



Figure 6.14. An idealized sketch of the model *E. coli* B/rA growing in a glucose–ammonium salts medium with glucose or ammonia as the limiting nutrient. At the time shown the cell has just completed a round of DNA replication and initiated cross-wall formation and a new round of DNA replication. Solid lines indicate the flow of material, while dashed lines indicate flow of information. The symbols are: A₁, ammonium ion; A₂, glucose (and associated compounds in the cell); W, waste products (CO₂, H₂O, and acetate) formed from energy metabolism during aerobic growth; P₁, amino acids; P₂, ribonucleotides; P₃, deoxyribonucleotides; P₄, cell envelope precursors; M₁, protein (both cytoplasmic and envelope); M_{2RTI}, immature “stable” RNA; M_{2RTM}, mature “stable” RNA (*r*-RNA and *t*-RNA—assume 85% *r*-RNA throughout); M_{2M}, messenger RNA; M₃, DNA; M₄, nonprotein part of cell envelope (assume 16.7% peptidoglycan, 47.6% lipid, and 35.7% polysaccharide); M₅, glycogen; PG, ppGpp; E₁, enzymes in the conversion of P₂ to P₃; E₂, E₃, molecules involved in directing cross-wall formation and cell envelope synthesis; GLN, glutamine; E₄, glutamine synthetase; * indicates that the material is present in the external environment. (With permission, from M. L. Shuler and M. M. Domach, in *Foundations of Biochemical Engineering*, H. W. Blanch, E. T. Papoutsakis, and G. Stephanopoulos, ed., ACS Symposium Series 207, American Chemical Society, Washington, DC, 1983, p. 93.)

concentrations. A second consideration, closely related to the first, is that the dilution of *intrinsic* concentration by growth must be considered.

The appropriate equation to use in a nonflow reactor is

$$\frac{d[V_R C_i]}{dt} = V_R X \times r_{fi}$$

rate of change total rate of
 in amount of i biomass formation
 in the reactor in reactor of i per
unit biomass
based on intrinsic
concentrations

(6.60)

where V_R is the total volume in the reactor, X is the extrinsic biomass concentration, and C_i is the extrinsic concentration of component i .