

The model used is the standard biofilm model.

$$M_t = \nabla_x (D(M) \nabla_x M) + f(C)M \quad (1)$$

$$C_t = -g(C)M \quad (2)$$

$$D(M) = \delta \frac{M^\alpha}{(1-M)^\beta} \quad (3)$$

$$f(C) = \mu \frac{C}{k+C} - \nu \quad (4)$$

$$g(C, M) = y \frac{C}{k+C} \quad (5)$$

The dimensions of the parameters and variables are in Tabel 1.

| Variable/Parameter | Dimensions | Parameter Value |
|--------------------|--|------------------------|
| t | [<i>days</i>] | — |
| x | [<i>meters</i>] | — |
| M | [—] | — |
| C | [$\frac{\text{grams}}{\text{meters}^3}$] | — |
| δ | [$\frac{\text{meters}^2}{\text{days}}$] | 10^{-12} |
| α | [—] | 4 |
| β | [—] | 4 |
| μ | [days^{-1}] | 6 |
| k | [$\frac{\text{grams}}{\text{meters}^3}$] | 4 |
| ν | [days^{-1}] | $\frac{1}{10}\mu$ |
| y | [$\frac{\text{grams}}{\text{meters}^3 \cdot \text{days}}$] | $\frac{\mu M_0}{0.63}$ |
| M_0 | [—] | 10000 |
| C_0 | [$\frac{\text{grams}}{\text{meters}^3}$] | 30 |
| L | [<i>meters</i>] | 0.01 |

Table 1: List of parameters and their dimensions

For this system, it is better to nondimensionalize. To do this, the following variable changes are used:

$$x = \chi L \implies \partial x = \partial \chi L \quad (6)$$

$$t = \frac{\tau}{\mu} \implies \partial t = \frac{1}{\mu} \partial \tau \quad (7)$$

$$C = \mathcal{C} C_0 \quad (8)$$

$$\delta = d \mu L^2 \quad (9)$$

$$k = \kappa C_0 \quad (10)$$

$$\nu = n \mu \quad (11)$$

$$y = \gamma \mu C_0. \quad (12)$$

This gives the system

$$\mu \cdot M_\tau = \frac{1}{L^2} \nabla_\chi \left(\hat{D}(M) \nabla_\chi M \right) + \hat{f}(\mathcal{C}) M \quad (13)$$

$$C_0 \mu \cdot \mathcal{C}_\tau = -\hat{g}(\mathcal{C}) M \quad (14)$$

where

$$\hat{D}(M) = \mu L^2 d \frac{M^\alpha}{(1-M)^\beta} \quad (15)$$

$$\hat{f}(\mathcal{C}) = \mu \frac{\mathcal{C} C_0}{\kappa C_0 + \mathcal{C} C_0} - n \mu \quad (16)$$

$$\hat{g}(\mathcal{C}) = \gamma \mu C_0 \frac{\mathcal{C} C_0}{\kappa C_0 + \mathcal{C} C_0} \quad (17)$$

This can be greatly simplified by cancelling out parameters when plugging the functions into the system. This gives,

$$M_\tau = \nabla_\chi \left(d \frac{M^\alpha}{(1-M)^\beta} \nabla_\chi M \right) + \left(\frac{\mathcal{C}}{\kappa + \mathcal{C}} - n \right) M \quad (18)$$

$$C_\tau = -\gamma \frac{\mathcal{C}}{\kappa + \mathcal{C}} M \quad (19)$$

Now we can group together functions and get the non-dimensionalized system:

$$M_\tau = \nabla_\chi (D(M) \nabla_\chi M) + f(\mathcal{C}) M \quad (20)$$

$$\mathcal{C}_\tau = -g(\mathcal{C}) M \quad (21)$$

where

$$D(M) = d \frac{M^\alpha}{(1-M)^\beta} \quad (22)$$

$$f(\mathcal{C}) = \frac{\mathcal{C}}{\kappa + \mathcal{C}} - n \quad (23)$$

$$g(\mathcal{C}) = \gamma \frac{\mathcal{C}}{\kappa + \mathcal{C}} \quad (24)$$

with parameter values

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \frac{\delta}{\mu L^2} \approx 1.667 \times 10^{-9} \\ \kappa &= \frac{k}{C_0} \approx 1.333 \times 10^{-1} \\ n &= \frac{\nu}{\mu} = 10^{-1} \\ \gamma &= \frac{y}{\mu C_0} = \frac{M_0}{0.63 \times C_0} \approx 529.1 \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$