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Modelling Aquatic Ecosystems
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Structure of the Course

1. Introduction, principles of modelling environmental systems, mass balance in a mixed reactor, process table notation, simple lake plankton model
   Exercise: R, `ecosim`-package, simple lake plankton model
   Exercise: lake phytoplankton-zooplankton model
2. Process stoichiometry   Exercises: analytical solution, calculation with `stoichcalc`
3. Biological processes in lakes
4. Physical processes in lakes, mass balance in multi-box and continuous systems   Exercise: structured, biogeochemical-ecological lake model
   Assignments: build your own model by implementing model extensions
5. Physical processes in in rivers, bacterial growth, river model for benthic populations   Exercise: river model for benthic populations, nutrients and oxygen
6. Uncertainty, Parameter estimation, Stochasticity
   Exercise: parameter estimation
   Exercise: stochasticity, uncertainty
7. Existing models and applications in research and practice, examples and case studies, preparation of the oral exam, feedback

Goals

- Review exercise 2 and clarify open questions
- Acquire knowledge in process stoichiometry to bridge between ecological and biogeochemical processes.
- Learn to calculate stoichiometric coefficients
  from chemical substance notation (chapter 4.3.1)
  and parameterized elemental mass fractions (chapter 4.3.2).

Review Exercise 2: Model description

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chapter 11.2

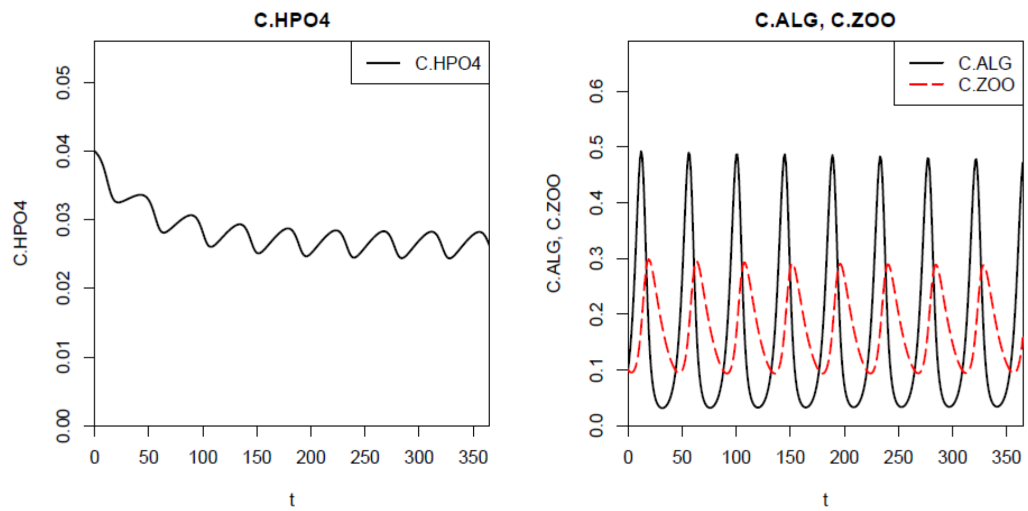
Process	Substances / Organisms HPO4 $[gP/m^3]$	ALG $[gDM/m^3]$	ZOO $[gDM/m^3]$	Rate
Growth of algae	$-\alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}$	1		$\rho_{\mathrm{gro,ALG}}$
Death of algae		-1		$\rho_{\mathrm{death,ALG}}$
Growth of zooplankton		$-\dfrac{1}{Y_{\mathrm{ZOO}}}$	1	$\rho_{\mathrm{gro,ZOO}}$
Death of zooplankton			-1	$\rho_{\mathrm{death,ZOO}}$

here units of the state variables in the model

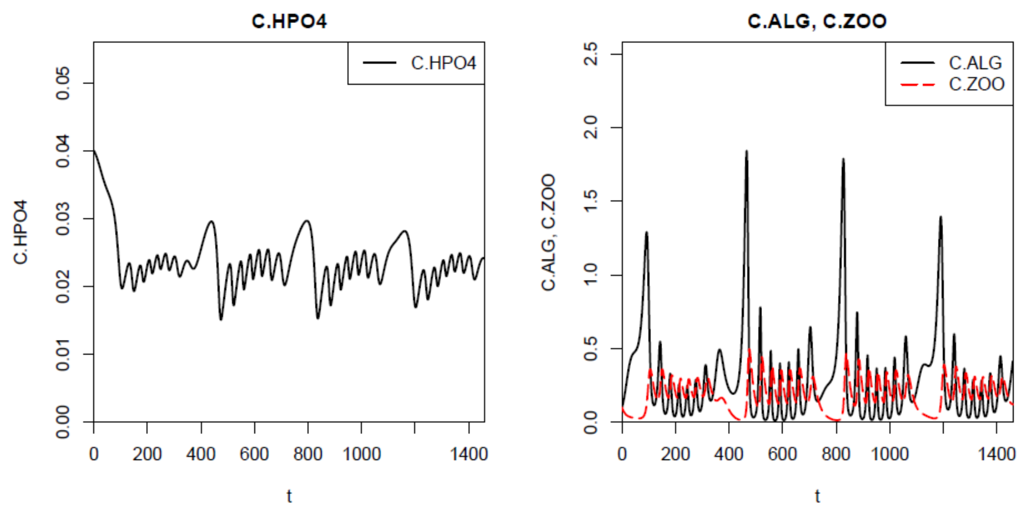
Rate	Rate expression
$\rho_{\mathrm{gro,ALG}}$	$k_{\mathrm{gro,ALG},T_0} \cdot \exp\Big(\beta_{\mathrm{ALG}}(T-T_0)\Big) \cdot \dfrac{1}{\lambda h} \log\left(\dfrac{K_I + I_0}{K_I + I_0 \exp(-\lambda h)}\right) \cdot \dfrac{C_{\mathrm{HPO_4^{2-}}}}{K_{\mathrm{HPO_4^{2-},ALG}} + C_{\mathrm{HPO_4^{2-}}}} \cdot C_{\mathrm{ALG}}$
$\rho_{\mathrm{death,ALG}}$	$k_{\mathrm{death,ALG}}\, C_{\mathrm{ALG}}$
$\rho_{\mathrm{gro,ZOO}}$	$k_{\mathrm{gro,ZOO},T_0} \cdot \exp\Big(\beta_{\mathrm{ZOO}}(T-T_0)\Big) \cdot C_{\mathrm{ALG}}\, C_{\mathrm{ZOO}}$
$\rho_{\mathrm{death,ZOO}}$	$k_{\mathrm{death,ZOO}}\, C_{\mathrm{ZOO}}$

Review Exercise 2: Model results

Results for constant environmental conditions



Results for periodic environmental conditions



Review Exercise 2: Questions

Do you have questions?

Review Exercise 2: Theory Questions

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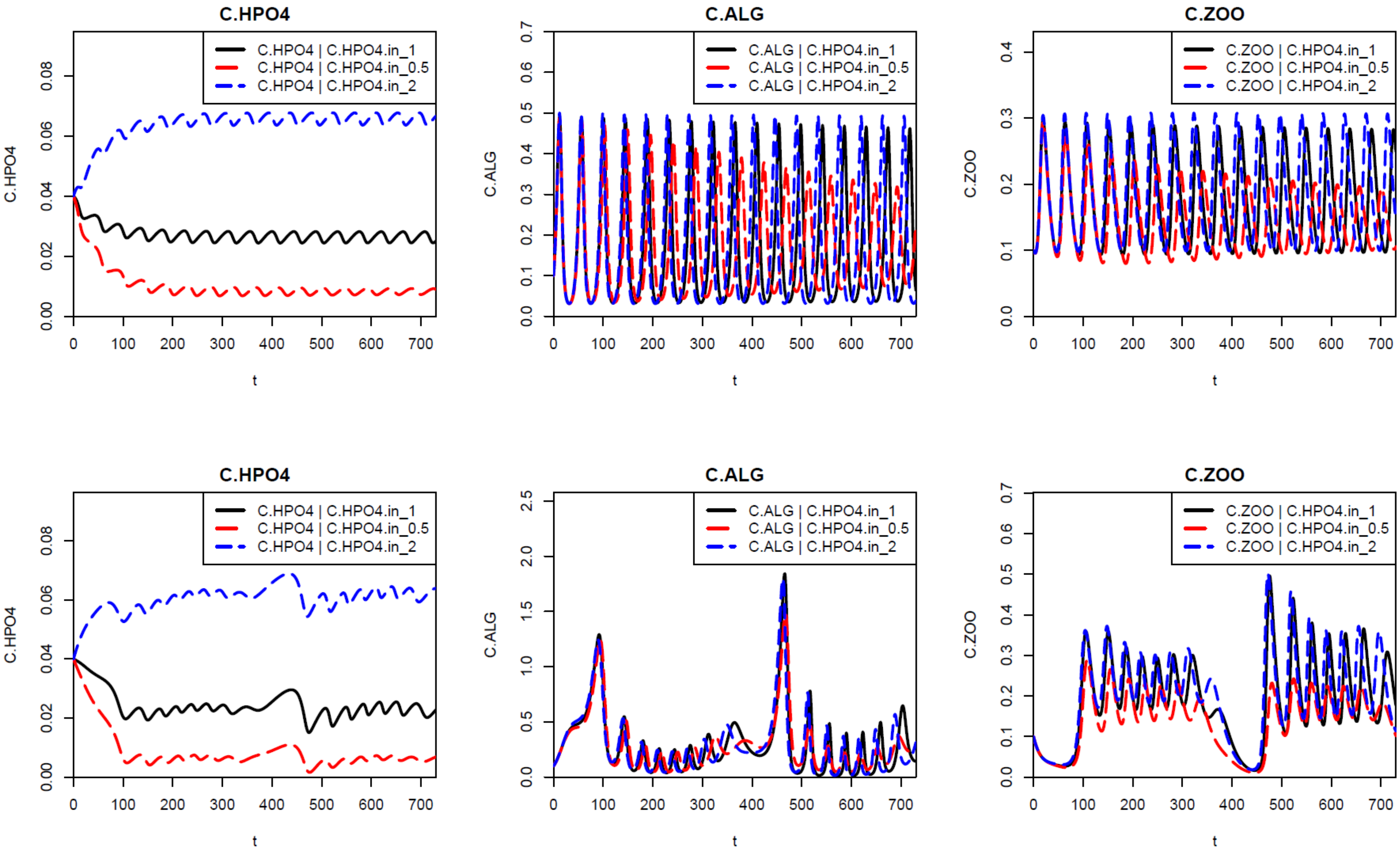
1. Are the algae concentrations controlled bottom-up (by phosphate limitation) or top-down (by grazing of zooplankton)?
2. What is the reason for oscillating concentrations under constant driving forces?
3. What is the difference in the oscillations between the simulation with constant and periodic driving forces?
4. What are the main deficits of the model compared to a real lake?
5. What is your expectation regarding the response of the model to the change in each parameter, does the result match your expectation and can you explain the observed changes?

Review Exercise 2: Sensitivity Analysis



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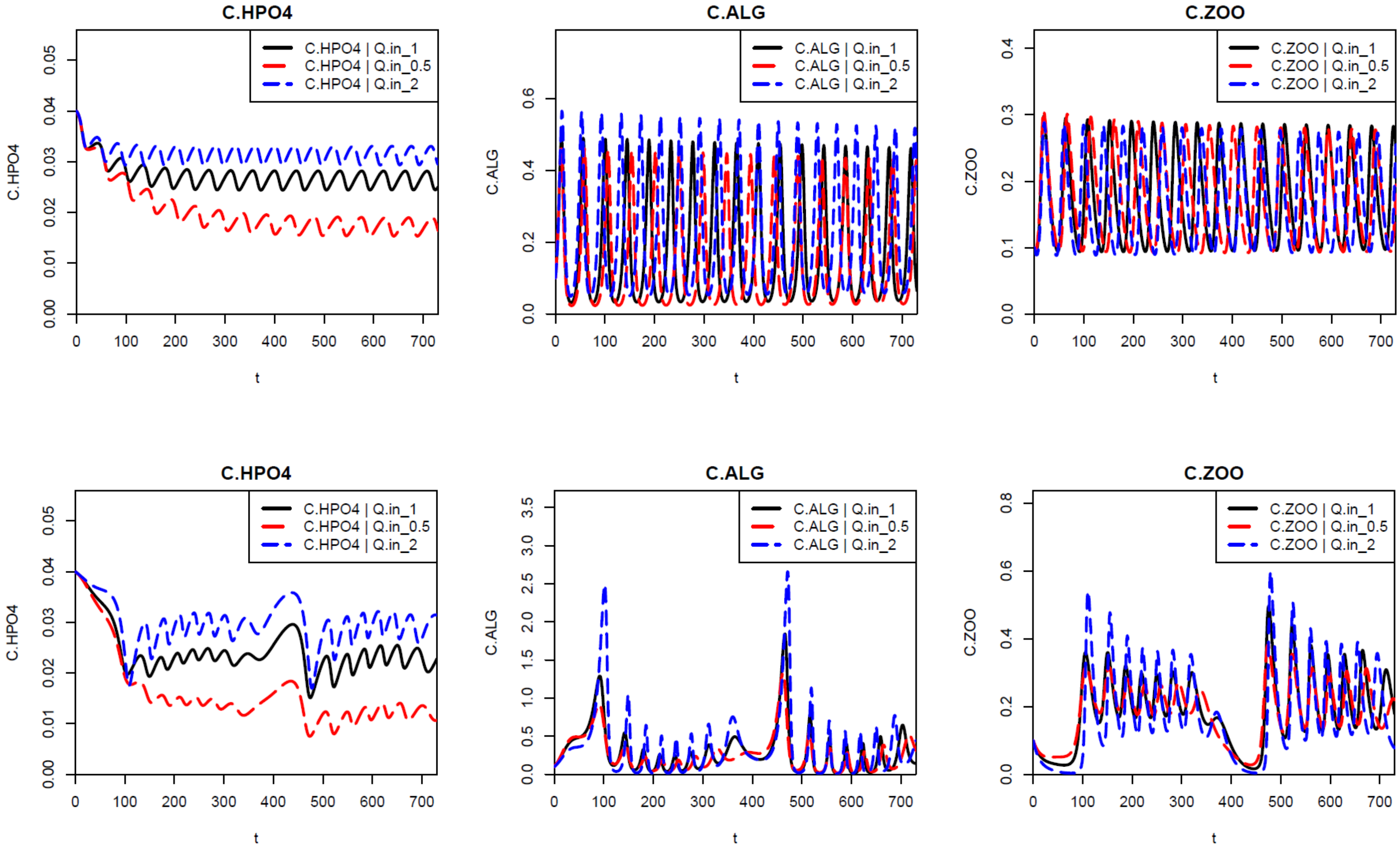

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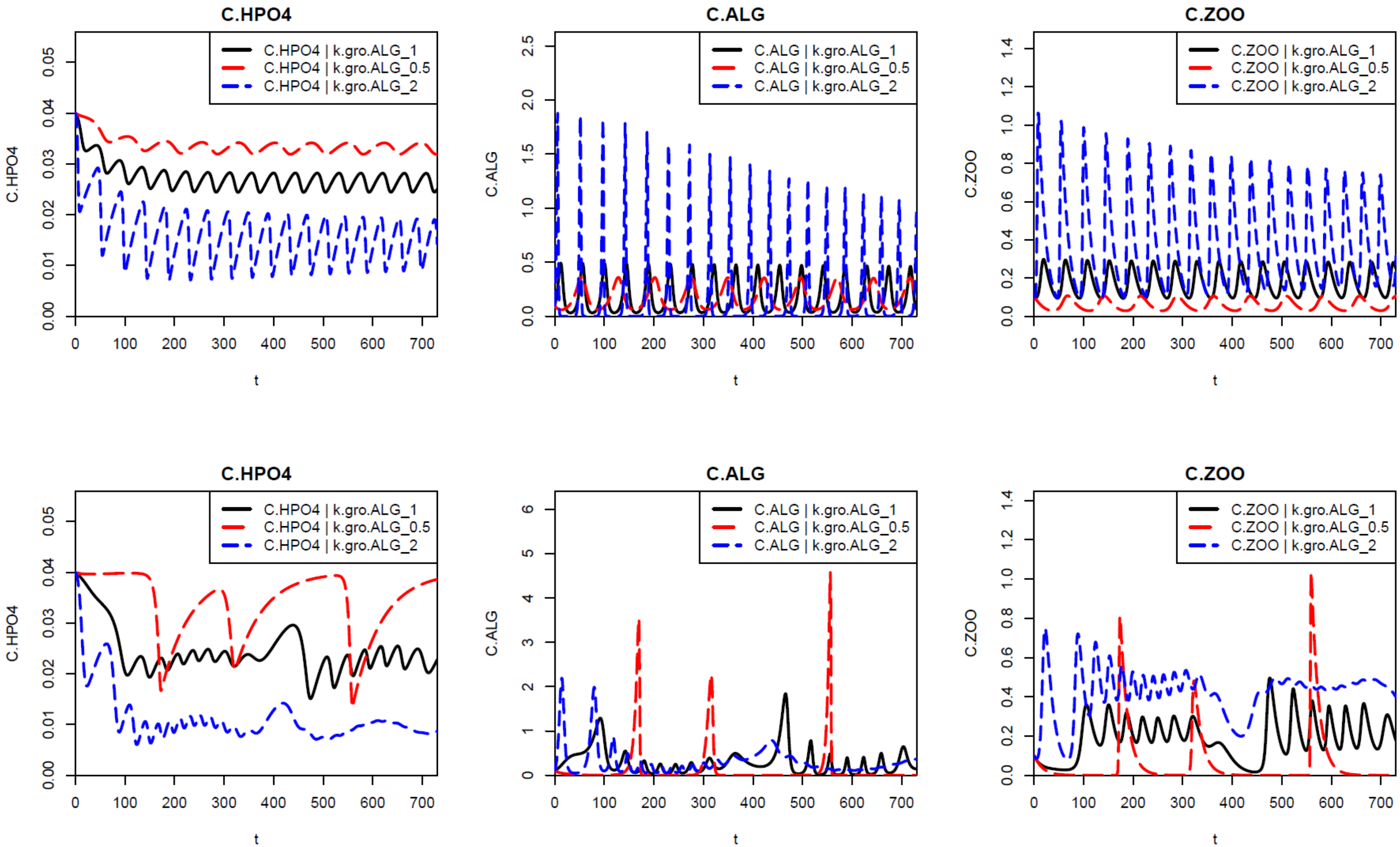

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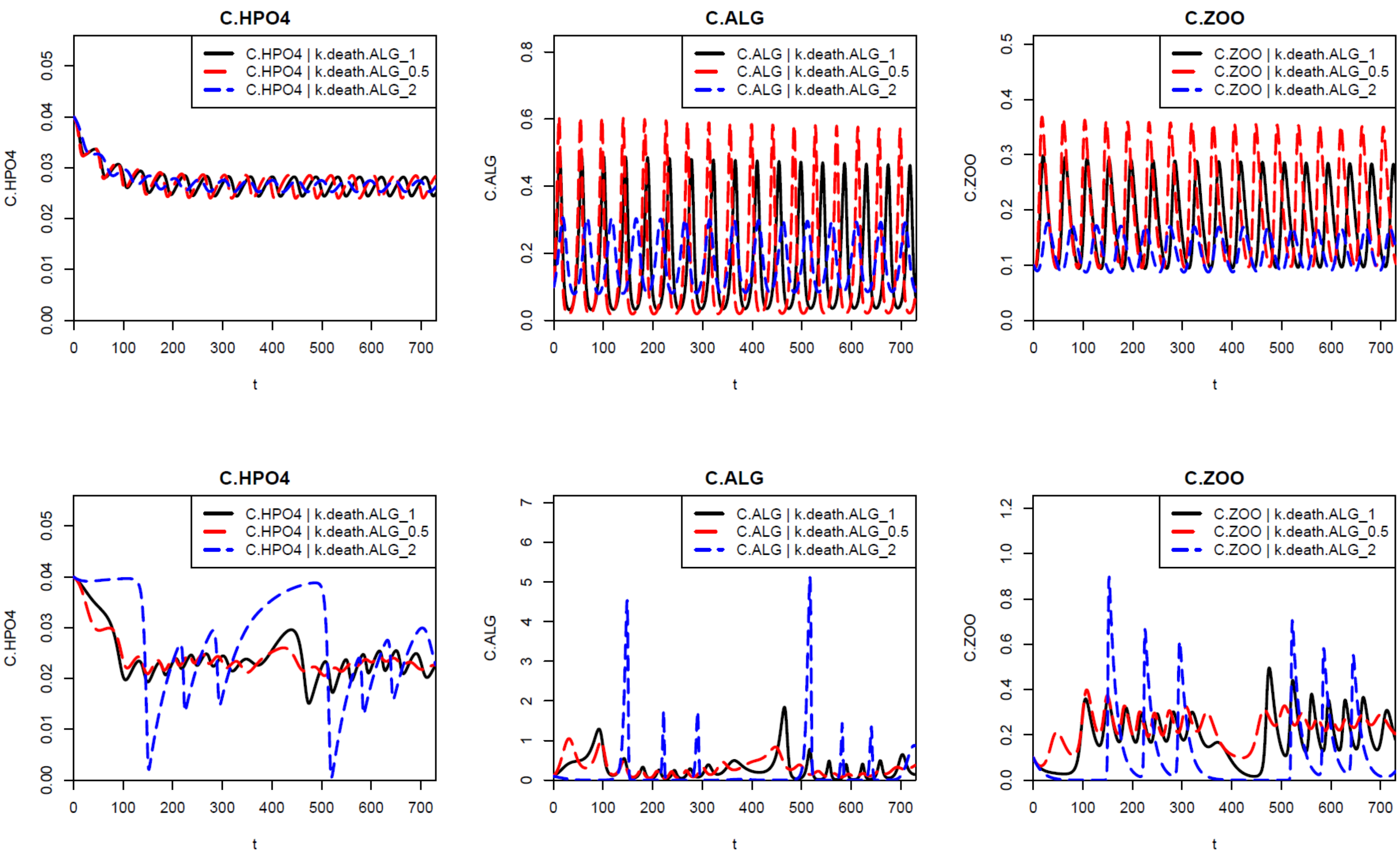

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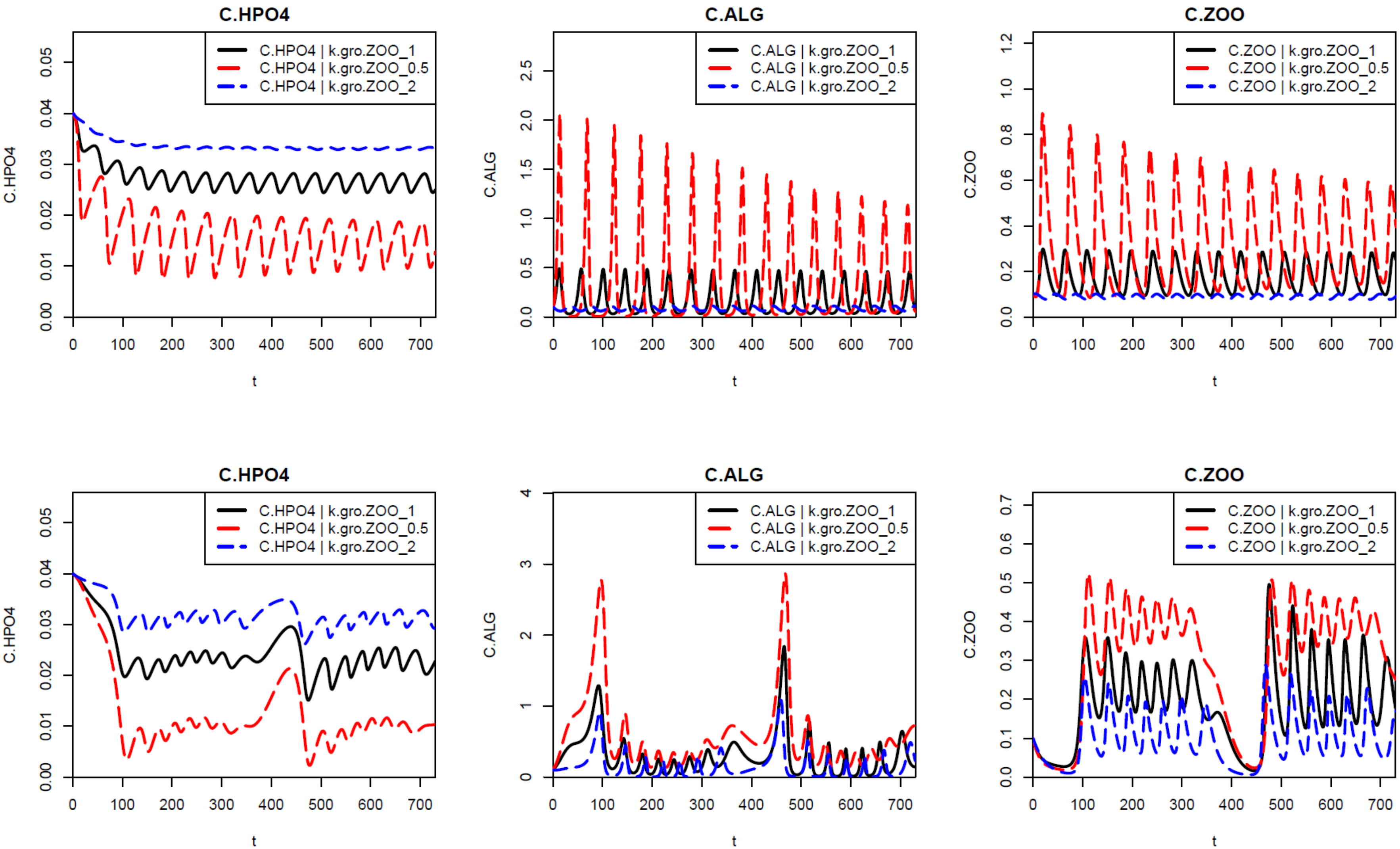

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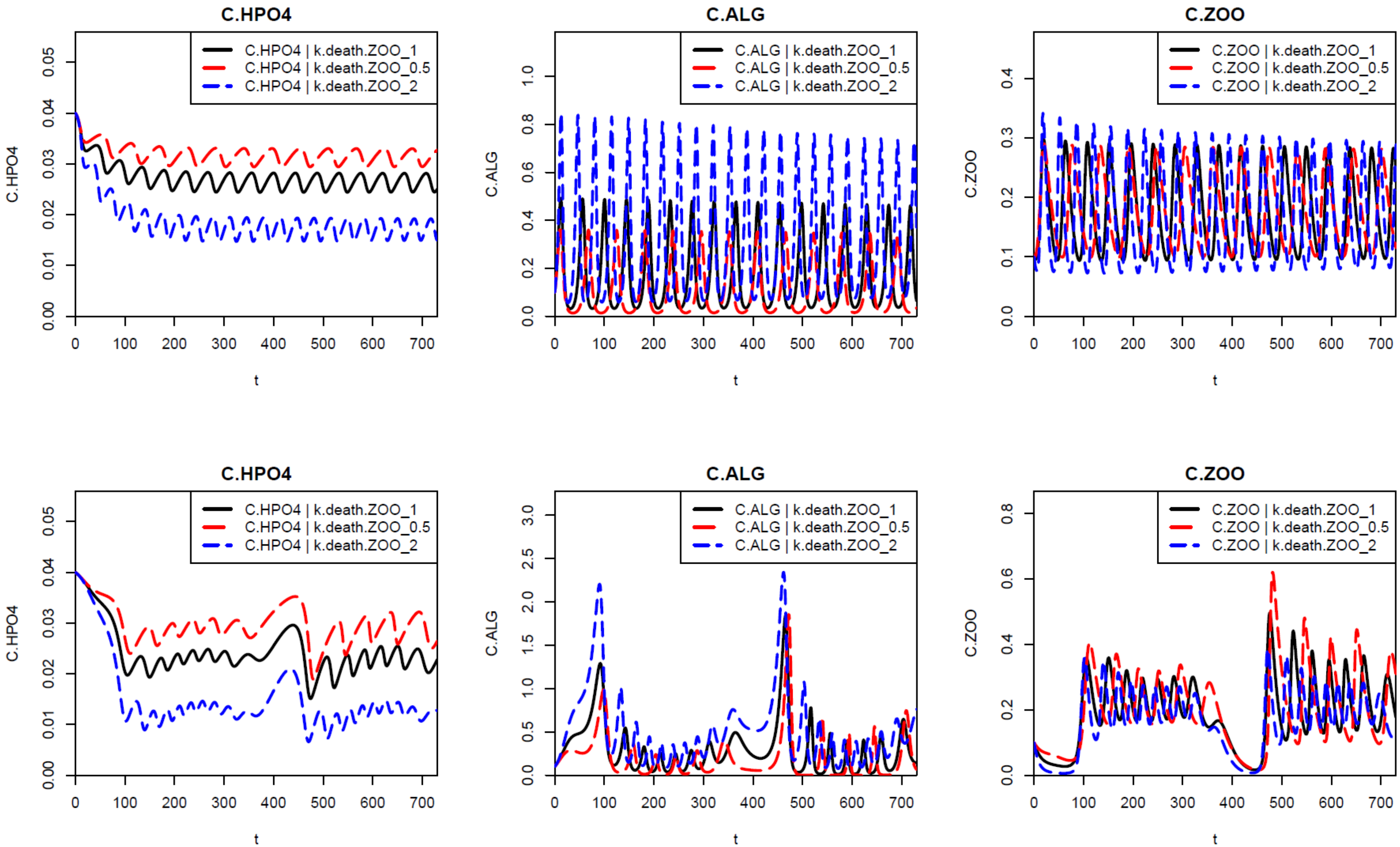

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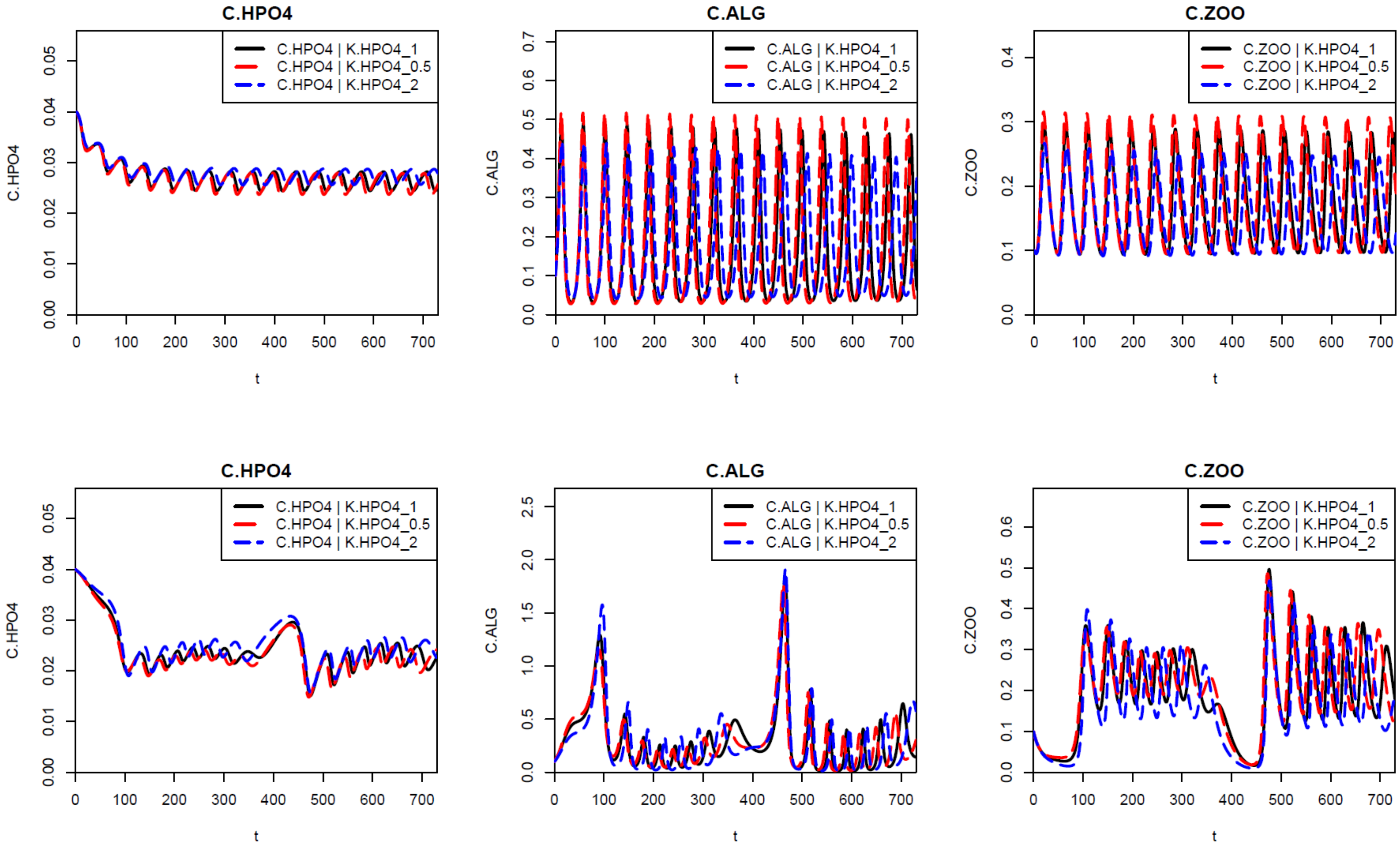

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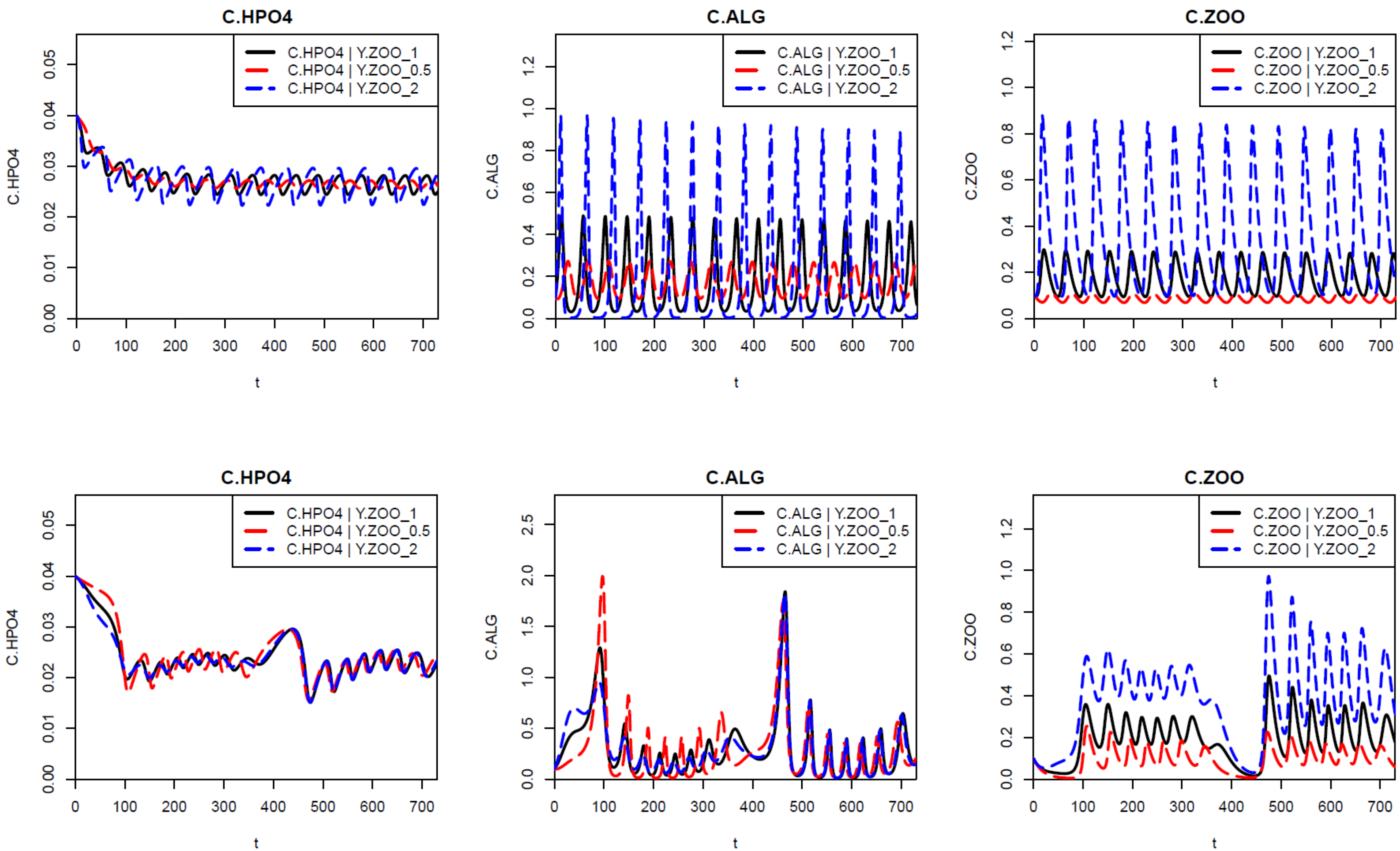

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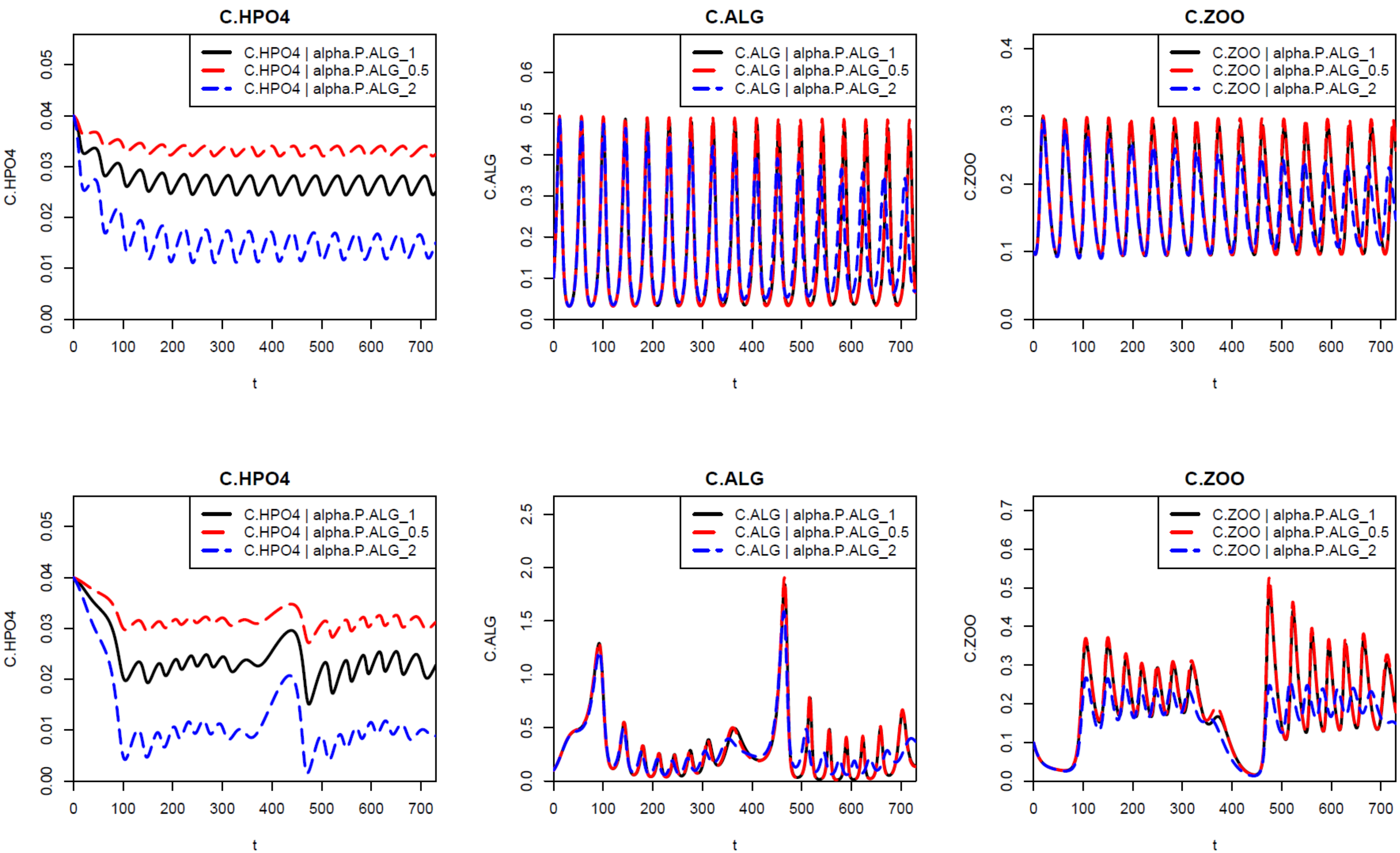


Review Exercise 2: Lessons learned?

Stoichiometry

Process i	Substances j					Rate
	s_1	s_2	s_3	$\cdots$	$\mathsf{s}_{n_\mathrm{s}}$	
p_1	ν_{11}	ν_{12}	ν_{13}	$\cdots$	ν_{1n_s}	ρ_1
p_2	ν_{21}	ν_{22}	ν_{23}	$\cdots$	ν_{2n_s}	ρ_2
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\mathsf{p}_{n_\mathrm{p}}$	$\nu_{n_\mathrm{p}1}$	$\nu_{n_\mathrm{p}2}$	$\nu_{n_\mathrm{p}3}$	$\cdots$	$\nu_{n_\mathrm{p}n_\mathrm{s}}$	ρ_{n_p}

$$r_j = \sum_{i=1}^{n_\mathrm{p}} \nu_{ij}\ \rho_i$$

How to derive the stoichiometric coefficients ν_{ij}?

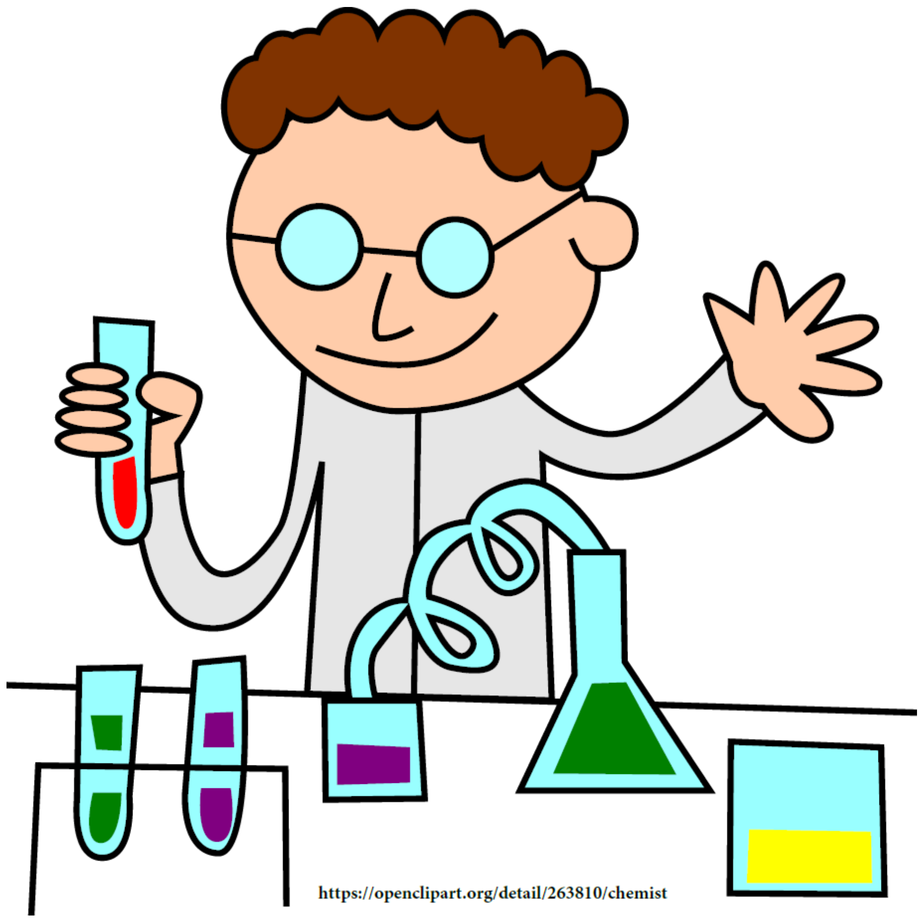
Stoichiometry: Ingredients for 1 cake?

Best recipe: https://tinyurl.com/Schoggikuchen

Process table for chocolate cake

process	Chocolate [g]	Egg [no.]	Butter [g]	Sugar [g]	Cake [no.]	rate [min^{-1}]
baking a cake	-300	-5	-100	-100	+1	1/25 (at 180 °C)

Stoichiometry



https://openclipart.org/detail/263810/chemist

Stoichiometry

chapter 4.3.1

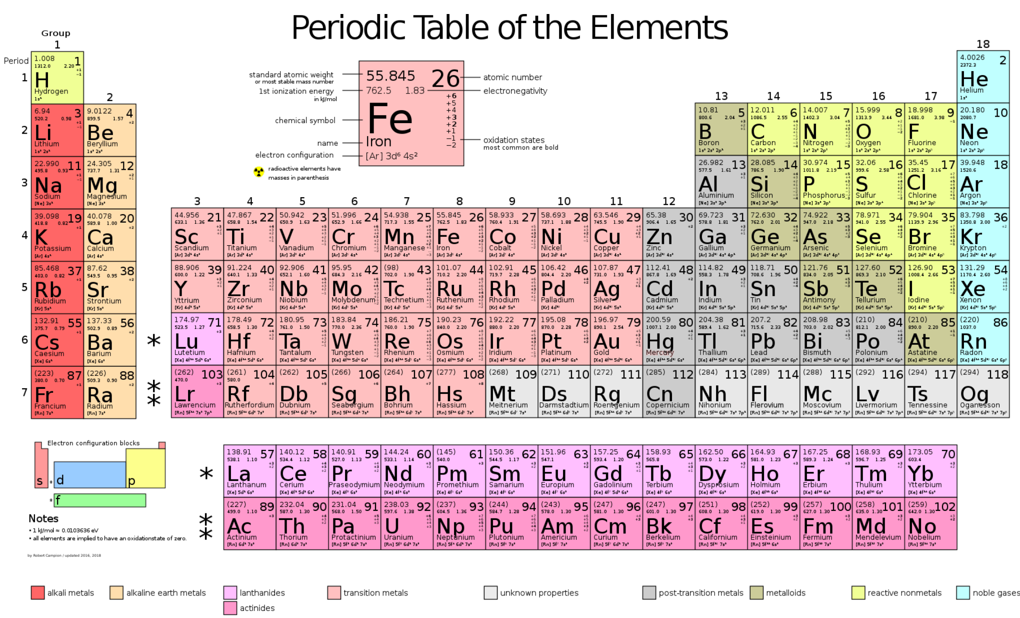
3 ways to derive stoichiometric coefficients:

- Chemical substance notation
- Parameterized elemental mass fractions
- General solution

Bevor we start...

Conversion from mole to mass:

$$n[\mathrm{mol}] = \frac{m[\mathrm{g}]}{M[\mathrm{g/mol}]}$$



Molar mass M
(atomic weight)

H: 1 g/mol
C: 12 g/mol
N: 14 g/mol
O: 16 g/mol
P: 31 g/mol

Chemical Substance Notation

Process	NH_4^+	NO_3^-	HPO_4^{2-}	O_2	ALG	ZOO	POM
	mol	mol	mol	mol	gDM	gDM	gDM
Growth of ALG,NH4	?		?	?	1		
Growth of ALG,NO3		?	?	?	1		
Respiration of ALG	?		?	?	-1		
Death of ALG					-1		1
Growth of ZOO	?		?	?	?	1	?
Respiration of ZOO	?		?	?		-1	
Death of ZOO						-1	1

Substances / Organisms

here just units of measurement of the different substances

Additional substances for calculation of the stoichiometric coefficients: HCO_3^-, H^+, H_2O

Chemical Substance Notation

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1. Example: Growth of algae

Typical composition of marine algae (Redfield, 1958)

$$\boxed{(CH_2O)_{106}(NH_3)_{16}(H_3PO_4)_1 = C_{106}H_{263}O_{110}N_{16}P}$$

Total "molar" mass:

$$\begin{aligned} M &= 106 \cdot 12 \,\frac{\text{gC}}{\text{“mol”}} + 263 \,\frac{\text{gH}}{\text{“mol”}} + 110 \cdot 16 \,\frac{\text{gO}}{\text{“mol”}} \\ &\quad + 16 \cdot 14 \,\frac{\text{gN}}{\text{“mol”}} + 31 \,\frac{\text{gP}}{\text{“mol”}} \\ &= 3550 \,\frac{\text{gDM}}{\text{“mol”}} \end{aligned}$$

Chemical Substance Notation

1. Example: Growth of algae with nitrate:

$$a\,\mathrm{HCO_3^-} + b\,\mathrm{NO_3^-} + c\,\mathrm{HPO_4^{2-}} + d\,\mathrm{H^+} + e\,\mathrm{H_2O} \rightarrow \mathrm{C_{106}H_{263}O_{110}N_{16}P} + f\,\mathrm{O_2}$$

6 unknowns (a, b, c, d, e, f)

equations for the conservation of "mass": ?

Chemical Substance Notation

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equations for the conservation of "mass": for C, H, O, N, P and charge

C: $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 106 \rightarrow a = 106$

Chemical Substance Notation

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N: $b \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 16 \rightarrow b = 16$

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C: $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 106 \rightarrow a = 106$

N: $b \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 16 \rightarrow b = 16$

P: $c \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 1 \rightarrow c = 1$

Chemical Substance Notation

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1. Example: Growth of algae with nitrate:

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6 unknowns (*a, b, c, d, e, f*)

equations for the conservation of "mass": for C, H, O, N, P and charge

a = 106, b = 16, c = 1

H: $106 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 + d \cdot 1 + e \cdot 2 = 1 \cdot 263 \quad ,$

O: $106 \cdot 3 + 16 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 4 + e \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 110 + f \cdot 2 \quad ,$

e⁻: $106 \cdot (-1) + 16 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot (-2) + d \cdot (+1) = 0 \quad .$

d =124 e =16 f =138

Chemical Substance Notation

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a = 106, b = 16, c = 1, d = 124, e = 16, f = 138

$$106\,\mathrm{HCO_3^-} + 16\,\mathrm{NO_3^-} + \mathrm{HPO_4^{2-}} + 124\,\mathrm{H^+} + 16\,\mathrm{H_2O}$$
$$\rightarrow \mathrm{C_{106}H_{263}O_{110}N_{16}P} + 138\,\mathrm{O_2}$$

$$M_{ALG} = 3550\ \frac{\text{gDM}}{\text{“mol”}}$$

Chemical Substance Notation

Stoichiometric coefficients for growth of algae:

$$\nu_{\text{gro,ALG,NO3 HCO}_3^-} = -\frac{106}{3550}\frac{\text{molHCO}_3^-}{\text{gDM}}$$

$$\nu_{\text{gro,ALG,NO3 NO}_3^-} = -\frac{16}{3550}\frac{\text{molNO}_3^-}{\text{gDM}}$$

$$\nu_{\text{gro,ALG,NO3 HPO}_4^{2-}} = -\frac{1}{3550}\frac{\text{molHPO}_4^{2-}}{\text{gDM}}$$

$$\nu_{\text{gro,ALG,NO3 H+}} = -\frac{124}{3550}\frac{\text{molH}^+}{\text{gDM}}$$

$$\nu_{\text{gro,ALG,NO3 H}_2\text{O}} = -\frac{16}{3550}\frac{\text{molH}_2\text{O}}{\text{gDM}}$$

$$\nu_{\text{gro,ALG,NO3 ALG}} = 1\frac{\text{gDM}}{\text{gDM}}$$

$$\nu_{\text{gro,ALG,NO3 O}_2} = \frac{138}{3550}\frac{\text{molO}_2}{\text{gDM}}$$

Pen and paper exercise task 1

Derive the stoichiometry for the process

“growth of algae with ammonium as nitrogen source”

by calculating the mass balances for the elements and charge.

Assume the Redfield composition for algal biomass (eq. 4.33 and 4.34).

$$a\,\mathrm{HCO_3^-} + b\,\mathrm{NH_4^+} + c\,\mathrm{HPO_4^{2-}} + d\,\mathrm{H^+} + e\,\mathrm{H_2O} \rightarrow \mathrm{C_{106}H_{263}O_{110}N_{16}P} + f\,\mathrm{O_2}$$

Chemical Substance Notation

Process	Substances / Organisms						
	NH_4^+ mol	NO_3^- mol	HPO_4^{2-} mol	O_2 mol	ALG gDM	ZOO gDM	POM gDM
Gro. ALG,NH4	$-\frac{16}{3550}$		$-\frac{1}{3550}$	$\frac{106}{3550}$	1		
Gro. ALG,NO3		$-\frac{16}{3550}$	$-\frac{1}{3550}$	$\frac{138}{3550}$	1		

Chemical Substance Notation

Similarly for algal growth with ammonium:

$$106\,HCO_3^- + 16\,NH_4^+ + HPO_4^{2-} + 92\,H^+ \\ \rightarrow C_{106}H_{263}O_{110}N_{16}P + 106\,O_2$$

Respiration:

$$C_{106}H_{263}O_{110}N_{16}P + 106\,O_2 \\ \rightarrow 106\,HCO_3^- + 16\,NH_4^+ + HPO_4^{2-} + 92\,H^+$$

Death:

$$C_{106}H_{263}O_{110}N_{16}P \rightarrow C_{106}H_{263}O_{110}N_{16}P$$

Chemical Substance Notation

Process	NH_4^+ mol	NO_3^- mol	HPO_4^{2-} mol	O_2 mol	ALG gDM	ZOO gDM	POM gDM
	Substances / Organisms						
Growth of ALG,NH4	?		?	?	1		
Growth of ALG,NO3		?	?	?	1		
Respiration of ALG	?		?	?	-1		
Death of ALG					-1		1
Growth of ZOO	?		?	?	?	1	?
Respiration of ZOO	?		?	?		-1	
Death of ZOO						-1	1

→ how many unknowns?

Additional substances for calculation of the stoichiometric coefficients:
HCO_3^-, H^+, H_2O

Chemical Substance Notation

Zooplankton Growth:

8 unknown stoichiometric coefficients

6 mass balance equations

2 additional constraints required:

Fraction of zooplankton biomass produced per algal biomass consumed (yield): Y_{ZOO}

Fraction of dead particles produced (excretion + sloppy feeding) per algal biomass consumed: f_{e}

The fraction of algal biomass respired is then: $f_{\mathrm{r}} = 1 - Y_{\mathrm{ZOO}} - f_{\mathrm{e}}$

Chemical Substance Notation

Process	NH_4^+ mol	NO_3^- mol	HPO_4^{2-} mol	O_2 mol	ALG gDM	ZOO gDM	POM gDM
	Substances / Organisms						
Gro. ALG,NH4	$-\frac{16}{3550}$		$-\frac{1}{3550}$	$\frac{106}{3550}$	1		
Gro. ALG,NO3		$-\frac{16}{3550}$	$-\frac{1}{3550}$	$\frac{138}{3550}$	1		
Resp. ALG	$\frac{16}{3550}$		$\frac{1}{3550}$	$-\frac{106}{3550}$	-1		
Death ALG					-1		1
Growth ZOO	$\frac{f_r}{Y_{ZOO}}\frac{16}{3550}$		$\frac{f_r}{Y_{ZOO}}\frac{1}{3550}$	$-\frac{f_r}{Y_{ZOO}}\frac{106}{3550}$	$-\frac{1}{Y_{ZOO}}$	1	$\frac{f_e}{Y_{ZOO}}$
Resp. ZOO	$\frac{16}{3550}$		$\frac{1}{3550}$	$-\frac{106}{3550}$		-1	
Death ZOO						-1	1

Stoichiometry

Chemical Substance Notation:

Quite some handwork!

If composition changes: redo the calculation!

→ instead of fixed composition use parameters for elemental mass fractions

Stoichiometry

chapter 4.3.2

3 ways to derive stoichiometric coefficients:

- Chemical substance notation
- Parameterized elemental mass fractions
- General solution

Extended Process Table Notation

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Processes i	Substances j					Rates
	s_1	s_2	s_3	$\cdots$	$\mathsf{s}_{n_\mathrm{s}}$	
p_1	ν_{11}	ν_{12}	ν_{13}	$\cdots$	ν_{1n_s}	ρ_1
p_2	ν_{21}	ν_{22}	ν_{23}	$\cdots$	ν_{2n_s}	ρ_2
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\mathsf{p}_{n_\mathrm{p}}$	$\nu_{n_\mathrm{p}1}$	$\nu_{n_\mathrm{p}2}$	$\nu_{n_\mathrm{p}3}$	$\cdots$	$\nu_{n_\mathrm{p}n_\mathrm{s}}$	ρ_{n_p}
Elements k						
e_1	α_{11}	α_{12}	α_{13}	$\cdots$	α_{1n_s}	
e_2	α_{21}	α_{22}	α_{23}	$\cdots$	α_{2n_s}	
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	
$\mathsf{e}_{n_\mathrm{e}}$	$\alpha_{n_\mathrm{e}1}$	$\alpha_{n_\mathrm{e}2}$	$\alpha_{n_\mathrm{e}3}$	$\cdots$	$\alpha_{n_\mathrm{e}n_\mathrm{s}}$	

ν_{ij}: stoich. coeff. $=$ relative transf. rate of substance j in proc. i

α_{kj}: mass fraction of element k on substance j

$\nu_{ij}\alpha_{kj}$: relative transf. rate of element k contained in subst. j

Extended Process Table Notation

Processes i	Substances j					Rates
	s_1	s_2	s_3	$\cdots$	s_{n_s}	
p_1	ν_{11}	ν_{12}	ν_{13}	$\cdots$	ν_{1n_s}	ρ_1
p_2	ν_{21}	ν_{22}	ν_{23}	$\cdots$	ν_{2n_s}	ρ_2
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
p_{n_p}	ν_{n_p1}	ν_{n_p2}	ν_{n_p3}	$\cdots$	$\nu_{n_pn_s}$	ρ_{n_p}
Elements k						
e_1	α_{11}	α_{12}	α_{13}	$\cdots$	α_{1n_s}	
e_2	α_{21}	α_{22}	α_{23}	$\cdots$	α_{2n_s}	
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$	$\vdots$	
e_{n_e}	α_{n_e1}	α_{n_e2}	α_{n_e3}	$\cdots$	$\alpha_{n_en_s}$	

Mass conservation for element k in process i: $\boxed{\sum_j \nu_{ij}\alpha_{kj} = 0}$

Extended Process Table Notation

Example

Model 1: Growth and respiration of algae.

			Substances / Organisms j		
			NH_4^+	HPO_4^{2-}	ALG
			gN	gP	gDM
Processes i	Growth of ALG,NH4		?	?	1
	Respiration of ALG		?	?	-1
Elements k	N	gN	1	0	α_{NALG}
	P	gP	0	1	α_{PALG}

$$\boxed{\sum_j \nu_{ij}\alpha_{kj} = 0}$$

Parameterized Mass Fractions

Example

Growth of algae:

N conservation:

$$\underbrace{\nu_{\mathrm{gro,ALG,NH4\ NH4}} \cdot 1}_{\mathrm{NH_4^+}} + \underbrace{\nu_{\mathrm{gro,ALG,NH4\ HPO4}} \cdot 0}_{\mathrm{HPO_4^{2-}}} + \underbrace{1 \cdot \alpha_{\mathrm{N,ALG}}}_{\mathrm{ALG}} = 0$$

P conservation:

$$\underbrace{\nu_{\mathrm{gro,ALG,NH4\ NH4}} \cdot 0}_{\mathrm{NH_4^+}} + \underbrace{\nu_{\mathrm{gro,ALG,NH4\ HPO4}} \cdot 1}_{\mathrm{HPO_4^{2-}}} + \underbrace{1 \cdot \alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}}_{\mathrm{ALG}} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \nu_{\mathrm{gro,ALG,NH4\ NH4}} = -\alpha_{\mathrm{N,ALG}} \ , \ \nu_{\mathrm{gro,ALG,NH4\ HPO4}} = -\alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}$$

$$\boxed{\sum_j \nu_{ij}\alpha_{kj} = 0}$$

Example

Model 1: Growth and respiration of algae.

Process	Substances / Organisms		
	NH_4^+	HPO_4^{2-}	ALG
Element	gN	gP	gDM
Growth of ALG,NH4	$-\alpha_{\mathrm{N,ALG}}$	$-\alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}$	1
Respiration of ALG	$\alpha_{\mathrm{N,ALG}}$	$\alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}$	-1
N gN	1	0	α_{NALG}
P gP	0	1	α_{PALG}

Parameterized Mass Fractions

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Process	Substances / Organisms						
	NH_4^+ mol	NO_3^- mol	HPO_4^{2-} mol	O_2 mol	ALG gDM	ZOO gDM	POM gDM
Growth of ALG,NH4	?		?	?	1		
Growth of ALG,NO3		?	?	?	1		
Respiration of ALG	?		?	?	-1		
Death of ALG					-1		1
Growth of ZOO	?		?	?	?	1	?
Respiration of ZOO	?		?	?		-1	
Death of ZOO						-1	1

Additional substances for calculation of the stoichiometric coefficients:
HCO_3^-, H^+, H_2O

Mass balance equations for C,H,O,N,P and charge

Parameterized Mass Fractions

Instead of assuming a fixed chemical composition (e.g. Redfield:)

$$\boxed{C_{106}H_{263}O_{110}N_{16}P}$$

use parameterized mass fractions:

$$\boxed{C_{\alpha_{C,j}/12}H_{\alpha_{H,j}}O_{\alpha_{O,j}/16}N_{\alpha_{N,j}/14}P_{\alpha_{P,j}/31}}$$

with:

$$\boxed{\alpha_{C,j}+\alpha_{H,j}+\alpha_{O,j}+\alpha_{N,j}+\alpha_{P,j}=1}$$

Parameterized Mass Fractions

$m[\mathrm{g}] = n[\mathrm{mol}] * M[\mathrm{g/mol}]$

Redfield composition:

$$\alpha_{\mathrm{C,ALG}}^{\mathrm{Redfield}} = \frac{106 \cdot 12}{3550} \frac{\mathrm{gC}}{\mathrm{gDM}} \approx 0.36 \frac{\mathrm{gC}}{\mathrm{gDM}}$$

$$\alpha_{\mathrm{H,ALG}}^{\mathrm{Redfield}} = \frac{263}{3550} \frac{\mathrm{gH}}{\mathrm{gDM}} \approx 0.07 \frac{\mathrm{gH}}{\mathrm{gDM}}$$

$$\alpha_{\mathrm{O,ALG}}^{\mathrm{Redfield}} = \frac{110 \cdot 16}{3550} \frac{\mathrm{gO}}{\mathrm{gDM}} \approx 0.50 \frac{\mathrm{gO}}{\mathrm{gDM}}$$

$$\alpha_{\mathrm{N,ALG}}^{\mathrm{Redfield}} = \frac{16 \cdot 14}{3550} \frac{\mathrm{gN}}{\mathrm{gDM}} \approx 0.06 \frac{\mathrm{gN}}{\mathrm{gDM}}$$

$$\alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}^{\mathrm{Redfield}} = \frac{1 \cdot 31}{3550} \frac{\mathrm{gP}}{\mathrm{gDM}} \approx 0.01 \frac{\mathrm{gP}}{\mathrm{gDM}}$$

Parameterized Mass Fractions

$$a\,\mathrm{HCO_3^-} + b\,\mathrm{NO_3^-} + c\,\mathrm{HPO_4^{2-}} + d\,\mathrm{H^+} + e\,\mathrm{H_2O} \rightarrow \mathrm{C_{106}H_{263}O_{110}N_{16}P} + f\,\mathrm{O_2}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

Setting up equation for algal growth with unknown coefficients:

$$a\,\mathrm{HCO_3^-} + b\,\mathrm{NO_3^-} + c\,\mathrm{HPO_4^{2-}} + d\,\mathrm{H^+} + e\,\mathrm{H_2O}$$
$$\rightarrow \mathrm{C}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{C,ALG}}/12}\mathrm{H}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{H,ALG}}}\mathrm{O}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{O,ALG}}/16}\mathrm{N}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{N,ALG}}/14}\mathrm{P}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}/31} + f\,\mathrm{O_2}$$

Conservation of C: $a = \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{C,ALG}}}{12}$

Conservation of N: $b = \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{N,ALG}}}{14}$

Conservation of P: $c = \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}}{31}$

Parameterized Mass Fractions

$$\frac{\alpha_{C,ALG}}{12}\boxed{H}C\boxed{O_3^{\boxed{-}}} + \frac{\alpha_{N,ALG}}{14}N\boxed{O_3^{\boxed{-}}} + \frac{\alpha_{P,ALG}}{31}\boxed{H}P\boxed{O_4^{\boxed{2-}}} + d\boxed{H^{\boxed{+}}} + e\boxed{H_2}\boxed{O}$$
$$\rightarrow C_{\alpha_{C,ALG}/12}\boxed{H_{\alpha_{H,ALG}}}\boxed{O_{\alpha_{O,ALG}/16}}N_{\alpha_{N,ALG}/14}P_{\alpha_{P,ALG}/31} + f\boxed{O_2}$$

Conservation of H, O and charge:

H: $\frac{\alpha_{C,ALG}}{12}\cdot 1 + \frac{\alpha_{P,ALG}}{31}\cdot 1 + d\cdot 1 + e\cdot 2 = 1\cdot\alpha_{H,ALG}$

O: $\frac{\alpha_{C,ALG}}{12}\cdot 3 + \frac{\alpha_{N,ALG}}{14}\cdot 3 + \frac{\alpha_{P,ALG}}{31}\cdot 4 + e\cdot 1 = 1\cdot\frac{\alpha_{O,ALG}}{16} + f\cdot 2$

charge: $\frac{\alpha_{C,ALG}}{12}\cdot(-1) + \frac{\alpha_{N,ALG}}{14}\cdot(-1) + \frac{\alpha_{P,ALG}}{31}\cdot(-2) + d\cdot(+1) = 0$

Parameterized Mass Fractions

$$d = \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{C,ALG}}}{12} + \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{N,ALG}}}{14} + \frac{2\ \alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}}{31}$$

$$e = \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{H,ALG}}}{2} - \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{C,ALG}}}{12} - \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{N,ALG}}}{28} - \frac{3\ \alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}}{62}$$

$$f = \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{C,ALG}}}{12} + \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{H,ALG}}}{4} - \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{O,ALG}}}{32} + \frac{5\ \alpha_{\mathrm{N,ALG}}}{56} + \frac{5\ \alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}}{124}$$

Parameterized Mass Fractions

Growth of algae:

$$\frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{C,ALG}}}{12}\,\mathrm{HCO_3^-} + \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{N,ALG}}}{14}\,\mathrm{NO_3^-} + \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}}{31}\,\mathrm{HPO_4^{2-}}$$

$$+\left(\frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{C,ALG}}}{12} + \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{N,ALG}}}{14} + \frac{2\,\alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}}{31}\right)\mathrm{H^+}$$

$$+\left(\frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{H,ALG}}}{2} - \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{C,ALG}}}{12} - \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{N,ALG}}}{28} - \frac{3\,\alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}}{62}\right)\mathrm{H_2O}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathrm{C}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{C,ALG}}/12}\mathrm{H}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{H,ALG}}}\mathrm{O}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{O,ALG}}/16}\mathrm{N}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{N,ALG}}/14}\mathrm{P}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}/31}$$

$$+\left(\frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{C,ALG}}}{12} + \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{H,ALG}}}{4} - \frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{O,ALG}}}{32} + \frac{5\,\alpha_{\mathrm{N,ALG}}}{56} + \frac{5\,\alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}}{124}\right)\mathrm{O_2}$$

Parameterized Mass Fractions

Pen and paper exercise task 2

Derive the stoichiometry of the process
“growth of algae with ammonium as the nitrogen source”
assuming an arbitrary composition of algal biomass considering the mass fractions α_C, α_H, α_O, α_N, and α_P of the elements C, H, O, N and P.

$$a\,\mathrm{HCO_3^-} + b\,\mathrm{NH_4^+} + c\,\mathrm{HPO_4^{2-}} + d\,\mathrm{H^+} + e\,\mathrm{H_2O}$$
$$\rightarrow \mathrm{C}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{C,ALG}}/12}\mathrm{H}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{H,ALG}}}\mathrm{O}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{O,ALG}}/16}\mathrm{N}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{N,ALG}}/14}\mathrm{P}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{P,ALG}}/31} + f\,\mathrm{O_2}$$

Parameterized Mass Fractions:

Changes in composition are now easy to handle,
just change the numerical values of the parameters.

What about adding additional elements?

The equations must be revised.

This is a laborious process.

Is there a general solution to this process?

Structure of the Course

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1. Introduction, principles of modelling environmental systems, mass balance in a mixed reactor, process table notation, simple lake plankton model
   Exercise: R, `ecosim`-package, simple lake plankton model
   Exercise: lake phytoplankton-zooplankton model
2. Process stoichiometry Exercises: analytical solution, calculation with `stoichcalc`
3. Biological processes in lakes
4. Physical processes in lakes, mass balance in multi-box and continuous systems Exercise: structured, biogeochemical-ecological lake model
   Assignments: build your own model by implementing model extensions
5. Physical processes in in rivers, bacterial growth, river model for benthic populations Exercise: river model for benthic populations, nutrients and oxygen
6. Uncertainty, Parameter estimation, Stochasticity
   Exercise: parameter estimation
   Exercise: stochasticity, uncertainty
7. Existing models and applications in research and practice, examples and case studies, preparation of the oral exam, feedback

→ Swiss Army Knife of Linear Algebra

Preparation for next week

1. Find out what the Swiss Army Knife of Linear Algebra is and how it roughly works

2. Read chapter 4.3.3 (general solution)

3. Read chapter 15 (`Stoichcalc` package)

4. Think about your open questions

5. Bonus: Try out the chocolate cake recipe or

bring your own favorite cake recipe in the form of a process table.