

# Mini-Project: Mathematical modeling and simulation of Methane gas production.

## Mathematical Model

We have the following model to simulate the production of methane and carbon dioxide:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{X}) \quad \text{on } [0, T], \quad (1) \quad \boxed{\text{eq:Math\_Model}}$$

where

- $\mathbf{u} = (u_0, u_2, \dots, u_7)$  are the states. In particular, the last two states represent the methane and carbon dioxide concentration levels.
- $\mathbf{X}$  are the parameters such as moisture, decay rate. More details of the parameters can be found in Table 2 of [1].
- Details of  $\mathbf{F}$  can be also be found in [1].

## The Algorithm

**Algorithm 1:** The general algorithm to numerically solve (1)

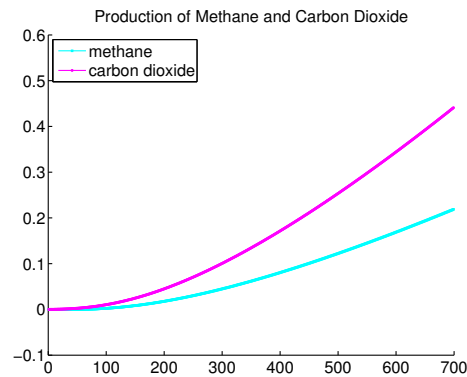
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1 Set  $t_m = t_0$ 
2 Compute  $\mathbf{u}(t_m)$ 
3 Precompute the time independent parameters  $X$ 
4 Fix the time stepsize  $\tau_m = \tau_0$ 
5 while  $t_m < T$  do
6   | Compute  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u}(t_m), X)$ 
7   |  $t_{m+1} = t_m + \tau_m$ 
8   | Solve ODE at  $t_{m+1}$  for  $\mathbf{u}(t_{m+1})$ 
9 end
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The step Solve ODE involves replacing the derivative  $\frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt}$  in (1) with an approximation for example a finite difference approximation.

## Parameters chosen

We start with the initial conditions provided from the actual experiments [1] for reactor R1. We document the results for time domain  $t_0 = 0$  and final time  $T = 700$  days with the timestep size  $\tau_m = 1$ .

## Results



## References

### Tasks for this week

1. One of the main goals of this class is to model a scientific process through a mathematical model. Please consider the provided code `ode_solver_0.cpp`. The main goal of this program is to convert the data of the problem into arrays. Your first task is to initialize the concentrations of  $\mathbf{u} = [6.25, 0.4, 0.4, 0.4, 0, 0, 0, 0]$  and set up the right hand side function  $\mathbf{F}$ .  
At every stage you are cautioned to be a careful / defensive programmer. So please, keep testing your code for robustness.
2. Once we have initialized  $\mathbf{u}$  and set up the right hand side function  $\mathbf{F}$ , we need to put the **Algorithm 1** in the code.

`math_model_ref`

- [1] Sandeep Pareek, Saburo Matsui, Seog Ku Kim and Yoshihisa Shimizu *Mathematical modeling and simulation of methane gas production in simulated landfill column reactors under sulfidogenic and methanogenic environments*. Water Science and Technology, Volume 39, Issue 7, 1999.