

i always refers to different species
a and **b** to resources

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{resource concentrations } \frac{\partial R_\alpha}{\partial t} &= \underbrace{K_\alpha}_{\text{external supply}} - \underbrace{r_\alpha R_\alpha}_{\text{degradation}} - \underbrace{\sum_i \frac{N_i c_{i\alpha} R_\alpha}{\text{total consumption of a by i}}}_{\text{consumption rate of a by i, per unit a per cell}} + \sum_{i,\beta} \frac{w_\beta}{w_\alpha} \underbrace{D_{i\alpha\beta}}_{\text{determines the byproducts created when i consumes b}} \underbrace{l_{i\beta}}_{\text{total leakage of b when consumed by i}} \underbrace{N_i c_{i\beta} R_\beta}_{\text{consumption of b by i}} + \underbrace{D_{R_\alpha}}_{\text{diffusion constants}} \nabla^2 R_\alpha \\
 \text{species concentrations } \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial t} &= N_i g_i \left(\sum_\alpha (1 - \underbrace{l_{i\alpha}}_{\text{unit conversion factors}}) \underbrace{w_\alpha c_{i\alpha} R_\alpha}_{\text{cell upkeep energy consumption!}} - \underbrace{m_i}_{\text{diffusion constants}} \right) + \underbrace{D_{N_i}}_{\text{diffusion constants}} \nabla^2 N_i
 \end{aligned}$$

supply and consumption of R

