

NOTES: Community Firn Model Notes

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1 diffusivity_vas.py

File containing a number of classes, to compute and calculate different diffusion parameters.

- **class** Porosity()

Computes porosity, closed and open, for a given rho-array. Includes constants $\rho_{cl} = 830$ and $\rho_{ice} = 917$.

Contains four methods and an **__init__**:

- **def** s(self, rho)

Computes porosity as

$$s = 1 - \frac{\rho}{\rho_{ice}} \quad (1)$$

- **def** s_cl(self, rho)

Computes the closed porosity (not close-off), but porosity at which fluid flow is no longer possible.

$$s_{closed} = \rho e^{75 \cdot \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_{cl}} - 1\right)} \quad (2)$$

(Schwander 1989)

- **def** s_op(self, rho)

Calculates the open porosity, i.e. the difference between s and s_{cl} .

$$s_{op} = s - s_{cl} \quad (3)$$

- **def** show_all(self, rho)

Function that plots all porosities versus density

- **class** TortuosityInv() Computes the inverted tortuosity $\frac{1}{\tau}$ as an array on the basis of porosity and density, through different methods, presented in various articles.

Resulting array is clipped (values higher than $a = 0$ is set equal to a) Defines closed density $\rho_{cl} = 830$ and ice density $\rho_{ice} = 917$. Contains four methods and an **__init__**:

- **def** schwander1989(self, rho)

Computes inverse of tortuosity(J. Schwander 1989, "The transformation of snow to ice and the occlusion of gases", equation 5) as:

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = 1.7 \cdot s_{op} - 0.2 \quad (4)$$

- **def** johnsen2000(self, rho, rho_co = 804.3)

Computes inverse of tortuosity(S. J. Johnsen, 2000, "Diffusion of stable isotopes in polar firn and ice: The isotope effect in firn diffusion", equation 18) as:

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = 1 - b \cdot \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_{ice}}\right)^2 \quad (5)$$

where $b = \left(\frac{\rho_{ice}}{\rho_{co}}\right)^2$.

- **def** `witrant2012(self, rho, temp, p)` Computes inverse of tortuosity (E. Witrant, 2012, "A new multi-gas constrained model of trace gas non-homogeneous transport in firn: evaluation and behavior at eleven polar sites", equation 20) as:

$$\frac{1}{\tau} \cong (2.5 \cdot s_{\text{op}} - 0.31) \cdot \left(\frac{T}{T_0}\right)^{1.8} \cdot \frac{P_0}{P_{\text{atm}}} \quad (6)$$

where $T_0 = 273.15$ K and $P_{\text{atm}} = 101325$.

- **def** `show_all(self, rho)`
Plot all inverse tortuosities versus porosity, separate plots.

- **class** `FractionationFactor()`

Class containing different methods to compute fractionation factor for deuterium, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^{17}\text{O}$, given different methods presented in various articles. Contains an **__init__** and five methods (D, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, $\delta^{17}\text{O}$ and liquid fractionation for D and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$), each containing a number of functions.

- **def** `deuterium(self)`

Computes fractionation factor for deuterium between water and ice given a temperature for

- * L. Merlivat, 1967, "Fractionnement isotopique lors des changements d'état solide-vapeur et liquide-vapeur de l'eau à des températures inférieures à 0°C":

$$\alpha_{D_Merlivat} = e^{-4.10 \cdot 10^{-2}} \cdot e^{\frac{16288}{T^2}} \quad (7)$$

- * M. D. Ellehøj, 2011, "Ice-vapor equilibrium fractionation factor, PhD thesis":

$$\alpha_{D_Ellehoj} = e^{0.2133 - \frac{203.10}{T} + \frac{48888}{T^2}} \quad (8)$$

- * K. D. Lamb, 2017, "Laboratory measurements of HDO/H₂O isotopic fractionation during ice deposition in simulated cirrus clouds":

$$\alpha_{D_Lamb} = e^{\frac{12525}{T^2} - 5.59 \cdot 10^{-2}} \quad (9)$$

- **def** `o18(self)`

Computes fractionation factor for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ between water and ice given a temperature as:

- * M. Majoube, 1970, "Fractionation factor of 18o between water vapour and ice":

$$\alpha_{O18_Majoube} = 0.9722 \cdot e^{\frac{11.839}{T}} \quad (10)$$

- * M. D. Ellehøj, 2011, "Ice-vapor equilibrium fractionation factor, PhD thesis":

$$\alpha_{O18_Ellehoj} = e^{0.0831 - \frac{49.192}{T} + \frac{8312.5}{T^2}} \quad (11)$$

- **def** `o17(self)`

Computes fractionation factor for $\delta^{17}\text{O}$ in ice given a temperature. Both are based on E. Barkan, 2005, "High precision measurements of 17o/16o and 18o/16o ratios in h₂o".

- * M. Majoube, 1970, "Fractionation factor of 18o between water vapour and ice":

$$\alpha_{O17_Majoube} = (\alpha_{O18_Majoube})^{0.529} \quad (12)$$

- * M. D. Ellehøj, 2011, "Ice-vapor equilibrium fractionation factor, PhD thesis":

$$\alpha_{O17_Ellehoj} = (\alpha_{O18_Ellehoj})^{0.529} \quad (13)$$

- **def** deuterium_liquid(**self**)

Computes fractionation factor for deuterium between water and steam given a temperature. M. Majoube, 1971, "Oxygen-18 and deuterium fractionation between water and steam".

$$\alpha_{D_{liq}} = e^{\frac{52.612 - 76.248 \cdot \frac{1000}{T} + 24.844 \cdot \frac{10^6}{T^2}}{1000}} \quad (14)$$

- **def** o18_liquid(**self**)

Computes fractionation factor for $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ between water and steam given a temperature. M. Majoube, 1971, "Oxygen-18 and deuterium fractionation between water and steam".

$$\alpha_{o18_{liq}} = e^{\frac{-2.0667 - 0.4156 \cdot \frac{1000}{T} + 1.137 \cdot \frac{10^6}{T^2}}{1000}} \quad (15)$$

- **class** P_Ice()

Various evaluations for saturation vapor pressure over ice. D. M. Murphy and T. Koop, 2005, "Review of the vapour pressures of ice and supercooled water for atmospheric applications". Contains four methods and an **__init__**. Temperature in K and pressure in Pa.

- **def** clausius_clapeyron_simple(**self**, T)

Simple evaluation using Clausius Clapeyron equation (used to characterize a discontinuous phase transition) with constant latent heat of sublimation.

$$P_{ice} = e^{28.9074 - \frac{6143.7}{T}} \quad (16)$$

- **def** clausius_clapeyron_Lt(**self**, T)

Evaluation using temperature dependence of latent heat plus a numerical fit to experimental data:

$$P_{ice} = e^{9.550426 - \frac{5723.265}{T} + 3.53068 \cdot \ln(T) - 0.00728332 \cdot T} \quad (17)$$

- **def** sigfus_2000(**self**, T)

Expression used in S. J. Johnsen, 2000, "Diffusion of stable isotopes in polar firn and ice: the isotope effect in firn diffusion".

$$P_{ice} = 3.454 \cdot 10^{12} \cdot e^{\frac{-6133}{T}} \quad (18)$$

- **def** p_ice_dict(**self**, T)

Dictionary containing all calculated values of pressure over ice.

- **P_Water()**

Various evaluations for saturation vapour pressure over water. Contains only one method and an **__init__**.

- **def** goff(**self**, T)

Goff-Gratch equation, 1946, "Low-pressure properties of water from -160 to 212 °F", pressure in Pa, temperature in Kelvin.

$$T_{steam} = 373.15 \quad (19)$$

$$p_{steam} = 101325 \quad (20)$$

$$p_{water} = -7.90298 \cdot \left(\frac{T_{steam}}{T} - 1 \right) + 5.02808 \cdot \log_{10} \left(\frac{T_{steam}}{T} \right) - 1.3816 \cdot 10^{-7} \quad (21)$$

$$\cdot \left(10^{11.344 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_{steam}} \right)} - 1 \right) + 8.1328 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot \left(10^{(-3.49149 \cdot (T_{st}/T - 1))} - 1 \right) \quad (22)$$

$$+ \log_{10}(p_{steam}) \quad (23)$$

- **class** FirnDiffusivity()

Contains three methods - firn diffusivity for deuterium, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^{17}\text{O}$ - and an **__init__**.

- **def __init__(self, rho, rho_co = 804.3, T = 218.5, P = 1, p_ice_version = "sigfus2000", tortuosity_version = "johnsen2000")**
Sets the given method to compute the vapor pressure over ice and the inverse tortuosity. Computes fractionation factors and air diffusivity with parameters given. Here, ρ is an array, and the only thing that needs to be feeded to the class.
- **def deuterium(self, f_factor_version = "Merlivat")**
Computes the firn diffusivity for deuterium in $[\frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}]$. Defines a number of constants, $m = 18 \cdot 10^{-3} [\text{kg}]$, $R = 8.314$, $\rho_{\text{ice}} = 917 [\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}]$, $D_{\text{air, HDO}}$ (computed via **AirDiffusivity(T,P).deuterium()**) and the fractionation factor computed via **FractionationFactor(T).deuterium()['Merlivat']**. The diffusivity for HDO is then finally computed as:

$$D_{\text{firn, HDO}} = \frac{m \cdot P_{\text{ice}} \cdot D_{\text{air, HDO}} \cdot \frac{1}{\tau}}{RT \cdot \alpha_D \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\rho} - \frac{1}{\rho_{\text{ice}}}\right)} \quad (24)$$

- **def o18(self, f_factor_version = "Majoube")**
Return Diffusivity in firn for H_2^{18}O $[\frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}]$. Computed as for deuterium, so:

$$D_{\text{firn, O18}} = \frac{m \cdot P_{\text{ice}} \cdot D_{\text{air, O18}} \cdot \frac{1}{\tau}}{RT \cdot \alpha_{\text{O18}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\rho} - \frac{1}{\rho_{\text{ice}}}\right)} \quad (25)$$

- **def o18(self, f_factor_version = "Majoube")**
Return Diffusivity in firn for H_2^{17}O $[\frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}]$. Computed as for other two isotopes:

$$D_{\text{firn, O17}} = \frac{m \cdot P_{\text{ice}} \cdot D_{\text{air, O17}} \cdot \frac{1}{\tau}}{RT \cdot \alpha_{\text{O17}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\rho} - \frac{1}{\rho_{\text{ice}}}\right)} \quad (26)$$

- **class** FirnDiffusivityFast()

Computes diffusivity of firn, but faster?? Contains three methods, diffusivity of deuterium, $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^{17}\text{O}$ and an **__init__**.

__init__ contains definitions of $\rho_{\text{co}} = 804.3$, $T = 218.5$, $P = 1$ (not dependent on **p_ice_version**), fractionation factor computed from **FractionationFactor(T)**, air diffusivity computed from **AirDiffusivity(T,P)**, saturated vapor pressure $3.454 \cdot 10^{12} \cdot e^{\frac{-6133}{T}}$ and air diffusivity computed as $D_{\text{air}} = 10^{-4} \cdot 0.211 \cdot \left(\frac{T}{273.15}\right)^{1.94} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{P}\right)$

- **def deuterium(self, f_factor_version = "Merlivat")**
Returns diffusivity in firn for deuterium in $[\frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}]$. Computes as above, except the **f_factor_version** is taken out of the picture. The diffusivity is computed through:

$$D_{\text{air, HDO}} = D_{\text{air}} \cdot 0.9755 \quad (27)$$

α_D is not dependent on **f_factor_version** and is computed as:

$$\alpha_D = 0.9098 \cdot e^{\frac{16288}{T^2}} \quad (28)$$

$1/\tau$ is not dependent on **tortuosity** and is computed as:

$$\tau = \frac{1}{\left(1 - 1.3 \cdot \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_{\text{ice}}}\right)^2\right)} \quad (29)$$

and finally $D_{\text{firn, HDO}}$ is computed as in **deuterium()** in **class** FirnDiffusivity().

– **def** o18(**self**, f_factor_version = "Majoube")

Same as for deuterium with adjusted calculations:

$$D_{\text{air}, \text{O18}} = D_{\text{air}} \cdot 0.9723 \quad (30)$$

$$\alpha_D = 0.9722 \cdot e^{\frac{11.839}{T^2}} \quad (31)$$

$$\tau = \frac{1}{(1 - 1.3 \cdot \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_{ice}}\right)^2)} \quad (32)$$

and finally $D_{\text{firn}, \text{O18}}$ is computed as in **o18()** in **class** **FirnDiffusivity()**.

– **def** o18(**self**, f_factor_version = "Majoube")

Same as for O18 with adjusted calculations:

$$D_{\text{air}, \text{O18}} = D_{\text{air}} \cdot 0.98555 \quad (33)$$

$$\alpha_D = 0.9722 \cdot \left(e^{\frac{11.839}{T^2}}\right)^{0.529} \quad (34)$$

$$\tau = \frac{1}{(1 - 1.3 \cdot \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_{ice}}\right)^2)} \quad (35)$$

and finally $D_{\text{firn}, \text{O17}}$ is computed as in **o17()** in **class** **FirnDiffusivity()**.

- **class** IceDiffusivity()

Computes the ice diffusivity through five different methods, given in five different articles.

Contains five methods and one **__init__** initializing the temperature as $T = 218.15$.

– **def** sigfus(**self**)

Uses parametrization from S. J. Johnsen, 2000, "Diffusion of stable isotopes in polar firn and ice: the isotope effect in firn diffusion":

$$D_{\text{ice}} = 1.255 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot e^{\frac{-7273}{T}} \quad (36)$$

– **def** ramseier(**self**)

Uses parameterization from R. O. Ramseier, 1967, "Self-diffusion of tritium in natural and synthetic ice monocrystals":

$$D_{\text{ice}} = 9.2 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot e^{\frac{-7186}{T}} \quad (37)$$

– **def** blicks(**self**)

Uses parameterization from H. Blicks, 1966, "Diffusion von Protonen (Tritonen) in reinen und dotierten Eis-Einkristallen":

$$D_{\text{ice}} = 2.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot e^{\frac{-7302}{T}} \quad (38)$$

– **def** delibaltas(**self**)

Uses parameterization from P. Delibaltas, 1966, "Diffusion von 18O in Eis-Einkristallen":

$$D_{\text{ice}} = 0.0264 \cdot e^{\frac{-7881}{T}} \quad (39)$$

– **def** itagaki100(**self**)

Uses parameterization from K. Itagaki, 1964, "Self-Diffusion in Single Crystals of Ice":

$$D_{\text{ice}} = 0.014 \cdot e^{\frac{-7650}{T}} \quad (40)$$

- **class** AirDiffusivity()

Calculation of air diffusivity for deuterium, O¹⁸ and O¹⁷. Contains four methods and an **__init__** which initializes the temperature to $T = 218.5$, the pressure to $P = 1$ and the air diffusivity for H₂¹⁶O from H. Pruppacher and W.D. Hall, 1976, "The survival of ice particles falling from cirrus clouds in subsaturated air" asz

$$D_{\text{air}} = 10^{-4} \cdot 0.211 \cdot \left(\frac{T}{273.15} \right)^{1.94} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{P} \right) \quad (41)$$

The following calculations are based on L. Merlivat, 1978, "The dependence of bulk evaporation coefficients on air-water interfacial conditions as determined by the isotopic method".

- **def** deuterium(self)

Returns diffusivity in air for HDO:

$$D_{\text{air, HDO}} = D_{\text{air}} \cdot 0.9755 \quad (42)$$

- **def** o18(self)

Returns diffusivity in air for H₂¹⁸O:

$$D_{\text{air, O18}} = D_{\text{air}} \cdot 0.9723 \quad (43)$$

- **def** o17(self)

Returns diffusivity in air for H₂¹⁷O:

$$D_{\text{air, O17}} = D_{\text{air}} \cdot 0.98555 \quad (44)$$

2 solver.py

Need to understand and describe the algorithm. Essential for the CFM.

Function to compute transient one-dimensional diffusion through the finite volume method. Contains two functions, one that solves the 1D diffusion problem and one that solves the inhibiting matrix problem.

- **def** transient_solve_TR(z_edges_vec, z_P_vec, nt, dt, Gamma_P, phi_0, nz_P, nz_fv, phi_s)

The actual 1D diffusion solver. Takes a number of parameters as input:

- **z_edges_vec**[array of floats]: uniform edge spacing of volume elements
- **z_P_vec**[array of floats]: depth profile (edge locations of boxes)
- **nt**[float]: Number of time steps
- **dt**[float]: size of time step
- **Gamma_P**[array of floats]: diffusivity profile, for heat diffusion: $K_{\text{firn}}/(c_{\text{firn}} \cdot \rho)$. Different for iso diffusion.
- **phi_0**[array of floats]: Initial profile of conserved quantity to be diffused (i.e. temperature or isotope values)
- **nz_P**[int]: number of nodes in depth profile z
- **nz_fv**[int]: number of finite volumes in model z
- **phi_s**[float]: value of conserved quantity (temp/iso) at surface

and returns a single output **phi_t**[array of floats], the diffused and final distribution of the 1D conserved quantity.

The algorithm builds on a finite volume method for solving the discrete diffusion equation.

- **def** solver(a.U, a.D, a.P, b)

Function to solve the matrix problem created in the finite volume method above. Uses a sparse diagonal matrix to solve the linear system.