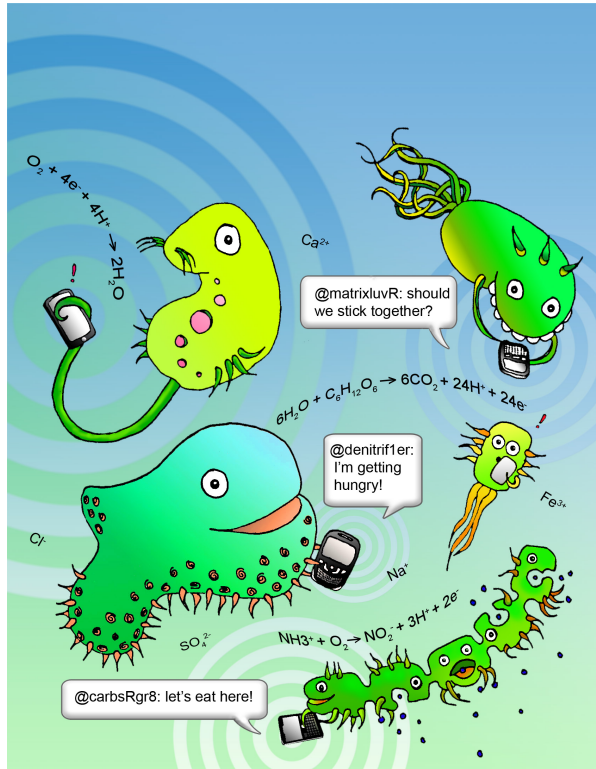


Twitter: bees, bugs, and superbugs

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Twitter, as a means of communication, is big in the bug world. Bacteria release chemicals to communicate—it's called quorum sensing—and when the message gets loud enough the colony shifts direction. Bees use it to choose a new hive—the site with the most bees on its doorstep wins. But in nature twitter is democratic—it's one bug one vote. That is its proper use—it is not to be used as a club and there are no superbugs in nature.