

Review and analysis of CO₂ photoreduction kinetics

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A walk through of mean median multi-start trust-region method for estimating nonlinear CO₂ photoreduction kinetic model coefficients

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See excellent MATLAB documentation for more information for the trust-region method

<https://uk.mathworks.com/help/optim/ug/constrained-nonlinear-optimization-algorithms.html>

MATLAB R2018b used

Data reported by Tan

L.-L. Tan, W.-J. Ong, S.-P. Chai and A. R. Mohamed, Chemical Engineering Journal, 2017, 308, 248–255

- Extracted CH₄ data at different partial pressures of CO₂ from Figure 3 (a) using [WebPlotDigitizer](#)
- Extracted CH₄ data at different partial pressures of H₂O from Figure 3 (b) using [WebPlotDigitizer](#)

Copy and paste these settings to run the script below

(Partial pressure CO₂ (bar), partial pressure H₂O (bar), CH₄ production (umol.gcat-1.h-1), I (mW/cm²),
reported model coefficients and constraints used for mean median model in order of: k, alpha,
KH₂O and KCO₂)

```
experimental_settings_PCO2 = [0 0.25 0.5 0.75 0.9 1.01];
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experimental_settings_PH2O = 0.043;
```

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reported_CH4_production = [0 0.172 0.202 0.212 0.385 0.336];
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I = 81;
```

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reported_coefficients = [84.42 4.4E-2 8.070 1.93E-2];
```

lower_constraint = [0 0 0 0];

upper_constraint = [100 0.5 30 0.5];

Or use following if partial pressure CO₂ was kept constant

experimental_settings_PCO₂ = 0.9;

experimental_settings_PH₂O = [0 0.043 0.088 0.173 0.312 0.565];

reported_CH₄_production = [0 0.385 0.389 0.431 0.329 0.310];

I = 81;

reported_coefficients = [84.42 4.4E-2 8.070 1.93E-2];

lower_constraint = [0 0 0 0];

upper_constraint = [100 0.5 30 0.5];

Data reported by Tahir

M. Tahir and N. S. Amin, Chemical Engineering Journal, 2013, 230, 314–327

- Extracted CH₄ data at different partial pressures of CO₂ from Figure 12 using [WebPlotDigitizer](#)
- Assumed yield reported was for ten hour reaction

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(Partial pressure CO₂ (bar), partial pressure H₂O (bar), CH₄ production (umol.gcat-1.h-1), I (mW/cm²), reported model coefficients and constraints used for mean median model in order of: k, alpha, KH₂O and KCO₂)

experimental_settings_PCO₂ = [0 0.019 0.039 0.059 0.079];

experimental_settings_PH₂O = 0.0432;

reported_CH₄_production = [0 67.70 77.48 73.47 65.29];

I = 150;

reported_coefficients = [500 6.0E-1 7.5E-1 30];

lower_constraint = [0 0 0 0];

upper_constraint = [200 0.8 25 50];

Data reported by Khalizadeh

A. Khalilzadeh and A. Shariati, Solar Energy, 2018, 164, 251–261

- Extracted CH₄ data at different partial pressures of CO₂ from Figure 10 (a)
- Extracted CH₄ data at different partial pressures of H₂O from Figure 10 (b)

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(Partial pressure CO₂ (bar), partial pressure H₂O (bar), CH₄ production (umol.gcat-1.h-1),

I (mW/cm²), reported model coefficients and constraints used for mean median model

in order of: k, alpha, KH₂O, KCO₂ and n)

experimental_settings_PCO₂ = [0 0.28 0.55 0.76 1.01];

experimental_settings_PH₂O = 0.155;

reported_CH₄_production = [0 19.84 23.53 28.15 24.92];

I = 85;

reported_coefficients = [6.47 6.5E-1 145.2 22.74 1.23];

lower_constraint = [0 0 0 0 0];

upper_constraint = [80 0.7 200 40 2];

Or use following if partial pressure CO₂ was kept constant

experimental_settings_PCO₂ = 0.76;

experimental_settings_PH₂O = [0.043 0.095 0.155 0.250 0.310];

reported_CH₄_production = [22.15 24.92 28.15 26.30 22.61];

I = 85;

reported_coefficients = [6.47 6.5E-1 145.2 22.74 1.23];

lower_constraint = [0 0 0 0 0];

upper_constraint = [80 0.7 200 40 2];

Please enter data and experimental settings used to fit the model

```
% Copy and paste experimental settings, production data and reported coefficients
% as code - highlight text and click "Code" icon in "LIVE EDITOR" ribbon
experimental_settings_PCO2 = [0 0.25 0.5 0.75 0.9 1.01];
experimental_settings_PH2O = 0.043;
reported_CH4_production = [0 0.172 0.202 0.212 0.385 0.336];
I = 81;
reported_coefficients = [84.42 4.4E-2 8.070 1.93E-2];
lower_constraint = [0 0 0 0];
upper_constraint = [100 0.5 30 0.5];
```

Line changes optional - Assign two site LH and Sips kinetic model functions

```
if numel(experimental_settings_PH2O) == 1
    pressure_settings = ones(numel(experimental_settings_PCO2),2);
    pressure_settings(:,1) = pressure_settings(:,1).*experimental_settings_PCO2';
    pressure_settings(:,2) = pressure_settings(:,2).*experimental_settings_PH2O;
else
    pressure_settings = ones(numel(experimental_settings_PH2O),2);
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    pressure_settings(:,1) = pressure_settings(:,1).*experimental_settings_PC02;
    pressure_settings(:,2) = pressure_settings(:,2).*experimental_settings_PH2O';
end

% Two site kinetic model
% b(1) = k, b(2) = alpha, b(3) = KH2O and b(4) = KCO2

Two_site_LH_model = @(b,pressure_settings)...
    (b(1).*(I.^b(2)).*(b(3).*pressure_settings(:,2).*b(4)).*...
    pressure_settings(:,1)))./...
    ((1 + (b(3).*pressure_settings(:,2))).*...
    + (b(4).*pressure_settings(:,1))).^2);

% Sips kinetic model
% b(1) = k, b(2) = alpha, b(3) = KH2O, b(4) = KCO2 and b(5) = n

Sips_kinetic_model = @(b,pressure_settings)...
    (b(1).*(I.^b(2))).*(((pressure_settings(:,1).*b(4)).^...
    (1./b(5))).*((pressure_settings(:,2).*b(3)).^(1./b(5))))...
    ./((1 + ((pressure_settings(:,1).*b(4)).^(1./b(5))) +...
    ((pressure_settings(:,2).*b(3)).^(1./b(5))))).^2);

```

Line changes optional - Assign model and variables for plots

- To select model that median multi-start trust-region method will use
- Set number of columns for histogram plot
- Assign plot labels used by histogram and 3D bar plots

```

number_parameters = numel(lower_constraint);

if number_parameters == 4

    % Assign model
    kinetic_model = Two_site_LH_model;

    % Assign number of columns for histogram subplot
    number_columns = 2;

    % Assign plot labels
    x_label = ["k (\mumol.g_{cat}^{-1}.h^{-1})" "\alpha" "K_{H_{2}O}" + ...
        "(bar^{-1})" "K_{CO_{2}} (bar^{-1})"];

else

    % Assign model
    kinetic_model = Sips_kinetic_model;

    % Assign number of columns for histogram subplot
    number_columns = 3;

    % Assign plot labels

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```
x_label = ["k (\mumol.g_{cat}^{-1}.h^{-1})" "\alpha" "K_{H_{2}O}" + ...
           "(bar^{-1})" "K_{CO_2} (bar^{-1})" "n"];

end
```

Please enter values

- For number of loops median multi-start trust -region method will run
- Number of iterations per median loop
- Number of multi-start points

```
% Set the number of times the median iteration method will loop, Set to 1 if
% you are not interested in calculating the standard deviation of the
% median values and only want one set of median coefficient estimates
number_for_std_deviation_calculation = 10;

% Set the number times the multi-start trust-region method will iterate
% within number of loops set above
number_median_iterations = 50;

% Set number of starting points for multi-start algorithm
no_multi_start_points = 10;
```

Line changes optional - Median multi-start trust-region method

- This is the median multi-start trust-region method
- After each multi-start iteration, the median of the coefficients estimated will be saved in an array

```
% Assign empty data array to record the median value after each loop of
% multi-start trust-region iterations is complete
multiple_median_approach_values = [];
all_multistart_values = [];

% Assign empty data array to record the coefficient estimates for each
% multi-start solution
multistart_model_values = [];

for std_deviation_run = 1:number_for_std_deviation_calculation

    for median_run = 1:number_median_iterations

        % Randomly select initial starting point values between upper and
        % lower constraint values
        Random_starting_point_values = (upper_constraint-lower_constraint)....
                                         *rand(1,1) + lower_constraint;

        problem = createOptimProblem('lsqcurvefit','x0',...
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Random_starting_point_values,'objective',...
kinetic_model,'lb',lower_constraint,...
'ub',upper_constraint,'xdata',...
pressure_settings,'ydata',...
reported_CH4_production');

ms = MultiStart('Display','off');
[xmulti,errormulti,flagm,outptm,manyminsm] = run(ms,problem,...
                                                no_multi_start_points);

multistart_model_values(median_run,1:numel(lower_constraint)) = xmulti;

end

% Lets collect the coefficient values based on median approach for each round
multiple_median_approach_values(std_deviation_run,...
1:numel(lower_constraint)) = median(multistart_model_values);

% Let's collect all of the multistart values for plotting histograms later
all_multistart_values = [all_multistart_values;multistart_model_values];

end

```

Line changes optional - What is the mean and standard deviation of

coefficients from the median multi-start approach?

In order of k, alpha, KH₂O and KCO₂ for two site and k, alpha, KH₂O, KCO₂ and n for Sips

Repeat the 'Line changes optional - Median multi-start trust-region method' and this chunk of code to see that the method is reproducible

```

% Calculate mean and standard deviation of coefficients from median
% multi-start approach

if number_for_std_deviation_calculation == 1
    disp(['Not enough median values to calculate standard deviation' ...
        ' and mean. Set "number_for_std_deviation_calculation" > 1'])
    disp(['Coefficient values from median approach after' ...
        ' one iteration loop used shown below:'])
    mean_median_coefficients = multiple_median_approach_values
else
    disp('The standard deviation of the median coefficients are:')
    std_dev_median_coefficients = std(multiple_median_approach_values)
    disp('The mean of the median coefficients are:')
    mean_median_coefficients = mean(multiple_median_approach_values)
end

```

The standard deviation of the median coefficients are:

```
std_dev_median_coefficients = 1x4
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0.7613    0.0086    0.1277    0.0016
```

The mean of the median coefficients are:

```
mean_median_coefficients = 1x4
    18.0480    0.0998    1.7783    0.3211
```

Line changes optional - Plot histograms of the coefficient values with mean median value as dotted red line

```
figure;

% Set maximum histogram plot height, will need to increase for higher
% values set for: 'number_for_std_deviation_calculation' and/or
% 'number_median_iterations'
max_height=200;

% Plot histogram and median line for k coefficient estimates
subplot(2,number_columns,1);
histfit(all_multistart_values(:,1),20); xlabel(x_label(1), 'FontSize', 20);
hold on
p = line([mean_median_coefficients(1,1),mean_median_coefficients(1,1)],...
        [0,max_height],'Color','r','LineStyle','--');

% Plot histogram and median line for alpha coefficient estimates
subplot(2,number_columns,2);
histfit(all_multistart_values(:,2),20); xlabel(x_label(2), 'FontSize', 20);
hold on
p = line([mean_median_coefficients(1,2),mean_median_coefficients(1,2)],...
        [0,max_height],'Color','r','LineStyle','--');

% Plot histogram and median line for KH2O coefficient estimates
subplot(2,number_columns,3);
histfit(all_multistart_values(:,3),20); xlabel(x_label(3), 'FontSize', 20);
hold on
p = line([mean_median_coefficients(1,3),mean_median_coefficients(1,3)],...
        [0,max_height],'Color','r','LineStyle','--');

% Plot histogram and median line for KCO2 coefficient estimates
subplot(2,number_columns,4);
histfit(all_multistart_values(:,4),20); xlabel(x_label(4), 'FontSize', 20);
hold on
p = line([mean_median_coefficients(1,4),mean_median_coefficients(1,4)],...
        [0,max_height],'Color','r','LineStyle','--');

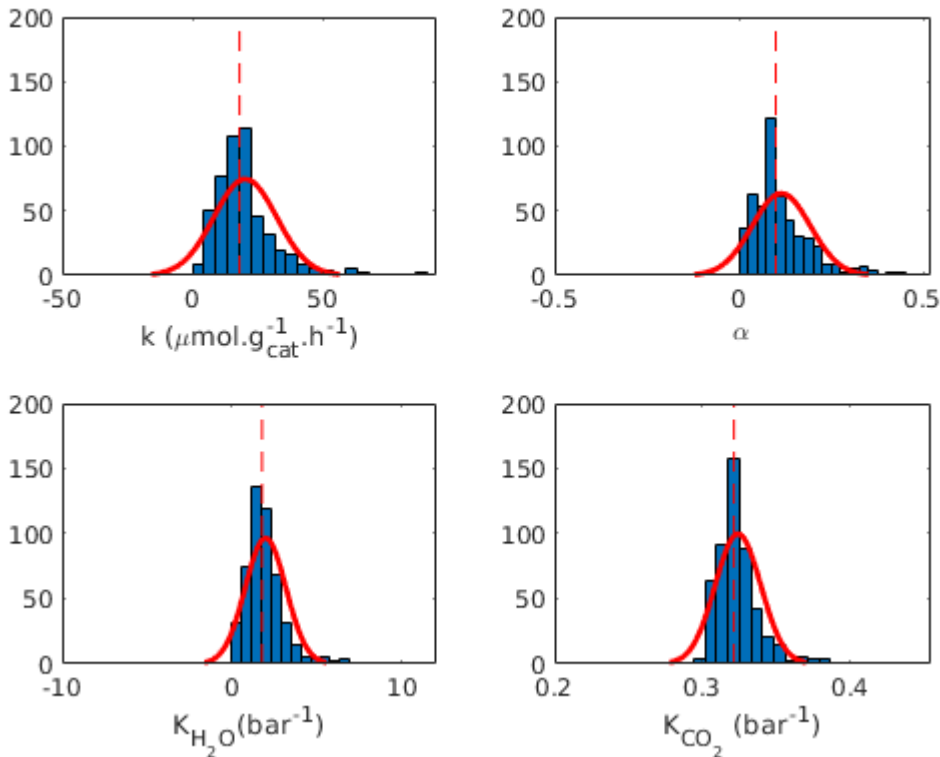
if numel(x_label) == 5

    % Plot histogram and median line for n coefficient estimates
    subplot(2,number_columns,5);
    histfit(all_multistart_values(:,5),20); xlabel(x_label(5), 'FontSize', 20);
    hold on
    p = line([mean_median_coefficients(1,5),mean_median_coefficients(1,5)],...
            [0,max_height],'Color','r','LineStyle','--');

end
```

```
sgtitle('Fig S2-MedIt 1: Histogram of coefficients estimated')
```

Fig S2-MedIt 1: Histogram of coefficients estimated



Line changes optional - Plot the mean median model, recorded model and recorded data points

```
if numel(experimental_settings_PH2O) == 1

    % Create CO2 partial pressure values to fit with models
    model_settings_PCO2 = linspace(0,3,100)';

    % Use constant experimental H2O partial pressure setting to fit with
    % model
    model_settings_PH2O = ones(numel(model_settings_PCO2),1).*...
        experimental_settings_PH2O;

    % Combine CO2 and H2O partial pressures into matrix to fit with model
    model_pressure_settings = [model_settings_PCO2 model_settings_PH2O];

    % Estimate CH4 production using reported and mean median models
    CH4_production_reported_model = kinetic_model(reported_coefficients,...
        model_pressure_settings);
    CH4_production_median_model    = kinetic_model(mean_median_coefficients,...
        model_pressure_settings);

    % Plot experimental values, reported and mean median model
```



```

figure;
plot(experimental_settings_PCO2,reported_CH4_production,...
      'Color', 'r','Marker','diamond','LineStyle','none','MarkerSize',10,...
      'MarkerFaceColor','r','MarkerEdgeColor','k')
hold on;
plot(model_settings_PCO2, CH4_production_reported_model,...
      'Color',[0.4940, 0.1840, 0.5560],'Marker','none','LineStyle','--',...
      'LineWidth',3)
hold on;
plot(model_settings_PCO2, CH4_production_median_model,...
      'Color', [0, 0.5, 0],'Marker','none','LineStyle','-','LineWidth',3)
legend('Experimental values', 'Reported model','Median model');

xlabel('P_{CO_2} (bar)','FontWeight','bold')
ylabel('Rate CH_4 production (\mumol.g_{cat}^{-1}.h^{-1})','FontWeight',...
       'bold')

```

else

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% Create H2O partial pressure values to fit with models
model_settings_PH2O = linspace(0,1,100)';

% Use constant experimental CO2 partial pressure setting to fit with
% model
model_settings_PCO2 = ones(numel(model_settings_PH2O),1).*...
                        experimental_settings_PCO2;

% Combine CO2 and H2O partial pressures into matrix to fit with model
model_pressure_settings = [model_settings_PCO2 model_settings_PH2O];

% Estimate CH4 production using reported and mean median models
CH4_production_reported_model = kinetic_model(reported_coefficients,...
                                              model_pressure_settings);
CH4_production_median_model    = kinetic_model(mean_median_coefficients,...
                                              model_pressure_settings);

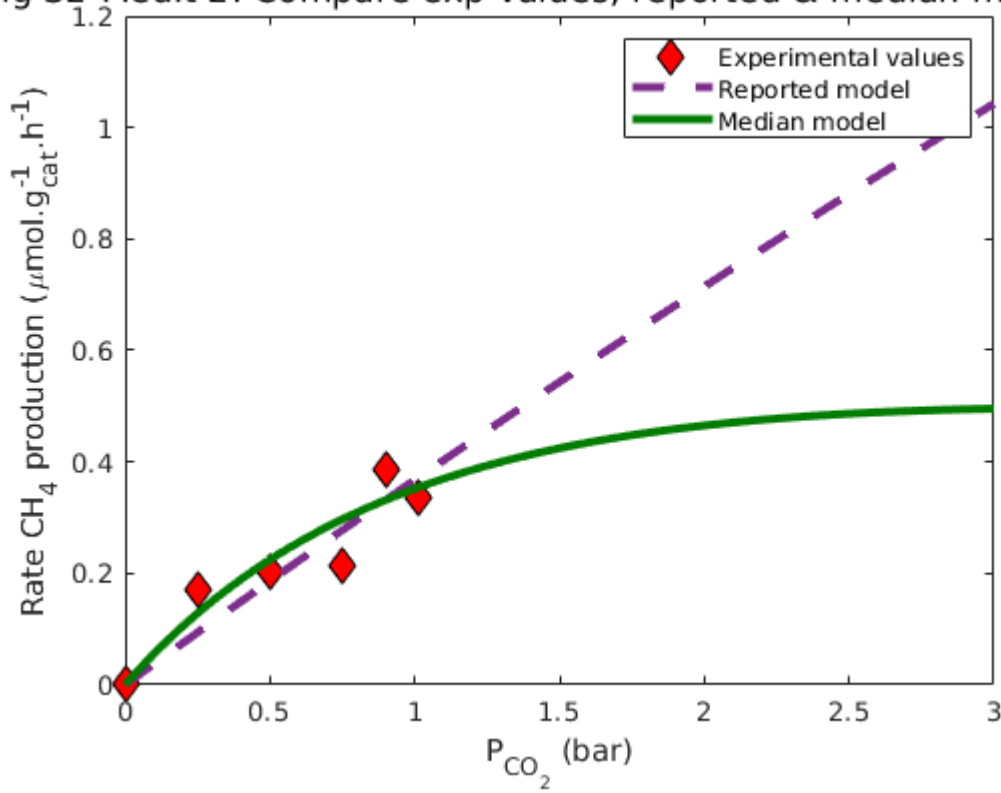
% Plot experimental values, reported and mean median model
figure;
plot(experimental_settings_PH2O,reported_CH4_production,...
      'Color', 'r','Marker','diamond','LineStyle','none','MarkerSize',10,...
      'MarkerFaceColor','r','MarkerEdgeColor','k')
hold on;
plot(model_settings_PH2O, CH4_production_reported_model,...
      'Color',[0.4940, 0.1840, 0.5560],'Marker','none','LineStyle','--',...
      'LineWidth',3)
hold on;
plot(model_settings_PH2O, CH4_production_median_model,...
      'Color', [0, 0.5, 0],'Marker','none','LineStyle','-','LineWidth',3)
legend('Experimental values', 'Reported model','Median model');
xlabel('P_{H_{2}O} (bar)','FontWeight','bold')
ylabel('Rate CH_4 production (\mumol.g_{cat}^{-1}.h^{-1})','FontWeight',...
       'bold')

```

```
end
```

```
sgtitle('Fig S2-MedIt 2: Compare exp values, reported & median models')
```

Fig S2-MedIt 2: Compare exp values, reported & median models



Line changes optional - How do the estimated reported and mean median model coefficient estimates compare?

```
figure;  
bar3([reported_coefficients;mean_median_coefficients])  
xticklabels(x_label)  
yticklabels({'Reported model', 'Median model'})  
zlabel('Coefficient value')  
sgtitle('Fig S2-MedIt 3: Compare reported & median coefficients')
```

Fig S2-MedIt 3: Compare reported & median coefficients

