

(*Rational for simulation of influx into an FG particle *)

(* A perfectly spherical FG particle is placed in a far larger buffer reservoir . The initial concentration of the mobile species is 1 in the buffer and 0 inside the particle . We simulate the influx of the mobile species with the input parameters given below and exploit the spherical symmetry of the system . The system is subdivided into concentric sphere shells (n shells for the particle and m shells for the surrounding buffer). Fluxes are computed from concentration differences between neighbouring shells *)

(*Input parameters *)

diameter = 7 (*diameter of the FG particle in μm *);

D1 = 0.1 (*Diffusion constant of mobile species inside the FG particle in $\frac{\mu\text{m}^2}{\text{sec}}$ *);

D2 = 50 (*Diffusion constant in free buffer in $\frac{\mu\text{m}^2}{\text{sec}}$ *);

PC = 220 (*Partition coefficient FG particle : buffer *);

CaptureEfficiency = 1 (*Probability that a colliding NTR-cargo complex gets captured by the particle *);

time = 1000 (*defines for how many seconds the simulation should run*);

n = 50 (*Subdivision of the FG particle into n concentric and equi-distant shells *);

m = 1000 (*Subdivision of the surrounding buffer compartment into m shells *);

concentration = 1 (*starting concentration of mobile outside the sphere *);

(*Equations for volumes and contact areas*)

(*Thickness of sphere shells *)

$$h = \frac{\text{diameter}}{2 * n};$$

(*Volume V[i] for each sphere shell i is calculated *)

$$\text{Do}\left[V[i] = \frac{4 * \pi * h^3 * (i^3 - (i-1)^3)}{3}, \{i, 1, n+m\}\right];$$

(*Contact areas A[i] are calculated for all shell neighbours i and i+1*)

$$\text{Do}\left[A[i] = 4 * \pi * h^2 * i^2, \{i, 1, n+m\}\right];$$

(*Equations for fluxes Flux[i,i+1] between neighbouring shells*)

(*Implements Ficks first law of diffusion :

$$\text{Flux}[i,i+1] = -A * D * \frac{c[i] - c[i+1]}{h}$$

with A being the contact area, D the diffusion constant, and $\frac{c[i] - c[i+1]}{h}$ the local concentration gradient .*)

(*Shell 1 is set as boundary with zero flux to the outside of the system *)

$$\text{Flux}[0, 1] = 0;$$

(*Fluxes inside the FG particles with diffusion constant D1*)

$$\text{Do}\left[\text{Flux}[i, i+1] = \frac{D1 * A[i] * (c[i+1][t] - c[i][t])}{h}, \{i, 1, n-1\}\right];$$

(*Flux between outermost FG particle shell and adjacent buffer shell . Capture rate for a mobile species by the FG particle is given by the diffusion constant inside the buffer (D2) multiplied with Capture efficiency . Exit rate from the FG particle equals the entry rate divided by the partition coefficient PC.*)

$$\text{Flux}[n, n+1] = \text{CaptureEfficiency} * \frac{D2 * A[n] * (c[n+1][t] - \frac{c[n][t]}{PC})}{h};$$

(*Fluxes in free buffer *)

$$\text{Do}\left[\text{Flux}[i, i+1] = \frac{D2 * A[i] * (c[i+1][t] - c[i][t])}{h}, \{i, n+1, n+m-1\}\right];$$

(*Shell n+m is set as boundary with zero flux to the outside of the system *)

$$\text{Flux}[n+m, n+m+1] = 0;$$

(*Assembly of an ordinary differential equation (ODE) system *)

(*ODEs describe how the local concentration of the mobile species changes in each of the shells over time *)

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Do[ODE[i] =  $\partial_t c[i][t] = \frac{\text{Flux}[i, i+1] - \text{Flux}[i-1, i]}{V[i]}$ , {i, 1, n+m}]
ODES = Table[ODE[i], {i, 1, n+m}];
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(*Setup of initial conditions *)

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InitialConditions =
  Join[Table[c[i][0] == 0, {i, 1, n}], Table[c[i][0] == concentration, {i, n+1, n+m}]];
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(*Definition of seeked functions *)

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Functions = Table[c[i], {i, 1, n+m}];
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(*Numerical solution to the ODE system *)

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lsg = NDSolve[Join[ODES, InitialConditions], Functions, {t, 0, time}];
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(*Output of simulation data *)

(*Input of timepoints in seconds *)

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timepoints = {180, 30, 1};
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(*Actual output *)

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nn = Length[timepoints];
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Do[timepoint = timepoints[[k]];
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simu[k] = Flatten[Table[{h * i,  $\frac{c[\text{Abs}[i] + 1][\text{timepoint}]}{c[n+m][\text{timepoint}]}$ } /. lsg, {i, -n-n, n+n}], 1],
  {k, 1, nn}];
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ListLinePlot[Table[Legended[simu[k], StringJoin[ToString[timepoints[[k]]], " sec"]],
  {k, 1, nn}],
  AxesOrigin → {-2 * h * n, -5},
  Frame → True,
  FrameLabel →
    {"Concentration of mobile species", None}, {"μm from particle center", None}},
  GridLines → Automatic,
  FrameStyle → Thickness[0.0015],
  BaseStyle → {FontFamily → "Helvetica", FontSize → 16},
  ImageSize → {400, 300},
  PlotRange → {{-diameter, +diameter}, {-10, PC + 30}}]
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