Death rate –  $\kappa$  (for  $E$ ),  $\mu$  (for  $M$ ),  $\gamma_2$  (for  $W$ ),  $\delta$  (for  $Q$ )

Introduction rate –  $\beta(Q, E), \beta(Q)$

Differentiation –  $g(Q), K, k(W)$

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# GFM system of DDEs

$$\text{(GFM)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dQ}{dt} = -\delta Q(t) - g(Q(t)) - \beta(Q(t), E(t)) Q(t) \\ \quad \quad \quad + 2e^{-\gamma\tau} \beta(Q(t-\tau), E(t-\tau)) Q(t-\tau) \\ \frac{dM}{dt} = -\mu M(t) + g(Q(t)) \\ \frac{dE}{dt} = -kE(t) + f(M(t)) \end{array} \right.$$

$$Q(t) = Q_0(t), M(t) = M_0(t), E(t) = E_0(t), t \in [-\tau, 0]$$

Delay  $\tau$  corresponds to the cell cycle duration.

$$Q(t) \geq 0, M(t) \geq 0, E(t) \geq 0, k > 0, \mu > 0$$

Existence of nontrivial positive steady-state is ensured by:

$$0 < \delta + g'(0) < \beta \left( 0, \frac{f(0)}{k} \right) \text{ and}$$

$$0 \leq \tau < \tau_{max} := \frac{1}{\gamma} \ln \left( \frac{2\beta \left( 0, \frac{f(0)}{k} \right)}{\delta + g'(0) + \beta \left( 0, \frac{f(0)}{k} \right)} \right)$$

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# LM system of DDEs

$$(LM) \begin{cases} \frac{dQ}{dt} = -[K + k(W(t)) + \beta(Q(t))]Q(t) \\ \quad + 2e^{-\gamma_1\tau_1}\beta(Q(t - \tau_1))Q(t - \tau_1) \\ \frac{dW}{dt} = -\gamma_2 W(t) + Ak(W(t - \tau_2))Q(t - \tau_2) \end{cases}$$

$$Q(t) = Q_0(t), W(t) = W_0(t), t \in [-\tau^*, 0], \tau^* = \max\{\tau_1, \tau_2\}$$

Delay  $\tau_1 \geq 0$  corresponds to the cell cycle duration.

Delay  $\tau_2 \geq 0$  corresponds to the amplification phase duration.

$$Q(t) \geq 0, W(t) \geq 0$$

Existence of nontrivial positive steady-state is ensured by:

$$(2^{-\gamma_1\tau_1} - 1)\beta(0) > k(0) + K \text{ and}$$

the function  $Q \mapsto Q\beta(Q)$  is decreasing in  $(Q_0, Q_1)$ , where

$$Q_0 = \beta^{-1} \left( \frac{k(0) + K}{2^{-\gamma_1\tau_1} - 1} \right) \text{ and } Q_1 = \beta^{-1} \left( \frac{K}{2^{-\gamma_1\tau_1} - 1} \right)$$

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XPPAUT is "A tool for simulating, animating and analyzing dynamical systems." (G. B. Ermentrout)

B. Ermentrout, *Simulating, analyzing and animating dynamical systems: a guide to XPPAUT for researchers and students*, SIAM, 2002

<http://www.math.pitt.edu/~bard/xpp/xpp.html>

XPPAUT implementation of the methods:

	Expl.	Impl.	FS	AS	Stiff
Runge Kutta (RK)	+		+		
Dormand-Prince 5 (DP5)	+			+	
Rosenbrock (RB2)		+		+	+

*Rosenbrock* is based on Matlab version of the two step Rosenbrock algorithms.

*Delay equations* are solved by storing previous data and using cubic polynomial interpolation to obtain the delayed value.

*E. Hairer, (S.P. Norsett), G. Wanner, Solving ordinary differential equations I, II, Springer Ser. in Comp. Math., Springer, 2000 (part I), 2002 (part II)*

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# Runge-Kutta methods

Let  $b_i, a_{ij} \in \mathbf{R}$  ( $i, j = 1, \dots, s$ ) and  $c_i = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij}$ . The s-stage

Runge-Kutta (RK) method for solution of  $y' = f(t, y)$ ,  $y(t_0) = y_0$  is defined by

$$k_i = f(t_0 + c_i h, y_0 + h \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} k_j) \quad i = 1, \dots, s$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + h \sum_{i=1}^s b_i k_i$$

Explicit RK: if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \leq j$

Diagonal implicit RK (DIRK): if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i < j$  and at least one  $a_{ii} \neq 0$ .

Singly DIRK: if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i < j$  and  $a_{ii} = \gamma \neq 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, s$ .

Implicit RK: all other cases.

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**Discrete DDEs**, where only finite number of past values of the variable are involved.

*Delay*  $\tau$  (always non-negative) can be *constant* ( $\tau = const$ ), *time dependent* ( $\tau = \tau(t)$ ) or *state dependent* ( $\tau = \tau(t, y(t))$ ).

**Breaking points** (primary discontinuities) – the solution possesses only a limited number of derivatives, the *order* of the breaking point, and remains piecewise regular between two consecutive such points.

*Locating the breaking points and including them into the mesh* is a crucial issue on the numerical integration of DDEs, because any step-by-step method attains its own order of accuracy provided that the solution sought is sufficiently smooth in the current integration interval.

*A. Bellen, N. Guglielmi, S. Maset, Numerical methods for delay models in biomathematics, In: A. Quarteroni, L. Formaggia, A. Veneziani (Eds.) Complex Systems in Biomedicine, Springer-Verlag Italia, Milano 2006, 147-185.*

# Provided clinical data

- Gathered amount of HSC (CD34+) – initial value for Q; Minimal required amount  $2 \times 10^6$  cells/kg, optimal  $5 \times 10^6$  cells/kg;
- After BMT – no blood system, i.e. initial values for matured cells are almost equal to 0; ranges for lymphocytes  $0 - 0.2 \times 10^6$  cells/mL
- G-CSF is applied every day during the first month – 5-10 mcg/kg of bw  
NEUPOGEN-Filgrastim <http://www.neupogen.com/pi.html>  
spec. act.  $1.0 \pm 0.6 \times 10^8$  U/mg; half-life 3.5 h; 300 mcg/mL or 600 mcg/mL.
- Statistical data for T, B and NK cells and their subpopulations at several stages: before BMT (D) and 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 24 months after BMT.
- Diseases – Morbus Hodgkin (MH), Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (NHL), Acute Myelogeneous Leukemia (AML), Multiple Myeloma (MM).

## Initial data for the patients with AML and MH

Patient	Disease	Weight	HSCs CD34+	volume
P1	AML	70 kg	$4.32 \times 10^6$ cells/kg	500 mL
P2	AML	95 kg	$1.69 \times 10^6$ cells/kg	500 mL
P3	MH	75 kg	$6.00 \times 10^6$ cells/kg	300 mL
P4	MH	71 kg	$6.48 \times 10^6$ cells/kg	500 mL

# Two patients with AML

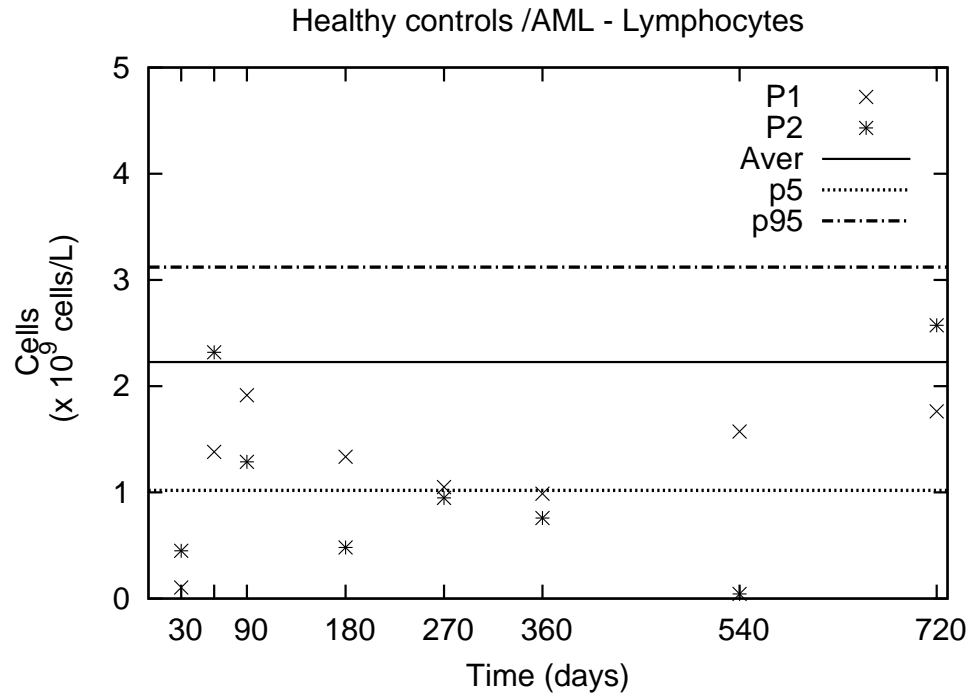
N	Date	Stage	Lymphocytes CD 45 AC	B cells CD19 AC	T cells CD3 AC	NK cells CD 56 AC	$T_n$ AC
P1	11/11/05	D	571	5	491	33	114.36
	01/12/05	E1	104	1	90	8	27.8
	16/01/06	E2	1382	15	1172	104	222.83
	06/02/06	E3	1914	57	1501	226	249.66
	10/05/06	E6	1336	123	1017	107	232.02
	30/08/06	E9	1049	156	703	103	75.70
	14/11/06	E12	988	270	600	121	108.01
	09/05/07	E18	1573	267	959	215	215.84
	21/10/08	E24	1763	924	924	400	333.00
P2	11/10/06	D	1946	25	1721	53	160.01
	01/11/06	E1	450	30	410	19	39.70
	07/12/06	E2	2319	32	2082	121	103.35
	17/01/07	E3	1287	97	1061	84	92.55
	25/04/07	E6	481	62	380	25	20.19
	04/07/07	E9	947	9	886	31	155.05
	17/10/07	E12	759	1	729	17	115.22
	27/05/08	E18	44	0	43	1	23.41
	16/10/08	E24	2572	2279	2291	208	182.61

# Two patients with MH

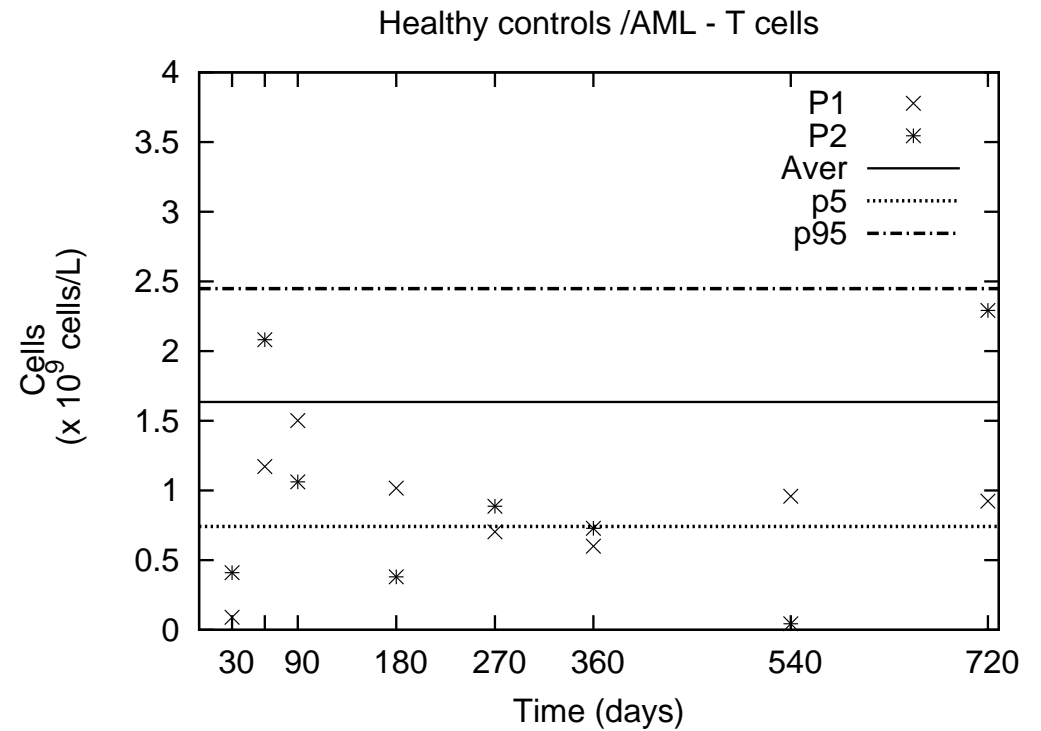
N	Date	Stage	Lymphocytes CD 45 AC	B cells CD19 AC	T cells CD3 AC	NK cells CD 56 AC	$T_n$ AC
P3	28/02/06	D	491	33	394	41	31.19
	21/03/06	E1	142	16	122	14	11.03
	08/05/06	E2	2482	119	2179	144	74.71
	06/06/06	E3	1263	279	867	66	28.35
		E6					
	12/12/06	E9	850	117	607	73	16.52
	07/03/07	E12	995	161	677	132	51.34
	10/10/07	E18	1199	246	704	223	57.93
	31/10/08	E24	1233	677	676	152	152.68
P4		D					
	26/09/06	E1	291	1	255	17	22.37
	27/10/06	E2	169	6	104	54	3.22
	01/12/06	E3	1076	173	603	274	41.42
	02/04/07	E6	739	126	434	111	6.04
	04/06/07	E9	1820	96	1330	309	30.04
	05/10/07	E12	1043	73	609	348	16.02
	22/02/08	E18	1155	9	680	448	17.99
	18/08/08	E24	690	434	436	231	13.05



# Healthy controls vs patients with AML after BMT

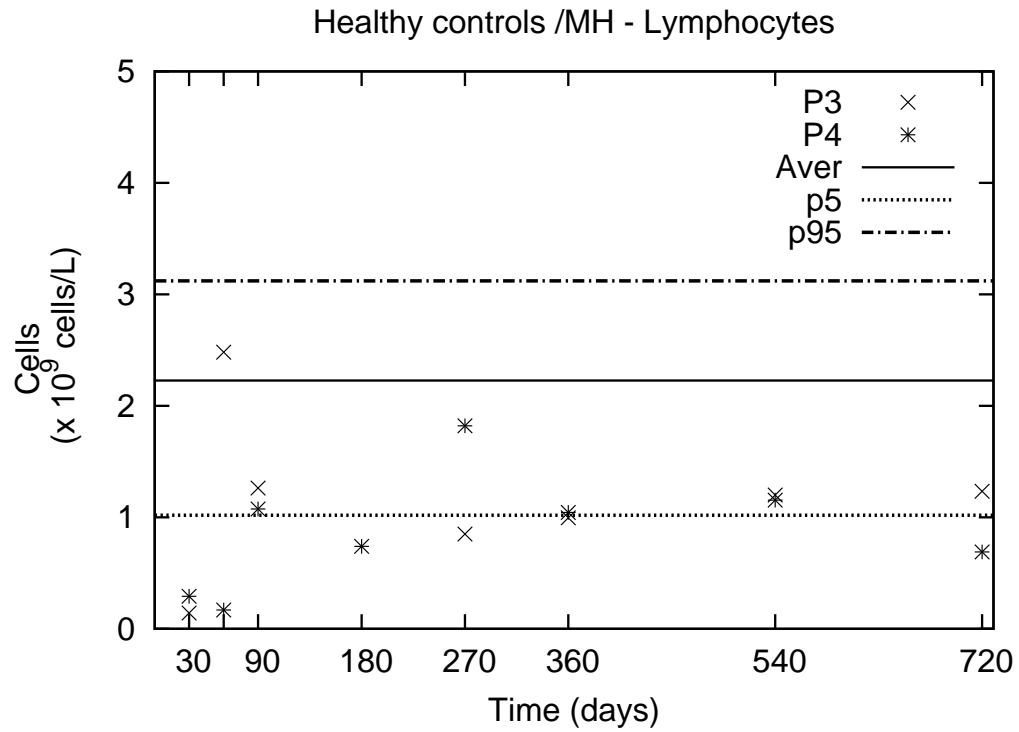


Lymphocytes (CD 45 AC)

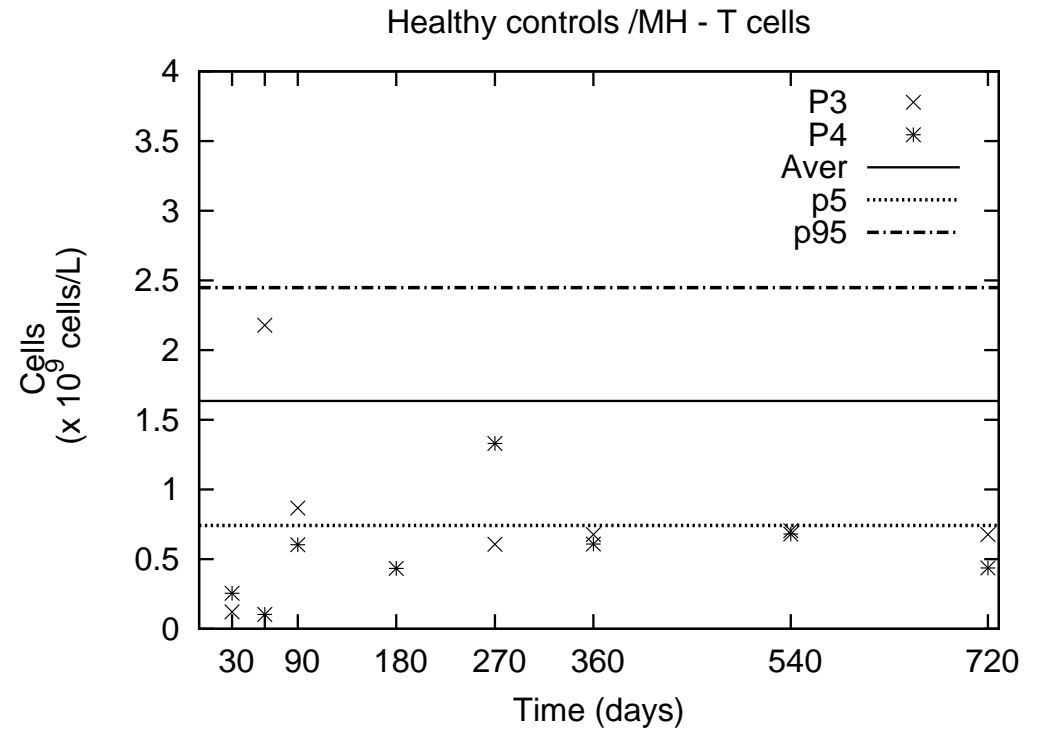


T cells (CD 3 AC)

# Healthy controls vs patients with MH after BMT



Lymphocytes (CD 45 AC)



T cells (CD 3 AC)

# Numerical tests – model parameters

GFM

$$\beta(E) = \beta_0 \frac{E}{1 + E}, \quad \beta_0 > 0$$

$$g(Q) = GQ, \quad G > 0$$

$$f(M) = \frac{a}{1 + KM^r}, \quad a, K > 0, r > 0$$

LM

$$\beta(Q) = \frac{\beta_0}{1 + Q^n}, \quad \beta_0 > 0$$

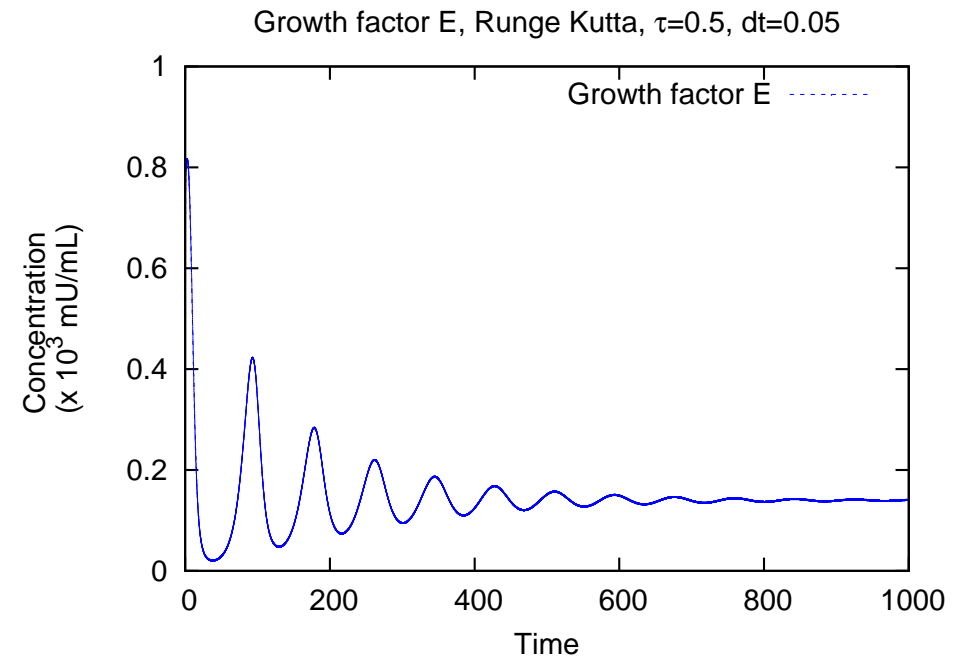
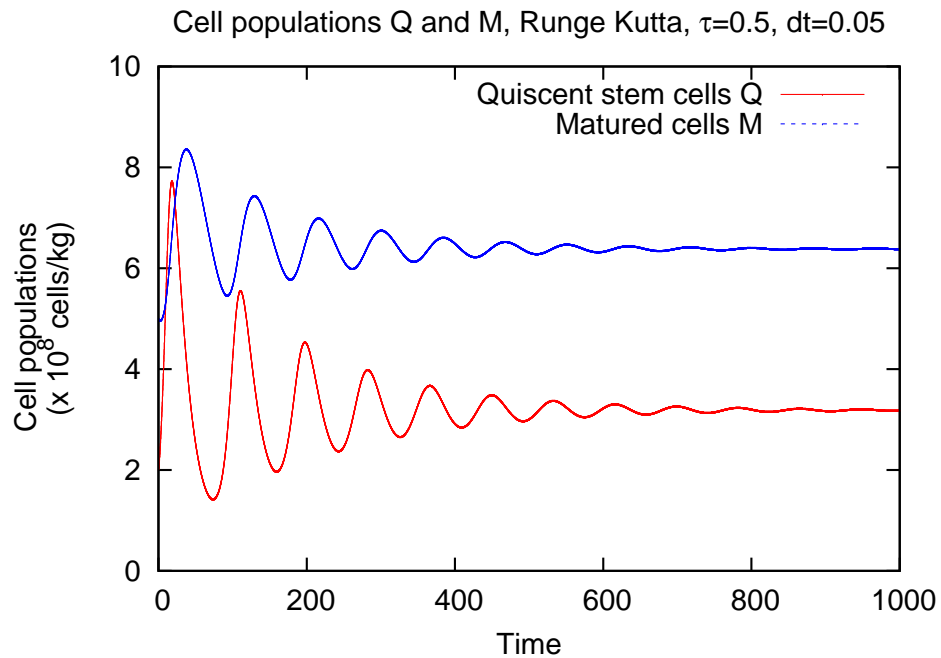
$$k(W) = \frac{k_0}{1 + W^m}, \quad k_0 > 0$$

$$A = \alpha 2^i, \quad \alpha \in (0, 1)$$

Param	Value	Range ( $day^{-1}$ )
$\delta$	$0.01 \text{ day}^{-1}$	0 – 0.09
$G$	$0.04 \text{ day}^{-1}$	0 – 0.09
$\beta_0$	$0.5 \text{ day}^{-1}$	0.08 – 2.24
$\gamma$	$0.2 \text{ day}^{-1}$	0 – 0.9
$\mu$	$0.02 \text{ day}^{-1}$	0.001 – 0.1
$k$	$2.8 \text{ day}^{-1}$	—
$a$	6570	—
$K$	0.0382	—
$r$	7	—

Param	Value
$\beta_0$	$1.77 \text{ day}^{-1}$
$k_0$	$0.1 \text{ day}^{-1}$
$n$	3
$m$	2
$\gamma_1$	$0.1 \text{ day}^{-1}$
$\gamma_2$	$2.4 \text{ day}^{-1}$
$K$	$0.02 \text{ day}^{-1}$
$A$	20

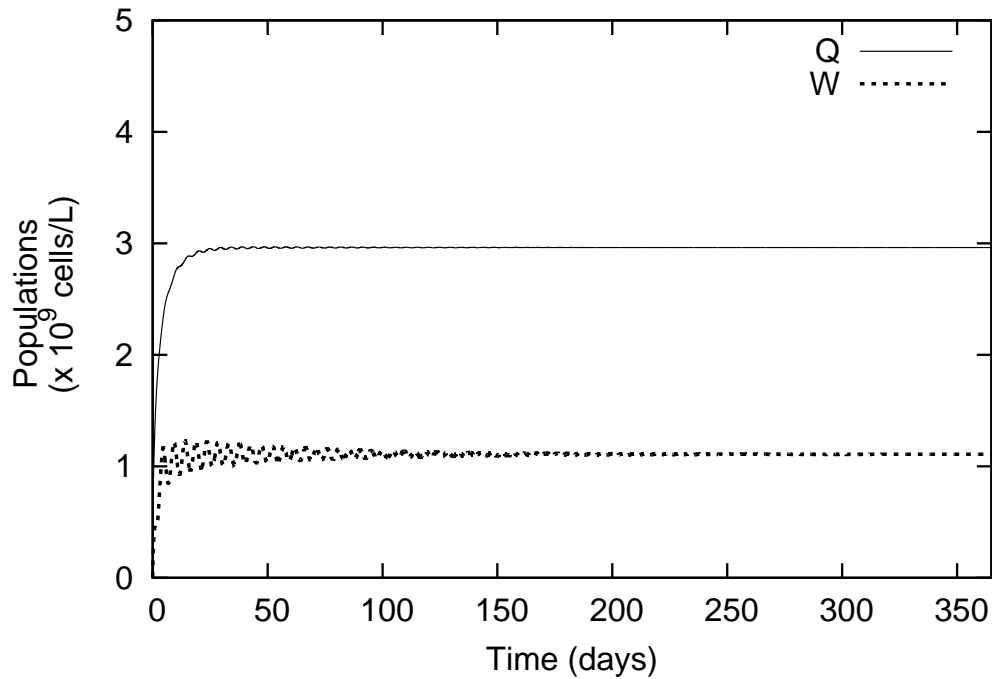
# Erythropoiesis, model data from [GFM], $\tau = 0.5$



GFM failed with initial data for WBC and G-CSF and various sets of parameters

# Results $W(t)$ , $Q(t)$ , model data from [LM] – AML

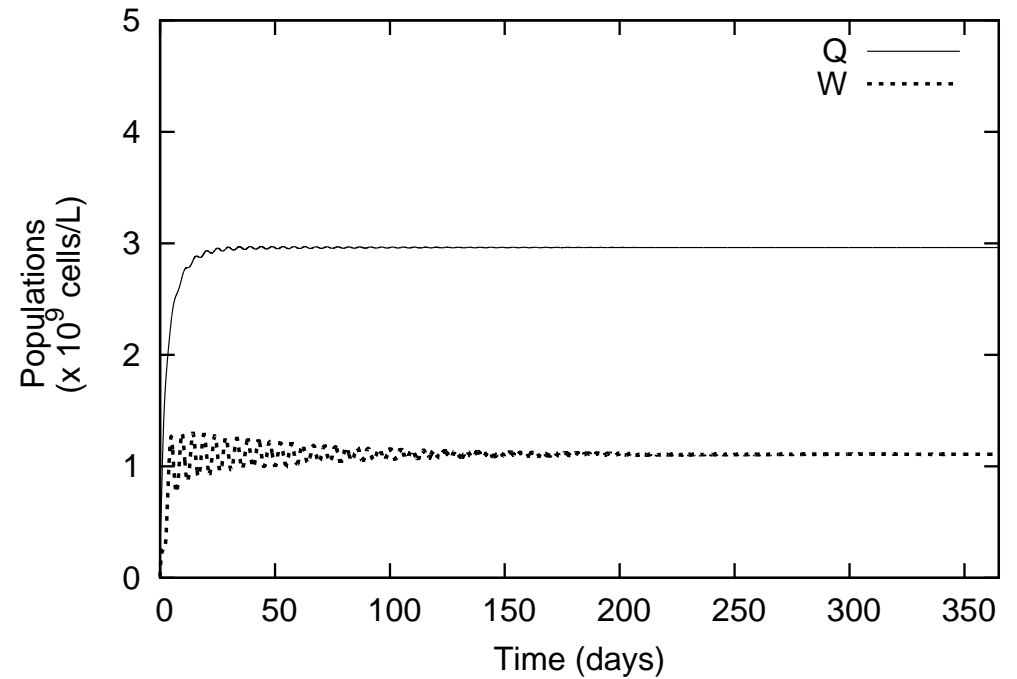
Patient P1 (AML)



Patient P1:

$$Q(0) = 0.61(\times 10^9) \text{ cells/L,}$$
$$W(0) = 0.01(\times 10^9) \text{ cells/L}$$

Patient P2 (AML)

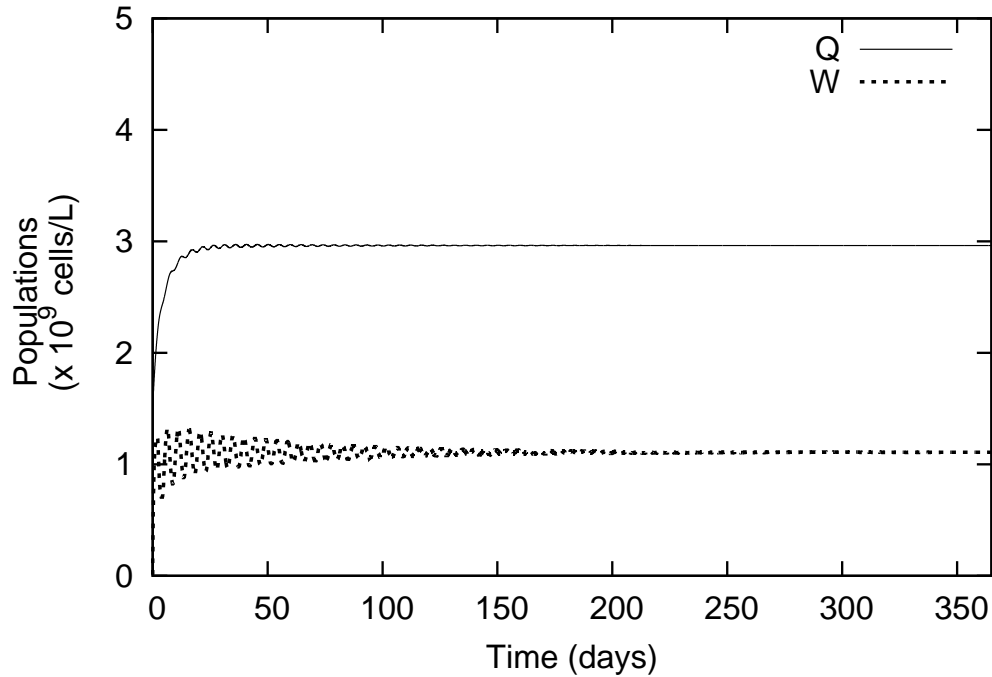


Patient P2:

$$Q(0) = 0.32(\times 10^9) \text{ cells/L,}$$
$$W(0) = 0.01(\times 10^9) \text{ cells/L}$$

# Results $W(t)$ , $Q(t)$ , model data from [LM] – MH

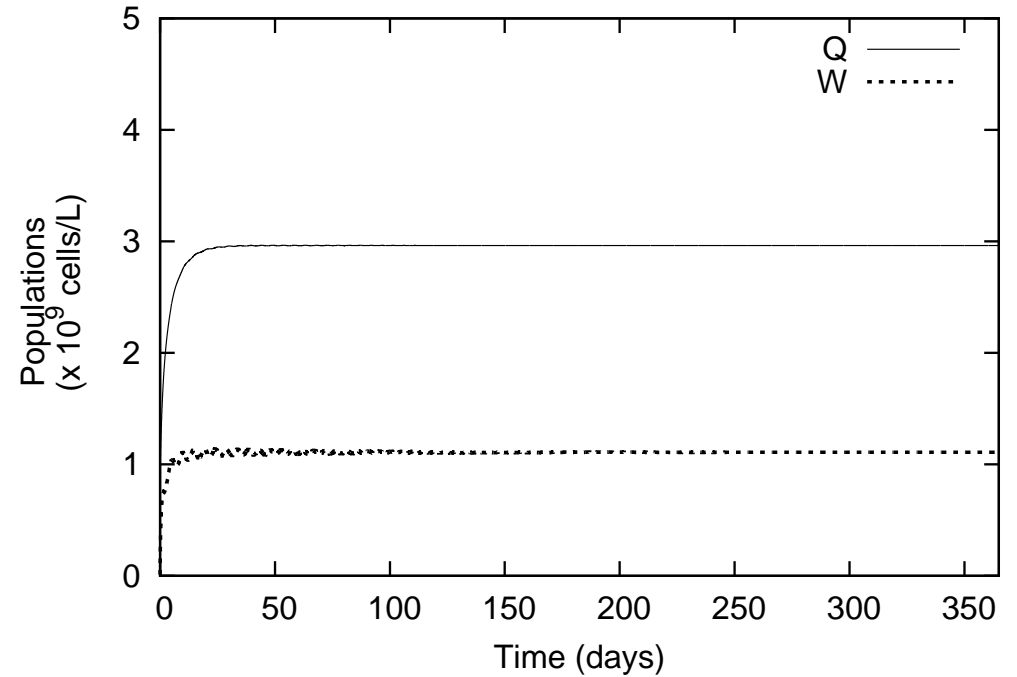
Patient P3 (MH)



Patient P3:

$$Q(0) = 1.5(\times 10^9) \text{ cells/L,}$$
$$W(0) = 0.01(\times 10^9) \text{ cells/L}$$

Patient P4 (MH)

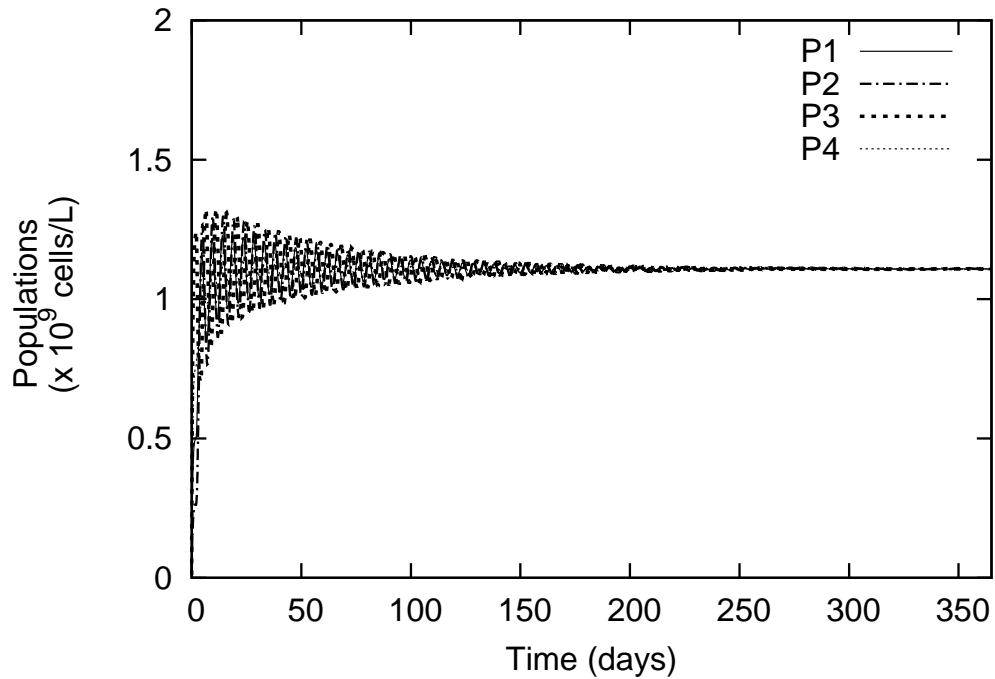


Patient P4:

$$Q(0) = 0.92(\times 10^9) \text{ cells/L,}$$
$$W(0) = 0.01(\times 10^9) \text{ cells/L}$$

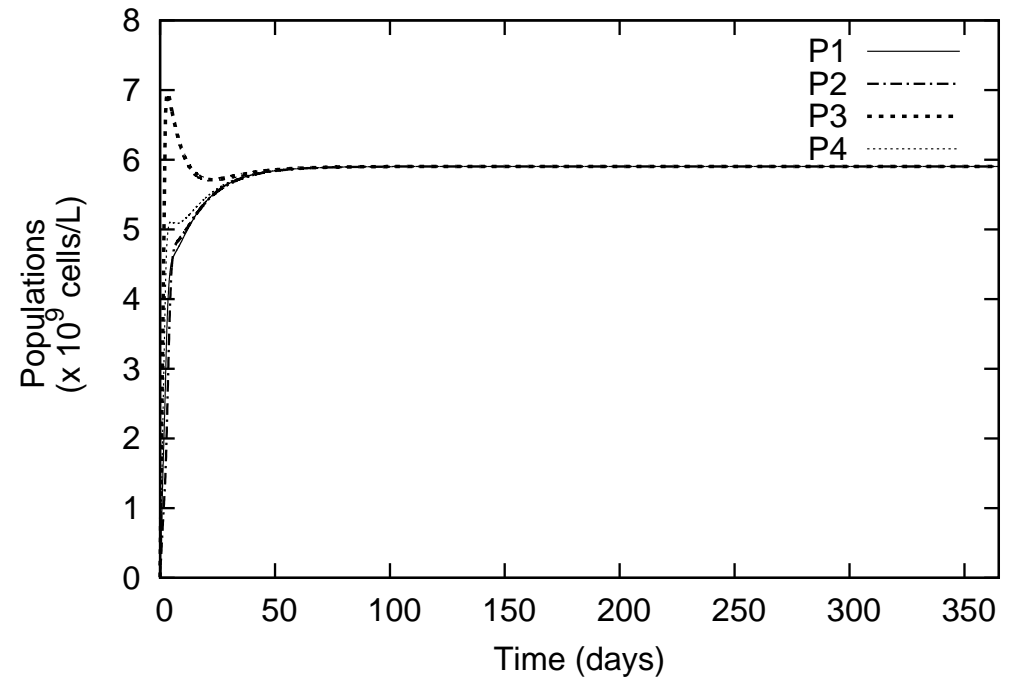
# Results $W(t)$ , LM – varying $\gamma_2$

$W, \tau_1=0.05, \tau_2=2$



P1 ÷ P4, W cells,  $\gamma_2 = 2.4$

$T_n, \tau_1=0.05, \tau_2=2$

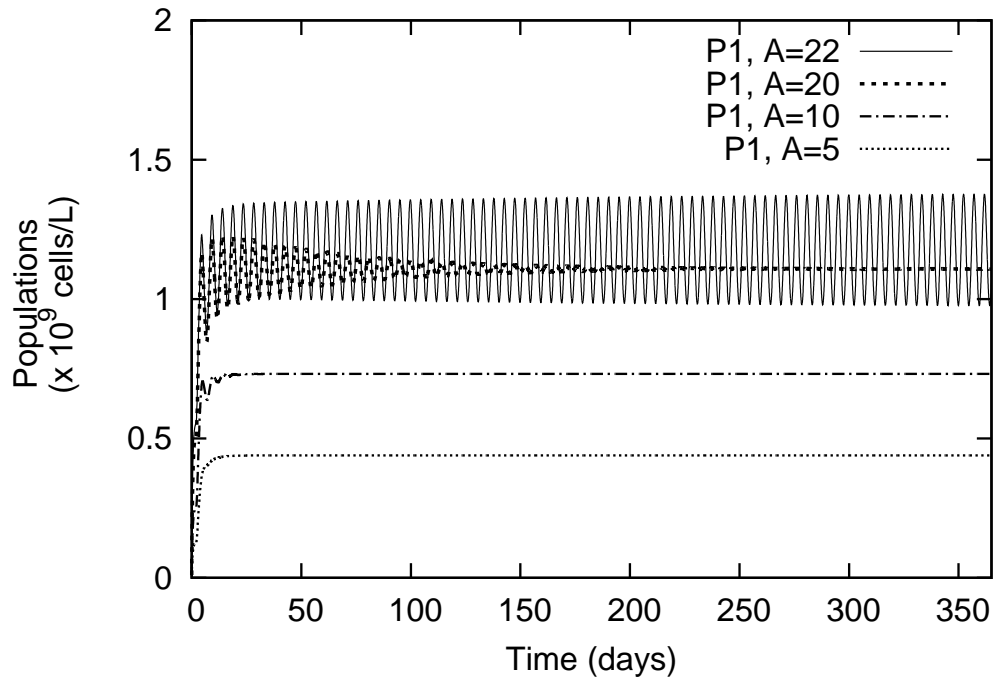


P1 ÷ P4,  $T_n$  cells,  $\gamma_2 = 0.04$

$T_n$  cells with  $\gamma_2 = 0.04$  (Moore, Li (2004))

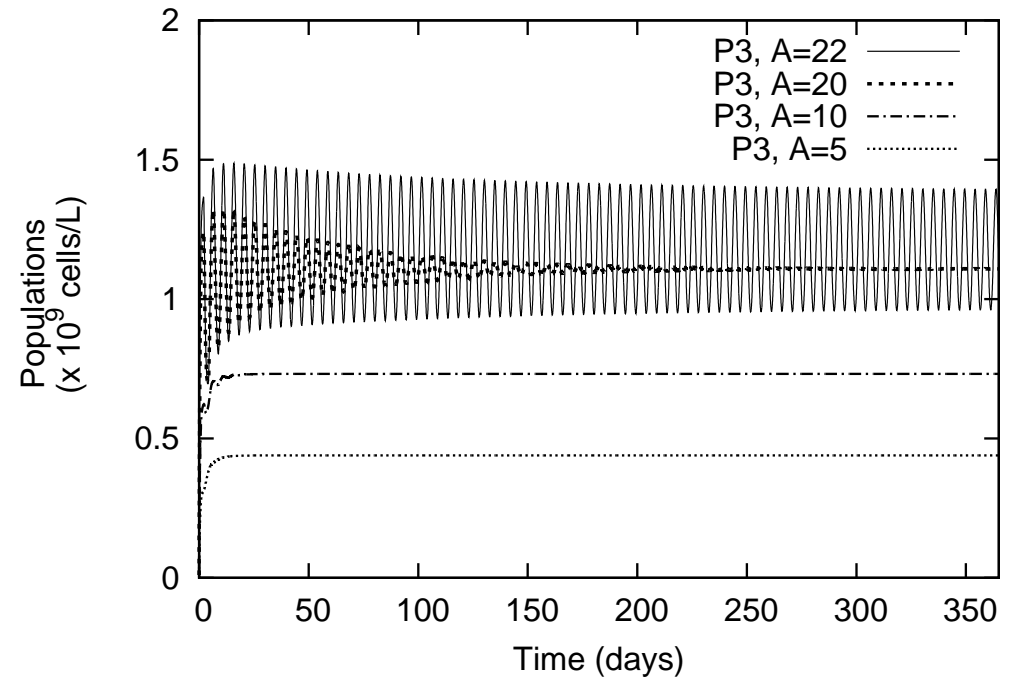
# Results $W(t)$ , LM – varying $A$ , $W$ cells

$W$ ,  $\tau_1=0.05$ ,  $\tau_2=2$



P1,  $W$  cells,  $\gamma_2 = 2.4$

$W$ ,  $\tau_1=0.05$ ,  $\tau_2=2$

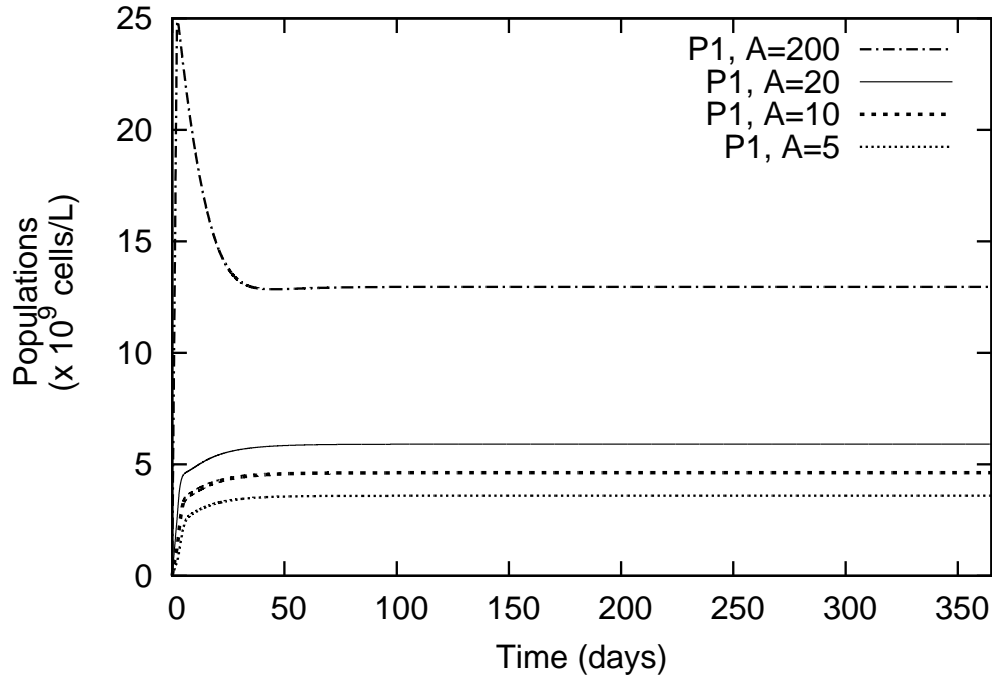


P3,  $W$  cells,  $\gamma_2 = 2.4$



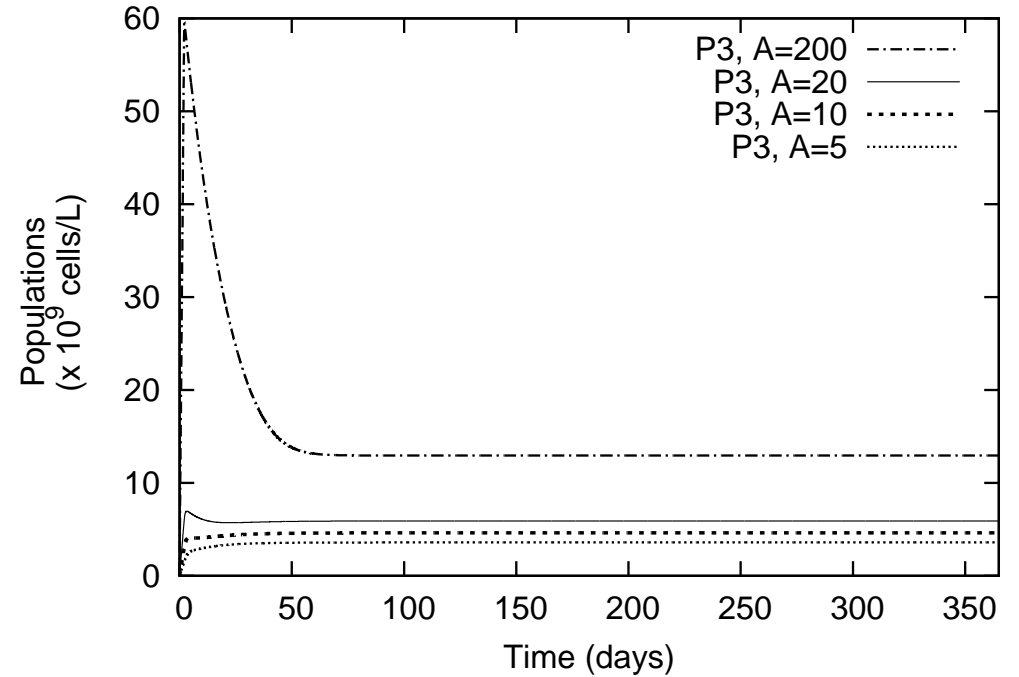
# Results $W(t)$ , LM – varying $A$ , $T_n$ cells

$T_n, \tau_1=0.05, \tau_2=2$



P1,  $T_n$  cells,  $\gamma_2 = 0.04$

$T_n, \tau_1=0.05, \tau_2=2$



P3,  $T_n$  cells,  $\gamma_2 = 0.04$

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- Chemotactic movement:
  - ◆ Comparative analysis of solution methods in COMSOL/ other solvers
  - ◆ Positivity preserving schemes?
  - ◆ Ranges for parameters where the model works or fails?
  - ◆ Experimental/clinical data for calibration of the model?
- Regeneration of blood system:
  - ◆ Why does the GFM model "fail" with the clinical data?
  - ◆ Which parameters/functions should be changed and how, in order to have steady states of LM closer to the clinical data?
  - ◆ What is the relation between the gathered/transplanted amount of HSCs and the patient specific values of the parameters involved in the models?
- Further steps – sensitivity analysis and parameter estimation, parallel algorithms
- Possible tasks for SMM
  - ◆ Chemotaxis and COMSOL – stabilization
  - ◆ XPPAUT – comparative analysis of solution methods for LM model
  - ◆ Your interests – discretization, programming, sensitivity analysis, parameter estimation?

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