

**Table S2. Model parameters**

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Unit</b>
$\mu_{max, A}$	Maximum cell growth rate of species A	1*	$\text{h}^{-1}$
$\mu_{max, B}$	Maximum cell growth rate of species B	1*	$\text{h}^{-1}$
$Y_{R, A}$	Biomass yield of species A on R	0.5*	$\text{g} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$
$Y_{E, A}$	Yield of E produced per R consumed	2	$\text{g} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$
$Y_{R, B}$	Biomass yield of species B on R	0.125 ( $B_{\text{facW}}$ ) 0.25 ( $B_{\text{facI}}$ ) 0.375 ( $B_{\text{facS}}$ ) 0.5 ( $B_{\text{ncf}}$ )	$\text{g} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$
$Y_{E, B}$	Biomass yield of species B on E	0.125 ( $B_{\text{facS}}$ ) 0.25 ( $B_{\text{facI}}$ ) 0.375 ( $B_{\text{facW}}$ ) 0.5 ( $B_{\text{obl}}$ )	$\text{g} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$
$K_{R, A}$	Species A half-saturation constant for R	$3.5 \times 10^{-5}$ *	$\text{g} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$
$K_{R, B}$	Species B half-saturation constant for R	$3.5 \times 10^{-4}$	$\text{g} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$
$K_E$	Species B half-saturation constant for E	$3.5 \times 10^{-5}$ ( $B_{\text{fac}}$ ) $3.5 \times 10^{-6}$ ( $B_{\text{obl}}$ )	$\text{g} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$
$K_{i, E}$	Half-saturation inhibition constant of E on species A	$3.5 \times 10^{-2}$ (low tox.) $3.5 \times 10^{-3}$ (inter tox.) $3.5 \times 10^{-4}$ (high tox.)	$\text{g} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$
$R_{\text{Bulk}}$	Concentration of R in the bulk	0.125*	$\text{g} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$
$D_R$	R diffusivity	$9.6 \times 10^{-7}$ *	$\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{day}^{-1}$
$D_E$	E diffusivity	$7.2 \times 10^{-6}$ *	$\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{day}^{-1}$

\*Values from [1]

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