



Engineering a Biofilm

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Cuvillier Verlag Jul 2014, 2014. Taschenbuch. Book Condition: Neu. Neuware - Biofilms play a major role in material cycles and contribute to technical systems significantly. Despite their interference with the functionality of technical equipment or the product quality their ability to catabolize toxins and metabolize pharmaceutically relevant substances increases the interest in biofilm-based biotransformations. However, so far there is a lack of appropriate models that allow anticipating the mechanical stability of biofilms in particular during detachment processes. The main objective of this work was the development of a hydrogel based physico-chemical and growth independent biofilm imitate to investigate mechanical, primarily fluid dynamical stresses and their influence on growth and detachment effects of biofilms. Verification was achieved by comparison with real single culture biofilms. Single culture biofilms of *Pseudomonas putida* KT2440 were cultivated in a biofilm tube reactor and grown on different surfaces, e.g., tube walls, surface-modified object slides, plastic and iron nettings as well as membrane filters. The establishment of on-line analytics allowed the automatic measurement of dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature and planktonic cell growth by optical density in the cultivation broth. Image acquisition of the biofilm surface supported the observation of biofilm development in terms of growth and detachment....



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