Competition et coexistence dans le chemostat

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Chemostat:  $S \xrightarrow{\mu(\cdot)} X$ 

$$\dot{S} = D(S^{in} - S) - k\mu(S)X$$
  
 $\dot{X} = -DX + \mu(S)X$ 

- S : concentration of substrate
- X : concentration of bacteria
- S<sup>in</sup> : input concentration of substrate
- D = Q/V : Dilution rate
- k : stoichiometric coefficient
- $\mu(\cdot)$  : specific growth functions









# Stability analysis (Monod)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{s} = D(s_{in} - s) - k\mu(s)x \\ \dot{x} = (\mu(s) - D)x \end{cases}$$

•  $\mu(s)$  is increasing. Example: the Monod function

$$\mu(s) = \frac{\mu_{max}s}{K+s}$$

• : Beak-even concentration  $\lambda(D) = \mu^{-1}(D)$ 

• 
$$E_0 = (s_{in}, 0)$$
 : washout

•  $E_1 = (s^*, x^*)$ , where  $s^* = \lambda(D)$  and  $x^* = (s_{in} - s^*)/k$ 

Steady-state	Existence condition	Stability condition
E <sub>0</sub>	Always exists	$\mu(s_{in}) < D$
$E_1$	$\mu(s_{in}) > D$	GAS if it exists



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Isoclines

- $\dot{S} = 0 \Longrightarrow X = D \frac{S_{in} S}{k\mu(S)}$  (in red on the figure)
- $\dot{X} = 0 \Longrightarrow S = S^*$  (in green on the figure)

# Stability analysis $(D_1 \neq D)$

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$$\begin{cases} \dot{s} = D(s_{in} - s) - k\mu(s)x\\ \dot{x} = (\mu(s) - D_1)x \end{cases}$$

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Steady-state	Existence condition	Stability condition
E <sub>0</sub>	Always exists	$\mu(s_{in}) < D$
<i>E</i> <sub>1</sub>	$\mu(s_{in}) > D$	GAS if it exists

## Stables oscillations



$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - \frac{S}{0.2 + S} x\\ \dot{x} = \left(\frac{S}{0.2 + S} - m - D\right) x\end{cases}$$

with D = 0.1,  $S_{in} = 2$ 

## Operating diagram

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$$\begin{cases} \dot{s} = D(s_{in} - s) - k\mu(s)x \\ \dot{x} = -Dx + \mu(s)x \end{cases}$$

Apart from the two operating (or control) parameters, which are the inflowing substrate  $s_{in}$  and the dilution rate D, that can vary, all others parameters (k, and parameters in  $\mu(S)$ ) have biological meaning and are fixed depending on the organisms and substrate considered.

The operating diagram describes the behaviour of the system with respect to the operating parameters

# Operating diagram



Steady-state	Existence condition	Stability condition
E <sub>0</sub>	Always exists	$\mu(s_{in}) < D$
$E_1$	$\mu(s_{in}) > D$	Stable if it exists

## Competion of two species

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$$\begin{cases} S' = D(S_{in} - S) - \mu_1(S)x_1 - \mu_2(S)x_2 \\ x'_1 = (\mu_1(S) - D)x_1 \\ x'_2 = (\mu_2(S) - D)x_2 \end{cases}$$

- Break-even concentrations :  $\lambda_i = \mu_i^{-1}(D)$
- $E_0 = (S = S_{in}, x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0)$
- $E_1 = (S = \lambda_1, x_1 = S_{in} \lambda_1, x_2 = 0)$
- $E_2 = (S = \lambda_2, x_1 = 0, x_2 = S_{in} \lambda_2)$
- If  $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2$  then  $E_1$  is GAS.
- Only one species can survive: Competitive Exclusion Principle (CEP)

## Operating diagram



Conjecture: CEP hols for  $D_i \neq D$ 

$$\begin{cases} S' = D(S_{in} - S) - \mu_1(S)x_1 - \mu_2(S)x_2 \\ x'_1 = (\mu_1(S) - D_1)x_1 \\ x'_2 = (\mu_2(S) - D_2)x_2 \end{cases}$$

• Break-even concentrations :  $\lambda_i = \mu_i^{-1}(D_i)$ 

 The steady states are the washout E<sub>0</sub> = (S<sub>in</sub>, 0, · · · , 0) and the steady states

$$E_1 = (\lambda_1, x_1^*, 0), \qquad E_2 = (\lambda_2, 0, x_2^*)$$

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where  $x_i^* = \frac{D}{D_i} \left( S^{in} - \lambda_i \right)$ 

- If  $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2$  then  $E_1$  is Locally stable
- Conjecture : If λ<sub>1</sub> < λ<sub>2</sub> then E<sub>1</sub> is GAS: it attracts all solutions such that x<sub>1</sub>(0) > 0

## CEP hols for Monod growth functions

$$\begin{cases} S' = D(S_{in} - S) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{a_i S}{b_i + S} \frac{x_i}{Y_i} \\ x'_i = \left(\frac{a_i S}{b_i + S} - D_i\right) x_i, \quad i = 1 \cdots n \end{cases}$$

• 
$$\lambda_i = \frac{m_i D_i}{a_i - D_i}$$
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Assume that λ<sub>1</sub> < λ<sub>2</sub> ≤ · · · ≤ λ<sub>n</sub>. Hsu proved the global asymptotic stability of E<sub>1</sub> using a Lyapunov function

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{V} &= \int_{\lambda_1}^S rac{\sigma-\lambda_1}{\sigma} d\sigma + c_1 \int_{x_1^*}^{x_1} rac{\xi-x_1^*}{\xi} d\xi + \sum_{i=2}^n c_i x_i \ c_i &= rac{1}{Y_i} rac{a_i}{a_i - D_i}, \quad x_1^* = Y_1 rac{D}{D_1} \left(S_{in} - \lambda_1
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S.B. Hsu, *Limiting behavior for competing species*. SIAM Journal on Applied Mathematics 34 (1978), 760-763.

# Variable yield

$$S' = 1 - S - \frac{2S}{0.7+S} \frac{x_1}{1+cS^3} - \frac{m_2 S}{6.5+S} \frac{x_2}{120}$$
  

$$x'_1 = [\frac{2S}{0.7+S} - 1]x_1$$
  

$$x'_2 = [\frac{m_2 S}{6.5+S} - 1]x_2.$$

Let c = 50 and consider  $m_2$ as a bifurcation parameter. For  $m_2 \ge 9.85$  the system exhibits sustained oscillations. Here we fix  $m_2 = 10$ .

S.S. Pilyugin, P. Waltman, Multiple limit cycles in the chemostat with variable yields,

Math. Biosciences, 182, 151-166 (2003).



# Variable yields

$$S' = D[S_{in} - S] - \sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j(S) x_j,$$
  
$$x'_i = [q_i(S) - D_i] x_i, \qquad i = 1 \cdots n,$$

- S(t): concentration of nutrient. x<sub>i</sub>(t): concentration of the competing species.
- $S_{in}$  : input concentration. D and  $D_i$  : removal rates
- $p_i(S)$  : uptake rates.  $q_i(S)$  : growth rates
- $y_i(S) = \frac{q_i(S)}{p_i(S)}$  : growth yields
- Extension of classical model  $p_i(S) = \frac{q_i(S)}{Y_i}$ , for which the yields  $y_i(S) = Y_i$  are constant.

J. Arino, S.S. Pilyugin, G.S.K. Wolkowicz, *Considerations on yield, nutrient uptake, cellular growth, and competition in chemostat models*. Canadian Applied Mathematics Quarterly, 11, 107–142 (2003)

## Competitive exclusion

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Assume that there exist  $\alpha_i > 0$  such that for all  $0 < S < S_{in}$ ,

$$f_1(S)p_i(S) > \alpha_i f_i(S)(S_{in} - S).$$

where  $f_i(S) = q_i(S) - D_i$ , then the equilibrium  $E_1^*$  is GAS with respect to the interior of the positive cone. Proof: Use the Lyapunov function

$$V(S, x_1, \cdots, x_n) = \int_{\lambda_1}^{S} \frac{f_1(\sigma)}{S_{in} - \sigma} d\sigma + \frac{1}{x_1^*} \int_{x_1^*}^{x_1} \frac{\xi - x_1^*}{\xi} d\xi + \sum_{i=2}^n \alpha_i x_i,$$

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$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - f(S)u - g(S)v \\ \dot{u} = (f(S) - D_0)u - \alpha(\cdot)u + \beta(\cdot)v \\ \dot{v} = (g(S) - D_1)v + \alpha(\cdot)u - \beta(\cdot)v \end{cases}$$

- u(t) : concentration of isolated bacteria of the first species.  $f(\cdot)$  : per-capita growth rate of isolated bacteria.
- v(t) : concentrations of attached bacteria of the first species.  $g(\cdot)$  : per-capita growth rate of attached bacteria.
- $\alpha(\cdot)u$  and  $\beta(\cdot)v$ : flocculation and deflocculation rates.
- *D*<sub>0</sub>, *D*<sub>1</sub> : removal rates of isolated and attached bacteria of the first species.

# Flocculation

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#### Extensions of the chemostat model with flocculation

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Flocculation

#### Properties of the Chemostat Model with Aggregated Biomass and Distinct Removal Rates\*

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## Flocculation: one species

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$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - f(S)u - g(S)v \\ \dot{u} = (f(S) - D)u - au^{2} + bv \\ \dot{v} = (g(S) - D)v + au^{2} - bv \end{cases}$$

- $E_0 = (S_{in}, 0, 0)$  washout
- $E_1 = (S_1, u_1, v_1)$  with  $S_1 > 0, u_1 > 0, v_1 > 0$
- possibility of multiple positive steady states: bistability
- emergence of cycles

## One species: Oscillations



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## One species: Oscillations



## Flocculation: two species

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - f(S)u - g(S)v - f_2(S)x_2 \\ \dot{u} = (f(S) - D)u - au^2 + bv \\ \dot{v} = (g(S) - D)v + au^2 - bv \\ \dot{x}_2 = (f_2(S) - D)x_2 \end{cases}$$

• 
$$E_0 = (S_{in}, 0, 0, 0)$$
 washout

• 
$$E_1 = (S_1, u_1, v_1, 0)$$
 with  $S_1 > 0$ ,  $u_1 > 0$ ,  $v_1 > 0$ 

• 
$$E_2 = (\lambda_2, 0, 0, S_{in} - \lambda_2)$$

• 
$$E^* = (\lambda_2, u^*, v^*, x_2^*)$$

- possibility of multiple positive steady states: bistability
- emergence of cycles



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## Fast attachment and detachment

- Literature reports flocculation time scales of the order of 1 to 10 min to be compared with bacterial growth times of 1 h to 1 day, and with retention times of a few hours to a few days.
- Considering that attachment and detachment processes may be fast compared to biological time, it is shown in Haegeman and Rapaport (2008) that the reduced dynamics of such systems amounts to have a single biomass compartment for each strain but with a density dependent growth rate.
- In was shwon in Fekih-Salem et al (2013) that when attachment and detachment rates are fast one can build a reduced model without distinction between isolated and attached bacteria, but the resulting growth rate is density-dependent as well as the dilution rate, due to the fact that attached and isolated bacteria have different removal rates.

## Fast attachment and detachment

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - f(S)u - g(S)v \\ \dot{u} = (f(S) - D_0)u - A(S, v, u)u + B(S, u, v)v \\ \dot{v} = (g(S) - D_1)v + A(S, v, u)u - B(S, u, v)v \end{cases}$$

The dynamics of attachment and detachment is much faster than the growth of the species

$$A(S, u, v) = rac{lpha(S, u, v)}{arepsilon}, \quad B(S, u, v) = rac{eta(S, u, v)}{arepsilon}$$

$$\begin{cases} S = D(S_{in} - S) - f(S)u - g(S)v \\ \dot{u} = (f(S) - D_0)u - \frac{\alpha(S, u, v)}{\varepsilon}u + \frac{\beta(S, u, v)}{\varepsilon}v \\ \dot{v} = (g(S) - D_1)v + \frac{\alpha(S, u, v)}{\varepsilon}u - \frac{\beta(S, u, v)}{\varepsilon}v \end{cases}$$

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## Fast and slow dynamics

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - f(S)u - g(S)v \\ \dot{u} = (f(S) - D_0)u - \frac{\alpha(S, u, v)}{\varepsilon}u + \frac{\beta(S, u, v)}{\varepsilon}v \\ \dot{v} = (g(S) - D_1)v + \frac{\alpha(S, u, v)}{\varepsilon}u - \frac{\beta(S, u, v)}{\varepsilon}v \end{cases}$$

The dynamics of the total biomass x = u + v is given by

$$\dot{x} = (f(S) - D_0)u + (g(S) - D_1)v.$$

Thus, *u* and *v* are fast variables, while *S* and *x* are slow ones. In the variables (S, x, p), where p = u/x is the proportion of *u* in *x* 

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - f(S)px - g(S)(1 - p)x \\ \dot{x} = (f(S) - D_0)px + (g(S) - D_1)(1 - p)x \\ \dot{p} = p(1 - p)[(f(S) - D_0) - (g(S) - D_1)] - \frac{\alpha(\cdot)}{\varepsilon}p + \frac{\beta(\cdot)}{\varepsilon}(1 - p) \end{cases}$$

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## Réduction des systèmes lents-rapides

$$\begin{cases} \varepsilon \dot{x} = f(x, y, \varepsilon) \\ \dot{y} = g(x, y, \varepsilon) \end{cases}$$

•  $\varepsilon$  est petit

• Le système est approximé par la solution du problème réduit

$$\dot{y} = g(h(y), y, 0)$$

- Ici x = h(y) est une solution de l'équation f(x, y, 0) = 0.
- Cette méthode est appelée l'approximation quasi stationnaire.
## Champs lents-rapides: $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$(1_{\varepsilon}) \begin{cases} \varepsilon \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, y, \varepsilon) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = g(x, y, \varepsilon) \end{cases} \stackrel{t=\varepsilon\tau}{\longleftrightarrow} (2_{\varepsilon}) \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{d\tau} = f(x, y, \varepsilon) \\ \frac{dy}{d\tau} = \varepsilon g(x, y, \varepsilon) \end{cases}$$
$$\frac{dx}{d\tau} = \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\tau} = \varepsilon \frac{dx}{dt} \qquad \frac{dy}{d\tau} = \frac{dy}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\tau} = \varepsilon \frac{dy}{dt}$$
$$(1_{0}) \begin{cases} 0 = f(x, y, 0) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = g(x, y, 0) \end{cases} \qquad (2_{0}) \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{d\tau} = f(x, y, 0) \\ \frac{dy}{d\tau} = 0 \end{cases}$$
Convention

$$\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$
  $\dot{y} = \frac{dy}{dt}$   $x' = \frac{dx}{d\tau}$   $y' = \frac{dy}{d\tau}$ 

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#### Fast and slow dynamics

$$\begin{cases} S' = \varepsilon (D(S_{in} - S) - f(S)px - g(S)(1 - p)x) \\ x' = \varepsilon ((f(S) - D_0)px + (g(S) - D_1)(1 - p)x)) \\ p' = \varepsilon p(1 - p) [(f(S) - D_0) - (g(S) - D_1)] - \alpha(\cdot)p + \beta(\cdot)(1 - p) \end{cases}$$

The equation can be written p' = F(S, x, p) where

 $F(S, x, p) = \beta(S, px, (1-p)x) - (\alpha(S, px, (1-p)x) + \beta(S, px, (1-p)x)) p$ 

The slow manifold is given by equation

$$F(S, x, p) = 0 \iff p = p(S, x)$$

## Reduced model

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The reduced system is obtained by replacing p = p(S, x) in the slow equations

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - f(S)px - g(S)(1 - p)x \\ \dot{x} = (f(S) - D_0)px + (g(S) - D_1)(1 - p)x \end{cases}$$

We obtain

$$\dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - \mu(S, x)x$$
$$\dot{x} = (\mu(S, x) - d(S, x))x$$

where

$$\mu(S,x) = p(S,x)f(S) + (1 - p(S,x))g(S),$$
  
$$d(S,x) = p(S,x)D_0 + (1 - p(S,x))D_1.$$

### Flocculation with several species

- the *n* species are competing on a same limiting resource, and that each species is present in two forms: isolated bacteria, of density u<sub>i</sub>, and bacteria in flocks, of density v<sub>i</sub>
- isolated bacteria can stick with isolated bacteria with flocks to form new flocks, with rate α<sub>i</sub>(·)u<sub>i</sub>.
- flocks can split and liberate isolated bacteria with rate  $\beta_i(\cdot)v_i$ .

$$u_i \xrightarrow{\alpha_i(\cdot)u_i} v_i, \qquad u_i \xleftarrow{\beta_i(\cdot)v_i} v_i.$$

Then the equations are

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} (f_i(S)u_i + g_i(S)v_i) \\ \dot{u}_i = (f_i(S) - D_{0i})u_i - \alpha_i(\cdot)u_i + \beta_i(\cdot)v_i, \\ \dot{v}_i = (g_i(S) - D_{1i})v_i + \alpha_i(\cdot)u_i - \beta_i(\cdot)v_i \end{cases}$$

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## Fast attachment and detachment

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} (f_i(S)u_i + g_i(S)v_i) \\ \dot{u}_i = (f_i(S) - D_{0i})u_i - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij}x_ju_i + \frac{1}{\varepsilon}b_iv_i, \\ \dot{v}_i = (g_i(S) - D_{1i})v_i + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij}x_ju_i - \frac{1}{\varepsilon}b_iv_i \end{cases}$$

In the variables S,  $x_i$ ,  $u_i$ , the system is written

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} [f_i(S)u_i + g_i(S)(x_i - u_i)] \\ \dot{x}_i = f_i(S)u_i + g_i(S)(x_i - u_i) - D_{0i}u_i - D_{1i}(x_i - u_i), \\ \dot{u}_i = (f_i(S) - D_{0i})u_i - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij}x_ju_i + \frac{b_i}{\varepsilon}(x_i - u_i) \end{cases}$$

### Reduced model

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This is a slow/fast system with the variables S,  $x_i$  are slow and the variables  $u_i$  fast. The fast equations are

$$u'_i = -\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j u_i + b_i (x_i - u_i),$$

The slow manifold (or quasi steady-state) is given by

$$u_i = p_i(x)x_i, \quad p_i(x) = \frac{b_i}{b_i + \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_j},$$

The reduced model is

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_i(S, x) x_i \\ \dot{x}_i = (\mu_i(S, x) - d_i(x)) x_i, \quad i = 1 \cdots n \end{cases}$$

 $\mu_i(S,x) = f_i(S)p_i(x) + g_i(S)(1-p_i(x)), \quad d_i(x) = D_{0i}p_i(x) + D_{1i}(1-p_i(x)),$ 



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## Density dependent growth functions

• The classical chemostat

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_i(S) x_i \\ \dot{x}_i = (\mu_i(S) - D_i) x_i, \quad i = 1 \cdots n \end{bmatrix}$$

cannot have a steady state where all  $x_i$  are positive. Indeed

 $\mu_i(S) = D_i, \qquad i = 1 \cdots n$ 

cannot have a solution in general.

The density dependent chemostat

$$\dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_i(S, x) x_i \dot{x}_i = (\mu_i(S, x) - d_i(x)) x_i, \quad i = 1 \cdots n$$

can have. Indeed, if all  $x_i$  are positive, we must solve a set of n equations with n unknown variables  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ 

$$\begin{cases} \mu_1(S,x) = d_1(x) \\ \cdots \\ \mu_n(S,x) = d_n(x) \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} x_1 = X_1(S) \\ \cdots \\ x_n = X_n(S) \\ \text{and } x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

### Intraspecific competition

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_i(S, x_i) x_i \\ \dot{x}_i = (\mu_i(S, x_i) - d_i(x_i)) x_i, \quad i = 1 \cdots n \end{cases}$$

• At steady state,  $x_i = 0$  or  $x_i$  is a solution of

 $\mu_i(S, x_i) = d_i(x_i) \Longrightarrow x_i = X_i(S), \qquad i = 1, \cdots, n$ 

• 
$$\frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial S} > 0$$
,  $\frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial x_i} < 0$ ,  $d'_i(x_i) \le 0$  and  $[x_i d_i(x_i)]' > 0$ 

Replacing x<sub>i</sub> = X<sub>i</sub>(S) and µ<sub>i</sub>(S, x) = d<sub>i</sub>(X<sub>i</sub>(S)) in the first equation gives an equation in the single variable S

$$D(S_{in}-S) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} h_i(S), \qquad h_i(S) = d_i(X_i(S))X_i(S).$$

Solving this equation gives S and then, the possibility of a positive steady state.

#### The steady state characteristic



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### Crowding effect

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_i(S) x_i \\ \dot{x}_i = (\mu_i(S) - a_i x_i - D_i) x_i, \quad i = 1 \cdots n \end{cases}$$

• At steady state,  $x_i = 0$  or  $x_i$  is a solution of

$$\mu_i(S) = D_i - a_i x_i \Longrightarrow x_i = X_i(S) := \frac{\mu_i(S) - D_i}{a_i}, \quad S \ge \lambda_i$$

 Replacing x<sub>i</sub> = X<sub>i</sub>(S) in the first equation gives an equation in the single variable S

$$D(S_{in}-S) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} h_i(S), \qquad h_i(S) = \mu_i(S)X_i(S).$$

## The steady state characteristic (n = 2)



• 
$$a_1 > 0$$
. (a):  $a_2 > 0$ . (a):  $a_2 = 0$ .

• interspecific competition of x<sub>1</sub> (the winning species) is sufficient to obtain coexistence

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Operating diagram (n = 2)

Region	E <sub>0</sub>	$E_1$	E <sub>2</sub>	<i>E</i> *
$(D, S_{in}) \in \mathcal{I}_0$	S			
$(D, S_{in}) \in \mathcal{I}_1$	U	S		
$(D, S_{in}) \in \mathcal{I}_2$	U	S	U	
$(D, S_{in}) \in \mathcal{I}_3$	U	U	U	S



#### The case n > 2

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#### COMPETITION FOR A SINGLE RESOURCE AND COEXISTENCE OF SEVERAL SPECIES IN THE CHEMOSTAT

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## Intra and interspecific competition

• We have not at our disposal a mathematical study of the density dependent chemostat

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_i(S, x) x_i \\ \dot{x}_i = (\mu_i(S, x) - D_i) x_i, \quad i = 1 \cdots n \end{cases}$$

- The particular case  $\mu_i(S, x_1, \dots, x_n) = \nu_i(S, x_i + \alpha \sum_{j \neq i} x_j)$ where  $\alpha$  denotes the interspecific competition was considered numerically.
- The coexistence which was predicted when α = 0 (only intraspecific competition is present), is still a property of the model when α is small enough but it is no longer the case when α is sufficiently large.

C. Lobry and J. Harmand, A new hypothesis to explain the coexistence of *n* species in the presence of a single resource, *C. R. Biol.*, **329** (2006), 40–46.

## Two species

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - \mu_1(S, x_1, x_2)x_1 - \mu_2(S, x_2, x_1)x_2 \\ \dot{x}_1 = [\mu_1(S, x_1, x_2) - D_1]x_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 = [\mu_2(S, x_2, x_1) - D_2]x_2. \end{cases}$$

• 
$$D_i = D + a_i$$
, where  $a_i \ge 0$ .

- This condition means that the dilution rate of the species is the sum of the dilution rate of the chemostat and a specific mortality rate of the species (it is used only in the stability analysis of positive steady states)
- $\frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial S}(S, x_i, x_j) > 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial x_i}(S, x_i, x_j) \leqslant 0$  and  $\frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial x_i}(S, x_i, x_j) \leqslant 0$
- This condition means that the growth rate of each species increases with the concentration of substrate and is inhibited by intra- and interspecific competition.

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#### Steady states

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$$\begin{cases} \dot{S} = D(S_{in} - S) - \mu_1(S, x_1, x_2)x_1 - \mu_2(S, x_2, x_1)x_2 \\ \dot{x}_1 = [\mu_1(S, x_1, x_2) - D_1]x_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 = [\mu_2(S, x_2, x_1) - D_2]x_2. \end{cases}$$

- $\mathcal{E}_0 = (S_{in}, 0, 0)$ : both populations are extinct (washout).
- $\mathcal{E}_1 = (\tilde{S}_1, \tilde{x}_1, 0)$ : the second population is extinct.
- $\mathcal{E}_2 = (\tilde{S}_2, 0, \tilde{x}_2)$ : thefirst population is extinct.
- $\mathcal{E}^* = (S^*, x_1^*, x_2^*)$ : both populations survive.

#### Positive steady states

•  $S^* = S_{in} - \frac{D_1}{D}x_1^* - \frac{D_2}{D}x_2^*$  where  $(x_1 = x_1^*, x_2 = x_2^*)$  must be a solution of

$$\begin{cases} f_1(x_1, x_2) := \mu_1 \left( S_{in} - \frac{D_1}{D} x_1 - \frac{D_2}{D} x_2, x_1, x_2 \right) - D_1 = 0 \\ f_2(x_1, x_2) := \mu_2 \left( S_{in} - \frac{D_1}{D} x_1 - \frac{D_2}{D} x_2, x_2, x_1 \right) - D_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

- Equations  $f_1 = 0$  and  $f_2 = 0$  defines curves  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  which are the graphes of decreasing functions
- Let  $\tilde{x}_1$ ,  $\tilde{x}_2$ ,  $\bar{x}_1$  and  $\bar{x}_2$  be defined by

 $f_1(\tilde{x}_1,0) = 0, \quad f_2(0,\tilde{x}_2) = 0, \quad f_1(0,\bar{x}_2) = 0, \quad f_2(\bar{x}_1,0) = 0.$ 

Four cases must be distinguished

 $\begin{array}{ll} (\mathsf{Case 1}): \bar{x}_1 > \tilde{x}_1 \& \bar{x}_2 > \tilde{x}_2, & (\mathsf{Case 2}): \bar{x}_1 < \tilde{x}_1 \& \bar{x}_2 < \tilde{x}_2 \\ (\mathsf{Case 3}): \bar{x}_1 < \tilde{x}_1 \& \bar{x}_2 > \tilde{x}_2, & (\mathsf{Case 4}): \bar{x}_1 > \tilde{x}_1 \& \bar{x}_2 < \tilde{x}_2 \end{array}$ 

## The four cases





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## Operating diagram



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## External inhibitor

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$$E_0 = (S^0, 0, 0, p^0)$$
  
•  $E_1 = (\lambda^+, S^0 - \lambda^+, 0, p^0)$  where  $f_1(\lambda^+) = \frac{D}{f(p^0)}$   
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if  $\lambda^+ < \lambda_2$ ,  $E_1$  is Stable and  $E_2$  is unstable  
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$$f_{1}(\lambda^{+}) = \frac{D}{f(p^{0})}, \quad f_{2}(\lambda_{2}) = D, \quad W(p^{*}) = S^{0} - \lambda_{2}$$
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with

$$W(p) = \frac{D(p^0 - p)}{g(p)}$$

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## Existence and stability

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	Existence	Stability
E <sub>0</sub>	Always	$\min(\lambda^+,\lambda_2) > S^0$
$E_1$	$\lambda^+ < {\cal S}^{m 0}$	$\lambda^+ < \lambda_2$
$E_2$	$\lambda_2 < \mathcal{S}^0$	$\lambda_2 < \lambda^-$
$E_c$	$\lambda^- < \lambda_2 < \min(\lambda^+, S^0)$	(A+B)(A+B+C)C > BEF

$$f_{1}(\lambda^{-}) = \frac{D}{f(p^{*})}, \quad f_{1}(\lambda^{+}) = \frac{D}{f(p^{0})}, \quad f_{2}(\lambda_{2}) = D$$
$$A = f(p_{c})f_{1}'(\lambda_{2})x_{c}, \quad B = f_{2}'(\lambda_{2})y_{c}, \quad C = 1 + g'(p_{c})y_{c}$$
$$E = g(p_{c}), \quad F = -f'(p_{c})f_{1}(\lambda_{2})x_{c},$$

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## Operating diagram



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## Application

$$\begin{cases} S' = D(S^0 - S) - f(p)f_1(S)x - f_2(S)y \\ x' = [f(p)f_1(S) - D]x \\ y' = [f_2(S) - D]y \\ p' = D(p^0 - p) - g(p)y \end{cases}$$
$$f(p) = e^{-\mu p}, \quad f_1(S) = \frac{m_1 S}{a_1 + S}, \quad f_2(S) = \frac{m_2 S}{a_2 + S}, \quad g(p) = \frac{\delta p}{K + p}$$
$$\overline{\mu = 5 \quad m_1 = 5 \quad a_1 = 0.5 \quad m_2 = 6 \quad a_2 = 3.5 \quad \delta = 50 \quad K = 0.1 \end{cases}$$

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# Operating diagram: $p^0 = 0$



Regions	$E_0$	$E_1$	$E_2$
$\mathcal{J}_1$	S		
$\mathcal{J}_2$	U		$\mathbf{S}$
$\mathcal{J}_3$	U	U	$\mathbf{S}$
$\mathcal{J}_4$	U	$\mathbf{S}$	U
$\mathcal{J}_5$	U	$\mathbf{S}$	

TABLE 5. Existence and stability of equilibria in the regions of the operating diagram of Figure 6.

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# Operating diagram: $p^0 = 0.1$



Regions	$E_0$	$E_1$	$E_2$	$E_c$
$\mathcal{J}_1$	S			
$\mathcal{J}_2$	U		$\mathbf{S}$	
$\mathcal{J}_3$	U	U	U	$\mathbf{S}$
$\mathcal{J}_4$	U	$\mathbf{S}$	U	
$\mathcal{J}_5$	U	$\mathbf{S}$		
$\mathcal{J}_6$	U		U	$\mathbf{S}$

TABLE 6. Existence and stability of equilibria in the regions of the operating diagram of Figure 7.

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Regions	$E_0$	$E_1$	$E_2$	$E_c$
$\mathcal{J}_1$	S			
$\mathcal{J}_2$	U		$\mathbf{S}$	
$\mathcal{J}_3$	U	U	U	$\mathbf{S}$
$\mathcal{J}_4$	U	$\mathbf{S}$	U	U
$\mathcal{J}_6$	U		U	$\mathbf{S}$
$\mathcal{J}_7$	U		U	U

# Operating diagram: $p^0 = 0.33$

TABLE 7. Existence and stability of equilibria in the regions of the operating diagram of Figure 8.



# Operating diagram: $p^0 = 1$



Regions	$E_0$	$E_1$	$E_2$	$E_c$
$\mathcal{J}_1$	S			
$\mathcal{J}_2$	U		$\mathbf{S}$	
$\mathcal{J}_3$	U	U	U	$\mathbf{S}$
$\mathcal{J}_6$	U		U	$\mathbf{S}$
$\mathcal{J}_7$	U		U	U

TABLE 8. Existence and stability of equilibria in the regions of the operating diagram of Figure 9.

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# Operating diagram: $p^0 = 4.72$



Regions	$E_0$	$E_1$	$E_2$	$E_c$
$\mathcal{J}_1$	S			
$\mathcal{J}_2$	U		$\mathbf{S}$	
$\mathcal{J}_3$	U	U	U	$\mathbf{S}$
$\mathcal{J}_6$	U		U	$\mathbf{S}$

TABLE 9. Existence and stability of equilibria in the regions of the operating diagram of Figure 10.

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### External lethal inhibitor

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#### THE OPERATING DIAGRAM FOR A MODEL OF COMPETITION IN A CHEMOSTAT WITH AN EXTERNAL LETHAL INHIBITOR

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•  $E_c = (\lambda_2, x_c, y_c, p_c)$   
 $f_1(\lambda^+) = D + \gamma p^0, \quad f_2(\lambda_2) = D, \quad W(p^*) = S^0 - \lambda_2$   
 $f_1(\lambda_2) = D$ 

$$p_c = \frac{f_1(\lambda_2) - D}{\gamma}, \quad y_c = W(p_c), \quad x_c(D) = \frac{D}{D + \gamma p_c} \left(S^0 - \lambda_2 - y_c\right)$$

with

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E <sub>c</sub>	$\lambda^- < \lambda_2 < \min(\lambda^+, S^0)$	$A_3(A_1A_2 - A_3) > A_1^2A_4$

 $f_1(\lambda^-) = D + \gamma p^*, \quad f_1(\lambda^+) = D + \gamma p^0, \quad f_2(\lambda_2) = D$ 

$$A_i = \cdots, \qquad i = 1 \cdots 4$$

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#### Operating diagram



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## Operating diagram



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$$\begin{cases} S' = D(S^0 - S) - f_1(S)x - f_2(S)y \\ x' = [f(p)f_1(S) - D - \gamma p]x \\ y' = [f_2(S) - D]y \\ p' = D(p^0 - p) - g(p)y \end{cases}$$
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$$\overline{m_1 = 4} \quad a_1 = 0.03 \quad m_2 = 5 \quad a_2 = 1 \quad \delta = 5 \quad K = 1.3 \quad \gamma = 4$$

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## Prediction of instability of $E_c$





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Mixed culture:

$$S_1 \xrightarrow{\mu_1(\cdot)} X_1 + S_2, \quad S_2 \xrightarrow{\mu_2(\cdot)} X_2$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S}_1 = D(S_1^{in} - S_1) - k_1 \mu_1(\cdot) X_1 \\ \dot{X}_1 = -DX_1 + \mu_1(\cdot) X_1 \\ \dot{S}_2 = -DS_2 + k_3 \mu_1(\cdot) X_1 - k_2 \mu_2(\cdot) X_2 \\ \dot{X}_2 = -DX_2 + \mu_2(\cdot) X_2 \end{cases}$$

- $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  : concentrations of substrate and product
- $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  : concentrations of bacteria
- $S_1^{in}$  : input concentration of substrate
- D : Dilution rate
- $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $k_3$ : steochiometric coefficients (inverses of yields)
- $\mu_1(\cdot), \ \mu_2(\cdot)$  : specific growth functions

## Commensalism

'Two populations of microorganisms which grow in a mixed culture and interact in such a way that one population (the commensal population) depends for its growth on the other population and thus benefits from the interaction while the other population (the host) is not affected by the growth of the commensal population constitutes an example of commensalism.'

$$\mu_1(\cdot) = \mu_1(S_1), \quad \mu_2(\cdot) = \mu_2(S_2)$$

are monotone increasing (Monod) or can exhibit a maximum if the growth is inhibited at high substrate concentrations (Haldane)

 $\begin{cases} \dot{S}_1 = D(S_1^{in} - S_1) - k_3 \mu_1(S_1) X_1 \\ \dot{X}_1 = -DX_1 + \mu_1(S_1) X_1 \\ \dot{S}_2 = -DS_2 + k_1 \mu_1(S_1) X_1 - k_2 \mu_2(S_2) X_2 \\ \dot{X}_2 = -DX_2 + \mu_2(S_2) X_2 \end{cases}$ 

### AM2 model

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S}_1 = D(S_1^{in} - S_1) - k_3\mu_1(S_1)X_1 \\ \dot{X}_1 = -\alpha DX_1 + \mu_1(S_1)X_1 \\ \dot{S}_2 = D(S_2^{in} - S_2) + k_1\mu_1(S_1)X_1 - k_2\mu_2(S_2)X_2 \\ \dot{X}_2 = -\alpha DX_2 + \mu_2(S_2)X_2 \end{cases}$$

PHD of Boumédiène Benyahia coadvised by B. Cherki and J. Harmand

#### AM2 model

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- $E_1^0 = (S_{1in}, 0, S_{2in}, 0)$ , washout of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ .
- $E_1^i = (S_{1in}, 0, S_2^{i*}, X_2^i)$ , i = 1, 2, washout of  $X_1$  but not of  $X_2$ .
- $E_2^0 = (S_1^*, X_1^*, S_{2in}^*, 0)$ , washout of  $X_2$  but not of  $X_1$ .
- $E_2^i = (S_1^*, X_1^*, S_2^{i*}, X_2^{i*}), i = 1, 2$ , coexistence of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ .

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Bifurcation and stability analysis of a two step model for monitoring anaerobic digestion processes  $^{\star}$ 

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# AM2: Existence and Stability of steady states

If  $S_{1in} < S_1^*$  then we have 3 sub-cases:

Condition	$E_{1}^{0}$	$E_{1}^{1}$	$E_{1}^{2}$
$S_{2in} < S_2^{1*} < S_2^{2*}$	S		
$S_2^{1*} < S_{2in}^{-} < S_2^{-2*}$	U	S	
$S_2^{1*} < S_2^{2*} < S_{2in}$	S	S	U

If  $S_{1in} > S_1^*$  then we have 6 sub-cases:

Condition	$E_{1}^{0}$	$E_{1}^{1}$	$E_{1}^{2}$	$E_{2}^{0}$	$E_{2}^{1}$	$E_{2}^{2}$
$\overline{S_{2in} < S_{2in}^* < S_2^{1*} < S_2^{2*}}$	U			S		
$S_{2in} < S_2^{1*} < S_{2in}^* < S_2^{2*}$	U			U	S	
$S_{2in} < S_2^{1*} < S_2^{2*} < S_{2in}^{*}$	U			S	S	U
$S_2^{1*} < S_{2in} < S_{2in}^* < S_2^{2*}$	U	U		U	S	
$S_2^{1*} < S_{2in} < S_2^{2*} < S_{2in}^*$	U	U		S	S	U
$S_2^{1*} < S_2^{2*} < S_{2in} < S_{2in}^*$	U	U	U	S	S	U



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# Syntrophy

$$\begin{cases} \dot{S}_1 = D(S_1^{in} - S_1) - k_3 \mu_1(S_1, S_2) X_1 \\ \dot{X}_1 = \mu_1(S_1, S_2) X_1 - D X_1 \\ \dot{S}_2 = k_1 \mu_1(S_1, S_2) X_1 - D S_2 - k_2 \mu_2(S_2) X_2 \\ \dot{X}_2 = \mu_2(S_2) X_2 - D X_2 \end{cases}$$

- The first organism is inhibited by high concentrations of the product  $S_2$
- Therefore, the extent to which the substrate S<sub>1</sub> is degraded by the organism X<sub>1</sub> depends on the efficienty of the removal of the product S<sub>2</sub> by the bacteria X<sub>2</sub>

## Syntrophy

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#### THE MATHEMATICAL ANALYSIS OF A SYNTROPHIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO MICROBIAL SPECIES IN A CHEMOSTAT

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### **Mutualism**

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# Association between competition and obligate mutualism in a chemostat

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## STEADY STATE ANALYSIS OF A SYNTROPHIC MODEL: THE EFFECT OF A NEW INPUT SUBSTRATE CONCENTRATION

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## Coexistence of species

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- Periodic inputs
- Prey-predator interactions (PhD of T. Mtar)
- Delays (PhD of H. Berhoune)
- More complex interactions (PhD of S. Nouaoura)

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#### The Theory of the Chemostat

**Dynamics of Microbial Competition** 



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#### CHÉMOSTAT ET BIOPROCÉDÉS Série coordonnée par Claude Lobry

Invente par J. Monod, et independamment par A. Novick et L. Szilard en 1950, le chémostat est à la fois un dispositif de laboratoire de culture en continu de micro-organismes et une abstraction d'écosysteme traverse par un flux nutritif.

Cet ourrage est consacré à l'étude des modèles mathématiques de croisance d'une aspece licite ainin que des modèles de compatition de publieurs especes. Il intégrir des travaux recents d'écologie théorique et de dynamique des populations. At touves une démanche madéligation (es la hypothèses et les interprétées sous un angle critique. Une très large ploce est réées interprétées sous un angle critique. Une très large ploce est réées simulations numeriques dont travage raisonné est préconité.

Le chémostat s'adresse aux personnes possédant des prérequis mathematiques généraux équivalents à ceux d'une première année d'ecole d'ingénieur ou d'une licence de sciences. Une annexe détaillée sur les équations différentielles présente les notions et résultats spécifiques utilisés dans cet ouvrage.

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