Implementation of CLM Below-Ground Biogeochemistry in PFLOTRAN

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Abstract

1 CLM-CN

1.1 Reactions

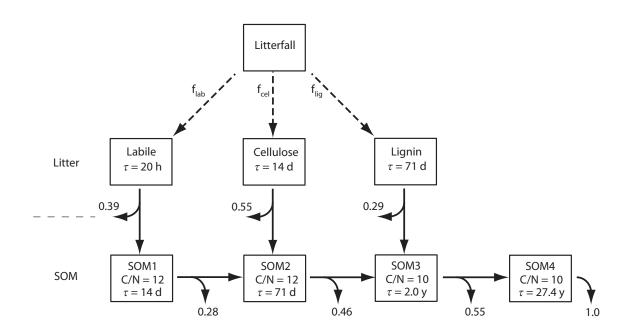


Figure 1: CLM-CN litter and soil organic pools and C and N flows Bonan et al. [2012]

1.1.1 General Reaction

The general decomposition reaction is

$$CN_u = (1 - f)CN_d + fCO_2 + nN_{\text{mineral}}$$
(1)

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CN_u
             upstream pool
CN_d
             downstream pool
         =
CO_2
N_{mineral}
             mineral nitrogen
         =
             molecular weight ratio of C and N divided by upstream pool C/N
u
         =
             molecular weight ratio of C and N divided by downstream pool C/N
d
f
             respiration fraction
         =
n
             [u - (1 - f)d]
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1.1.2 Soil Organic Matter Pools

The C/N ratio is fixed in soil organic matter pools. The reactions are

Table 1: Reactions for the soil organic matter pools

1.1.3 Litter Pools

The C/N ratio is dependent on the input from plant function groups. As the C/N ratio is generally greater in the litter pools than in the soil organic pools Adair et al. [2008], mineral N is needed to decompose the litter pools. Namely, litter decomposition involves N immobilization through microbial mass synthesis. For example, one observation indicates a C/N ratio of 31.19 for yellow birch Adair et al. [2008]. The reactions are

Table 2: Reactions for the litter pools

1.1.4 Summary

Lit1C +
$$u_1$$
Lit1N = $(1 - f_1)$ SOM1 + f_1 CO₂ + n_1 N_{mineral}
Lit2C + u_2 Lit2N = $(1 - f_2)$ SOM2 + f_2 CO₂ + n_2 N_{mineral}
Lit3C + u_3 Lit3N = $(1 - f_3)$ SOM3 + f_3 CO₂ + n_3 N_{mineral}
SOM1 = $(1 - f_4)$ SOM2 + f_4 CO₂ + n_4 N_{mineral}
SOM2 = $(1 - f_5)$ SOM3 + f_5 CO₂ + n_5 N_{mineral}
SOM3 = $(1 - f_6)$ SOM4 + f_6 CO₂ + n_6 N_{mineral}
SOM4 = f_7 CO₂ + n_7 N_{mineral}

$$u_i = \text{LitiN/LitiC}$$

1.2 Rate

1.2.1 General

$$rate = R = f_T f_{\Psi} f_N k C N_u$$

$$f_T = \exp \left[308.56 \left(\frac{1}{71.02} - \frac{1}{T - 227.13} \right) \right]$$

$$f_{\Psi} = \frac{\log \left(\Psi_{\min} / \Psi \right)}{\log \left(\Psi_{\min} / \Psi_{\max} \right)}$$

$$f_{pi} = \frac{N_{\min eral}}{N_{\min eral} + k_{N_{\min eral}}} \text{if } u$$

$$k = \text{kinetic rate constant} [s^{-1}]$$

$$T = \text{temperature } [K]$$

$$\Psi = \text{soil water potential} [MPa]$$

$$CN_u = \text{upstream carbon pool } [\text{mol } C/m^3]$$

$$N_{\min eral} = \text{nitrogen concentration } [\text{mol } N/m^3]$$

$$k_N = \text{Mineral } N \text{ half saturation constant } [\text{mol } N/m^3]$$

For the general reaction 1,

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \text{CN}_u}{\partial t} &= -rate \\ \frac{\partial \text{CN}_d}{\partial t} &= (1-f)\,rate \\ \frac{\partial \text{CO}_2}{\partial t} &= f \cdot rate \\ \frac{\partial \text{N}_{\text{mineral}}}{\partial t} &= n \cdot rate \end{split}$$

1.2.2 Rates

$$R_{1} = f_{T} f_{\theta} f_{N} k_{1} \text{Lit1C}$$

$$R_{2} = f_{T} f_{\theta} f_{N} k_{2} \text{Lit2C}$$

$$R_{3} = f_{T} f_{\theta} f_{N} k_{3} \text{Lit3C}$$

$$R_{4} = f_{T} f_{\theta} f_{N} k_{4} \text{SOM1}$$

$$R_{5} = f_{T} f_{\theta} f_{N} k_{5} \text{SOM2}$$

$$R_{6} = f_{T} f_{\theta} f_{N} k_{6} \text{SOM3}$$

$$R_{7} = f_{T} f_{\theta} f_{N} k_{7} \text{SOM4}$$

1.2.3 Ordinary Differential Equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{Lit1C}) = -R_1$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{Lit1N}) = -u_1 R_1$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{Lit2C}) = -R_2$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{Lit3N}) = -u_2 R_2$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{Lit3C}) = -R_3$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{Lit3N}) = -u_3 R_3$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{SOM1}) = (1 - f_1) R_1 - R_4$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{SOM2}) = (1 - f_2) R_2 + (1 - f_4) R_4 - R_5$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{SOM3}) = (1 - f_3) R_3 + (1 - f_5) R_5 - R_6$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{SOM3}) = (1 - f_6) R_6 - R_7$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{CO}_2) = f_1 R_1 + f_2 R_2 + f_3 R_3 + f_4 R_4 + f_5 R_5 + f_6 R_6 + f_7 R_7$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{N}_{\text{mineral}}) = n_1 R_1 + n_2 R_2 + n_3 R_3 + n_4 R_4 + n_5 R_5 + n_6 R_6 + n_7 R_7$$

1.3 Implementation in PFLOTRAN

1.3.1 Numerical Methods

Applying finite-volume spatial discretization:

$$\int \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} dV = \int -\sum R_j dV \tag{3}$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \Delta V = -\sum_{i} R_{i} \Delta V \tag{4}$$

Implicit time discretization:

$$\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(x^{k+1} - x^k \right) = -\sum_{i} R_j^{k+1} \Delta V \tag{5}$$

Residual equation:

$$\mathcal{R}_{x} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(x^{k+1} - x^{k} \right) + \sum_{i} R_{i}^{k+1} \Delta V$$
 (6)

Newton-Raphson Method:

$$\mathcal{J}\delta x = -\mathcal{R}_x \tag{7}$$

$$x^{k+1,i+1} = x^{k+1,i} + \delta x \tag{8}$$

1.3.2 Implementation

The source code reaction_sandbox_clm_cn.F90 implements CLM-CN with input file like the following:

CHEMISTRY

```
IMMOBILE_SPECIES
  N
  C
  SOM1
  SOM2
  SOM3
  SOM4
  LabileC
  CelluloseC
  LigninC
  LabileN
  CelluloseN
  LigninN
REACTION_SANDBOX
  CLM-CN
    POOLS
             ! CN ratio
      SOM1
             12.d0
      SOM2
            12.d0
      SOM3
            10.d0
      SOM4
            10.d0
      Labile
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Cellulose
  Lignin
REACTION
  UPSTREAM_POOL Labile
  DOWNSTREAM_POOL SOM1
  TURNOVER_TIME 20. h
  RESPIRATION_FRACTION 0.39d0
  N_INHIBITION 1.d-10
REACTION
  UPSTREAM_POOL Cellulose
  DOWNSTREAM_POOL SOM2
  TURNOVER_TIME 14. d
  RESPIRATION_FRACTION 0.55
  N_INHIBITION 1.d-10
REACTION
  UPSTREAM_POOL Lignin
  DOWNSTREAM_POOL SOM3
  TURNOVER_TIME 71. d
  RESPIRATION_FRACTION 0.29d0
  N_INHIBITION 1.d-10
REACTION
  UPSTREAM_POOL SOM1
  DOWNSTREAM_POOL SOM2
  TURNOVER_TIME 14. d
  RESPIRATION_FRACTION 0.28d0
  N_INHIBITION 1.d-10
REACTION
  UPSTREAM_POOL SOM2
  DOWNSTREAM_POOL SOM3
  TURNOVER_TIME 71. d
  RESPIRATION_FRACTION 0.46d0
  N_INHIBITION 1.d-10
REACTION
  UPSTREAM_POOL SOM3
  DOWNSTREAM_POOL SOM4
  TURNOVER_TIME 2. y
  RESPIRATION_FRACTION 0.55d0
  N_INHIBITION 1.d-10
REACTION
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UPSTREAM_POOL SOM4
TURNOVER_TIME 27.4 y
RESPIRATION_FRACTION 1.d0
N_INHIBITION 1.d-10
/
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In the source code, the key is to specify the residual and Jacobian. The residuals are:

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{Lit1C}} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(\text{Lit1C}^{k+1} - \text{Lit1C}^{k} \right) + R_{1}^{k+1} \Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{Lit1N}} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(\text{Lit1N}^{k+1} - \text{Lit1N}^{k} \right) + u_{1} R_{1}^{k+1} \Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{Lit2C}} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(\text{Lit2C}^{k+1} - \text{Lit2C}^{k} \right) + R_{2}^{k+1} \Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{Lit2N}} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(\text{Lit2N}^{k+1} - \text{Lit2N}^{k} \right) + u_{2} R_{2}^{k+1} \Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{Lit3C}} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(\text{Lit3C}^{k+1} - \text{Lit3C}^{k} \right) + R_{3}^{k+1} \Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{Lit3N}} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(\text{Lit3N}^{k+1} - \text{Lit3N}^{k} \right) + u_{3} R_{3}^{k+1} \Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{SOM1}} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(\text{SOM1}^{k+1} - \text{SOM1}^{k} \right) - \left[(1 - f_{1}) R_{1}^{k+1} - R_{4}^{k+1} \right] \Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{SOM2}} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(\text{SOM2}^{k+1} - \text{SOM2}^{k} \right) - \left[(1 - f_{2}) R_{2}^{k+1} + (1 - f_{4}) R_{4}^{k+1} - R_{5}^{k+1} \right] \Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{SOM3}} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(\text{SOM3}^{k+1} - \text{SOM3}^{k} \right) - \left[(1 - f_{3}) R_{3}^{k+1} + (1 - f_{5}) R_{5}^{k+1} - R_{6}^{k+1} \right] \Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{SOM4}} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(\text{SOM4}^{k+1} - \text{SOM4}^{k} \right) - \left[(1 - f_{6}) R_{6}^{k+1} - R_{7}^{k+1} \right] \Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{CO2}} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(\text{CO2}_{2}^{k+1} - \text{CO2}_{2}^{k} \right)$$

$$- \left[f_{1} R_{1}^{k+1} + f_{2} R_{2}^{k+1} + f_{3} R_{3}^{k+1} + f_{4} R_{4}^{k+1} + f_{5} R_{5}^{k+1} + f_{6} R_{6}^{k+1} + R_{7}^{k+1} \right] \Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{N}_{\text{mineral}}} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(\text{N}_{\text{mineral}}^{k+1} - \text{N}_{\text{mineral}}^{k} \right)$$

$$- \left[n_{1} R_{1}^{k+1} + n_{2} R_{2}^{k+1} + n_{3} R_{3}^{k+1} + n_{4} R_{4}^{k+1} + n_{5} R_{5}^{k+1} + n_{6} R_{6}^{k+1} + R_{7}^{k+1} \right] \Delta V$$

For Lit1 decomposition, the rate is

$$R_1 = f_T f_{\Psi} f_{\mathcal{N}} k_1 \text{Lit1C} \tag{9}$$

the derivatives are:

$$\frac{\partial R_1}{\partial \text{Lit1C}} = f_T f_{\Psi} f_{\text{N}} k_1 = R'_{1,\text{Lit1C}}$$
(10)

$$\frac{\partial R_1}{\partial \mathcal{N}_{\text{mineral}}} = f_T f_{\Psi} k_1 \text{Lit1C} \frac{k_N}{(k_N + \mathcal{N}_{\text{mineral}})^2} = R'_{1,N}$$
(11)

$$\begin{array}{lll} \frac{\partial R_{\rm Lit1N}}{\partial {\rm Lit1C}} & = \frac{\partial (u_1R_1)}{\partial {\rm Lit1C}} & = R_1 \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial {\rm Lit1C}} + u_1R_{1,{\rm Lit1C}} & = -R_1 \frac{{\rm Lit1N}}{{\rm Lit1C}^2} + u_1R'_{1,{\rm Lit1C}} \\ \frac{\partial R_{\rm Lit1N}}{\partial {\rm Lit1N}} & = \frac{\partial (u_1R_1)}{\partial {\rm Lit1N}} & = R_1 \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial {\rm Lit1N}} & = R_1 \frac{1}{{\rm Lit1C}} \\ \frac{\partial R_{\rm Lit1N}}{\partial {\rm Nmineral}} & = \frac{\partial (u_1R_1)}{\partial {\rm Nmineral}} & = R_1 \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial {\rm Nmineral}} + u_1R'_{1,{\rm N}} & = u_1R'_{1,{\rm N}} \\ \frac{\partial R_{\rm Nmineral}}{\partial {\rm Lit1C}} & = -\frac{\partial (n_1R_1)}{\partial {\rm Lit1C}} & = -R_1 \frac{\partial n_1}{\partial {\rm Lit1N}} & = -R_1 \frac{1}{{\rm Lit1C}} \\ \frac{\partial R_{\rm Nmineral}}{\partial {\rm Lit1N}} & = -\frac{\partial (n_1R_1)}{\partial {\rm Lit1N}} & = -R_1 \frac{\partial n_1}{\partial {\rm Lit1N}} & = -R_1 \frac{1}{{\rm Lit1C}} \\ \frac{\partial R_{\rm Nmineral}}{\partial {\rm Nmineral}} & = -\frac{\partial (n_1R_1)}{\partial {\rm Lit1N}} & = -R_1 \frac{\partial n_1}{\partial {\rm Nmineral}} & = -R_1 \frac{1}{{\rm Lit1C}} \\ & = -R_1 \frac{\partial n_1}{\partial {\rm Nmineral}} & = -R_1 \frac{\partial n_1}{\partial {\rm Nmineral}} & = -R_1 \frac{\partial n_1}{\partial {\rm Nmineral}} \\ \end{array}$$

Table 3: Jacobian for Litter Pools SOMi LitiN CO_2 $N_{mine\underline{ral}}$ $\frac{R'_{i,\text{LitiC}}}{-R_i \frac{\text{LitiN}}{\text{LitiC}^2} + u_i R'_{i,\text{LitiC}}} - (1 - f_i) R'_{i,\text{LitiC}}}$ $R'_{i,N}$ LitiC $u_i R'_{i,N}$ $R_i \frac{1}{\text{LitiC}}$ LitiN 0 0 $-(1 - f_i)R'_{i,N}$ $-f_iR'_{i,N}$ $-n_iR'_{i,N}$ SOMi0 0 $-f_i R'_{i,\text{LitiC}}$ $R_i \frac{\text{LitiN}}{\text{LitiC}^2} - n_i R'_{i,\text{LitiC}}$ CO_2 0 0 0 $N_{mineral}$

Table 4: Jacobian for SOM Pools								
	SOM1	SOM2	SOM3	SOM4	CO_2	N_{mineral}		
SOM1	R'_4	0	0	0	0	0		
SOM2	$-(1-f_4)R_4'$	R_5'	0	0	0	0		
SOM3	0	$-(1-f_5)R_5'$	R_6'	0	0	0		
SOM4	0	0	$-(1-f_6)R_6'$	R_7'	0	0		
CO_2	$-f_4R_4'$	$-f_5R'_5$	$-f_6R'_6$	$-R_7'$	0	0		
$N_{\rm mineral}$	$-n_4R_4'$	$-n_5R_5'$	$-n_6R_6'$	$-n_7R_7'$	0	0		

1.4 Applications

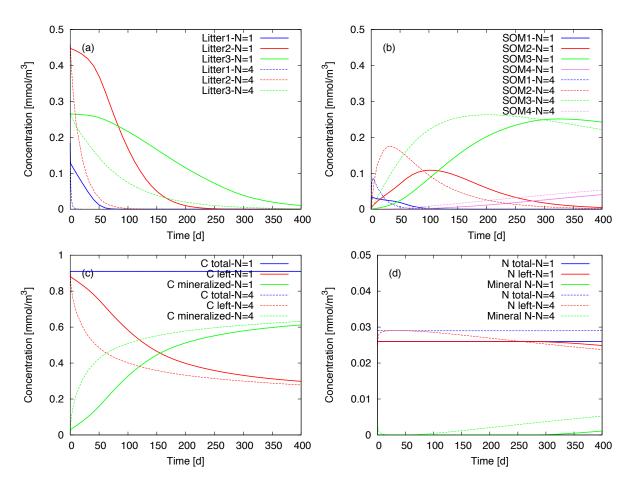


Figure 2: Demonstrating N limiting on C decomposition (initial mineral N=1 and 4 μ mol/m³)

2 CLM4.5 CH₄ Oxidation

2.1 Reaction

$$CH_4 + 2O_2 = CO_2 + 2H_2O$$
 (12)

2.2 Rate

$$R = k \frac{\text{CH}_4}{k_{\text{CH}4} + \text{CH}_4} \frac{\text{O}_2}{k_{\text{O}2} + \text{O}_2} f_T f_{\Psi}$$
 (13)

2.3 Residuals

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{CH4}} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(\text{CH}_4^{k+1} - \text{CH}_4^k \right) + R^{k+1} \Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{O2}} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(\text{O}_2^{k+1} - \text{O}_2^k \right) + 2R^{k+1} \Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{CO2}} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(\text{CO}_2^{k+1} - \text{CO}_2^k \right) - R^{k+1} \Delta V$$

2.4 Jacobian

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \text{CH}_4} = k \frac{k_{\text{CH}4}}{(k_{\text{CH}4} + \text{CH}_4)^2} \frac{\text{O}_2}{k_{\text{O}2} + \text{O}_2} f_T f_{\Psi} = R'_{\text{CH}4}$$
$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \text{O}_2} = k \frac{\text{CH}_4}{k_{\text{CH}4} + \text{CH}_4} \frac{k_{\text{O}2}}{(k_{\text{O}4} + \text{O}_2)^2} f_T f_{\Psi} = R'_{\text{O}2}$$

Table 5: Jacobian for methane oxidation

	CH_4	O_2	CO_2
CH_4	$R'_{\rm CH4}$	$R'_{\rm O2}$	0
O_2	$2R'_{\mathrm{CH4}}$	$2R'_{O2}$	0
CO_2	$-R'_{ m CH4}$	$-R'_{\rm O2}$	0

2.5 Application

Input file

CHEMISTRY
PRIMARY_SPECIES
02(aq)
Methane(aq)
C02(aq)

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REDOX_SPECIES
   CO2(aq)
   Methane(aq)
    02(aq)
 REACTION_SANDBOX
   CH40
      RATE_CONSTANT 1.25d-10 ! mol/m3 s
     HALFSATURATIONCH4 5.0d-6
     HALFSATURATIONO2 2.0d-5
 DATABASE ../../pflotran-clm4me/database/hanford.dati
CONSTRAINT initial
 CONCENTRATIONS
    02(aq)
           0.001 T
   Methane(aq) 0.001 T
   CO2(aq) 1.0d-10 T
END
  Code
subroutine CH4OReact(this, Residual, Jacobian, compute_derivative, &
                         rt_auxvar,global_auxvar,porosity,volume,reaction, &
                         option)
 word = "Methane(aq)"
  is_ch4 = GetPrimarySpeciesIDFromName(word,reaction,option)
 word = "CO2(aq)"
  is_co2 = GetPrimarySpeciesIDFromName(word,reaction,option)
 word = "02(aq)"
  is_o2 = GetPrimarySpeciesIDFromName(word,reaction,option)
 temp_K = global_auxvar%temp(1) + 273.15d0
 F_t = \exp(308.56d0*(one\_over\_71\_02 - 1.d0/(temp_K - 227.13d0)))
 F_theta = log(theta_min/global_auxvar%sat(1)) * one_over_log_theta_min
 L_water = porosity*global_auxvar%sat(iphase)*volume*1.d3
 c_ch4 = rt_auxvar%total(is_ch4,iphase)
 c_o2 = rt_auxvar%total(is_o2,iphase)
 rate = this%rate_constant * L_water * & ! mole/(L sec)
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c_ch4/(this\%kmch4 + c_ch4) * c_o2/(this\%kmo2 + c_o2) * F_t * F_theta
Residual(is_ch4) = Residual(is_ch4) + rate
Residual(is_o2) = Residual(is_o2) + 2.0 * rate
Residual(is_co2) = Residual(is_co2) - rate
if (compute_derivative) then
  ! always add contribution to Jacobian
  ! units = (mol/sec)*(kg water/mol) = kg water/sec
  \frac{1}{2} dx/(k+x) = k/(k+x)^2
  drate_dch4 = rate * this%kmch4 / c_ch4 / (this%kmch4 + c_ch4)
  drate_do2 = rate * this%kmo2 / c_o2 / (this%kmo2 + c_o2)
  Jacobian(is_ch4,is_ch4) = Jacobian(is_ch4,is_ch4) - drate_dch4
  Jacobian(is_ch4,is_o2) = Jacobian(is_ch4,is_o2) - drate_do2
  Jacobian(is_o2,is_ch4) = Jacobian(is_o2,is_ch4) - 2.0 * drate_dch4
  Jacobian(is_o2,is_o2) = Jacobian(is_o2,is_o2) - 2.0 * drate_do2
  Jacobian(is_co2,is_ch4) = Jacobian(is_co2,is_ch4) + drate_dch4
  Jacobian(is_co2,is_o2) = Jacobian(is_co2,is_o2) + drate_do2
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endif

end subroutine CH40React

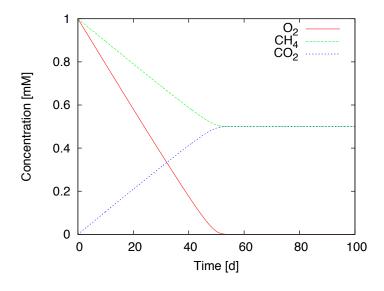


Figure 3: Example calculation for methane oxidation)

3 Acetoclastic Methanogenesis

3.1 Reaction

$$Ac^{-} + H_2O = CH_4 + HCO_3^{-}$$
 (14)

$$(1 + y/2)Ac^{-} + 0.5yH^{+} + H_{2}O = CH_{4} + HCO_{3}^{-} + yC_{bio}$$
(15)

3.2 Rate

$$R = k C_{\text{bio}} \frac{Ac^{-}}{k_{\text{Ac}} + Ac^{-}} f_{T} f_{\Psi}$$

$$\tag{16}$$

3.3 Residuals

$$\mathcal{R}_{Ac-} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(Ac^{-k+1} - Ac^{-k} \right) + (1 + y/2)R^{k+1}\Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{CH4} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(CH_4^{k+1} - CH_4^k \right) - R^{k+1}\Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{Cbio} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(C_{bio}^{k+1} - C_{bio}^k \right) - yR^{k+1}\Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{HCO3-} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(HCO_3^{-k+1} - HCO_3^{-k} \right) - R^{k+1}\Delta V$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{H+} = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \left(H^{+k+1} - H^{+k} \right) + y/2R^{k+1}\Delta V$$

3.4 Jacobian

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial Ac} = kC_{\text{bio}} \frac{k_{\text{Ac}}}{(k_{\text{Ac}} + Ac^{-})^{2}} f_{T} f_{\Psi} = R'_{a}$$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial C_{\text{bio}}} = k \frac{Ac^{-}}{k_{\text{Ac}} + Ac^{-}} f_{T} f_{\Psi} = R'_{b}$$

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