

# Package ‘mkin’

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**Description** Calculation routines based on the FOCUS Kinetics Report (2006, 2014). Includes a function for conveniently defining differential equation models, model solution based on eigenvalues if possible or using numerical solvers. If a C compiler (on windows: 'Rtools') is installed, differential equation models are solved using automatically generated C functions. Heteroscedasticity can be taken into account using variance by variable or two-component error models as described by Ranke and Meinecke (2018) <[doi:10.3390/environments6120124](https://doi.org/10.3390/environments6120124)>. Interfaces to several nonlinear mixed-effects model packages are available, some of which are described by Ranke et al. (2021) <[doi:10.3390/environments8080071](https://doi.org/10.3390/environments8080071)>. Please note that no warranty is implied for correctness of results or fitness for a particular purpose.

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add_err	<i>Add normally distributed errors to simulated kinetic degradation data</i>
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### Description

Normally distributed errors are added to data predicted for a specific degradation model using [mkinpredict](#). The variance of the error may depend on the predicted value and is specified as a standard deviation.

### Usage

```
add_err(
  prediction,
  sdfunc,
  secondary = c("M1", "M2"),
  n = 10,
  LOD = 0.1,
  reps = 2,
  digits = 1,
  seed = NA
)
```

### Arguments

prediction	A prediction from a kinetic model as produced by <a href="#">mkinpredict</a> .
sdfunc	A function taking the predicted value as its only argument and returning a standard deviation that should be used for generating the random error terms for this value.
secondary	The names of state variables that should have an initial value of zero
n	The number of datasets to be generated.
LOD	The limit of detection (LOD). Values that are below the LOD after adding the random error will be set to NA.
reps	The number of replicates to be generated within the datasets.
digits	The number of digits to which the values will be rounded.
seed	The seed used for the generation of random numbers. If NA, the seed is not set.

### Value

A list of datasets compatible with [mmkin](#), i.e. the components of the list are datasets compatible with [mkinfit](#).

**Author(s)**

Johannes Ranke

**References**

Ranke J and Lehmann R (2015) To t-test or not to t-test, that is the question. XV Symposium on Pesticide Chemistry 2-4 September 2015, Piacenza, Italy [https://jrwb.de/posters/piacenza\\_2015.pdf](https://jrwb.de/posters/piacenza_2015.pdf)

**Examples**

```
# The kinetic model
m_SF0_SF0 <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("SF0", "M1"),
                    M1 = mkinsub("SF0"), use_of_ff = "max")

# Generate a prediction for a specific set of parameters
sampling_times = c(0, 1, 3, 7, 14, 28, 60, 90, 120)

# This is the prediction used for the "Type 2 datasets" on the Piacenza poster
# from 2015
d_SF0_SF0 <- mkinpredict(m_SF0_SF0,
                        c(k_parent = 0.1, f_parent_to_M1 = 0.5,
                          k_M1 = log(2)/1000),
                        c(parent = 100, M1 = 0),
                        sampling_times)

# Add an error term with a constant (independent of the value) standard deviation
# of 10, and generate three datasets
d_SF0_SF0_err <- add_err(d_SF0_SF0, function(x) 10, n = 3, seed = 123456789 )

# Name the datasets for nicer plotting
names(d_SF0_SF0_err) <- paste("Dataset", 1:3)

# Name the model in the list of models (with only one member in this case) for
# nicer plotting later on. Be quiet and use only one core not to offend CRAN
# checks
## Not run:
f_SF0_SF0 <- mmkin(list("SF0-SF0" = m_SF0_SF0),
                  d_SF0_SF0_err, cores = 1,
                  quiet = TRUE)

plot(f_SF0_SF0)

# We would like to inspect the fit for dataset 3 more closely
# Using double brackets makes the returned object an mkinfit object
# instead of a list of mkinfit objects, so plot.mkinfit is used
plot(f_SF0_SF0[[3]], show_residuals = TRUE)

# If we use single brackets, we should give two indices (model and dataset),
# and plot.mmkin is used
plot(f_SF0_SF0[1, 3])
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

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AIC.mmkin

*Calculate the AIC for a column of an mmkin object*


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## Description

Provides a convenient way to compare different kinetic models fitted to the same dataset.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mmkin'
AIC(object, ..., k = 2)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'mmkin'
BIC(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	An object of class <code>mmkin</code> , containing only one column.
...	For compatibility with the generic method
k	As in the generic method

## Value

As in the generic method (a numeric value for single fits, or a dataframe if there are several fits in the column).

## Author(s)

Johannes Ranke

## Examples

```
## Not run: # skip, as it takes > 10 s on winbuilder
f <- mmkin(c("SFO", "FOMC", "DFOP"),
  list("FOCUS A" = FOCUS_2006_A,
    "FOCUS C" = FOCUS_2006_C), cores = 1, quiet = TRUE)
# We get a warning because the FOMC model does not converge for the
# FOCUS A dataset, as it is well described by SFO

AIC(f["SFO", "FOCUS A"]) # We get a single number for a single fit
AIC(f[["SFO", "FOCUS A"]]) # or when extracting an mkinfit object

# For FOCUS A, the models fit almost equally well, so the higher the number
# of parameters, the higher (worse) the AIC
```

```

AIC(f[, "FOCUS A"])
AIC(f[, "FOCUS A"], k = 0) # If we do not penalize additional parameters, we get nearly the same
BIC(f[, "FOCUS A"])      # Comparing the BIC gives a very similar picture

# For FOCUS C, the more complex models fit better
AIC(f[, "FOCUS C"])
BIC(f[, "FOCUS C"])

## End(Not run)

```

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anova.saem.mmkin      *Anova method for saem.mmkin objects*

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## Description

Generate an anova object. The method to calculate the BIC is that from the saemix package. As in other prominent anova methods, models are sorted by number of parameters, and the tests (if requested) are always relative to the model on the previous line.

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'saem.mmkin'
anova(
  object,
  ...,
  method = c("is", "lin", "gq"),
  test = FALSE,
  model.names = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

object	An <a href="#">saem.mmkin</a> object
...	further such objects
method	Method for likelihood calculation: "is" (importance sampling), "lin" (linear approximation), or "gq" (Gaussian quadrature). Passed to <a href="#">saemix::logLik.SaemixObject</a>
test	Should a likelihood ratio test be performed? If TRUE, the alternative models are tested against the first model. Should only be done for nested models.
model.names	Optional character vector of model names

## Value

an "anova" data frame; the traditional (S3) result of anova()

aw

*Calculate Akaike weights for model averaging***Description**

Akaike weights are calculated based on the relative expected Kullback-Leibler information as specified by Burnham and Anderson (2004).

**Usage**

```
aw(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mkinfit'
aw(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mmkin'
aw(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mixed.mmkin'
aw(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'multistart'
aw(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	An <a href="#">mmkin</a> column object, containing two or more <a href="#">mkinfit</a> models that have been fitted to the same data, or an <a href="#">mkinfit</a> object. In the latter case, further <a href="#">mkinfit</a> objects fitted to the same data should be specified as dots arguments.
...	Not used in the method for <a href="#">mmkin</a> column objects, further <a href="#">mkinfit</a> objects in the method for <a href="#">mkinfit</a> objects.

**References**

Burnham KP and Anderson DR (2004) Multimodel Inference: Understanding AIC and BIC in Model Selection. *Sociological Methods & Research* **33**(2) 261-304

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
f_sfo <- mkinfit("SFO", FOCUS_2006_D, quiet = TRUE)
f_dfop <- mkinfit("DFOP", FOCUS_2006_D, quiet = TRUE)
aw_sfo_dfop <- aw(f_sfo, f_dfop)
sum(aw_sfo_dfop)
aw_sfo_dfop # SFO gets more weight as it has less parameters and a similar fit
f <- mmkin(c("SFO", "FOMC", "DFOP"), list("FOCUS D" = FOCUS_2006_D), cores = 1, quiet = TRUE)
aw(f)
sum(aw(f))
```



```
aw(f[c("SFO", "DFOP")])

## End(Not run)
```

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CAKE\_export

*Export a list of datasets format to a CAKE study file*


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### Description

In addition to the datasets, the pathways in the degradation model can be specified as well.

### Usage

```
CAKE_export(
  ds,
  map = c(parent = "Parent"),
  links = NA,
  filename = "CAKE_export.csf",
  path = ".",
  overwrite = FALSE,
  study = "Degradinol aerobic soil degradation",
  description = "",
  time_unit = "days",
  res_unit = "% AR",
  comment = "",
  date = Sys.Date(),
  optimiser = "IRLS"
)
```

### Arguments

ds	A named list of datasets in long format as compatible with <a href="#">mkinfit</a> .
map	A character vector with CAKE compartment names (Parent, A1, ...), named with the names used in the list of datasets.
links	An optional character vector of target compartments, named with the names of the source compartments. In order to make this easier, the names are used as in the datasets supplied.
filename	Where to write the result. Should end in .csf in order to be compatible with CAKE.
path	An optional path to the output file.
overwrite	If TRUE, existing files are overwritten.
study	The name of the study.
description	An optional description.
time_unit	The time unit for the residue data.
res_unit	The unit used for the residues.

comment	An optional comment.
date	The date of file creation.
optimiser	Can be OLS or IRLS.

**Value**

The function is called for its side effect.

**Author(s)**

Johannes Ranke

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confint.mkinfit      *Confidence intervals for parameters of mkinfit objects*

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**Description**

The default method 'quadratic' is based on the quadratic approximation of the curvature of the likelihood function at the maximum likelihood parameter estimates. The alternative method 'profile' is based on the profile likelihood for each parameter. The 'profile' method uses two nested optimisations and can take a very long time, even if parallelized by specifying 'cores' on unixoid platforms. The speed of the method could likely be improved by using the method of Venzon and Moolgavkar (1988).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'mkinfit'
confint(
  object,
  parm,
  level = 0.95,
  alpha = 1 - level,
  cutoff,
  method = c("quadratic", "profile"),
  transformed = TRUE,
  backtransform = TRUE,
  cores = parallel::detectCores(),
  rel_tol = 0.01,
  quiet = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

object	An <code>mkinfit</code> object
parm	A vector of names of the parameters which are to be given confidence intervals. If missing, all parameters are considered.
level	The confidence level required
alpha	The allowed error probability, overrides 'level' if specified.
cutoff	Possibility to specify an alternative cutoff for the difference in the log-likelihoods at the confidence boundary. Specifying an explicit cutoff value overrides arguments 'level' and 'alpha'
method	The 'quadratic' method approximates the likelihood function at the optimised parameters using the second term of the Taylor expansion, using a second derivative (hessian) contained in the object. The 'profile' method searches the parameter space for the cutoff of the confidence intervals by means of a likelihood ratio test.
transformed	If the quadratic approximation is used, should it be applied to the likelihood based on the transformed parameters?
backtransform	If we approximate the likelihood in terms of the transformed parameters, should we backtransform the parameters with their confidence intervals?
cores	The number of cores to be used for multicore processing. On Windows machines, cores > 1 is currently not supported.
rel_tol	If the method is 'profile', what should be the accuracy of the lower and upper bounds, relative to the estimate obtained from the quadratic method?
quiet	Should we suppress the message "Profiling the likelihood"
...	Not used

**Value**

A matrix with columns giving lower and upper confidence limits for each parameter.

**References**

Bates DM and Watts GW (1988) Nonlinear regression analysis & its applications

Pawitan Y (2013) In all likelihood - Statistical modelling and inference using likelihood. Clarendon Press, Oxford.

Venzon DJ and Moolgavkar SH (1988) A Method for Computing Profile-Likelihood Based Confidence Intervals, *Applied Statistics*, 37, 87–94.

**Examples**

```
f <- mkinfit("SFO", FOCUS_2006_C, quiet = TRUE)
confint(f, method = "quadratic")

## Not run:
confint(f, method = "profile")
```

```

# Set the number of cores for the profiling method for further examples
if (identical(Sys.getenv("NOT_CRAN"), "true")) {
  n_cores <- parallel::detectCores() - 1
} else {
  n_cores <- 1
}
if (Sys.getenv("TRAVIS") != "") n_cores = 1
if (Sys.info()["sysname"] == "Windows") n_cores = 1

SFO_SFO <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("SFO", "m1"), m1 = mkinsub("SFO"),
  use_of_ff = "min", quiet = TRUE)
SFO_SFO.ff <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("SFO", "m1"), m1 = mkinsub("SFO"),
  use_of_ff = "max", quiet = TRUE)
f_d_1 <- mkinfit(SFO_SFO, subset(FOCUS_2006_D, value != 0), quiet = TRUE)
system.time(ci_profile <- confint(f_d_1, method = "profile", cores = 1, quiet = TRUE))
# Using more cores does not save much time here, as parent_0 takes up most of the time
# If we additionally exclude parent_0 (the confidence of which is often of
# minor interest), we get a nice performance improvement if we use at least 4 cores
system.time(ci_profile_no_parent_0 <- confint(f_d_1, method = "profile",
  c("k_parent_sink", "k_parent_m1", "k_m1_sink", "sigma"), cores = n_cores))
ci_profile
ci_quadratic_transformed <- confint(f_d_1, method = "quadratic")
ci_quadratic_transformed
ci_quadratic_untransformed <- confint(f_d_1, method = "quadratic", transformed = FALSE)
ci_quadratic_untransformed
# Against the expectation based on Bates and Watts (1988), the confidence
# intervals based on the internal parameter transformation are less
# congruent with the likelihood based intervals. Note the superiority of the
# interval based on the untransformed fit for k_m1_sink
rel_diffs_transformed <- abs((ci_quadratic_transformed - ci_profile)/ci_profile)
rel_diffs_untransformed <- abs((ci_quadratic_untransformed - ci_profile)/ci_profile)
rel_diffs_transformed < rel_diffs_untransformed
signif(rel_diffs_transformed, 3)
signif(rel_diffs_untransformed, 3)

# Investigate a case with formation fractions
f_d_2 <- mkinfit(SFO_SFO.ff, subset(FOCUS_2006_D, value != 0), quiet = TRUE)
ci_profile_ff <- confint(f_d_2, method = "profile", cores = n_cores)
ci_profile_ff
ci_quadratic_transformed_ff <- confint(f_d_2, method = "quadratic")
ci_quadratic_transformed_ff
ci_quadratic_untransformed_ff <- confint(f_d_2, method = "quadratic", transformed = FALSE)
ci_quadratic_untransformed_ff
rel_diffs_transformed_ff <- abs((ci_quadratic_transformed_ff - ci_profile_ff)/ci_profile_ff)
rel_diffs_untransformed_ff <- abs((ci_quadratic_untransformed_ff - ci_profile_ff)/ci_profile_ff)
# While the confidence interval for the parent rate constant is closer to
# the profile based interval when using the internal parameter
# transformation, the interval for the metabolite rate constant is 'better
# without internal parameter transformation.
rel_diffs_transformed_ff < rel_diffs_untransformed_ff
rel_diffs_transformed_ff
rel_diffs_untransformed_ff

```

```

# The profiling for the following fit does not finish in a reasonable time,
# therefore we use the quadratic approximation
m_synth_DFOP_par <- mkinmod(parent = mkinmod("DFOP", c("M1", "M2")),
  M1 = mkinmod("SFO"),
  M2 = mkinmod("SFO"),
  use_of_ff = "max", quiet = TRUE)
DFOP_par_c <- synthetic_data_for_UBA_2014[[12]]$data
f_tc_2 <- mkinfit(m_synth_DFOP_par, DFOP_par_c, error_model = "tc",
  error_model_algorithm = "direct", quiet = TRUE)
confint(f_tc_2, method = "quadratic")
confint(f_tc_2, "parent_0", method = "quadratic")

## End(Not run)

```

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create\_deg\_func

*Create degradation functions for known analytical solutions*


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## Description

Create degradation functions for known analytical solutions

## Usage

```
create_deg_func(spec, use_of_ff = c("min", "max"))
```

## Arguments

spec	List of model specifications as contained in mkinmod objects
use_of_ff	Minimum or maximum use of formation fractions

## Value

Degradation function to be attached to mkinmod objects

## Examples

```

SFO_SFO <- mkinmod(
  parent = mkinmod("SFO", "m1"),
  m1 = mkinmod("SFO"))
FOCUS_D <- subset(FOCUS_2006_D, value != 0) # to avoid warnings
fit_1 <- mkinfit(SFO_SFO, FOCUS_D, solution_type = "analytical", quiet = TRUE)
## Not run:
fit_2 <- mkinfit(SFO_SFO, FOCUS_D, solution_type = "deSolve", quiet = TRUE)
if (require(rbenchmark))
  benchmark(
    analytical = mkinfit(SFO_SFO, FOCUS_D, solution_type = "analytical", quiet = TRUE),
    deSolve = mkinfit(SFO_SFO, FOCUS_D, solution_type = "deSolve", quiet = TRUE),

```

```
    replications = 2)
DFOP_SF0 <- mkinmod(
  parent = mkinsub("DFOP", "m1"),
  m1 = mkinsub("SF0"))
benchmark(
  analytical = mkinfit(DFOP_SF0, FOCUS_D, solution_type = "analytical", quiet = TRUE),
  deSolve = mkinfit(DFOP_SF0, FOCUS_D, solution_type = "deSolve", quiet = TRUE),
  replications = 2)

## End(Not run)
```

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D24\_2014

*Aerobic soil degradation data on 2,4-D from the EU assessment in 2014*

---

## Description

The five datasets were extracted from the active substance evaluation dossier published by EFSA. Kinetic evaluations shown for these datasets are intended to illustrate and advance kinetic modelling. The fact that these data and some results are shown here does not imply a license to use them in the context of pesticide registrations, as the use of the data may be constrained by data protection regulations.

## Usage

D24\_2014

## Format

An `mkindsg` object grouping five datasets

## Details

Data for the first dataset are from p. 685. Data for the other four datasets were used in the preprocessed versions given in the kinetics section (p. 761ff.), with the exception of residues smaller than 1 for DCP in the soil from Site I2, where the values given on p. 694 were used.

The R code used to create this data object is installed with this package in the 'dataset\_generation' directory. In the code, page numbers are given for specific pieces of information in the comments.

## Source

Hellenic Ministry of Rural Development and Agriculture (2014) Final addendum to the Renewal Assessment Report - public version - 2,4-D Volume 3 Annex B.8 Fate and behaviour in the environment <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/study-inventory/EFSA-Q-2013-00811>

### Examples

```
print(D24_2014)
## Not run:
print(D24_2014$ds[[1]], data = TRUE)
m_D24 = mkinmod(D24 = mkinsub("SF0", to = "DCP"),
  DCP = mkinsub("SF0", to = "DCA"),
  DCA = mkinsub("SF0"))
print(m_D24)
m_D24_2 = mkinmod(D24 = mkinsub("DFOP", to = "DCP"),
  DCP = mkinsub("SF0", to = "DCA"),
  DCA = mkinsub("SF0"))
print(m_D24_2)

## End(Not run)
```

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DFOP.solution

*Double First-Order in Parallel kinetics*

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### Description

Function describing decline from a defined starting value using the sum of two exponential decline functions.

### Usage

```
DFOP.solution(t, parent_0, k1, k2, g)
```

### Arguments

t	Time.
parent_0	Starting value for the response variable at time zero.
k1	First kinetic constant.
k2	Second kinetic constant.
g	Fraction of the starting value declining according to the first kinetic constant.

### Value

The value of the response variable at time t.

### References

FOCUS (2006) "Guidance Document on Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration" Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, EC Document Reference Sanco/10058/2005 version 2.0, 434 pp, <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics> FOCUS (2014) "Generic guidance for Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration" Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, Version 1.1, 18 December 2014 <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

**See Also**

Other parent solutions: [FOMC.solution\(\)](#), [HS.solution\(\)](#), [IORE.solution\(\)](#), [SFO.solution\(\)](#), [SFORB.solution\(\)](#), [logistic.solution\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
plot(function(x) DFOP.solution(x, 100, 5, 0.5, 0.3), 0, 4, ylim = c(0,100))
```

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dimethenamid_2018	<i>Aerobic soil degradation data on dimethenamid and dimethenamid-P from the EU assessment in 2018</i>
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**Description**

The datasets were extracted from the active substance evaluation dossier published by EFSA. Kinetic evaluations shown for these datasets are intended to illustrate and advance kinetic modelling. The fact that these data and some results are shown here does not imply a license to use them in the context of pesticide registrations, as the use of the data may be constrained by data protection regulations.

**Usage**

```
dimethenamid_2018
```

**Format**

An [mkindsg](#) object grouping seven datasets with some meta information

**Details**

The R code used to create this data object is installed with this package in the 'dataset\_generation' directory. In the code, page numbers are given for specific pieces of information in the comments.

**Source**

Rapporteur Member State Germany, Co-Rapporteur Member State Bulgaria (2018) Renewal Assessment Report Dimethenamid-P Volume 3 - B.8 Environmental fate and behaviour Rev. 2 - November 2017 <https://open.efsa.europa.eu/study-inventory/EFSA-Q-2014-00716>



**Examples**

```

print(dimethenamid_2018)
dmta_ds <- lapply(1:7, function(i) {
  ds_i <- dimethenamid_2018$ds[[i]]$data
  ds_i[ds_i$name == "DMTAP", "name"] <- "DMTA"
  ds_i$time <- ds_i$time * dimethenamid_2018$f_time_norm[i]
  ds_i
})
names(dmta_ds) <- sapply(dimethenamid_2018$ds, function(ds) ds$title)
dmta_ds[["Elliot"]] <- rbind(dmta_ds[["Elliot 1"]], dmta_ds[["Elliot 2"]])
dmta_ds[["Elliot 1"]] <- NULL
dmta_ds[["Elliot 2"]] <- NULL
## Not run:
# We don't use DFOP for the parent compound, as this gives numerical
# instabilities in the fits
sfo_sfo3p <- mkinmod(
  DMTA = mkinsub("SFO", c("M23", "M27", "M31")),
  M23 = mkinsub("SFO"),
  M27 = mkinsub("SFO"),
  M31 = mkinsub("SFO", "M27", sink = FALSE),
  quiet = TRUE
)
dmta_sfo_sfo3p_tc <- mmkin(list("SFO-SFO3+" = sfo_sfo3p),
  dmta_ds, error_model = "tc", quiet = TRUE)
print(dmta_sfo_sfo3p_tc)
# The default (test_log_parms = FALSE) gives an undue
# influence of ill-defined rate constants that have
# extremely small values:
plot(mixed(dmta_sfo_sfo3p_tc), test_log_parms = FALSE)
# If we disregards ill-defined rate constants, the results
# look more plausible, but the truth is likely to be in
# between these variants
plot(mixed(dmta_sfo_sfo3p_tc), test_log_parms = TRUE)
# We can also specify a default value for the failing
# log parameters, to mimic FOCUS guidance
plot(mixed(dmta_sfo_sfo3p_tc), test_log_parms = TRUE,
  default_log_parms = log(2)/1000)
# As these attempts are not satisfying, we use nonlinear mixed-effects models
# f_dmta_nlme_tc <- nlme(dmta_sfo_sfo3p_tc)
# nlme reaches maxIter = 50 without convergence
f_dmta_saem_tc <- saem(dmta_sfo_sfo3p_tc)
# I am commenting out the convergence plot as rendering them
# with pkgdown fails (at least without further tweaks to the
# graphics device used)
#saemix::plot(f_dmta_saem_tc$so, plot.type = "convergence")
summary(f_dmta_saem_tc)
# As the confidence interval for the random effects of DMTA_0
# includes zero, we could try an alternative model without
# such random effects
# f_dmta_saem_tc_2 <- saem(dmta_sfo_sfo3p_tc,
#   covariance.model = diag(c(0, rep(1, 7))))
# saemix::plot(f_dmta_saem_tc_2$so, plot.type = "convergence")

```

```
# This does not perform better judged by AIC and BIC
# saemix::compare.saemix(f_dmta_saem_tc$so, f_dmta_saem_tc_2$so)

## End(Not run)
```

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ds\_mixed

*Synthetic data for hierarchical kinetic degradation models*


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### Description

The R code used to create this data object is installed with this package in the 'dataset\_generation' directory.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
sfo_mmkin <- mmkin("SFO", ds_sfo, quiet = TRUE, error_model = "tc", cores = 15)
sfo_saem <- saem(sfo_mmkin, no_random_effect = "parent_0")
plot(sfo_saem)

## End(Not run)

# This is the code used to generate the datasets
cat(readLines(system.file("dataset_generation/ds_mixed.R", package = "mkin")), sep = "\n")
```

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endpoints

*Function to calculate endpoints for further use from kinetic models fitted with mkinfit*


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### Description

This function calculates DT50 and DT90 values as well as formation fractions from kinetic models fitted with mkinfit. If the SFORB model was specified for one of the parents or metabolites, the Eigenvalues are returned. These are equivalent to the rate constants of the DFOP model, but with the advantage that the SFORB model can also be used for metabolites.

### Usage

```
endpoints(fit)
```

### Arguments

`fit` An object of class `mkinfit`, `nlme.mmkin` or `saem.mmkin`, or another object that has list components `mkinmod` containing an `mkinmod` degradation model, and two numeric vectors, `bparms.optim` and `bparms.fixed`, that contain parameter values for that model.

**Details**

Additional DT50 values are calculated from the FOMC DT90 and k1 and k2 from HS and DFOP, as well as from Eigenvalues b1 and b2 of any SFORB models

**Value**

A list with a matrix of dissipation times named `distimes`, and, if applicable, a vector of formation fractions named `ff` and, if the SFORB model was in use, a vector of eigenvalues of these SFORB models, equivalent to DFOP rate constants

**Note**

The function is used internally by [summary.mkinfit](#), [summary.nlme.mmkin](#) and [summary.saem.mmkin](#).

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
fit <- mkinfit("FOMC", FOCUS_2006_C, quiet = TRUE)
endpoints(fit)
## Not run:
fit_2 <- mkinfit("DFOP", FOCUS_2006_C, quiet = TRUE)
endpoints(fit_2)
fit_3 <- mkinfit("SFORB", FOCUS_2006_C, quiet = TRUE)
endpoints(fit_3)

## End(Not run)
```

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experimental\_data\_for\_UBA\_2019

*Experimental datasets used for development and testing of error models*

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**Description**

The 12 datasets were extracted from active substance evaluation dossiers published by EFSA. Kinetic evaluations shown for these datasets are intended to illustrate and advance error model specifications. The fact that these data and some results are shown here do not imply a license to use them in the context of pesticide registrations, as the use of the data may be constrained by data protection regulations.

Preprocessing of data was performed based on the recommendations of the FOCUS kinetics work-group (FOCUS, 2014) as described below.

Datasets 1 and 2 are from the Renewal Assessment Report (RAR) for imazamox (France, 2015, p. 15). For setting values reported as zero, an LOQ of 0.1 was assumed. Metabolite residues reported for day zero were added to the parent compound residues.

Datasets 3 and 4 are from the Renewal Assessment Report (RAR) for isofetamid (Belgium, 2014, p. 8) and show the data for two different radiolabels. For dataset 4, the value given for the metabolite in the day zero sampling in replicate B was added to the parent compound, following the respective FOCUS recommendation.

Dataset 5 is from the Renewal Assessment Report (RAR) for ethofumesate (Austria, 2015, p. 16).

Datasets 6 to 10 are from the Renewal Assessment Report (RAR) for glyphosate (Germany, 2013, pages 8, 28, 50, 51). For the initial sampling, the residues given for the metabolite were added to the parent value, following the recommendation of the FOCUS kinetics workgroup.

Dataset 11 is from the Renewal Assessment Report (RAR) for 2,4-D (Hellas, 2013, p. 644). Values reported as zero were set to NA, with the exception of the day three sampling of metabolite A2, which was set to one half of the LOD reported to be 1% AR.

Dataset 12 is from the Renewal Assessment Report (RAR) for thifensulfuron-methyl (United Kingdom, 2014, p. 81).

## Usage

```
experimental_data_for_UBA_2019
```

## Format

A list containing twelve datasets as an R6 class defined by `mkind`s, each containing, among others, the following components

`title` The name of the dataset, e.g. Soil 1

`data` A data frame with the data in the form expected by `mkinf`it

## Source

Austria (2015). Ethofumesate Renewal Assessment Report Volume 3 Annex B.8 (AS)

Belgium (2014). Isofetamid (IKF-5411) Draft Assessment Report Volume 3 Annex B.8 (AS)

France (2015). Imazamox Draft Renewal Assessment Report Volume 3 Annex B.8 (AS)

FOCUS (2014) “Generic guidance for Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, Version 1.1, 18 December 2014 <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

Germany (2013). Renewal Assessment Report Glyphosate Volume 3 Annex B.8: Environmental Fate and Behaviour

Hellas (2013). Renewal Assessment Report 2,4-D Volume 3 Annex B.8: Fate and behaviour in the environment

Ranke (2019) Documentation of results obtained for the error model expertise written for the German Umweltbundesamt.

United Kingdom (2014). Thifensulfuron-methyl - Annex B.8 (Volume 3) to the Report and Proposed Decision of the United Kingdom made to the European Commission under Regulation (EC) No. 1141/2010 for renewal of an active substance

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# Model definitions
sfo_sfo <- mkinmod(
  parent = mkinsub("SFO", to = "A1"),
  A1 = mkinsub("SFO"),
  use_of_ff = "max"
)

dfop_sfo <- mkinmod(
  parent = mkinsub("DFOP", to = "A1"),
  A1 = mkinsub("SFO"),
  use_of_ff = "max"
)

sfo_sfo_sfo <- mkinmod(
  parent = mkinsub("SFO", to = "A1"),
  A1 = mkinsub("SFO", to = "A2"),
  A2 = mkinsub("SFO"),
  use_of_ff = "max"
)

dfop_sfo_sfo <- mkinmod(
  parent = mkinsub("DFOP", to = "A1"),
  A1 = mkinsub("SFO", to = "A2"),
  A2 = mkinsub("SFO"),
  use_of_ff = "max"
)

d_1_2 <- lapply(experimental_data_for_UBA_2019[1:2], function(x) x$data)
names(d_1_2) <- paste("Soil", 1:2)

f_1_2_tc <- mmkin(list("DFOP-SFO-SFO" = dfop_sfo_sfo), d_1_2, error_model = "tc")

plot(f_1_2_tc, resplot = "errmod")

## End(Not run)
```

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FOCUS\_2006\_datasets      *Datasets A to F from the FOCUS Kinetics report from 2006*

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**Description**

Data taken from FOCUS (2006), p. 258.

**Usage**

FOCUS\_2006\_A  
FOCUS\_2006\_B  
FOCUS\_2006\_C  
FOCUS\_2006\_D  
FOCUS\_2006\_E  
FOCUS\_2006\_F

**Format**

6 datasets with observations on the following variables.

name a factor containing the name of the observed variable

time a numeric vector containing time points

value a numeric vector containing concentrations in percent of applied radioactivity

**Source**

FOCUS (2006) “Guidance Document on Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, EC Document Reference Sanco/10058/2005 version 2.0, 434 pp, <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

**Examples**

FOCUS\_2006\_C

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FOCUS\_2006\_DFOP\_ref\_A\_to\_B

*Results of fitting the DFOP model to Datasets A to B of FOCUS (2006)*

---

**Description**

A table with the fitted parameters and the resulting DT50 and DT90 values generated with different software packages. Taken directly from FOCUS (2006). The results from fitting the data with the Topfit software was removed, as the initial concentration of the parent compound was fixed to a value of 100 in this fit.

**Usage**

FOCUS\_2006\_DFOP\_ref\_A\_to\_B

**Format**

A data frame containing the following variables.

package a factor giving the name of the software package  
M0 The fitted initial concentration of the parent compound  
f The fitted f parameter  
k1 The fitted k1 parameter  
k2 The fitted k2 parameter  
DT50 The resulting half-life of the parent compound  
DT90 The resulting DT90 of the parent compound  
dataset The FOCUS dataset that was used

**Source**

FOCUS (2006) “Guidance Document on Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, EC Document Reference Sanco/10058/2005 version 2.0, 434 pp, <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

**Examples**

```
data(FOCUS_2006_DFOP_ref_A_to_B)
```

---

FOCUS\_2006\_FOMC\_ref\_A\_to\_F

*Results of fitting the FOMC model to Datasets A to F of FOCUS (2006)*

---

**Description**

A table with the fitted parameters and the resulting DT50 and DT90 values generated with different software packages. Taken directly from FOCUS (2006). The results from fitting the data with the Topfit software was removed, as the initial concentration of the parent compound was fixed to a value of 100 in this fit.

**Usage**

```
FOCUS_2006_FOMC_ref_A_to_F
```

**Format**

A data frame containing the following variables.

package a factor giving the name of the software package  
M0 The fitted initial concentration of the parent compound  
alpha The fitted alpha parameter

beta The fitted beta parameter  
 DT50 The resulting half-life of the parent compound  
 DT90 The resulting DT90 of the parent compound  
 dataset The FOCUS dataset that was used

### Source

FOCUS (2006) “Guidance Document on Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, EC Document Reference Sanco/10058/2005 version 2.0, 434 pp, <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

### Examples

```
data(FOCUS_2006_FOMC_ref_A_to_F)
```

---

```
FOCUS_2006_HS_ref_A_to_F
```

*Results of fitting the HS model to Datasets A to F of FOCUS (2006)*

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### Description

A table with the fitted parameters and the resulting DT50 and DT90 values generated with different software packages. Taken directly from FOCUS (2006). The results from fitting the data with the Topfit software was removed, as the initial concentration of the parent compound was fixed to a value of 100 in this fit.

### Usage

```
FOCUS_2006_HS_ref_A_to_F
```

### Format

A data frame containing the following variables.

package a factor giving the name of the software package  
 M0 The fitted initial concentration of the parent compound  
 tb The fitted tb parameter  
 k1 The fitted k1 parameter  
 k2 The fitted k2 parameter  
 DT50 The resulting half-life of the parent compound  
 DT90 The resulting DT90 of the parent compound  
 dataset The FOCUS dataset that was used



**Source**

FOCUS (2006) “Guidance Document on Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, EC Document Reference Sanco/10058/2005 version 2.0, 434 pp, <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

**Examples**

```
data(FOCUS_2006_HS_ref_A_to_F)
```

---

```
FOCUS_2006_SFO_ref_A_to_F
```

*Results of fitting the SFO model to Datasets A to F of FOCUS (2006)*

---

**Description**

A table with the fitted parameters and the resulting DT50 and DT90 values generated with different software packages. Taken directly from FOCUS (2006). The results from fitting the data with the Topfit software was removed, as the initial concentration of the parent compound was fixed to a value of 100 in this fit.

**Usage**

```
FOCUS_2006_SFO_ref_A_to_F
```

**Format**

A data frame containing the following variables.

package a factor giving the name of the software package

M0 The fitted initial concentration of the parent compound

k The fitted first-order degradation rate constant

DT50 The resulting half-life of the parent compound

DT90 The resulting DT90 of the parent compound

dataset The FOCUS dataset that was used

**Source**

FOCUS (2006) “Guidance Document on Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, EC Document Reference Sanco/10058/2005 version 2.0, 434 pp, <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

**Examples**

```
data(FOCUS_2006_SFO_ref_A_to_F)
```

---

focus\_soil\_moisture     *FOCUS default values for soil moisture contents at field capacity, MWHC and 1/3 bar*

---

### Description

The value were transcribed from p. 36. The table assumes field capacity corresponds to pF2, MWHC to pF 1 and 1/3 bar to pF 2.5.

### Usage

focus\_soil\_moisture

### Format

A matrix with upper case USDA soil classes as row names, and water tension ('pF1', 'pF2', 'pF 2.5') as column names

### Source

Anonymous (2014) Generic Guidance for Tier 1 FOCUS Ground Water Assessment Version 2.2, May 2014 <https://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/ground-water>

### Examples

focus\_soil\_moisture

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FOMC.solution     *First-Order Multi-Compartment kinetics*

---

### Description

Function describing exponential decline from a defined starting value, with a decreasing rate constant.

### Usage

FOMC.solution(t, parent\_0, alpha, beta)

### Arguments

t	Time.
parent_0	Starting value for the response variable at time zero.
alpha	Shape parameter determined by coefficient of variation of rate constant values.
beta	Location parameter.

**Details**

The form given here differs slightly from the original reference by Gustafson and Holden (1990). The parameter beta corresponds to 1/beta in the original equation.

**Value**

The value of the response variable at time t.

**Note**

The solution of the FOMC kinetic model reduces to the [SF0.solution](#) for large values of alpha and beta with  $k = \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$ .

**References**

FOCUS (2006) “Guidance Document on Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, EC Document Reference Sanco/10058/2005 version 2.0, 434 pp, <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

FOCUS (2014) “Generic guidance for Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, Version 1.1, 18 December 2014 <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

Gustafson DI and Holden LR (1990) Nonlinear pesticide dissipation in soil: A new model based on spatial variability. *Environmental Science and Technology* **24**, 1032-1038

**See Also**

Other parent solutions: [DFOP.solution\(\)](#), [HS.solution\(\)](#), [IORE.solution\(\)](#), [SF0.solution\(\)](#), [SFORB.solution\(\)](#), [logistic.solution\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
plot(function(x) FOMC.solution(x, 100, 10, 2), 0, 2, ylim = c(0, 100))
```

---

f_time_norm_focus	<i>Normalisation factors for aerobic soil degradation according to FOCUS guidance</i>
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**Description**

Time step normalisation factors for aerobic soil degradation as described in Appendix 8 to the FOCUS kinetics guidance (FOCUS 2014, p. 369).

**Usage**

```
f_time_norm_focus(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'numeric'
f_time_norm_focus(
  object,
  moisture = NA,
  field_moisture = NA,
  temperature = object,
  Q10 = 2.58,
  walker = 0.7,
  f_na = NA,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'mkindsg'
f_time_norm_focus(
  object,
  study_moisture_ref_source = c("auto", "meta", "focus"),
  Q10 = 2.58,
  walker = 0.7,
  f_na = NA,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object containing information used for the calculations
...	Currently not used
moisture	Numeric vector of moisture contents in \% w/w
field_moisture	Numeric vector of moisture contents at field capacity (pF2) in \% w/w
temperature	Numeric vector of temperatures in °C
Q10	The Q10 value used for temperature normalisation
walker	The Walker exponent used for moisture normalisation
f_na	The factor to use for NA values. If set to NA, only factors for complete cases will be returned.
study_moisture_ref_source	Source for the reference value used to calculate the study moisture. If 'auto', preference is given to a reference moisture given in the meta information, otherwise the focus soil moisture for the soil class is used

**References**

FOCUS (2006) "Guidance Document on Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration" Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, EC Document Reference Sanco/10058/2005 version 2.0, 434 pp, [http:](http://)

[//esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics](http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics) FOCUS (2014) “Generic guidance for Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, Version 1.1, 18 December 2014 <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

### See Also

[focus\\_soil\\_moisture](#)

### Examples

```
f_time_norm_focus(25, 20, 25) # 1.37, compare FOCUS 2014 p. 184

D24_2014$meta
# No moisture normalisation in the first dataset, so we use f_na = 1 to get
# temperature only normalisation as in the EU evaluation
f_time_norm_focus(D24_2014, study_moisture_ref_source = "focus", f_na = 1)
```

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get_deg_func	<i>Retrieve a degradation function from the mmkin namespace</i>
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### Description

Retrieve a degradation function from the mmkin namespace

### Usage

```
get_deg_func()
```

### Value

A function that was likely previously assigned from within nlme.mmkin

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HS.solution	<i>Hockey-Stick kinetics</i>
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### Description

Function describing two exponential decline functions with a break point between them.

### Usage

```
HS.solution(t, parent_0, k1, k2, tb)
```

**Arguments**

t	Time.
parent_0	Starting value for the response variable at time zero.
k1	First kinetic constant.
k2	Second kinetic constant.
tb	Break point. Before this time, exponential decline according to k1 is calculated, after this time, exponential decline proceeds according to k2.

**Value**

The value of the response variable at time t.

**References**

FOCUS (2006) “Guidance Document on Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, EC Document Reference Sanco/10058/2005 version 2.0, 434 pp, <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics> FOCUS (2014) “Generic guidance for Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, Version 1.1, 18 December 2014 <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

**See Also**

Other parent solutions: [DFOP.solution\(\)](#), [FOMC.solution\(\)](#), [IORE.solution\(\)](#), [SFO.solution\(\)](#), [SFORB.solution\(\)](#), [logistic.solution\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
plot(function(x) HS.solution(x, 100, 2, 0.3, 0.5), 0, 2, ylim=c(0,100))
```

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illparms

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*Method to get the names of ill-defined parameters*


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**Description**

The method for generalised nonlinear regression fits as obtained with [mkinfit](#) and [mmkin](#) checks if the degradation parameters pass the Wald test (in degradation kinetics often simply called t-test) for significant difference from zero. For this test, the parameterisation without parameter transformations is used.

**Usage**

```

illparms(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mkinfit'
illparms(object, conf.level = 0.95, ...)

## S3 method for class 'illparms.mkinfit'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mmkin'
illparms(object, conf.level = 0.95, ...)

## S3 method for class 'illparms.mmkin'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'saem.mmkin'
illparms(object, conf.level = 0.95, random = TRUE, errmod = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'illparms.saem.mmkin'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mhmkin'
illparms(object, conf.level = 0.95, random = TRUE, errmod = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'illparms.mhmkin'
print(x, ...)

```

**Arguments**

object	The object to investigate
...	For potential future extensions
conf.level	The confidence level for checking p values
x	The object to be printed
random	For hierarchical fits, should random effects be tested?
errmod	For hierarchical fits, should error model parameters be tested?

**Details**

The method for hierarchical model fits, also known as nonlinear mixed-effects model fits as obtained with [saem](#) and [mhmkin](#) checks if any of the confidence intervals for the random effects expressed as standard deviations include zero, and if the confidence intervals for the error model parameters include zero.

**Value**

For [mkinfit](#) or [saem](#) objects, a character vector of parameter names. For [mmkin](#) or [mhmkin](#) objects, a matrix like object of class 'illparms.mmkin' or 'illparms.mhmkin'.

**Note**

All return objects have printing methods. For the single fits, printing does not output anything in the case no ill-defined parameters are found.

**Examples**

```
fit <- mkinfit("FOMC", FOCUS_2006_A, quiet = TRUE)
illparms(fit)
## Not run:
fits <- mmkin(
  c("SFO", "FOMC"),
  list("FOCUS A" = FOCUS_2006_A,
       "FOCUS C" = FOCUS_2006_C),
  quiet = TRUE)
illparms(fits)

## End(Not run)
```

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ilr

*Function to perform isometric log-ratio transformation*

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**Description**

This implementation is a special case of the class of isometric log-ratio transformations.

**Usage**

`ilr(x)`

`invilr(x)`

**Arguments**

`x` A numeric vector. Naturally, the forward transformation is only sensible for vectors with all elements being greater than zero.

**Value**

The result of the forward or backward transformation. The returned components always sum to 1 for the case of the inverse log-ratio transformation.

**Author(s)**

René Lehmann and Johannes Ranke

**References**

Peter Filzmoser, Karel Hron (2008) Outlier Detection for Compositional Data Using Robust Methods. *Math Geosci* 40 233-248



**See Also**

Another implementation can be found in R package `robCompositions`.

**Examples**

```
# Order matters
ilr(c(0.1, 1, 10))
ilr(c(10, 1, 0.1))
# Equal entries give ilr transformations with zeros as elements
ilr(c(3, 3, 3))
# Almost equal entries give small numbers
ilr(c(0.3, 0.4, 0.3))
# Only the ratio between the numbers counts, not their sum
invilr(ilr(c(0.7, 0.29, 0.01)))
invilr(ilr(2.1 * c(0.7, 0.29, 0.01)))
# Inverse transformation of larger numbers gives unequal elements
invilr(-10)
invilr(c(-10, 0))
# The sum of the elements of the inverse ilr is 1
sum(invilr(c(-10, 0)))
# This is why we do not need all elements of the inverse transformation to go back:
a <- c(0.1, 0.3, 0.5)
b <- invilr(a)
length(b) # Four elements
ilr(c(b[1:3], 1 - sum(b[1:3]))) # Gives c(0.1, 0.3, 0.5)
```

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intervals.saem.mmkin *Confidence intervals for parameters in saem.mmkin objects*

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**Description**

Confidence intervals for parameters in `saem.mmkin` objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'saem.mmkin'
intervals(object, level = 0.95, backtransform = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	The fitted <code>saem.mmkin</code> object
<code>level</code>	The confidence level. Must be the default of 0.95 as this is what is available in the <code>saemix</code> object
<code>backtransform</code>	In case the model was fitted with <code>mkkin</code> transformations, should we backtransform the parameters where a one to one correlation between transformed and backtransformed parameters exists?
<code>...</code>	For compatibility with the generic method

**Value**

An object with 'intervals.saem.mmkin' and 'intervals.lme' in the class attribute

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IORE.solution	<i>Indeterminate order rate equation kinetics</i>
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**Description**

Function describing exponential decline from a defined starting value, with a concentration dependent rate constant.

**Usage**

```
IORE.solution(t, parent_0, k__iore, N)
```

**Arguments**

t	Time.
parent_0	Starting value for the response variable at time zero.
k__iore	Rate constant. Note that this depends on the concentration units used.
N	Exponent describing the nonlinearity of the rate equation

**Value**

The value of the response variable at time t.

**Note**

The solution of the IORE kinetic model reduces to the [SF0.solution](#) if N = 1. The parameters of the IORE model can be transformed to equivalent parameters of the FOMC mode - see the NAFTA guidance for details.

**References**

NAFTA Technical Working Group on Pesticides (not dated) Guidance for Evaluating and Calculating Degradation Kinetics in Environmental Media

**See Also**

Other parent solutions: [DFOP.solution\(\)](#), [FOMC.solution\(\)](#), [HS.solution\(\)](#), [SF0.solution\(\)](#), [SFORB.solution\(\)](#), [logistic.solution\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```

plot(function(x) IORE.solution(x, 100, 0.2, 1.3), 0, 2, ylim = c(0, 100))
## Not run:
  fit.fomc <- mkinfit("FOMC", FOCUS_2006_C, quiet = TRUE)
  fit.iore <- mkinfit("IORE", FOCUS_2006_C, quiet = TRUE)
  fit.iore.deS <- mkinfit("IORE", FOCUS_2006_C, solution_type = "deSolve", quiet = TRUE)

  print(data.frame(fit.fomc$par, fit.iore$par, fit.iore.deS$par,
                  row.names = paste("model par", 1:4)))
  print(rbind(fomc = endpoints(fit.fomc)$distimes, iore = endpoints(fit.iore)$distimes,
              iore.deS = endpoints(fit.iore.deS)$distimes))

## End(Not run)

```

llhist

*Plot the distribution of log likelihoods from multistart objects***Description**

Produces a histogram of log-likelihoods. In addition, the likelihood of the original fit is shown as a red vertical line.

**Usage**

```
llhist(object, breaks = "Sturges", lpos = "topleft", main = "", ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	The <a href="#">multistart</a> object
breaks	Passed to <a href="#">hist</a>
lpos	Positioning of the legend.
main	Title of the plot
...	Passed to <a href="#">hist</a>

**See Also**

[multistart](#)

loftest

*Lack-of-fit test for models fitted to data with replicates***Description**

This is a generic function with a method currently only defined for `mkinfit` objects. It fits an anova model to the data contained in the object and compares the likelihoods using the likelihood ratio test `lrtest.default` from the `lmtest` package.

**Usage**

```
loftest(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mkinfit'
loftest(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	A model object with a defined <code>loftest</code> method
<code>...</code>	Not used

**Details**

The anova model is interpreted as the simplest form of an `mkinfit` model, assuming only a constant variance about the means, but not enforcing any structure of the means, so we have one model parameter for every mean of replicate samples.

**See Also**

`lrtest`

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
test_data <- subset(synthetic_data_for_UBA_2014[[12]]$data, name == "parent")
sfo_fit <- mkinfit("SFO", test_data, quiet = TRUE)
plot_res(sfo_fit) # We see a clear pattern in the residuals
loftest(sfo_fit) # We have a clear lack of fit
#
# We try a different model (the one that was used to generate the data)
dfop_fit <- mkinfit("DFOP", test_data, quiet = TRUE)
plot_res(dfop_fit) # We don't see systematic deviations, but heteroscedastic residuals
# therefore we should consider adapting the error model, although we have
loftest(dfop_fit) # no lack of fit
#
# This is the anova model used internally for the comparison
test_data_anova <- test_data
test_data_anova$time <- as.factor(test_data_anova$time)
```

```

anova_fit <- lm(value ~ time, data = test_data_anova)
summary(anova_fit)
logLik(anova_fit) # We get the same likelihood and degrees of freedom
#
test_data_2 <- synthetic_data_for_UBA_2014[[12]]$data
m_synth_SFO_lin <- mkinmod(parent = list(type = "SFO", to = "M1"),
  M1 = list(type = "SFO", to = "M2"),
  M2 = list(type = "SFO"), use_of_ff = "max")
sfo_lin_fit <- mkinfit(m_synth_SFO_lin, test_data_2, quiet = TRUE)
plot_res(sfo_lin_fit) # not a good model, we try parallel formation
loftest(sfo_lin_fit)
#
m_synth_SFO_par <- mkinmod(parent = list(type = "SFO", to = c("M1", "M2")),
  M1 = list(type = "SFO"),
  M2 = list(type = "SFO"), use_of_ff = "max")
sfo_par_fit <- mkinfit(m_synth_SFO_par, test_data_2, quiet = TRUE)
plot_res(sfo_par_fit) # much better for metabolites
loftest(sfo_par_fit)
#
m_synth_DFOP_par <- mkinmod(parent = list(type = "DFOP", to = c("M1", "M2")),
  M1 = list(type = "SFO"),
  M2 = list(type = "SFO"), use_of_ff = "max")
dfop_par_fit <- mkinfit(m_synth_DFOP_par, test_data_2, quiet = TRUE)
plot_res(dfop_par_fit) # No visual lack of fit
loftest(dfop_par_fit) # no lack of fit found by the test
#
# The anova model used for comparison in the case of transformation products
test_data_anova_2 <- dfop_par_fit$data
test_data_anova_2$variable <- as.factor(test_data_anova_2$variable)
test_data_anova_2$time <- as.factor(test_data_anova_2$time)
anova_fit_2 <- lm(observed ~ time:variable - 1, data = test_data_anova_2)
summary(anova_fit_2)

## End(Not run)

```

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logistic.solution      *Logistic kinetics*

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## Description

Function describing exponential decline from a defined starting value, with an increasing rate constant, supposedly caused by microbial growth

## Usage

```
logistic.solution(t, parent_0, kmax, k0, r)
```

**Arguments**

t	Time.
parent_0	Starting value for the response variable at time zero.
kmax	Maximum rate constant.
k0	Minimum rate constant effective at time zero.
r	Growth rate of the increase in the rate constant.

**Value**

The value of the response variable at time t.

**Note**

The solution of the logistic model reduces to the [SF0.solution](#) if k0 is equal to kmax.

**References**

FOCUS (2006) “Guidance Document on Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, EC Document Reference Sanco/10058/2005 version 2.0, 434 pp, <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics> FOCUS (2014) “Generic guidance for Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, Version 1.1, 18 December 2014 <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

**See Also**

Other parent solutions: [DFOP.solution\(\)](#), [FOMC.solution\(\)](#), [HS.solution\(\)](#), [IORE.solution\(\)](#), [SF0.solution\(\)](#), [SFORB.solution\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# Reproduce the plot on page 57 of FOCUS (2014)
plot(function(x) logistic.solution(x, 100, 0.08, 0.0001, 0.2),
      from = 0, to = 100, ylim = c(0, 100),
      xlab = "Time", ylab = "Residue")
plot(function(x) logistic.solution(x, 100, 0.08, 0.0001, 0.4),
      from = 0, to = 100, add = TRUE, lty = 2, col = 2)
plot(function(x) logistic.solution(x, 100, 0.08, 0.0001, 0.8),
      from = 0, to = 100, add = TRUE, lty = 3, col = 3)
plot(function(x) logistic.solution(x, 100, 0.08, 0.001, 0.2),
      from = 0, to = 100, add = TRUE, lty = 4, col = 4)
plot(function(x) logistic.solution(x, 100, 0.08, 0.08, 0.2),
      from = 0, to = 100, add = TRUE, lty = 5, col = 5)
legend("topright", inset = 0.05,
      legend = paste0("k0 = ", c(0.0001, 0.0001, 0.0001, 0.001, 0.08),
                      ", r = ", c(0.2, 0.4, 0.8, 0.2, 0.2)),
      lty = 1:5, col = 1:5)
```

```

# Fit with synthetic data
logistic <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("logistic"))

sampling_times = c(0, 1, 3, 7, 14, 28, 60, 90, 120)
parms_logistic <- c(kmax = 0.08, k0 = 0.0001, r = 0.2)
d_logistic <- mkinpredict(logistic,
  parms_logistic, c(parent = 100),
  sampling_times)
d_2_1 <- add_err(d_logistic,
  sdfunc = function(x) sigma_twocomp(x, 0.5, 0.07),
  n = 1, reps = 2, digits = 5, LOD = 0.1, seed = 123456)[[1]]

m <- mkinfit("logistic", d_2_1, quiet = TRUE)
plot_sep(m)
summary(m)$bpar
endpoints(m)$distimes

```

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logLik.mkinfit

*Calculated the log-likelihood of a fitted mkinfit object*


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## Description

This function returns the product of the likelihood densities of each observed value, as calculated as part of the fitting procedure using [dnorm](#), i.e. assuming normal distribution, and with the means predicted by the degradation model, and the standard deviations predicted by the error model.

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'mkinfit'
logLik(object, ...)

```

## Arguments

object	An object of class <a href="#">mkinfit</a> .
...	For compatibility with the generic method

## Details

The total number of estimated parameters returned with the value of the likelihood is calculated as the sum of fitted degradation model parameters and the fitted error model parameters.

## Value

An object of class [logLik](#) with the number of estimated parameters (degradation model parameters plus variance model parameters) as attribute.

**Author(s)**

Johannes Ranke

**See Also**Compare the AIC of columns of `mmkin` objects using `AIC.mmkin`.**Examples**

```
## Not run:
sfo_sfo <- mkinmod(
  parent = mkinsub("SF0", to = "m1"),
  m1 = mkinsub("SF0")
)
d_t <- subset(FOCUS_2006_D, value != 0)
f_nw <- mkinfit(sfo_sfo, d_t, quiet = TRUE) # no weighting (weights are unity)
f_obs <- update(f_nw, error_model = "obs")
f_tc <- update(f_nw, error_model = "tc")
AIC(f_nw, f_obs, f_tc)

## End(Not run)
```

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logLik.saem.mmkin      *logLik method for saem.mmkin objects*

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**Description**

logLik method for saem.mmkin objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'saem.mmkin'
logLik(object, ..., method = c("is", "lin", "gq"))
```

**Arguments**

object	The fitted <code>saem.mmkin</code> object
...	Passed to <code>saemix::logLik.SaemixObject</code>
method	Passed to <code>saemix::logLik.SaemixObject</code>



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lrtest.mkinfit	<i>Likelihood ratio test for mkinfit models</i>
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## Description

Compare two mkinfit models based on their likelihood. If two fitted mkinfit objects are given as arguments, it is checked if they have been fitted to the same data. It is the responsibility of the user to make sure that the models are nested, i.e. one of them has less degrees of freedom and can be expressed by fixing the parameters of the other.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mkinfit'
lrtest(object, object_2 = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mmkin'
lrtest(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	An <code>mkinfit</code> object, or an <code>mmkin</code> column object containing two fits to the same data.
object_2	Optionally, another mkinfit object fitted to the same data.
...	Argument to <code>mkinfit</code> , passed to <code>update.mkinfit</code> for creating the alternative fitted object.

## Details

Alternatively, an argument to mkinfit can be given which is then passed to `update.mkinfit` to obtain the alternative model.

The comparison is then made by the `lrtest.default` method from the `lmtest` package. The model with the higher number of fitted parameters (alternative hypothesis) is listed first, then the model with the lower number of fitted parameters (null hypothesis).

## Examples

```
## Not run:
test_data <- subset(synthetic_data_for_UBA_2014[[12]]$data, name == "parent")
sfo_fit <- mkinfit("SFO", test_data, quiet = TRUE)
dfop_fit <- mkinfit("DFOP", test_data, quiet = TRUE)
lrtest(dfop_fit, sfo_fit)
lrtest(sfo_fit, dfop_fit)

# The following two examples are commented out as they fail during
# generation of the static help pages by pkgdown
#lrtest(dfop_fit, error_model = "tc")
#lrtest(dfop_fit, fixed_parms = c(k2 = 0))
```

```
# However, this equivalent syntax also works for static help pages
lrtest(dfop_fit, update(dfop_fit, error_model = "tc"))
lrtest(dfop_fit, update(dfop_fit, fixed_parms = c(k2 = 0)))

## End(Not run)
```

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max_twa_parent	<i>Function to calculate maximum time weighted average concentrations from kinetic models fitted with mkinfit</i>
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### Description

This function calculates maximum moving window time weighted average concentrations (TWAs) for kinetic models fitted with `mkinfit`. Currently, only calculations for the parent are implemented for the SFO, FOMC, DFOP and HS models, using the analytical formulas given in the PEC soil section of the FOCUS guidance.

### Usage

```
max_twa_parent(fit, windows)

max_twa_sfo(M0 = 1, k, t)

max_twa_fomc(M0 = 1, alpha, beta, t)

max_twa_dfop(M0 = 1, k1, k2, g, t)

max_twa_hs(M0 = 1, k1, k2, tb, t)
```

### Arguments

<code>fit</code>	An object of class <code>mkinfit</code> .
<code>windows</code>	The width of the time windows for which the TWAs should be calculated.
<code>M0</code>	The initial concentration for which the maximum time weighted average over the decline curve should be calculated. The default is to use a value of 1, which means that a relative maximum time weighted average factor ( <code>f_twa</code> ) is calculated.
<code>k</code>	The rate constant in the case of SFO kinetics.
<code>t</code>	The width of the time window.
<code>alpha</code>	Parameter of the FOMC model.
<code>beta</code>	Parameter of the FOMC model.
<code>k1</code>	The first rate constant of the DFOP or the HS kinetics.
<code>k2</code>	The second rate constant of the DFOP or the HS kinetics.
<code>g</code>	Parameter of the DFOP model.
<code>tb</code>	Parameter of the HS model.

**Value**

For `max_twa_parent`, a numeric vector, named using the `windows` argument. For the other functions, a numeric vector of length one (also known as 'a number').

**Author(s)**

Johannes Ranke

**References**

FOCUS (2006) "Guidance Document on Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration" Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, EC Document Reference Sanco/10058/2005 version 2.0, 434 pp, <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

**Examples**

```
fit <- mkinfit("FOMC", FOCUS_2006_C, quiet = TRUE)
max_twa_parent(fit, c(7, 21))
```

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mccall81\_245T

*Datasets on aerobic soil metabolism of 2,4,5-T in six soils*

---

**Description**

Time course of 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid, and the corresponding 2,4,5-trichlorophenol and 2,4,5-trichloroanisole as recovered in diethylether extracts.

**Usage**

```
mccall81_245T
```

**Format**

A dataframe containing the following variables.

`name` the name of the compound observed. Note that T245 is used as an acronym for 2,4,5-T. T245 is a legitimate object name in R, which is necessary for specifying models using `mkimod`.

`time` a numeric vector containing sampling times in days after treatment

`value` a numeric vector containing concentrations in percent of applied radioactivity

`soil` a factor containing the name of the soil

**Source**

McCall P, Vrona SA, Kelley SS (1981) Fate of uniformly carbon-14 ring labelled 2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic acid and 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid. J Agric Chem 29, 100-107 [doi:10.1021/jf00103a026](https://doi.org/10.1021/jf00103a026)

## Examples

```
SFO_SFO_SFO <- mkinmod(T245 = list(type = "SFO", to = "phenol"),
  phenol = list(type = "SFO", to = "anisole"),
  anisole = list(type = "SFO"))
## Not run:
fit.1 <- mkinfit(SFO_SFO_SFO, subset(mccall81_245T, soil == "Commerce"), quiet = TRUE)
summary(fit.1)$bpar
endpoints(fit.1)
# formation fraction from phenol to anisol is practically 1. As we cannot
# fix formation fractions when using the ilr transformation, we can turn of
# the sink in the model generation
SFO_SFO_SFO_2 <- mkinmod(T245 = list(type = "SFO", to = "phenol"),
  phenol = list(type = "SFO", to = "anisole", sink = FALSE),
  anisole = list(type = "SFO"))
fit.2 <- mkinfit(SFO_SFO_SFO_2, subset(mccall81_245T, soil == "Commerce"),
  quiet = TRUE)
summary(fit.2)$bpar
endpoints(fit.1)
plot_sep(fit.2)

## End(Not run)
```

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mean\_degparms

*Calculate mean degradation parameters for an mmkin row object*

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## Description

Calculate mean degradation parameters for an mmkin row object

## Usage

```
mean_degparms(
  object,
  random = FALSE,
  test_log_parms = FALSE,
  conf.level = 0.6,
  default_log_parms = NA
)
```

## Arguments

object	An mmkin row object containing several fits of the same model to different datasets
random	Should a list with fixed and random effects be returned?
test_log_parms	If TRUE, log parameters are only considered in the mean calculations if their untransformed counterparts (most likely rate constants) pass the t-test for significant difference from zero.

`conf.level` Possibility to adjust the required confidence level for parameter that are tested if requested by 'test\_log\_parms'.

`default_log_parms` If set to a numeric value, this is used as a default value for the tested log parameters that failed the t-test.

### Value

If `random` is `FALSE` (default), a named vector containing mean values of the fitted degradation model parameters. If `random` is `TRUE`, a list with fixed and random effects, in the format required by the `start` argument of `nlme` for the case of a single grouping variable `ds`.

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mhmkin	<i>Fit nonlinear mixed-effects models built from one or more kinetic degradation models and one or more error models</i>
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### Description

The name of the methods expresses that **(multiple) hierarchichal** (also known as multilevel) **multicompartment kinetic** models are fitted. Our kinetic models are nonlinear, so we can use various nonlinear mixed-effects model fitting functions.

### Usage

```
mhmkin(objects, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mmkin'
mhmkin(objects, ...)

## S3 method for class 'list'
mhmkin(
  objects,
  backend = "saemix",
  algorithm = "saem",
  no_random_effect = NULL,
  auto_ranef_threshold = 3,
  ...,
  cores = if (Sys.info()["sysname"] == "Windows") 1 else parallel::detectCores(),
  cluster = NULL
)

## S3 method for class 'mhmkin'
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]

## S3 method for class 'mhmkin'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

objects	A list of <a href="#">mmkin</a> objects containing fits of the same degradation models to the same data, but using different error models. Alternatively, a single <a href="#">mmkin</a> object containing fits of several degradation models to the same data
...	Further arguments that will be passed to the nonlinear mixed-effects model fitting function.
backend	The backend to be used for fitting. Currently, only saemix is supported
algorithm	The algorithm to be used for fitting (currently not used)
no_random_effect	Default is NULL and will be passed to <a href="#">saem</a> . If you specify "auto", random effects are only included if the number of datasets in which the parameter passed the t-test is at least 'auto_ranef_threshold'. Beware that while this may make for convenient model reduction or even numerical stability of the algorithm, it will likely lead to underparameterised models.
auto_ranef_threshold	See 'no_random_effect'.
cores	The number of cores to be used for multicore processing. This is only used when the <code>cluster</code> argument is NULL. On Windows machines, <code>cores &gt; 1</code> is not supported, you need to use the <code>cluster</code> argument to use multiple logical processors. Per default, all cores detected by <a href="#">parallel::detectCores()</a> are used, except on Windows where the default is 1.
cluster	A cluster as returned by <a href="#">makeCluster</a> to be used for parallel execution.
x	An <a href="#">mhmkin</a> object.
i	Row index selecting the fits for specific models
j	Column index selecting the fits to specific datasets
drop	If FALSE, the method always returns an <a href="#">mhmkin</a> object, otherwise either a list of fit objects or a single fit object.

**Value**

A two-dimensional [array](#) of fit objects and/or try-errors that can be indexed using the degradation model names for the first index (row index) and the error model names for the second index (column index), with class attribute 'mhmkin'.

An object of class [mhmkin](#).

**Author(s)**

Johannes Ranke

**See Also**

[\[.mhmkin\]](#) for subsetting [mhmkin](#) objects

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mixed	<i>Create a mixed effects model from an mmkin row object</i>
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## Description

Create a mixed effects model from an mmkin row object

## Usage

```
mixed(object, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'mmkin'  
mixed(object, method = c("none"), ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'mixed.mmkin'  
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)
```

## Arguments

object	An <a href="#">mmkin</a> row object
...	Currently not used
method	The method to be used
x	A mixed.mmkin object to print
digits	Number of digits to use for printing.

## Value

An object of class 'mixed.mmkin' which has the observed data in a single dataframe which is convenient for plotting

## Examples

```
sampling_times = c(0, 1, 3, 7, 14, 28, 60, 90, 120)  
n_biphasic <- 8  
err_1 = list(const = 1, prop = 0.07)  
  
DFOP_SFO <- mkinmod(  
  parent = mkinsub("DFOP", "m1"),  
  m1 = mkinsub("SFO"),  
  quiet = TRUE)  
  
set.seed(123456)  
log_sd <- 0.3  
syn_biphasic_parms <- as.matrix(data.frame(  
  k1 = rlnorm(n_biphasic, log(0.05), log_sd),  
  k2 = rlnorm(n_biphasic, log(0.01), log_sd),  
  g = plogis(rnorm(n_biphasic, 0, log_sd)),
```

```

f_parent_to_m1 = plogis(rnorm(n_biphasic, 0, log_sd)),
k_m1 = rlnorm(n_biphasic, log(0.002), log_sd))

ds_biphasic_mean <- lapply(1:n_biphasic,
  function(i) {
    mkinpredict(DFOP_SF0, syn_biphasic_parms[i, ],
      c(parent = 100, m1 = 0), sampling_times)
  }
)

set.seed(123456L)
ds_biphasic <- lapply(ds_biphasic_mean, function(ds) {
  add_err(ds,
    sdfunc = function(value) sqrt(err_1$const^2 + value^2 * err_1$prop^2),
    n = 1, secondary = "m1")[[1]]
})

## Not run:
f_mmkin <- mmkin(list("DFOP-SF0" = DFOP_SF0), ds_biphasic, error_model = "tc", quiet = TRUE)

f_mixed <- mixed(f_mmkin)
print(f_mixed)
plot(f_mixed)

## End(Not run)

```

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mkind
*A dataset class for mkin*


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## Description

At the moment this dataset class is hardly used in mkin. For example, mkinfit does not take mkind datasets as argument, but works with dataframes such as the one contained in the data field of mkind objects. Some datasets provided by this package come as mkind objects nevertheless.

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'mkind'
print(x, data = FALSE, ...)

```

## Arguments

x	An <a href="#">mkind</a> object.
data	Should the data be printed?
...	Not used.



**Public fields**

`title` A full title for the dataset  
`sampling_times` The sampling times  
`time_unit` The time unit  
`observed` Names of the observed variables  
`unit` The unit of the observations  
`replicates` The maximum number of replicates per sampling time  
`data` A data frame with at least the columns name, time and value in order to be compatible with `mkinit`

**Methods****Public methods:**

- `mkind$new()`
- `mkind$clone()`

**Method** `new()`: Create a new `mkind` object

*Usage:*

```
mkind$new(title = "", data, time_unit = NA, unit = NA)
```

*Arguments:*

`title` The dataset title  
`data` The data  
`time_unit` The time unit  
`unit` The unit of the observations

**Method** `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

```
mkind$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

**Examples**

```
mds <- mkind$new("FOCUS A", FOCUS_2006_A)  
print(mds)
```

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mkindsg

*A class for dataset groups for mkin*


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## Description

A container for working with datasets that share at least one compound, so that combined evaluations are desirable.

Time normalisation factors are initialised with a value of 1 for each dataset if no data are supplied.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mkindsg'
print(x, data = FALSE, verbose = data, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	An <a href="#">mkindsg</a> object.
data	Should the mkindsg objects be printed with their data?
verbose	Should the mkindsg objects be printed?
...	Not used.

## Public fields

title	A title for the dataset group
ds	A list of mkindsg objects
observed_n	Occurrence counts of compounds in datasets
f_time_norm	Time normalisation factors
meta	A data frame with a row for each dataset, containing additional information in the form of categorical data (factors) or numerical data (e.g. temperature, moisture, or covariates like soil pH).

## Methods

### Public methods:

- [mkindsg\\$new\(\)](#)
- [mkindsg\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Create a new mkindsg object

*Usage:*

```
mkindsg$new(title = "", ds, f_time_norm = rep(1, length(ds)), meta)
```

*Arguments:*

title	The title
ds	A list of mkindsg objects

f\_time\_norm Time normalisation factors  
 meta The meta data

**Method** clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

```
mkindsg$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

## Examples

```
mdsg <- mkindsg$new("Experimental X", experimental_data_for_UBA_2019[6:10])
print(mdsg)
print(mdsg, verbose = TRUE)
print(mdsg, verbose = TRUE, data = TRUE)
```

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mkinerrmin	<i>Calculate the minimum error to assume in order to pass the variance test</i>
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## Description

This function finds the smallest relative error still resulting in passing the chi-squared test as defined in the FOCUS kinetics report from 2006.

## Usage

```
mkinerrmin(fit, alpha = 0.05)
```

## Arguments

fit an object of class [mkinfit](#).  
 alpha The confidence level chosen for the chi-squared test.

## Details

This function is used internally by [summary.mkinfit](#).

**Value**

A dataframe with the following components:

err.min	The relative error, expressed as a fraction.
n.optim	The number of optimised parameters attributed to the data series.
df	The number of remaining degrees of freedom for the chi2 error level calculations. Note that mean values are used for the chi2 statistic and therefore every time point with observed values in the series only counts one time.

The dataframe has one row for the total dataset and one further row for each observed state variable in the model.

**References**

FOCUS (2006) “Guidance Document on Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, EC Document Reference Sanco/10058/2005 version 2.0, 434 pp, <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

**Examples**

```
SFO_SF0 = mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("SF0", to = "m1"),
                  m1 = mkinsub("SF0"),
                  use_of_ff = "max")

fit_FOCUS_D = mkinfit(SFO_SF0, FOCUS_2006_D, quiet = TRUE)
round(mkinerrmin(fit_FOCUS_D), 4)
## Not run:
fit_FOCUS_E = mkinfit(SFO_SF0, FOCUS_2006_E, quiet = TRUE)
round(mkinerrmin(fit_FOCUS_E), 4)

## End(Not run)
```

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mkinerrplot

*Function to plot squared residuals and the error model for an mkin object*

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**Description**

This function plots the squared residuals for the specified subset of the observed variables from an mkinfit object. In addition, one or more dashed line(s) show the fitted error model. A combined plot of the fitted model and this error model plot can be obtained with `plot.mkinfit` using the argument `show_errplot = TRUE`.

**Usage**

```

mkinerrplot(
  object,
  obs_vars = names(object$mkinmod$map),
  xlim = c(0, 1.1 * max(object$data$predicted)),
  xlab = "Predicted",
  ylab = "Squared residual",
  maxy = "auto",
  legend = TRUE,
  lpos = "topright",
  col_obs = "auto",
  pch_obs = "auto",
  frame = TRUE,
  ...
)

```

**Arguments**

object	A fit represented in an <a href="#">mkinfit</a> object.
obs_vars	A character vector of names of the observed variables for which residuals should be plotted. Defaults to all observed variables in the model
xlim	plot range in x direction.
xlab	Label for the x axis.
ylab	Label for the y axis.
maxy	Maximum value of the residuals. This is used for the scaling of the y axis and defaults to "auto".
legend	Should a legend be plotted?
lpos	Where should the legend be placed? Default is "topright". Will be passed on to <a href="#">legend</a> .
col_obs	Colors for the observed variables.
pch_obs	Symbols to be used for the observed variables.
frame	Should a frame be drawn around the plots?
...	further arguments passed to <a href="#">plot</a> .

**Value**

Nothing is returned by this function, as it is called for its side effect, namely to produce a plot.

**Author(s)**

Johannes Ranke

**See Also**

[mkinplot](#), for a way to plot the data and the fitted lines of the [mkinfit](#) object.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
model <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("SFO", "m1"), m1 = mkinsub("SFO"))
fit <- mkinfit(model, FOCUS_2006_D, error_model = "tc", quiet = TRUE)
mkinerrplot(fit)

## End(Not run)
```

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mkinfit

*Fit a kinetic model to data with one or more state variables*


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## Description

This function maximises the likelihood of the observed data using the Port algorithm `stats::nlminb()`, and the specified initial or fixed parameters and starting values. In each step of the optimisation, the kinetic model is solved using the function `mkinpredict()`, except if an analytical solution is implemented, in which case the model is solved using the degradation function in the `mkinmod` object. The parameters of the selected error model are fitted simultaneously with the degradation model parameters, as both of them are arguments of the likelihood function.

## Usage

```
mkinfit(
  mkinmod,
  observed,
  parms.ini = "auto",
  state.ini = "auto",
  err.ini = "auto",
  fixed_parms = NULL,
  fixed_initials = names(mkinmod$diffs)[-1],
  from_max_mean = FALSE,
  solution_type = c("auto", "analytical", "eigen", "deSolve"),
  method.ode = "lsoda",
  use_compiled = "auto",
  control = list(eval.max = 300, iter.max = 200),
  transform_rates = TRUE,
  transform_fractions = TRUE,
  quiet = FALSE,
  atol = 1e-08,
  rtol = 1e-10,
  error_model = c("const", "obs", "tc"),
  error_model_algorithm = c("auto", "d_3", "direct", "twostep", "threestep", "fourstep",
    "IRLS", "OLS"),
  reweight.tol = 1e-08,
  reweight.max.iter = 10,
```

```

    trace_parms = FALSE,
    test_residuals = FALSE,
    ...
)

```

## Arguments

mkinmod	A list of class <code>mkinmod</code> , containing the kinetic model to be fitted to the data, or one of the shorthand names ("SFO", "FOMC", "DFOP", "HS", "SFORB", "IORE"). If a shorthand name is given, a parent only degradation model is generated for the variable with the highest value in observed.
observed	A dataframe with the observed data. The first column called "name" must contain the name of the observed variable for each data point. The second column must contain the times of observation, named "time". The third column must be named "value" and contain the observed values. Zero values in the "value" column will be removed, with a warning, in order to avoid problems with fitting the two-component error model. This is not expected to be a problem, because in general, values of zero are not observed in degradation data, because there is a lower limit of detection.
parms.ini	A named vector of initial values for the parameters, including parameters to be optimised and potentially also fixed parameters as indicated by <code>fixed_parms</code> . If set to "auto", initial values for rate constants are set to default values. Using parameter names that are not in the model gives an error.  It is possible to only specify a subset of the parameters that the model needs. You can use the parameter lists "bparms.ode" from a previously fitted model, which contains the differential equation parameters from this model. This works nicely if the models are nested. An example is given below.
state.ini	A named vector of initial values for the state variables of the model. In case the observed variables are represented by more than one model variable, the names will differ from the names of the observed variables (see <code>map</code> component of <code>mkinmod</code> ). The default is to set the initial value of the first model variable to the mean of the time zero values for the variable with the maximum observed value, and all others to 0. If this variable has no time zero observations, its initial value is set to 100.
err.ini	A named vector of initial values for the error model parameters to be optimised. If set to "auto", initial values are set to default values. Otherwise, initial values for all error model parameters must be given.
fixed_parms	The names of parameters that should not be optimised but rather kept at the values specified in <code>parms.ini</code> . Alternatively, a named numeric vector of parameters to be fixed, regardless of the values in <code>parms.ini</code> .
fixed_initials	The names of model variables for which the initial state at time 0 should be excluded from the optimisation. Defaults to all state variables except for the first one.
from_max_mean	If this is set to TRUE, and the model has only one observed variable, then data before the time of the maximum observed value (after averaging for each sampling time) are discarded, and this time is subtracted from all remaining time values, so the time of the maximum observed mean value is the new time zero.

solution_type	If set to "eigen", the solution of the system of differential equations is based on the spectral decomposition of the coefficient matrix in cases that this is possible. If set to "deSolve", a numerical <a href="#">ode solver from package deSolve</a> is used. If set to "analytical", an analytical solution of the model is used. This is only implemented for relatively simple degradation models. The default is "auto", which uses "analytical" if possible, otherwise "deSolve" if a compiler is present, and "eigen" if no compiler is present and the model can be expressed using eigenvalues and eigenvectors.
method.ode	The solution method passed via <a href="#">mkinpredict()</a> to <a href="#">deSolve::ode()</a> in case the solution type is "deSolve". The default "lsoda" is performant, but sometimes fails to converge.
use_compiled	If set to FALSE, no compiled version of the <a href="#">mkinmod</a> model is used in the calls to <a href="#">mkinpredict()</a> even if a compiled version is present.
control	A list of control arguments passed to <a href="#">stats::nlminb()</a> .
transform_rates	Boolean specifying if kinetic rate constants should be transformed in the model specification used in the fitting for better compliance with the assumption of normal distribution of the estimator. If TRUE, also alpha and beta parameters of the FOMC model are log-transformed, as well as k1 and k2 rate constants for the DFOP and HS models and the break point tb of the HS model. If FALSE, zero is used as a lower bound for the rates in the optimisation.
transform_fractions	Boolean specifying if formation fractions should be transformed in the model specification used in the fitting for better compliance with the assumption of normal distribution of the estimator. The default (TRUE) is to do transformations. If TRUE, the g parameter of the DFOP model is also transformed. Transformations are described in <a href="#">transform_odeparms</a> .
quiet	Suppress printing out the current value of the negative log-likelihood after each improvement?
atol	Absolute error tolerance, passed to <a href="#">deSolve::ode()</a> . Default is 1e-8, which is lower than the default in the <a href="#">deSolve::lsoda()</a> function which is used per default.
rtol	Absolute error tolerance, passed to <a href="#">deSolve::ode()</a> . Default is 1e-10, much lower than in <a href="#">deSolve::lsoda()</a> .
error_model	If the error model is "const", a constant standard deviation is assumed. If the error model is "obs", each observed variable is assumed to have its own variance. If the error model is "tc" (two-component error model), a two component error model similar to the one described by <a href="#">Rocke and Lorenzato (1995)</a> is used for setting up the likelihood function. Note that this model deviates from the model by <a href="#">Rocke and Lorenzato</a> , as their model implies that the errors follow a lognormal distribution for large values, not a normal distribution as assumed by this method.
error_model_algorithm	If "auto", the selected algorithm depends on the error model. If the error model is "const", unweighted nonlinear least squares fitting ("OLS") is selected. If the error model is "obs", or "tc", the "d_3" algorithm is selected.



The algorithm "d\_3" will directly minimize the negative log-likelihood and independently also use the three step algorithm described below. The fit with the higher likelihood is returned.

The algorithm "direct" will directly minimize the negative log-likelihood.

The algorithm "twostep" will minimize the negative log-likelihood after an initial unweighted least squares optimisation step.

The algorithm "threestep" starts with unweighted least squares, then optimizes only the error model using the degradation model parameters found, and then minimizes the negative log-likelihood with free degradation and error model parameters.

The algorithm "fourstep" starts with unweighted least squares, then optimizes only the error model using the degradation model parameters found, then optimizes the degradation model again with fixed error model parameters, and finally minimizes the negative log-likelihood with free degradation and error model parameters.

The algorithm "IRLS" (Iteratively Reweighted Least Squares) starts with unweighted least squares, and then iterates optimization of the error model parameters and subsequent optimization of the degradation model using those error model parameters, until the error model parameters converge.

reweight.tol	Tolerance for the convergence criterion calculated from the error model parameters in IRLS fits.
reweight.max.iter	Maximum number of iterations in IRLS fits.
trace_parms	Should a trace of the parameter values be listed?
test_residuals	Should the residuals be tested for normal distribution?
...	Further arguments that will be passed on to <code>deSolve::ode()</code> .

### Details

Per default, parameters in the kinetic models are internally transformed in order to better satisfy the assumption of a normal distribution of their estimators.

### Value

A list with "mkinfit" in the class attribute.

### Note

When using the "IORE" submodel for metabolites, fitting with "transform\_rates = TRUE" (the default) often leads to failures of the numerical ODE solver. In this situation it may help to switch off the internal rate transformation.

### Author(s)

Johannes Ranke

## References

Rocke DM and Lorenzato S (1995) A two-component model for measurement error in analytical chemistry. *Technometrics* 37(2), 176-184.

Ranke J and Meinecke S (2019) Error Models for the Kinetic Evaluation of Chemical Degradation Data. *Environments* 6(12) 124 doi:10.3390/environments6120124.

## See Also

[summary.mkinfit](#), [plot.mkinfit](#), [parms](#) and [lrtest](#).

Comparisons of models fitted to the same data can be made using [AIC](#) by virtue of the method [logLik.mkinfit](#).

Fitting of several models to several datasets in a single call to [mmkin](#).

## Examples

```
# Use shorthand notation for parent only degradation
fit <- mkinfit("FOMC", FOCUS_2006_C, quiet = TRUE)
summary(fit)

# One parent compound, one metabolite, both single first order.
# We remove zero values from FOCUS dataset D in order to avoid warnings
FOCUS_D <- subset(FOCUS_2006_D, value != 0)
# Use mkinmod for convenience in model formulation. Pathway to sink included per default.
SFO_SFO <- mkinmod(
  parent = mkinmod("SFO", "m1"),
  m1 = mkinmod("SFO"))

# Fit the model quietly to the FOCUS example dataset D using defaults
fit <- mkinfit(SFO_SFO, FOCUS_D, quiet = TRUE)
plot_sep(fit)
# As lower parent values appear to have lower variance, we try an alternative error model
fit.tc <- mkinfit(SFO_SFO, FOCUS_D, quiet = TRUE, error_model = "tc")
# This avoids the warning, and the likelihood ratio test confirms it is preferable
lrtest(fit.tc, fit)
# We can also allow for different variances of parent and metabolite as error model
fit.obs <- mkinfit(SFO_SFO, FOCUS_D, quiet = TRUE, error_model = "obs")
# The two-component error model has significantly higher likelihood
lrtest(fit.obs, fit.tc)
parms(fit.tc)
endpoints(fit.tc)

# We can show a quick (only one replication) benchmark for this case, as we
# have several alternative solution methods for the model. We skip
# uncompiled deSolve, as it is so slow. More benchmarks are found in the
# benchmark vignette
## Not run:
if(require(rbenchmark)) {
  benchmark(replications = 1, order = "relative", columns = c("test", "relative", "elapsed"),
    deSolve_compiled = mkinfit(SFO_SFO, FOCUS_D, quiet = TRUE, error_model = "tc",
```

```

    solution_type = "deSolve", use_compiled = TRUE),
  eigen = mkinfit(SFO_SFO, FOCUS_D, quiet = TRUE, error_model = "tc",
    solution_type = "eigen"),
  analytical = mkinfit(SFO_SFO, FOCUS_D, quiet = TRUE, error_model = "tc",
    solution_type = "analytical"))
}

## End(Not run)

# Use stepwise fitting, using optimised parameters from parent only fit, FOMC-SFO
## Not run:
FOMC_SFO <- mkinmod(
  parent = mkinsub("FOMC", "m1"),
  m1 = mkinsub("SFO"))
fit.FOMC_SFO <- mkinfit(FOMC_SFO, FOCUS_D, quiet = TRUE)
# Again, we get a warning and try a more sophisticated error model
fit.FOMC_SFO.tc <- mkinfit(FOMC_SFO, FOCUS_D, quiet = TRUE, error_model = "tc")
# This model has a higher likelihood, but not significantly so
lrtest(fit.tc, fit.FOMC_SFO.tc)
# Also, the missing standard error for log_beta and the t-tests for alpha
# and beta indicate overparameterisation
summary(fit.FOMC_SFO.tc, data = FALSE)

# We can easily use starting parameters from the parent only fit (only for illustration)
fit.FOMC = mkinfit("FOMC", FOCUS_2006_D, quiet = TRUE, error_model = "tc")
fit.FOMC_SFO <- mkinfit(FOMC_SFO, FOCUS_D, quiet = TRUE,
  parms.ini = fit.FOMC$bparms.ode, error_model = "tc")

## End(Not run)

```

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mkinmod

*Function to set up a kinetic model with one or more state variables*


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## Description

This function is usually called using a call to `mkinsub()` for each observed variable, specifying the corresponding submodel as well as outgoing pathways (see examples).

Print `mkinmod` objects in a way that the user finds his way to get to its components.

## Usage

```

mkinmod(
  ...,
  use_of_ff = "max",
  name = NULL,
  speclist = NULL,
  quiet = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  dll_dir = NULL,

```

```

    unload = FALSE,
    overwrite = FALSE
)

## S3 method for class 'mkinmod'
print(x, ...)

mkinsub(submodel, to = NULL, sink = TRUE, full_name = NA)

```

## Arguments

...	For each observed variable, a list as obtained by <code>mkinsub()</code> has to be specified as an argument (see examples). Currently, single first order kinetics "SFO", indeterminate order rate equation kinetics "IORE", or single first order with reversible binding "SFORB" are implemented for all variables, while "FOMC", "DFOP", "HS" and "logistic" can additionally be chosen for the first variable which is assumed to be the source compartment. Additionally, <code>mkinsub()</code> has an argument <code>to</code> , specifying names of variables to which a transfer is to be assumed in the model. If the argument <code>use_of_ff</code> is set to "min" (default) and the model for the compartment is "SFO" or "SFORB", an additional <code>mkinsub()</code> argument can be <code>sink = FALSE</code> , effectively fixing the flux to sink to zero. In <code>print.mkinmod</code> , this argument is currently not used.
<code>use_of_ff</code>	Specification of the use of formation fractions in the model equations and, if applicable, the coefficient matrix. If "max", formation fractions are always used (default). If "min", a minimum use of formation fractions is made, i.e. each first-order pathway to a metabolite has its own rate constant.
<code>name</code>	A name for the model. Should be a valid R object name.
<code>speclist</code>	The specification of the observed variables and their submodel types and pathways can be given as a single list using this argument. Default is <code>NULL</code> .
<code>quiet</code>	Should messages be suppressed?
<code>verbose</code>	If <code>TRUE</code> , passed to <code>inline::cfunction()</code> if applicable to give detailed information about the C function being built.
<code>dll_dir</code>	Directory where an DLL object, if generated internally by <code>inline::cfunction()</code> , should be saved. The DLL will only be stored in a permanent location for use in future sessions, if <code>'dll_dir'</code> and <code>'name'</code> are specified.
<code>unload</code>	If a DLL from the target location in <code>'dll_dir'</code> is already loaded, should that be unloaded first?
<code>overwrite</code>	If a file exists at the target DLL location in <code>'dll_dir'</code> , should this be overwritten?
<code>x</code>	An <code>mkinmod</code> object.
<code>submodel</code>	Character vector of length one to specify the submodel type. See <code>mkinmod</code> for the list of allowed submodel names.
<code>to</code>	Vector of the names of the state variable to which a transformation shall be included in the model.
<code>sink</code>	Should a pathway to sink be included in the model in addition to the pathways to other state variables?

`full_name` An optional name to be used e.g. for plotting fits performed with the model. You can use non-ASCII characters here, but then your R code will not be portable, *i.e.* may produce unintended plot results on other operating systems or system configurations.

### Details

For the definition of model types and their parameters, the equations given in the FOCUS and NAFTA guidance documents are used.

For kinetic models with more than one observed variable, a symbolic solution of the system of differential equations is included in the resulting `mkinmod` object in some cases, speeding up the solution.

If a C compiler is found by `pkgbuild::has_compiler()` and there is more than one observed variable in the specification, C code is generated for evaluating the differential equations, compiled using `inline::cfunction()` and added to the resulting `mkinmod` object.

### Value

A list of class `mkinmod` for use with `mkinfit()`, containing, among others,

<code>diffs</code>	A vector of string representations of differential equations, one for each modelling variable.
<code>map</code>	A list containing named character vectors for each observed variable, specifying the modelling variables by which it is represented.
<code>use_of_ff</code>	The content of <code>use_of_ff</code> is passed on in this list component.
<code>deg_func</code>	If generated, a function containing the solution of the degradation model.
<code>coefmat</code>	The coefficient matrix, if the system of differential equations can be represented by one.
<code>cf</code>	If generated, a compiled function calculating the derivatives as returned by <code>cfunction</code> .

A list for use with `mkinmod`.

### Note

The IORE submodel is not well tested for metabolites. When using this model for metabolites, you may want to read the note in the help page to `mkinfit`.

### Author(s)

Johannes Ranke

### References

FOCUS (2006) “Guidance Document on Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, EC Document Reference Sanco/10058/2005 version 2.0, 434 pp, <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

NAFTA Technical Working Group on Pesticides (not dated) Guidance for Evaluating and Calculating Degradation Kinetics in Environmental Media

### Examples

```
# Specify the SFO model (this is not needed any more, as we can now mkinfit("SFO", ...)
SFO <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("SFO"))

# One parent compound, one metabolite, both single first order
SFO_SFO <- mkinmod(
  parent = mkinsub("SFO", "m1"),
  m1 = mkinsub("SFO"))
print(SFO_SFO)

## Not run:
fit_sfo_sfo <- mkinfit(SFO_SFO, FOCUS_2006_D, quiet = TRUE, solution_type = "deSolve")

# Now supplying compound names used for plotting, and write to user defined location
# We need to choose a path outside the session tempdir because this gets removed
DLL_dir <- "~/local/share/mkin"
if (!dir.exists(DLL_dir)) dir.create(DLL_dir)
SFO_SFO.2 <- mkinmod(
  parent = mkinsub("SFO", "m1", full_name = "Test compound"),
  m1 = mkinsub("SFO", full_name = "Metabolite M1"),
  name = "SFO_SFO", dll_dir = DLL_dir, unload = TRUE, overwrite = TRUE)
# Now we can save the model and restore it in a new session
saveRDS(SFO_SFO.2, file = "~/SFO_SFO.rds")
# Terminate the R session here if you would like to check, and then do
library(mkin)
SFO_SFO.3 <- readRDS("~/SFO_SFO.rds")
fit_sfo_sfo <- mkinfit(SFO_SFO.3, FOCUS_2006_D, quiet = TRUE, solution_type = "deSolve")

# Show details of creating the C function
SFO_SFO <- mkinmod(
  parent = mkinsub("SFO", "m1"),
  m1 = mkinsub("SFO"), verbose = TRUE)

# The symbolic solution which is available in this case is not
# made for human reading but for speed of computation
SFO_SFO$deg_func

# If we have several parallel metabolites
# (compare tests/testthat/test_synthetic_data_for_UBA_2014.R)
m_synth_DFOP_par <- mkinmod(
  parent = mkinsub("DFOP", c("M1", "M2")),
  M1 = mkinsub("SFO"),
  M2 = mkinsub("SFO"),
  quiet = TRUE)

fit_DFOP_par_c <- mkinfit(m_synth_DFOP_par,
  synthetic_data_for_UBA_2014[[12]]$data,
  quiet = TRUE)
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

---

mkinparplot

*Function to plot the confidence intervals obtained using mkinfit*

---

### Description

This function plots the confidence intervals for the parameters fitted using `mkinfit`.

### Usage

```
mkinparplot(object)
```

### Arguments

`object`            A fit represented in an `mkinfit` object.

### Value

Nothing is returned by this function, as it is called for its side effect, namely to produce a plot.

### Author(s)

Johannes Ranke

### Examples

```
## Not run:
model <- mkinmod(
  T245 = mkinsub("SF0", to = c("phenol"), sink = FALSE),
  phenol = mkinsub("SF0", to = c("anisole")),
  anisole = mkinsub("SF0"), use_of_ff = "max")
fit <- mkinfit(model, subset(mccall81_245T, soil == "Commerce"), quiet = TRUE)
mkinparplot(fit)

## End(Not run)
```

mkinplot

*Plot the observed data and the fitted model of an mkinfit object*

---

**Description**

Deprecated function. It now only calls the plot method `plot.mkinfit`.

**Usage**

```
mkinplot(fit, ...)
```

**Arguments**

`fit` an object of class `mkinfit`.  
`...` further arguments passed to `plot.mkinfit`.

**Value**

The function is called for its side effect.

**Author(s)**

Johannes Ranke

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mkinpredict

*Produce predictions from a kinetic model using specific parameters*

---

**Description**

This function produces a time series for all the observed variables in a kinetic model as specified by `mkinmod`, using a specific set of kinetic parameters and initial values for the state variables.

**Usage**

```
mkinpredict(x, odeparms, odeini, outtimes, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'mkinmod'  
mkinpredict(  
  x,  
  odeparms = c(k_parent_sink = 0.1),  
  odeini = c(parent = 100),  
  outtimes = seq(0, 120, by = 0.1),  
  solution_type = "deSolve",  
  use_compiled = "auto",  
  method.ode = "lsoda",
```



```

    atol = 1e-08,
    rtol = 1e-10,
    maxsteps = 20000,
    map_output = TRUE,
    na_stop = TRUE,
    ...
)

## S3 method for class 'mkinfit'
mkinpredict(
  x,
  odeparms = x$bparms.ode,
  odeini = x$bparms.state,
  outtimes = seq(0, 120, by = 0.1),
  solution_type = "deSolve",
  use_compiled = "auto",
  method.ode = "lsoda",
  atol = 1e-08,
  rtol = 1e-10,
  map_output = TRUE,
  ...
)

```

### Arguments

x	A kinetic model as produced by <a href="#">mkinmod</a> , or a kinetic fit as fitted by <a href="#">mkinfit</a> . In the latter case, the fitted parameters are used for the prediction.
odeparms	A numeric vector specifying the parameters used in the kinetic model, which is generally defined as a set of ordinary differential equations.
odeini	A numeric vector containing the initial values of the state variables of the model. Note that the state variables can differ from the observed variables, for example in the case of the SFORB model.
outtimes	A numeric vector specifying the time points for which model predictions should be generated.
...	Further arguments passed to the ode solver in case such a solver is used.
solution_type	The method that should be used for producing the predictions. This should generally be "analytical" if there is only one observed variable, and usually "deSolve" in the case of several observed variables. The third possibility "eigen" is faster but not applicable to some models e.g. using FOMC for the parent compound.
use_compiled	If set to FALSE, no compiled version of the <a href="#">mkinmod</a> model is used, even if is present.
method.ode	The solution method passed via <a href="#">mkinpredict</a> to <code>ode</code> in case the solution type is "deSolve". The default "lsoda" is performant, but sometimes fails to converge.
atol	Absolute error tolerance, passed to <code>ode</code> . Default is 1e-8, lower than in <a href="#">lsoda</a> .
rtol	Absolute error tolerance, passed to <code>ode</code> . Default is 1e-10, much lower than in <a href="#">lsoda</a> .

maxsteps	Maximum number of steps, passed to <code>ode</code> .
map_output	Boolean to specify if the output should list values for the observed variables (default) or for all state variables (if set to <code>FALSE</code> ). Setting this to <code>FALSE</code> has no effect for analytical solutions, as these always return mapped output.
na_stop	Should it be an error if <code>ode</code> returns NaN values

**Value**

A matrix with the numeric solution in wide format

**Author(s)**

Johannes Ranke

**Examples**

```
SFO <- mkinmod(degradinol = mkinsub("SFO"))
# Compare solution types
mkinpredict(SFO, c(k_degradinol = 0.3), c(degradinol = 100), 0:20,
  solution_type = "analytical")
mkinpredict(SFO, c(k_degradinol = 0.3), c(degradinol = 100), 0:20,
  solution_type = "deSolve")
mkinpredict(SFO, c(k_degradinol = 0.3), c(degradinol = 100), 0:20,
  solution_type = "deSolve", use_compiled = FALSE)
mkinpredict(SFO, c(k_degradinol = 0.3), c(degradinol = 100), 0:20,
  solution_type = "eigen")

# Compare integration methods to analytical solution
mkinpredict(SFO, c(k_degradinol = 0.3), c(degradinol = 100), 0:20,
  solution_type = "analytical")[21,]
mkinpredict(SFO, c(k_degradinol = 0.3), c(degradinol = 100), 0:20,
  method = "lsoda")[21,]
mkinpredict(SFO, c(k_degradinol = 0.3), c(degradinol = 100), 0:20,
  method = "ode45")[21,]
mkinpredict(SFO, c(k_degradinol = 0.3), c(degradinol = 100), 0:20,
  method = "rk4")[21,]
# rk4 is not as precise here

# The number of output times used to make a lot of difference until the
# default for atol was adjusted
mkinpredict(SFO, c(k_degradinol = 0.3), c(degradinol = 100),
  seq(0, 20, by = 0.1))[201,]
mkinpredict(SFO, c(k_degradinol = 0.3), c(degradinol = 100),
  seq(0, 20, by = 0.01))[2001,]

# Comparison of the performance of solution types
SFO_SFO = mkinmod(parent = list(type = "SFO", to = "m1"),
  m1 = list(type = "SFO", use_of_ff = "max"))
if(require(rbenchmark)) {
  benchmark(replications = 10, order = "relative", columns = c("test", "relative", "elapsed"),
    eigen = mkinpredict(SFO_SFO,
```

```

      c(k_parent = 0.15, f_parent_to_m1 = 0.5, k_m1 = 0.01),
      c(parent = 100, m1 = 0), seq(0, 20, by = 0.1),
      solution_type = "eigen")[201,],
deSolve_compiled = mkinpredict(SFO_SF0,
  c(k_parent = 0.15, f_parent_to_m1 = 0.5, k_m1 = 0.01),
  c(parent = 100, m1 = 0), seq(0, 20, by = 0.1),
  solution_type = "deSolve")[201,],
deSolve = mkinpredict(SFO_SF0,
  c(k_parent = 0.15, f_parent_to_m1 = 0.5, k_m1 = 0.01),
  c(parent = 100, m1 = 0), seq(0, 20, by = 0.1),
  solution_type = "deSolve", use_compiled = FALSE)[201,],
analytical = mkinpredict(SFO_SF0,
  c(k_parent = 0.15, f_parent_to_m1 = 0.5, k_m1 = 0.01),
  c(parent = 100, m1 = 0), seq(0, 20, by = 0.1),
  solution_type = "analytical", use_compiled = FALSE)[201,])
}

## Not run:
# Predict from a fitted model
f <- mkinfit(SFO_SF0, FOCUS_2006_C, quiet = TRUE)
f <- mkinfit(SFO_SF0, FOCUS_2006_C, quiet = TRUE, solution_type = "deSolve")
head(mkinpredict(f))

## End(Not run)

```

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mkinresplot

*Function to plot residuals stored in an mkin object*


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## Description

This function plots the residuals for the specified subset of the observed variables from an mkinfit object. A combined plot of the fitted model and the residuals can be obtained using `plot.mkinfit` using the argument `show_residuals = TRUE`.

## Usage

```

mkinresplot(
  object,
  obs_vars = names(object$mkinmod$map),
  xlim = c(0, 1.1 * max(object$data$time)),
  standardized = FALSE,
  xlab = "Time",
  ylab = ifelse(standardized, "Standardized residual", "Residual"),
  maxabs = "auto",
  legend = TRUE,
  lpos = "topright",
  col_obs = "auto",
  pch_obs = "auto",

```

```

    frame = TRUE,
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

object	A fit represented in an <a href="#">mkinfit</a> object.
obs_vars	A character vector of names of the observed variables for which residuals should be plotted. Defaults to all observed variables in the model
xlim	plot range in x direction.
standardized	Should the residuals be standardized by dividing by the standard deviation given by the error model of the fit?
xlab	Label for the x axis.
ylab	Label for the y axis.
maxabs	Maximum absolute value of the residuals. This is used for the scaling of the y axis and defaults to "auto".
legend	Should a legend be plotted?
lpos	Where should the legend be placed? Default is "topright". Will be passed on to <a href="#">legend</a> .
col_obs	Colors for the observed variables.
pch_obs	Symbols to be used for the observed variables.
frame	Should a frame be drawn around the plots?
...	further arguments passed to <a href="#">plot</a> .

### Value

Nothing is returned by this function, as it is called for its side effect, namely to produce a plot.

### Author(s)

Johannes Ranke and Katrin Lindenberger

### See Also

[mkinplot](#), for a way to plot the data and the fitted lines of the mkinfit object, and [plot\\_res](#) for a function combining the plot of the fit and the residual plot.

### Examples

```

model <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("SF0", "m1"), m1 = mkinsub("SF0"))
fit <- mkinfit(model, FOCUS_2006_D, quiet = TRUE)
mkinresplot(fit, "m1")

```

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mkin_long_to_wide	<i>Convert a dataframe from long to wide format</i>
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### Description

This function takes a dataframe in the long form, i.e. with a row for each observed value, and converts it into a dataframe with one independent variable and several dependent variables as columns.

### Usage

```
mkin_long_to_wide(long_data, time = "time", outtime = "time")
```

### Arguments

long_data	The dataframe must contain one variable called "time" with the time values specified by the time argument, one column called "name" with the grouping of the observed values, and finally one column of observed values called "value".
time	The name of the time variable in the long input data.
outtime	The name of the time variable in the wide output data.

### Value

Dataframe in wide format.

### Author(s)

Johannes Ranke

### Examples

```
mkin_long_to_wide(FOCUS_2006_D)
```

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mkin_wide_to_long	<i>Convert a dataframe with observations over time into long format</i>
-------------------	---

---

### Description

This function simply takes a dataframe with one independent variable and several dependent variable and converts it into the long form as required by [mkinfit](#).

### Usage

```
mkin_wide_to_long(wide_data, time = "t")
```

**Arguments**

`wide_data`      The dataframe must contain one variable with the time values specified by the `time` argument and usually more than one column of observed values.

`time`            The name of the time variable.

**Value**

Dataframe in long format as needed for `mkinfitt`.

**Author(s)**

Johannes Ranke

**Examples**

```
wide <- data.frame(t = c(1,2,3), x = c(1,4,7), y = c(3,4,5))
mkkin_wide_to_long(wide)
```

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<code>mmkin</code>	<i>Fit one or more kinetic models with one or more state variables to one or more datasets</i>
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**Description**

This function calls `mkinfitt` on all combinations of models and datasets specified in its first two arguments.

**Usage**

```
mmkin(  
  models = c("SFO", "FOMC", "DFOP"),  
  datasets,  
  cores = if (Sys.info()["sysname"] == "Windows") 1 else parallel::detectCores(),  
  cluster = NULL,  
  ...  
)  
  
## S3 method for class 'mmkin'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

models	Either a character vector of shorthand names like <code>c("SF0", "FOMC", "DFOP", "HS", "SFORB")</code> , or an optionally named list of <code>mkimod</code> objects.
datasets	An optionally named list of datasets suitable as observed data for <code>mkimfit</code> .
cores	The number of cores to be used for multicore processing. This is only used when the <code>cluster</code> argument is <code>NULL</code> . On Windows machines, <code>cores &gt; 1</code> is not supported, you need to use the <code>cluster</code> argument to use multiple logical processors. Per default, all cores detected by <code>parallel::detectCores()</code> are used, except on Windows where the default is 1.
cluster	A cluster as returned by <code>makeCluster</code> to be used for parallel execution.
...	Not used.
x	An <code>mmkin</code> object.

**Value**

A two-dimensional `array` of `mkimfit` objects and/or try-errors that can be indexed using the model names for the first index (row index) and the dataset names for the second index (column index).

**Author(s)**

Johannes Ranke

**See Also**

`[.mmkin]` for subsetting, `plot.mmkin` for plotting.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
m_synth_SF0_lin <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("SF0", "M1"),
                          M1 = mkinsub("SF0", "M2"),
                          M2 = mkinsub("SF0"), use_of_ff = "max")

m_synth_FOMC_lin <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("FOMC", "M1"),
                           M1 = mkinsub("SF0", "M2"),
                           M2 = mkinsub("SF0"), use_of_ff = "max")

models <- list(SF0_lin = m_synth_SF0_lin, FOMC_lin = m_synth_FOMC_lin)
datasets <- lapply(synthetic_data_for_UBA_2014[1:3], function(x) x$data)
names(datasets) <- paste("Dataset", 1:3)

time_default <- system.time(fits.0 <- mmkin(models, datasets, quiet = TRUE))
time_1 <- system.time(fits.4 <- mmkin(models, datasets, cores = 1, quiet = TRUE))

time_default
time_1

endpoints(fits.0[["SF0_lin", 2]])
```

```

# plot.mkinfit handles rows or columns of mmkin result objects
plot(fits.0[1, ])
plot(fits.0[1, ], obs_var = c("M1", "M2"))
plot(fits.0[, 1])
# Use double brackets to extract a single mkinfit object, which will be plotted
# by plot.mkinfit and can be plotted using plot_sep
plot(fits.0[[1, 1]], sep_obs = TRUE, show_residuals = TRUE, show_errmin = TRUE)
plot_sep(fits.0[[1, 1]])
# Plotting with mmkin (single brackets, extracting an mmkin object) does not
# allow to plot the observed variables separately
plot(fits.0[1, 1])

# On Windows, we can use multiple cores by making a cluster using the parallel
# package, which gets loaded with mkin, and passing it to mmkin, e.g.
cl <- makePSOCKcluster(12)
f <- mmkin(c("SFO", "FOMC", "DFOP"),
  list(A = FOCUS_2006_A, B = FOCUS_2006_B, C = FOCUS_2006_C, D = FOCUS_2006_D),
  cluster = cl, quiet = TRUE)
print(f)
# We get false convergence for the FOMC fit to FOCUS_2006_A because this
# dataset is really SFO, and the FOMC fit is overparameterised
stopCluster(cl)

## End(Not run)

```

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multistart

---

*Perform a hierarchical model fit with multiple starting values*


---

## Description

The purpose of this method is to check if a certain algorithm for fitting nonlinear hierarchical models (also known as nonlinear mixed-effects models) will reliably yield results that are sufficiently similar to each other, if started with a certain range of reasonable starting parameters. It is inspired by the article on practical identifiability in the frame of nonlinear mixed-effects models by Duchesne et al (2021).

## Usage

```

multistart(
  object,
  n = 50,
  cores = if (Sys.info()["sysname"] == "Windows") 1 else parallel::detectCores(),
  cluster = NULL,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'saem.mmkin'

```



```

multistart(object, n = 50, cores = 1, cluster = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'multistart'
print(x, ...)

best(object, ...)

## Default S3 method:
best(object, ...)

which.best(object, ...)

## Default S3 method:
which.best(object, ...)

```

### Arguments

object	The fit object to work with
n	How many different combinations of starting parameters should be used?
cores	How many fits should be run in parallel (only on posix platforms)?
cluster	A cluster as returned by <a href="#">parallel::makeCluster</a> to be used for parallel execution.
...	Passed to the update function.
x	The multistart object to print

### Value

A list of [saem.mmkin](#) objects, with class attributes 'multistart.saem.mmkin' and 'multistart'.  
 The object with the highest likelihood  
 The index of the object with the highest likelihood

### References

Duchesne R, Guillemin A, Gandrillon O, Crauste F. Practical identifiability in the frame of nonlinear mixed effects models: the example of the in vitro erythropoiesis. *BMC Bioinformatics*. 2021 Oct 4;22(1):478. doi: 10.1186/s12859-021-04373-4.

### See Also

[parplot](#), [llhist](#)

### Examples

```

## Not run:
library(mkin)
dmta_ds <- lapply(1:7, function(i) {
  ds_i <- dimethenamid_2018$ds[[i]]$data
  ds_i[ds_i$name == "DMTAP", "name"] <- "DMTA"
  ds_i$time <- ds_i$time * dimethenamid_2018$f_time_norm[i]

```

```

    ds_i
  })
  names(dmta_ds) <- sapply(dimethenamid_2018$ds, function(ds) ds$title)
  dmta_ds[["Elliot"]] <- rbind(dmta_ds[["Elliot 1"]], dmta_ds[["Elliot 2"]])
  dmta_ds[["Elliot 1"]] <- dmta_ds[["Elliot 2"]] <- NULL

  f_mmkin <- mmkin("DFOP", dmta_ds, error_model = "tc", cores = 7, quiet = TRUE)
  f_saem_full <- saem(f_mmkin)
  f_saem_full_multi <- multistart(f_saem_full, n = 16, cores = 16)
  parplot(f_saem_full_multi, lpos = "topleft")
  illparms(f_saem_full)

  f_saem_reduced <- update(f_saem_full, no_random_effect = "log_k2")
  illparms(f_saem_reduced)
  # On Windows, we need to create a cluster first. When working with
  # such a cluster, we need to export the mmkin object to the cluster
  # nodes, as it is referred to when updating the saem object on the nodes.
  library(parallel)
  cl <- makePSOCKcluster(12)
  f_saem_reduced_multi <- multistart(f_saem_reduced, n = 16, cluster = cl)
  parplot(f_saem_reduced_multi, lpos = "topright")
  stopCluster(cl)

  ## End(Not run)

```

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nafta

*Evaluate parent kinetics using the NAFTA guidance*


---

## Description

The function fits the SFO, IORE and DFOP models using `mmkin` and returns an object of class `nafta` that has methods for printing and plotting.

Print `nafta` objects. The results for the three models are printed in the order of increasing model complexity, i.e. SFO, then IORE, and finally DFOP.

## Usage

```
nafta(ds, title = NA, quiet = FALSE, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'nafta'
print(x, quiet = TRUE, digits = 3, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>ds</code>	A dataframe that must contain one variable called "time" with the time values specified by the <code>time</code> argument, one column called "name" with the grouping of the observed values, and finally one column of observed values called "value".
<code>title</code>	Optional title of the dataset

quiet	Should the evaluation text be shown?
...	Further arguments passed to <code>mmkin</code> (not for the printing method).
x	An <code>nafta</code> object.
digits	Number of digits to be used for printing parameters and dissipation times.

### Value

An list of class `nafta`. The list element named "mmkin" is the `mmkin` object containing the fits of the three models. The list element named "title" contains the title of the dataset used. The list element "data" contains the dataset used in the fits.

### Author(s)

Johannes Ranke

### Source

NAFTA (2011) Guidance for evaluating and calculating degradation kinetics in environmental media. NAFTA Technical Working Group on Pesticides <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-science-and-assessing-pesticides/guidance-evaluating-and-calculating-degradation> accessed 2019-02-22

US EPA (2015) Standard Operating Procedure for Using the NAFTA Guidance to Calculate Representative Half-life Values and Characterizing Pesticide Degradation <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-science-and-assessing-pesticides/standard-operating-procedure-using-nafta-guidance>

### Examples

```
nafta_evaluation <- nafta(NAFTA_SOP_Appendix_D, cores = 1)
print(nafta_evaluation)
plot(nafta_evaluation)
```

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NAFTA\_SOP\_2015

*Example datasets from the NAFTA SOP published 2015*

---

### Description

Data taken from US EPA (2015), p. 19 and 23.

### Usage

```
NAFTA_SOP_Appendix_B
NAFTA_SOP_Appendix_D
```

**Format**

2 datasets with observations on the following variables.

`name` a factor containing the name of the observed variable

`time` a numeric vector containing time points

`value` a numeric vector containing concentrations

**Source**

NAFTA (2011) Guidance for evaluating and calculating degradation kinetics in environmental media. NAFTA Technical Working Group on Pesticides <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-science-and-assessing-pesticide-guidance-evaluating-and-calculating-degradation> accessed 2019-02-22

US EPA (2015) Standard Operating Procedure for Using the NAFTA Guidance to Calculate Representative Half-life Values and Characterizing Pesticide Degradation <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-science-and-assessing-pesticide-guidance-standard-operating-procedure-using-nafta-guidance>

**Examples**

```
nafta_evaluation <- nafta(NAFTA_SOP_Appendix_D, cores = 1)
print(nafta_evaluation)
plot(nafta_evaluation)
```

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NAFTA\_SOP\_Attachment *Example datasets from Attachment 1 to the NAFTA SOP published 2015*

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**Description**

Data taken from from Attachment 1 of the SOP.

**Usage**

NAFTA\_SOP\_Attachment

**Format**

A list (NAFTA\_SOP\_Attachment) containing 16 datasets suitable for the evaluation with [nafta](#)

**Source**

NAFTA (2011) Guidance for evaluating and calculating degradation kinetics in environmental media. NAFTA Technical Working Group on Pesticides <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-science-and-assessing-pesticide-guidance-evaluating-and-calculating-degradation> accessed 2019-02-22

US EPA (2015) Standard Operating Procedure for Using the NAFTA Guidance to Calculate Representative Half-life Values and Characterizing Pesticide Degradation <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-science-and-assessing-pesticide-guidance-standard-operating-procedure-using-nafta-guidance>

**Examples**

```

nafta_att_p5a <- nafta(NAFTA_SOP_Attachment[["p5a"]], cores = 1)
print(nafta_att_p5a)
plot(nafta_att_p5a)

```

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nlme.mmkin

*Create an nlme model for an mmkin row object*


---

**Description**

This functions sets up a nonlinear mixed effects model for an mmkin row object. An mmkin row object is essentially a list of mkinfit objects that have been obtained by fitting the same model to a list of datasets.

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'mmkin'
nlme(
  model,
  data = "auto",
  fixed = lapply(as.list(names(mean_degparms(model))), function(el) eval(parse(text =
    paste(el, 1, sep = "~")))),
  random = pdDiag(fixed),
  groups,
  start = mean_degparms(model, random = TRUE, test_log_parms = TRUE),
  correlation = NULL,
  weights = NULL,
  subset,
  method = c("ML", "REML"),
  na.action = na.fail,
  naPattern,
  control = list(),
  verbose = FALSE
)

## S3 method for class 'nlme.mmkin'
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)

## S3 method for class 'nlme.mmkin'
update(object, ...)

```

**Arguments**

model	An <a href="#">mmkin</a> row object.
data	Ignored, data are taken from the mmkin model
fixed	Ignored, all degradation parameters fitted in the mmkin model are used as fixed parameters

random	If not specified, no correlations between random effects are set up for the optimised degradation model parameters. This is achieved by using the <a href="#">nlme::pdDiag</a> method.
groups	See the documentation of nlme
start	If not specified, mean values of the fitted degradation parameters taken from the mmkin object are used
correlation	See the documentation of nlme
weights	passed to nlme
subset	passed to nlme
method	passed to nlme
na.action	passed to nlme
naPattern	passed to nlme
control	passed to nlme
verbose	passed to nlme
x	An nlme.mmkin object to print
digits	Number of digits to use for printing
...	Update specifications passed to update.nlme
object	An nlme.mmkin object to update

### Details

Note that the convergence of the nlme algorithms depends on the quality of the data. In degradation kinetics, we often only have few datasets (e.g. data for few soils) and complicated degradation models, which may make it impossible to obtain convergence with nlme.

### Value

Upon success, a fitted 'nlme.mmkin' object, which is an nlme object with additional elements. It also inherits from 'mixed.mmkin'.

### Note

As the object inherits from [nlme::nlme](#), there is a wealth of methods that will automatically work on 'nlme.mmkin' objects, such as [nlme::intervals\(\)](#), [nlme::anova.lme\(\)](#) and [nlme::coef.lme\(\)](#).

### See Also

[nlme\\_function\(\)](#), [plot.mixed.mmkin](#), [summary.nlme.mmkin](#)

### Examples

```
ds <- lapply(experimental_data_for_UBA_2019[6:10],
  function(x) subset(x$data[c("name", "time", "value")], name == "parent"))

## Not run:
f <- mmkin(c("SFO", "DFOP"), ds, quiet = TRUE, cores = 1)
```

```

library(nlme)
f_nlme_sfo <- nlme(f["SFO", ])
f_nlme_dfop <- nlme(f["DFOP", ])
anova(f_nlme_sfo, f_nlme_dfop)
print(f_nlme_dfop)
plot(f_nlme_dfop)
endpoints(f_nlme_dfop)

ds_2 <- lapply(experimental_data_for_UBA_2019[6:10],
  function(x) x$data[c("name", "time", "value")])
m_sfo_sfo <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("SFO", "A1"),
  A1 = mkinsub("SFO"), use_of_ff = "min", quiet = TRUE)
m_sfo_sfo_ff <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("SFO", "A1"),
  A1 = mkinsub("SFO"), use_of_ff = "max", quiet = TRUE)
m_dfop_sfo <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("DFOP", "A1"),
  A1 = mkinsub("SFO"), quiet = TRUE)

f_2 <- mmkin(list("SFO-SFO" = m_sfo_sfo,
  "SFO-SFO-ff" = m_sfo_sfo_ff,
  "DFOP-SFO" = m_dfop_sfo),
  ds_2, quiet = TRUE)

f_nlme_sfo_sfo <- nlme(f_2["SFO-SFO", ])
plot(f_nlme_sfo_sfo)

# With formation fractions this does not coverage with defaults
# f_nlme_sfo_sfo_ff <- nlme(f_2["SFO-SFO-ff", ])
#plot(f_nlme_sfo_sfo_ff)

# For the following, we need to increase pnlsMaxIter and the tolerance
# to get convergence
f_nlme_dfop_sfo <- nlme(f_2["DFOP-SFO", ],
  control = list(pnlsMaxIter = 120, tolerance = 5e-4))

plot(f_nlme_dfop_sfo)

anova(f_nlme_dfop_sfo, f_nlme_sfo_sfo)

endpoints(f_nlme_sfo_sfo)
endpoints(f_nlme_dfop_sfo)

if (length(findFunction("varConstProp")) > 0) { # tc error model for nlme available
  # Attempts to fit metabolite kinetics with the tc error model are possible,
  # but need tweeking of control values and sometimes do not converge

  f_tc <- mmkin(c("SFO", "DFOP"), ds, quiet = TRUE, error_model = "tc")
  f_nlme_sfo_tc <- nlme(f_tc["SFO", ])
  f_nlme_dfop_tc <- nlme(f_tc["DFOP", ])
  AIC(f_nlme_sfo, f_nlme_sfo_tc, f_nlme_dfop, f_nlme_dfop_tc)
  print(f_nlme_dfop_tc)
}

f_2_obs <- update(f_2, error_model = "obs")

```

```

f_nlme_sfo_sfo_obs <- nlme(f_2_obs["SFO-SFO", ])
print(f_nlme_sfo_sfo_obs)
f_nlme_dfop_sfo_obs <- nlme(f_2_obs["DFOP-SFO", ],
  control = list(pnlMaxIter = 120, tolerance = 5e-4))

f_2_tc <- update(f_2, error_model = "tc")
# f_nlme_sfo_sfo_tc <- nlme(f_2_tc["SFO-SFO", ]) # No convergence with 50 iterations
# f_nlme_dfop_sfo_tc <- nlme(f_2_tc["DFOP-SFO", ],
# control = list(pnlMaxIter = 120, tolerance = 5e-4)) # Error in X[, fmap[[nm]]] <- gradnm

anova(f_nlme_dfop_sfo, f_nlme_dfop_sfo_obs)

## End(Not run)

```

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nlme\_function

*Helper functions to create nlme models from mmkin row objects*


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## Description

These functions facilitate setting up a nonlinear mixed effects model for an mmkin row object. An mmkin row object is essentially a list of mkinfit objects that have been obtained by fitting the same model to a list of datasets. They are used internally by the `nlme.mmkin()` method.

## Usage

```
nlme_function(object)
```

```
nlme_data(object)
```

## Arguments

object	An mmkin row object containing several fits of the same model to different datasets
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## Value

A function that can be used with nlme

A `groupedData` object

## See Also

`nlme.mmkin`



**Examples**

```

sampling_times = c(0, 1, 3, 7, 14, 28, 60, 90, 120)
m_SF0 <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("SF0"))
d_SF0_1 <- mkinpredict(m_SF0,
  c(k_parent = 0.1),
  c(parent = 98), sampling_times)
d_SF0_1_long <- mkin_wide_to_long(d_SF0_1, time = "time")
d_SF0_2 <- mkinpredict(m_SF0,
  c(k_parent = 0.05),
  c(parent = 102), sampling_times)
d_SF0_2_long <- mkin_wide_to_long(d_SF0_2, time = "time")
d_SF0_3 <- mkinpredict(m_SF0,
  c(k_parent = 0.02),
  c(parent = 103), sampling_times)
d_SF0_3_long <- mkin_wide_to_long(d_SF0_3, time = "time")

d1 <- add_err(d_SF0_1, function(value) 3, n = 1)
d2 <- add_err(d_SF0_2, function(value) 2, n = 1)
d3 <- add_err(d_SF0_3, function(value) 4, n = 1)
ds <- c(d1 = d1, d2 = d2, d3 = d3)

f <- mmkin("SF0", ds, cores = 1, quiet = TRUE)
mean_dp <- mean_degparms(f)
grouped_data <- nlme_data(f)
nlme_f <- nlme_function(f)
# These assignments are necessary for these objects to be
# visible to nlme and augPred when evaluation is done by
# pkgdown to generate the html docs.
assign("nlme_f", nlme_f, globalenv())
assign("grouped_data", grouped_data, globalenv())

library(nlme)
m_nlme <- nlme(value ~ nlme_f(name, time, parent_0, log_k_parent_sink),
  data = grouped_data,
  fixed = parent_0 + log_k_parent_sink ~ 1,
  random = pdDiag(parent_0 + log_k_parent_sink ~ 1),
  start = mean_dp)
summary(m_nlme)
plot(augPred(m_nlme, level = 0:1), layout = c(3, 1))
# augPred does not work on fits with more than one state
# variable
#
# The procedure is greatly simplified by the nlme.mmkin function
f_nlme <- nlme(f)
plot(f_nlme)

```

**Description**

Number of observations on which an mkinfit object was fitted

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'mkinfit'
nobs(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	An mkinfit object
...	For compatibility with the generic method

**Value**

The number of rows in the data included in the mkinfit object

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parms	<i>Extract model parameters</i>
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**Description**

This function returns degradation model parameters as well as error model parameters per default, in order to avoid working with a fitted model without considering the error structure that was assumed for the fit.

**Usage**

```
parms(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mkinfit'
parms(object, transformed = FALSE, errparms = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mmkin'
parms(object, transformed = FALSE, errparms = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'multistart'
parms(object, exclude_failed = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A fitted model object.
...	Not used
transformed	Should the parameters be returned as used internally during the optimisation?
errparms	Should the error model parameters be returned in addition to the degradation parameters?
exclude_failed	For <a href="#">multistart</a> objects, should rows for failed fits be removed from the returned parameter matrix?

**Value**

Depending on the object, a numeric vector of fitted model parameters, a matrix (e.g. for mmkin row objects), or a list of matrices (e.g. for mmkin objects with more than one row).

**See Also**

[saem](#), [multistart](#)

**Examples**

```
# mkinfit objects
fit <- mkinfit("SFO", FOCUS_2006_C, quiet = TRUE)
parms(fit)
parms(fit, transformed = TRUE)

# mmkin objects
ds <- lapply(experimental_data_for_UBA_2019[6:10],
  function(x) subset(x$data[c("name", "time", "value")]))
names(ds) <- paste("Dataset", 6:10)
## Not run:
fits <- mmkin(c("SFO", "FOMC", "DFOP"), ds, quiet = TRUE, cores = 1)
parms(fits["SFO", ])
parms(fits[, 2])
parms(fits)
parms(fits, transformed = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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parplot

*Plot parameter variability of multistart objects*

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**Description**

Produces a boxplot with all parameters from the multiple runs, scaled either by the parameters of the run with the highest likelihood, or by their medians as proposed in the paper by Duchesne et al. (2021).

**Usage**

```
parplot(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'multistart.saem.mmkin'
parplot(
  object,
  llmin = -Inf,
  scale = c("best", "median"),
  lpos = "bottomleft",
  main = "",
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

object	The <a href="#">multistart</a> object
...	Passed to <a href="#">boxplot</a>
llmin	The minimum likelihood of objects to be shown
scale	By default, scale parameters using the best available fit. If 'median', parameters are scaled using the median parameters from all fits.
lpos	Positioning of the legend.
main	Title of the plot

**Details**

Starting values of degradation model parameters and error model parameters are shown as green circles. The results obtained in the original run are shown as red circles.

**References**

Duchesne R, Guillemain A, Gandrillon O, Crauste F. Practical identifiability in the frame of nonlinear mixed effects models: the example of the in vitro erythropoiesis. BMC Bioinformatics. 2021 Oct 4;22(1):478. doi: 10.1186/s12859-021-04373-4.

**See Also**

[multistart](#)

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plot.mixed.mmkin	<i>Plot predictions from a fitted nonlinear mixed model obtained via an mmkin row object</i>
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**Description**

Plot predictions from a fitted nonlinear mixed model obtained via an mmkin row object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'mixed.mmkin'
plot(
  x,
  i = 1:ncol(x$mmkin),
  obs_vars = names(x$kinmod$map),
  standardized = TRUE,
  xlab = "Time",
  xlim = range(x$data$time),
  resplot = c("predicted", "time"),
  pop_curve = "auto",
  pred_over = NULL,
```

```

    test_log_parms = FALSE,
    conf.level = 0.6,
    default_log_parms = NA,
    ymax = "auto",
    maxabs = "auto",
    ncol.legend = ifelse(length(i) <= 3, length(i) + 1, ifelse(length(i) <= 8, 3, 4)),
    nrow.legend = ceiling((length(i) + 1)/ncol.legend),
    rel.height.legend = 0.02 + 0.07 * nrow.legend,
    rel.height.bottom = 1.1,
    pch_ds = 1:length(i),
    col_ds = pch_ds + 1,
    lty_ds = col_ds,
    frame = TRUE,
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

x	An object of class <a href="#">mixed.mmkin</a> , <a href="#">saem.mmkin</a> or <a href="#">nlme.mmkin</a>
i	A numeric index to select datasets for which to plot the individual predictions, in case plots get too large
obs_vars	A character vector of names of the observed variables for which the data and the model should be plotted. Defaults to all observed variables in the model.
standardized	Should the residuals be standardized? Only takes effect if <code>resplot = "time"</code> .
xlab	Label for the x axis.
xlim	Plot range in x direction.
resplot	Should the residuals plotted against time or against predicted values?
pop_curve	Per default, a population curve is drawn in case population parameters are fitted by the model, e.g. for <a href="#">saem</a> objects. In case there is a covariate model, no population curve is currently shown.
pred_over	Named list of alternative predictions as obtained from <a href="#">mkinpredict</a> with a compatible <a href="#">mkinmod</a> .
test_log_parms	Passed to <a href="#">mean_degparms</a> in the case of an <a href="#">mixed.mmkin</a> object
conf.level	Passed to <a href="#">mean_degparms</a> in the case of an <a href="#">mixed.mmkin</a> object
default_log_parms	Passed to <a href="#">mean_degparms</a> in the case of an <a href="#">mixed.mmkin</a> object
ymax	Vector of maximum y axis values
maxabs	Maximum absolute value of the residuals. This is used for the scaling of the y axis and defaults to "auto".
ncol.legend	Number of columns to use in the legend
nrow.legend	Number of rows to use in the legend
rel.height.legend	The relative height of the legend shown on top

rel.height.bottom	The relative height of the bottom plot row
pch_ds	Symbols to be used for plotting the data.
col_ds	Colors used for plotting the observed data and the corresponding model prediction lines for the different datasets.
lty_ds	Line types to be used for the model predictions.
frame	Should a frame be drawn around the plots?
...	Further arguments passed to <code>plot</code> .

**Value**

The function is called for its side effect.

**Author(s)**

Johannes Ranke

**Examples**

```

ds <- lapply(experimental_data_for_UBA_2019[6:10],
  function(x) x$data[c("name", "time", "value")])
names(ds) <- paste0("ds ", 6:10)
dfop_sfo <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("DFOP", "A1"),
  A1 = mkinsub("SFO"), quiet = TRUE)
## Not run:
f <- mmkin(list("DFOP-SFO" = dfop_sfo), ds, quiet = TRUE)
plot(f[, 3:4], standardized = TRUE)

# For this fit we need to increase pnlsMaxIter, and we increase the
# tolerance in order to speed up the fit for this example evaluation
# It still takes 20 seconds to run
f_nlme <- nlme(f, control = list(pnlsMaxIter = 120, tolerance = 1e-3))
plot(f_nlme)

f_saem <- saem(f, transformations = "saemix")
plot(f_saem)

f_obs <- mmkin(list("DFOP-SFO" = dfop_sfo), ds, quiet = TRUE, error_model = "obs")
f_nlmix <- nlmix(f_obs)
plot(f_nlmix)

# We can overlay the two variants if we generate predictions
pred_nlme <- mkinpredict(dfop_sfo,
  f_nlme$bparms.optim[-1],
  c(parent = f_nlme$bparms.optim[[1]], A1 = 0),
  seq(0, 180, by = 0.2))
plot(f_saem, pred_over = list(nlme = pred_nlme))

## End(Not run)

```

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plot.mkinfit

*Plot the observed data and the fitted model of an mkinfit object*


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### Description

Solves the differential equations with the optimised and fixed parameters from a previous successful call to `mkinfit` and plots the observed data together with the solution of the fitted model.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mkinfit'
plot(
  x,
  fit = x,
  obs_vars = names(fit$mkinmod$map),
  xlab = "Time",
  ylab = "Residue",
  xlim = range(fit$data$time),
  ylim = "default",
  col_obs = 1:length(obs_vars),
  pch_obs = col_obs,
  lty_obs = rep(1, length(obs_vars)),
  add = FALSE,
  legend = !add,
  show_residuals = FALSE,
  show_errplot = FALSE,
  maxabs = "auto",
  sep_obs = FALSE,
  rel.height.middle = 0.9,
  row_layout = FALSE,
  lpos = "topright",
  inset = c(0.05, 0.05),
  show_errmin = FALSE,
  errmin_digits = 3,
  frame = TRUE,
  ...
)

plot_sep(
  fit,
  show_errmin = TRUE,
  show_residuals = ifelse(identical(fit$err_mod, "const"), TRUE, "standardized"),
  ...
)

plot_res(
  fit,
```

```

    sep_obs = FALSE,
    show_errmin = sep_obs,
    standardized = ifelse(identical(fit$err_mod, "const"), FALSE, TRUE),
    ...
)

plot_err(fit, sep_obs = FALSE, show_errmin = sep_obs, ...)

```

### Arguments

x	Alias for fit introduced for compatibility with the generic S3 method.
fit	An object of class <code>mkinfit</code> .
obs_vars	A character vector of names of the observed variables for which the data and the model should be plotted. Defaults to all observed variables in the model.
xlab	Label for the x axis.
ylab	Label for the y axis.
xlim	Plot range in x direction.
ylim	Plot range in y direction. If given as a list, plot ranges for the different plot rows can be given for row layout.
col_obs	Colors used for plotting the observed data and the corresponding model prediction lines.
pch_obs	Symbols to be used for plotting the data.
lty_obs	Line types to be used for the model predictions.
add	Should the plot be added to an existing plot?
legend	Should a legend be added to the plot?
show_residuals	Should residuals be shown? If only one plot of the fits is shown, the residual plot is in the lower third of the plot. Otherwise, i.e. if "sep_obs" is given, the residual plots will be located to the right of the plots of the fitted curves. If this is set to 'standardized', a plot of the residuals divided by the standard deviation given by the fitted error model will be shown.
show_errplot	Should squared residuals and the error model be shown? If only one plot of the fits is shown, this plot is in the lower third of the plot. Otherwise, i.e. if "sep_obs" is given, the residual plots will be located to the right of the plots of the fitted curves.
maxabs	Maximum absolute value of the residuals. This is used for the scaling of the y axis and defaults to "auto".
sep_obs	Should the observed variables be shown in separate subplots? If yes, residual plots requested by "show_residuals" will be shown next to, not below the plot of the fits.
rel.height.middle	The relative height of the middle plot, if more than two rows of plots are shown.
row_layout	Should we use a row layout where the residual plot or the error model plot is shown to the right?



lpos	Position(s) of the legend(s). Passed to <code>legend</code> as the first argument. If not length one, this should be of the same length as the <code>obs_var</code> argument.
inset	Passed to <code>legend</code> if applicable.
show_errmin	Should the FOCUS chi2 error value be shown in the upper margin of the plot?
errmin_digits	The number of significant digits for rounding the FOCUS chi2 error percentage.
frame	Should a frame be drawn around the plots?
...	Further arguments passed to <code>plot</code> .
standardized	When calling <code>'plot_res'</code> , should the residuals be standardized in the residual plot?

### Details

If the current plot device is a `tikz` device, then latex is being used for the formatting of the chi2 error level, if `show_errmin = TRUE`.

### Value

The function is called for its side effect.

### Author(s)

Johannes Ranke

### Examples

```
# One parent compound, one metabolite, both single first order, path from
# parent to sink included
## Not run:
SFO_SFO <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("SFO", "m1", full = "Parent"),
                  m1 = mkinsub("SFO", full = "Metabolite M1" ))
fit <- mkinfit(SFO_SFO, FOCUS_2006_D, quiet = TRUE)
fit <- mkinfit(SFO_SFO, FOCUS_2006_D, quiet = TRUE, error_model = "tc")
plot(fit)
plot_res(fit)
plot_res(fit, standardized = FALSE)
plot_err(fit)

# Show the observed variables separately, with residuals
plot(fit, sep_obs = TRUE, show_residuals = TRUE, lpos = c("topright", "bottomright"),
     show_errmin = TRUE)

# The same can be obtained with less typing, using the convenience function plot_sep
plot_sep(fit, lpos = c("topright", "bottomright"))

# Show the observed variables separately, with the error model
plot(fit, sep_obs = TRUE, show_errplot = TRUE, lpos = c("topright", "bottomright"),
     show_errmin = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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plot.mmkin	<i>Plot model fits (observed and fitted) and the residuals for a row or column of an mmkin object</i>
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### Description

When `x` is a row selected from an `mmkin` object (`[.mmkin]`), the same model fitted for at least one dataset is shown. When it is a column, the fit of at least one model to the same dataset is shown.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mmkin'
plot(
  x,
  main = "auto",
  legends = 1,
  resplot = c("time", "errmod"),
  ylab = "Residue",
  standardized = FALSE,
  show_errmin = TRUE,
  errmin_var = "All data",
  errmin_digits = 3,
  cex = 0.7,
  rel.height.middle = 0.9,
  ymax = "auto",
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	An object of class <code>mmkin</code> , with either one row or one column.
<code>main</code>	The main title placed on the outer margin of the plot.
<code>legends</code>	An index for the fits for which legends should be shown.
<code>resplot</code>	Should the residuals plotted against time, using <code>mkinresplot</code> , or as squared residuals against predicted values, with the error model, using <code>mkinerrplot</code> .
<code>ylab</code>	Label for the y axis.
<code>standardized</code>	Should the residuals be standardized? This option is passed to <code>mkinresplot</code> , it only takes effect if <code>resplot = "time"</code> .
<code>show_errmin</code>	Should the chi2 error level be shown on top of the plots to the left?
<code>errmin_var</code>	The variable for which the FOCUS chi2 error value should be shown.
<code>errmin_digits</code>	The number of significant digits for rounding the FOCUS chi2 error percentage.
<code>cex</code>	Passed to the plot functions and <code>mtext</code> .

rel.height.middle      The relative height of the middle plot, if more than two rows of plots are shown.

ymax                    Maximum y axis value for `plot.mkinfit`.

...                      Further arguments passed to `plot.mkinfit` and `mkinresplot`.

### Details

If the current plot device is a `tikz` device, then latex is being used for the formatting of the chi2 error level.

### Value

The function is called for its side effect.

### Author(s)

Johannes Ranke

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# Only use one core not to offend CRAN checks
fits <- mmkin(c("FOMC", "HS"),
             list("FOCUS B" = FOCUS_2006_B, "FOCUS C" = FOCUS_2006_C), # named list for titles
             cores = 1, quiet = TRUE, error_model = "tc")
plot(fits[, "FOCUS C"])
plot(fits["FOMC", ])
plot(fits["FOMC", ], show_errmin = FALSE)

# We can also plot a single fit, if we like the way plot.mmkin works, but then the plot
# height should be smaller than the plot width (this is not possible for the html pages
# generated by pkgdown, as far as I know).
plot(fits["FOMC", "FOCUS C"]) # same as plot(fits[1, 2])

# Show the error models
plot(fits["FOMC", ], resplot = "errmod")

## End(Not run)
```

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plot.nafta

*Plot the results of the three models used in the NAFTA scheme.*

---

### Description

The plots are ordered with increasing complexity of the model in this function (SFO, then IORE, then DFOP).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'nafta'  
plot(x, legend = FALSE, main = "auto", ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object of class <code>nafta</code> .
legend	Should a legend be added?
main	Possibility to override the main title of the plot.
...	Further arguments passed to <code>plot.mmkin</code> .

**Details**

Calls `plot.mmkin`.

**Value**

The function is called for its side effect.

**Author(s)**

Johannes Ranke

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read_spreadsheet	<i>Read datasets and relevant meta information from a spreadsheet file</i>
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**Description**

This function imports one dataset from each sheet of a spreadsheet file. These sheets are selected based on the contents of a sheet 'Datasets', with a column called 'Dataset Number', containing numbers identifying the dataset sheets to be read in. In the second column there must be a grouping variable, which will often be named 'Soil'. Optionally, time normalization factors can be given in columns named 'Temperature' and 'Moisture'.

**Usage**

```
read_spreadsheet(  
  path,  
  valid_datasets = "all",  
  parent_only = FALSE,  
  normalize = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

path	Absolute or relative path to the spreadsheet file
valid_datasets	Optional numeric index of the valid datasets, default is to use all datasets
parent_only	Should only the parent data be used?
normalize	Should the time scale be normalized using temperature and moisture normalisation factors in the sheet 'Datasets'?

**Details**

There must be a sheet 'Compounds', with columns 'Name' and 'Acronym'. The first row read after the header read in from this sheet is assumed to contain name and acronym of the parent compound.

The dataset sheets should be named using the dataset numbers read in from the 'Datasets' sheet, i.e. '1', '2', ... . In each dataset sheet, name of the observed variable (e.g. the acronym of the parent compound or one of its transformation products) should be in the first column, the time values should be in the second column, and the observed value in the third column.

In case relevant covariate data are available, they should be given in a sheet 'Covariates', containing one line for each value of the grouping variable specified in 'Datasets'. These values should be in the first column and the column must have the same name as the second column in 'Datasets'. Covariates will be read in from columns four and higher. Their names should preferably not contain special characters like spaces, so they can be easily used for specifying covariate models.

An similar data structure is defined as the R6 class `mkindsg`, but is probably more complicated to use.

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residuals.mkinfit	<i>Extract residuals from an mkinfit model</i>
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**Description**

Extract residuals from an mkinfit model

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'mkinfit'
residuals(object, standardized = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A <code>mkinfit</code> object
standardized	Should the residuals be standardized by dividing by the standard deviation obtained from the fitted error model?
...	Not used

**Examples**

```
f <- mkinfit("DFOP", FOCUS_2006_C, quiet = TRUE)
residuals(f)
residuals(f, standardized = TRUE)
```

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 saem

*Fit nonlinear mixed models with SAEM*


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## Description

This function uses `saemix::saemix()` as a backend for fitting nonlinear mixed effects models created from `mmkin` row objects using the Stochastic Approximation Expectation Maximisation algorithm (SAEM).

## Usage

```
saem(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mmkin'
saem(
  object,
  transformations = c("mkin", "saemix"),
  error_model = "auto",
  degparms_start = numeric(),
  test_log_parms = TRUE,
  conf.level = 0.6,
  solution_type = "auto",
  covariance.model = "auto",
  omega.init = "auto",
  covariates = NULL,
  covariate_models = NULL,
  no_random_effect = NULL,
  error.init = c(1, 1),
  nbiter.saemix = c(300, 100),
  control = list(displayProgress = FALSE, print = FALSE, nbiter.saemix = nbiter.saemix,
    save = FALSE, save.graphs = FALSE),
  verbose = FALSE,
  quiet = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'saem.mmkin'
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)

saemix_model(
  object,
  solution_type = "auto",
  transformations = c("mkin", "saemix"),
  error_model = "auto",
  degparms_start = numeric(),
  covariance.model = "auto",
  no_random_effect = NULL,
```

```

    omega.init = "auto",
    covariates = NULL,
    covariate_models = NULL,
    error.init = numeric(),
    test_log_parms = FALSE,
    conf.level = 0.6,
    verbose = FALSE,
    ...
)

saemix_data(object, covariates = NULL, verbose = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'saem.mmkin'
parms(object, ci = FALSE, ...)

```

### Arguments

object	An <a href="#">mmkin</a> row object containing several fits of the same <a href="#">mkinmod</a> model to different datasets
...	Further parameters passed to <a href="#">saemix::saemixModel</a> .
transformations	Per default, all parameter transformations are done in <a href="#">mkin</a> . If this argument is set to 'saemix', parameter transformations are done in 'saemix' for the supported cases, i.e. (as of version 1.1.2) SFO, FOMC, DFOP and HS without fixing <code>parent_0</code> , and SFO or DFOP with one SFO metabolite.
error_model	Possibility to override the error model used in the <a href="#">mmkin</a> object
degparms_start	Parameter values given as a named numeric vector will be used to override the starting values obtained from the 'mmkin' object.
test_log_parms	If TRUE, an attempt is made to use more robust starting values for population parameters fitted as log parameters in <a href="#">mkin</a> (like rate constants) by only considering rate constants that pass the t-test when calculating mean degradation parameters using <a href="#">mean_degparms</a> .
conf.level	Possibility to adjust the required confidence level for parameter that are tested if requested by 'test_log_parms'.
solution_type	Possibility to specify the solution type in case the automatic choice is not desired
covariance.model	Will be passed to <a href="#">saemix::saemixModel()</a> . Per default, uncorrelated random effects are specified for all degradation parameters.
omega.init	Will be passed to <a href="#">saemix::saemixModel()</a> . If using <a href="#">mkin</a> transformations and the default covariance model with optionally excluded random effects, the variances of the degradation parameters are estimated using <a href="#">mean_degparms</a> , with testing of untransformed log parameters for significant difference from zero. If not using <a href="#">mkin</a> transformations or a custom covariance model, the default initialisation of <a href="#">saemix::saemixModel</a> is used for <code>omega.init</code> .
covariates	A data frame with covariate data for use in 'covariate_models', with dataset names as row names.

<code>covariate_models</code>	A list containing linear model formulas with one explanatory variable, i.e. of the type 'parameter ~ covariate'. Covariates must be available in the 'covariates' data frame.
<code>no_random_effect</code>	Character vector of degradation parameters for which there should be no variability over the groups. Only used if the covariance model is not explicitly specified.
<code>error.init</code>	Will be passed to <code>saemix::saemixModel()</code> .
<code>nbiter.saemix</code>	Convenience option to increase the number of iterations
<code>control</code>	Passed to <code>saemix::saemix</code> .
<code>verbose</code>	Should we print information about created objects of type <code>saemix::SaemixModel</code> and <code>saemix::SaemixData</code> ?
<code>quiet</code>	Should we suppress the messages saemix prints at the beginning and the end of the optimisation process?
<code>x</code>	An saem.mmkin object to print
<code>digits</code>	Number of digits to use for printing
<code>ci</code>	Should a matrix with estimates and confidence interval boundaries be returned? If FALSE (default), a vector of estimates is returned.

### Details

An mmkin row object is essentially a list of mkinfit objects that have been obtained by fitting the same model to a list of datasets using `mkinfit`.

Starting values for the fixed effects (population mean parameters, argument `psi0` of `saemix::saemixModel()`) are the mean values of the parameters found using `mmkin`.

### Value

An S3 object of class 'saem.mmkin', containing the fitted `saemix::SaemixObject` as a list component named 'so'. The object also inherits from 'mixed.mmkin'.

An `saemix::SaemixModel` object.

An `saemix::SaemixData` object.

### See Also

[summary.saem.mmkin](#) [plot.mixed.mmkin](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
ds <- lapply(experimental_data_for_UBA_2019[6:10],
  function(x) subset(x$data[c("name", "time", "value")]))
names(ds) <- paste("Dataset", 6:10)
f_mmkin_parent_p0_fixed <- mmkin("FOMC", ds,
  state.ini = c(parent = 100), fixed_initials = "parent", quiet = TRUE)
f_saem_p0_fixed <- saem(f_mmkin_parent_p0_fixed)
```



```

f_mmkin_parent <- mmkin(c("SFO", "FOMC", "DFOP"), ds, quiet = TRUE)
f_saem_sfo <- saem(f_mmkin_parent["SFO", ])
f_saem_fomc <- saem(f_mmkin_parent["FOMC", ])
f_saem_dfop <- saem(f_mmkin_parent["DFOP", ])
anova(f_saem_sfo, f_saem_fomc, f_saem_dfop)
anova(f_saem_sfo, f_saem_dfop, test = TRUE)
illparms(f_saem_dfop)
f_saem_dfop_red <- update(f_saem_dfop, no_random_effect = "g_qlogis")
anova(f_saem_dfop, f_saem_dfop_red, test = TRUE)

anova(f_saem_sfo, f_saem_fomc, f_saem_dfop)
# The returned saem.mmkin object contains an SaemixObject, therefore we can use
# functions from saemix
library(saemix)
compare.saemix(f_saem_sfo$so, f_saem_fomc$so, f_saem_dfop$so)
plot(f_saem_fomc$so, plot.type = "convergence")
plot(f_saem_fomc$so, plot.type = "individual.fit")
plot(f_saem_fomc$so, plot.type = "npde")
plot(f_saem_fomc$so, plot.type = "vpc")

f_mmkin_parent_tc <- update(f_mmkin_parent, error_model = "tc")
f_saem_fomc_tc <- saem(f_mmkin_parent_tc["FOMC", ])
anova(f_saem_fomc, f_saem_fomc_tc, test = TRUE)

sfo_sfo <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("SFO", "A1"),
  A1 = mkinsub("SFO"))
fomc_sfo <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("FOMC", "A1"),
  A1 = mkinsub("SFO"))
dfop_sfo <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("DFOP", "A1"),
  A1 = mkinsub("SFO"))
# The following fit uses analytical solutions for SFO-SFO and DFOP-SFO,
# and compiled ODEs for FOMC that are much slower
f_mmkin <- mmkin(list(
  "SFO-SFO" = sfo_sfo, "FOMC-SFO" = fomc_sfo, "DFOP-SFO" = dfop_sfo),
  ds, quiet = TRUE)
# saem fits of SFO-SFO and DFOP-SFO to these data take about five seconds
# each on this system, as we use analytical solutions written for saemix.
# When using the analytical solutions written for mkin this took around
# four minutes
f_saem_sfo_sfo <- saem(f_mmkin["SFO-SFO", ])
f_saem_dfop_sfo <- saem(f_mmkin["DFOP-SFO", ])
# We can use print, plot and summary methods to check the results
print(f_saem_dfop_sfo)
plot(f_saem_dfop_sfo)
summary(f_saem_dfop_sfo, data = TRUE)

# The following takes about 6 minutes
#f_saem_dfop_sfo_deSolve <- saem(f_mmkin["DFOP-SFO", ], solution_type = "deSolve",
# control = list(nbiter.saemix = c(200, 80), nbdisplay = 10))

#saemix::compare.saemix(list(
# f_saem_dfop_sfo$so,

```

```
# f_saem_dfop_sfo_deSolve$so))

# If the model supports it, we can also use eigenvalue based solutions, which
# take a similar amount of time
#f_saem_sfo_sfo_eigen <- saem(f_mmkin["SF0-SF0", ], solution_type = "eigen",
# control = list(nbiter.saemix = c(200, 80), nbdisplay = 10))

## End(Not run)
```

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schaefer07\_complex\_case

*Metabolism data set used for checking the software quality of KinGUI*

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## Description

This dataset was used for a comparison of KinGUI and ModelMaker to check the software quality of KinGUI in the original publication (Schäfer et al., 2007). The results from the fitting are also included.

## Usage

```
schaefer07_complex_case
```

## Format

The data set is a data frame with 8 observations on the following 6 variables.

time a numeric vector

parent a numeric vector

A1 a numeric vector

B1 a numeric vector

C1 a numeric vector

A2 a numeric vector

The results are a data frame with 14 results for different parameter values

## References

Schäfer D, Mikolasch B, Rainbird P and Harvey B (2007). KinGUI: a new kinetic software tool for evaluations according to FOCUS degradation kinetics. In: Del Re AAM, Capri E, Fragoulis G and Trevisan M (Eds.). Proceedings of the XIII Symposium Pesticide Chemistry, Piacenza, 2007, p. 916-923.

**Examples**

```

data <- mkin_wide_to_long(schaefer07_complex_case, time = "time")
model <- mkinmod(
  parent = list(type = "SFO", to = c("A1", "B1", "C1"), sink = FALSE),
  A1 = list(type = "SFO", to = "A2"),
  B1 = list(type = "SFO"),
  C1 = list(type = "SFO"),
  A2 = list(type = "SFO", use_of_ff = "max")
  ## Not run:
  fit <- mkinfit(model, data, quiet = TRUE)
  plot(fit)
  endpoints(fit)

## End(Not run)
# Compare with the results obtained in the original publication
print(schaefer07_complex_results)

```

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set\_nd\_nq

*Set non-detects and unquantified values in residue series without replicates*


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**Description**

This function automates replacing unquantified values in residue time and depth series. For time series, the function performs part of the residue processing proposed in the FOCUS kinetics guidance for parent compounds and metabolites. For two-dimensional residue series over time and depth, it automates the proposal of Boesten et al (2015).

**Usage**

```

set_nd_nq(res_raw, lod, loq = NA, time_zero_presence = FALSE)

set_nd_nq_focus(
  res_raw,
  lod,
  loq = NA,
  set_first_sample_nd = TRUE,
  first_sample_nd_value = 0,
  ignore_below_loq_after_first_nd = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

**res\_raw** Character vector of a residue time series, or matrix of residue values with rows representing depth profiles for a specific sampling time, and columns representing time series of residues at the same depth. Values below the limit of detection (lod) have to be coded as "nd", values between the limit of detection and the limit of quantification, if any, have to be coded as "nq". Samples not analysed

	have to be coded as "na". All values that are not "na", "nd" or "nq" have to be coercible to numeric
lod	Limit of detection (numeric)
loq	Limit of quantification(numeric). Must be specified if the FOCUS rule to stop after the first non-detection is to be applied
time_zero_presence	Do we assume that residues occur at time zero? This only affects samples from the first sampling time that have been reported as "nd" (not detected).
set_first_sample_nd	Should the first sample be set to "first_sample_nd_value" in case it is a non-detection?
first_sample_nd_value	Value to be used for the first sample if it is a non-detection
ignore_below_loq_after_first_nd	Should we ignore values below the LOQ after the first non-detection that occurs after the quantified values?

**Value**

A numeric vector, if a vector was supplied, or a numeric matrix otherwise

**Functions**

- set\_nd\_nq\_focus(): Set non-detects in residue time series according to FOCUS rules

**References**

Boesten, J. J. T. I., van der Linden, A. M. A., Beltman, W. H. J. and Pol, J. W. (2015). Leaching of plant protection products and their transformation products; Proposals for improving the assessment of leaching to groundwater in the Netherlands — Version 2. Alterra report 2630, Alterra Wageningen UR (University & Research centre)

FOCUS (2014) Generic Guidance for Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration, Version 1.1, 18 December 2014, p. 251

**Examples**

```
# FOCUS (2014) p. 75/76 and 131/132
parent_1 <- c(.12, .09, .05, .03, "nd", "nd", "nd", "nd", "nd", "nd")
set_nd_nq(parent_1, 0.02)
parent_2 <- c(.12, .09, .05, .03, "nd", "nd", .03, "nd", "nd", "nd")
set_nd_nq(parent_2, 0.02)
set_nd_nq_focus(parent_2, 0.02, loq = 0.05)
parent_3 <- c(.12, .09, .05, .03, "nd", "nd", .06, "nd", "nd", "nd")
set_nd_nq(parent_3, 0.02)
set_nd_nq_focus(parent_3, 0.02, loq = 0.05)
metabolite <- c("nd", "nd", "nd", 0.03, 0.06, 0.10, 0.11, 0.10, 0.09, 0.05, 0.03, "nd", "nd")
set_nd_nq(metabolite, 0.02)
set_nd_nq_focus(metabolite, 0.02, 0.05)
#
```

```
# Boesten et al. (2015), p. 57/58
table_8 <- matrix(
  c(10, 10, rep("nd", 4),
    10, 10, rep("nq", 2), rep("nd", 2),
    10, 10, 10, "nq", "nd", "nd",
    "nq", 10, "nq", rep("nd", 3),
    "nd", "nq", "nq", rep("nd", 3),
    rep("nd", 6), rep("nd", 6)),
  ncol = 6, byrow = TRUE)
set_nd_nq(table_8, 0.5, 1.5, time_zero_presence = TRUE)
table_10 <- matrix(
  c(10, 10, rep("nd", 4),
    10, 10, rep("nd", 4),
    10, 10, 10, rep("nd", 3),
    "nd", 10, rep("nd", 4),
    rep("nd", 18)),
  ncol = 6, byrow = TRUE)
set_nd_nq(table_10, 0.5, time_zero_presence = TRUE)
```

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SFO.solution

*Single First-Order kinetics*


---

### Description

Function describing exponential decline from a defined starting value.

### Usage

```
SFO.solution(t, parent_0, k)
```

### Arguments

t	Time.
parent_0	Starting value for the response variable at time zero.
k	Kinetic rate constant.

### Value

The value of the response variable at time t.

### References

FOCUS (2006) "Guidance Document on Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration" Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, EC Document Reference Sanco/10058/2005 version 2.0, 434 pp, <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics> FOCUS (2014) "Generic guidance for Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration" Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, Version 1.1, 18 December 2014 <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

**See Also**

Other parent solutions: [DFOP.solution\(\)](#), [FOMC.solution\(\)](#), [HS.solution\(\)](#), [IORE.solution\(\)](#), [SFORB.solution\(\)](#), [logistic.solution\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run: plot(function(x) SF0.solution(x, 100, 3), 0, 2)
```

---

SFORB.solution

*Single First-Order Reversible Binding kinetics*

---

**Description**

Function describing the solution of the differential equations describing the kinetic model with first-order terms for a two-way transfer from a free to a bound fraction, and a first-order degradation term for the free fraction. The initial condition is a defined amount in the free fraction and no substance in the bound fraction.

**Usage**

```
SFORB.solution(t, parent_0, k_12, k_21, k_1output)
```

**Arguments**

t	Time.
parent_0	Starting value for the response variable at time zero.
k_12	Kinetic constant describing transfer from free to bound.
k_21	Kinetic constant describing transfer from bound to free.
k_1output	Kinetic constant describing degradation of the free fraction.

**Value**

The value of the response variable, which is the sum of free and bound fractions at time t.

**References**

FOCUS (2006) “Guidance Document on Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, EC Document Reference Sanco/10058/2005 version 2.0, 434 pp, <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics> FOCUS (2014) “Generic guidance for Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration” Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, Version 1.1, 18 December 2014 <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

**See Also**

Other parent solutions: [DFOP.solution\(\)](#), [FOMC.solution\(\)](#), [HS.solution\(\)](#), [IORE.solution\(\)](#), [SFO.solution\(\)](#), [logistic.solution\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run: plot(function(x) SFORB.solution(x, 100, 0.5, 2, 3), 0, 2)
```

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sigma\_twocomp

*Two-component error model*


---

**Description**

Function describing the standard deviation of the measurement error in dependence of the measured value  $y$ :

**Usage**

```
sigma_twocomp(y, sigma_low, rsd_high)
```

**Arguments**

y	The magnitude of the observed value
sigma_low	The asymptotic minimum of the standard deviation for low observed values
rsd_high	The coefficient describing the increase of the standard deviation with the magnitude of the observed value

**Details**

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma_{low}^2 + y^2 * rsd_{high}^2}$$

```
sigma = sqrt(sigma_low^2 + y^2 * rsd_high^2)
```

This is the error model used for example by Werner et al. (1978). The model proposed by Rocke and Lorenzato (1995) can be written in this form as well, but assumes approximate lognormal distribution of errors for high values of  $y$ .

**Value**

The standard deviation of the response variable.

## References

- Werner, Mario, Brooks, Samuel H., and Knott, Lancaster B. (1978) Additive, Multiplicative, and Mixed Analytical Errors. *Clinical Chemistry* 24(11), 1895-1898.
- Rocke, David M. and Lorenzato, Stefan (1995) A two-component model for measurement error in analytical chemistry. *Technometrics* 37(2), 176-184.
- Ranke J and Meinecke S (2019) Error Models for the Kinetic Evaluation of Chemical Degradation Data. *Environments* 6(12) 124 [doi:10.3390/environments6120124](https://doi.org/10.3390/environments6120124).

## Examples

```
times <- c(0, 1, 3, 7, 14, 28, 60, 90, 120)
d_pred <- data.frame(time = times, parent = 100 * exp(- 0.03 * times))
set.seed(123456)
d_syn <- add_err(d_pred, function(y) sigma_twocomp(y, 1, 0.07),
  reps = 2, n = 1)[[1]]
f_nls <- nls(value ~ SSasymp(time, 0, parent_0, lrc), data = d_syn,
  start = list(parent_0 = 100, lrc = -3))
library(nlme)
f_gnls <- gnls(value ~ SSasymp(time, 0, parent_0, lrc),
  data = d_syn, na.action = na.omit,
  start = list(parent_0 = 100, lrc = -3))
if (length(findFunction("varConstProp")) > 0) {
  f_gnls_tc <- update(f_gnls, weights = varConstProp())
  f_gnls_tc_sf <- update(f_gnls_tc, control = list(sigma = 1))
}
f_mkin <- mkinfit("SFO", d_syn, error_model = "const", quiet = TRUE)
f_mkin_tc <- mkinfit("SFO", d_syn, error_model = "tc", quiet = TRUE)
plot_res(f_mkin_tc, standardized = TRUE)
AIC(f_nls, f_gnls, f_gnls_tc, f_gnls_tc_sf, f_mkin, f_mkin_tc)
```

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status

*Method to get status information for fit array objects*

---

## Description

Method to get status information for fit array objects

## Usage

```
status(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'mkin'
status(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'status.mkin'
print(x, ...)
```



```
## S3 method for class 'mhmkin'
status(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'status.mhmkin'
print(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	The object to investigate
...	For potential future extensions
x	The object to be printed

### Value

An object with the same dimensions as the fit array suitable printing method.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
fits <- mmkin(
  c("SFO", "FOMC"),
  list("FOCUS A" = FOCUS_2006_A,
       "FOCUS B" = FOCUS_2006_C),
  quiet = TRUE)
status(fits)

## End(Not run)
```

---

summary.mkinfit

*Summary method for class "mkinfit"*


---

### Description

Lists model equations, initial parameter values, optimised parameters with some uncertainty statistics, the chi2 error levels calculated according to FOCUS guidance (2006) as defined therein, formation fractions, DT50 values and optionally the data, consisting of observed, predicted and residual values.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mkinfit'
summary(object, data = TRUE, distimes = TRUE, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary.mkinfit'
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of class <code>mkinfit</code> .
data	logical, indicating whether the data should be included in the summary.
distimes	logical, indicating whether DT50 and DT90 values should be included.
alpha	error level for confidence interval estimation from t distribution
...	optional arguments passed to methods like <code>print</code> .
x	an object of class <code>summary.mkinfit</code> .
digits	Number of digits to use for printing

**Value**

The summary function returns a list with components, among others

version, Rversion	The mkin and R versions used
date.fit, date.summary	The dates where the fit and the summary were produced
diffs	The differential equations used in the model
use_of_ff	Was maximum or minimum use made of formation fractions
bpar	Optimised and backtransformed parameters
data	The data (see Description above).
start	The starting values and bounds, if applicable, for optimised parameters.
fixed	The values of fixed parameters.
errmin	The chi2 error levels for each observed variable.
bparms.ode	All backtransformed ODE parameters, for use as starting parameters for related models.
errparms	Error model parameters.
ff	The estimated formation fractions derived from the fitted model.
distimes	The DT50 and DT90 values for each observed variable.
SFORB	If applicable, eigenvalues and fractional eigenvector component g of SFORB systems in the model.

The print method is called for its side effect, i.e. printing the summary.

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**References**

FOCUS (2006) "Guidance Document on Estimating Persistence and Degradation Kinetics from Environmental Fate Studies on Pesticides in EU Registration" Report of the FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, EC Document Reference Sanco/10058/2005 version 2.0, 434 pp, <http://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/degradation-kinetics>

**Examples**

```
summary(mkinfit("SFO", FOCUS_2006_A, quiet = TRUE))
```

---

```
summary.mmkin      Summary method for class "mmkin"
```

---

**Description**

Shows status information on the [mkinfit](#) objects contained in the object and gives an overview of ill-defined parameters calculated by [illparms](#).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'mmkin'
summary(object, conf.level = 0.95, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary.mmkin'
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of class <a href="#">mmkin</a>
conf.level	confidence level for testing parameters
...	optional arguments passed to methods like <code>print</code> .
x	an object of class <code>summary.mmkin</code> .
digits	number of digits to use for printing

**Examples**

```
fits <- mkin(
  c("SFO", "FOMC"),
  list("FOCUS A" = FOCUS_2006_A,
       "FOCUS C" = FOCUS_2006_C),
  quiet = TRUE, cores = 1)
summary(fits)
```

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summary.nlme.mmkin      *Summary method for class "nlme.mmkin"*

---

## Description

Lists model equations, initial parameter values, optimised parameters for fixed effects (population), random effects (deviations from the population mean) and residual error model, as well as the resulting endpoints such as formation fractions and DT50 values. Optionally (default is FALSE), the data are listed in full.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'nlme.mmkin'
summary(
  object,
  data = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  distimes = TRUE,
  alpha = 0.05,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'summary.nlme.mmkin'
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), verbose = x$verbose, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	an object of class <a href="#">nlme.mmkin</a>
data	logical, indicating whether the full data should be included in the summary.
verbose	Should the summary be verbose?
distimes	logical, indicating whether DT50 and DT90 values should be included.
alpha	error level for confidence interval estimation from the t distribution
...	optional arguments passed to methods like <code>print</code> .
x	an object of class <a href="#">summary.nlme.mmkin</a>
digits	Number of digits to use for printing

## Value

The summary function returns a list based on the [nlme](#) object obtained in the fit, with at least the following additional components

nlmeversion, mkinversion, Rversion	The nlme, mkin and R versions used
date.fit, date.summary	The dates where the fit and the summary were produced

diffs	The differential equations used in the degradation model
use_of_ff	Was maximum or minimum use made of formation fractions
data	The data
confint_trans	Transformed parameters as used in the optimisation, with confidence intervals
confint_back	Backtransformed parameters, with confidence intervals if available
ff	The estimated formation fractions derived from the fitted model.
distimes	The DT50 and DT90 values for each observed variable.
SFORB	If applicable, eigenvalues of SFORB components of the model.

The print method is called for its side effect, i.e. printing the summary.

### Author(s)

Johannes Ranke for the mkin specific parts José Pinheiro and Douglas Bates for the components inherited from nlme

### Examples

```
# Generate five datasets following SFO kinetics
sampling_times = c(0, 1, 3, 7, 14, 28, 60, 90, 120)
dt50_sfo_in_pop <- 50
k_in_pop <- log(2) / dt50_sfo_in_pop
set.seed(1234)
k_in <- rlnorm(5, log(k_in_pop), 0.5)
SFO <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("SFO"))

pred_sfo <- function(k) {
  mkinpredict(SFO,
    c(k_parent = k),
    c(parent = 100),
    sampling_times)
}

ds_sfo_mean <- lapply(k_in, pred_sfo)
names(ds_sfo_mean) <- paste("ds", 1:5)

set.seed(12345)
ds_sfo_syn <- lapply(ds_sfo_mean, function(ds) {
  add_err(ds,
    sdfunc = function(value) sqrt(1^2 + value^2 * 0.07^2),
    n = 1)[[1]]
})

## Not run:
# Evaluate using mmkin and nlme
library(nlme)
f_mmkin <- mmkin("SFO", ds_sfo_syn, quiet = TRUE, error_model = "tc", cores = 1)
f_nlme <- nlme(f_mmkin)
summary(f_nlme, data = TRUE)
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

---

```
summary.saem.mmkin    Summary method for class "saem.mmkin"
```

---

## Description

Lists model equations, initial parameter values, optimised parameters for fixed effects (population), random effects (deviations from the population mean) and residual error model, as well as the resulting endpoints such as formation fractions and DT50 values. Optionally (default is FALSE), the data are listed in full.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'saem.mmkin'
summary(object, data = FALSE, verbose = FALSE, distimes = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary.saem.mmkin'
print(x, digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), verbose = x$verbose, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	an object of class <a href="#">saem.mmkin</a>
data	logical, indicating whether the full data should be included in the summary.
verbose	Should the summary be verbose?
distimes	logical, indicating whether DT50 and DT90 values should be included.
...	optional arguments passed to methods like <code>print</code> .
x	an object of class <a href="#">summary.saem.mmkin</a>
digits	Number of digits to use for printing

## Value

The summary function returns a list based on the [saemix::SaemixObject](#) obtained in the fit, with at least the following additional components

saemixversion, mkinversion, Rversion	The saemix, mkin and R versions used
date.fit, date.summary	The dates where the fit and the summary were produced
diffs	The differential equations used in the degradation model
use_of_ff	Was maximum or minimum use made of formation fractions
data	The data
confint_trans	Transformed parameters as used in the optimisation, with confidence intervals

confint\_back Backtransformed parameters, with confidence intervals if available  
 confint\_errmod Error model parameters with confidence intervals  
 ff The estimated formation fractions derived from the fitted model.  
 distimes The DT50 and DT90 values for each observed variable.  
 SFORB If applicable, eigenvalues of SFORB components of the model.

The print method is called for its side effect, i.e. printing the summary.

### Author(s)

Johannes Ranke for the mkin specific parts saemix authors for the parts inherited from saemix.

### Examples

```

# Generate five datasets following DFOP-SFO kinetics
sampling_times = c(0, 1, 3, 7, 14, 28, 60, 90, 120)
dfop_sfo <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("DFOP", "m1"),
  m1 = mkinsub("SFO"), quiet = TRUE)
set.seed(1234)
k1_in <- rlnorm(5, log(0.1), 0.3)
k2_in <- rlnorm(5, log(0.02), 0.3)
g_in <- plogis(rnorm(5, qlogis(0.5), 0.3))
f_parent_to_m1_in <- plogis(rnorm(5, qlogis(0.3), 0.3))
k_m1_in <- rlnorm(5, log(0.02), 0.3)

pred_dfop_sfo <- function(k1, k2, g, f_parent_to_m1, k_m1) {
  mkinpredict(dfop_sfo,
    c(k1 = k1, k2 = k2, g = g, f_parent_to_m1 = f_parent_to_m1, k_m1 = k_m1),
    c(parent = 100, m1 = 0),
    sampling_times)
}

ds_mean_dfop_sfo <- lapply(1:5, function(i) {
  mkinpredict(dfop_sfo,
    c(k1 = k1_in[i], k2 = k2_in[i], g = g_in[i],
      f_parent_to_m1 = f_parent_to_m1_in[i], k_m1 = k_m1_in[i]),
    c(parent = 100, m1 = 0),
    sampling_times)
})
names(ds_mean_dfop_sfo) <- paste("ds", 1:5)

ds_syn_dfop_sfo <- lapply(ds_mean_dfop_sfo, function(ds) {
  add_err(ds,
    sdfunc = function(value) sqrt(1^2 + value^2 * 0.07^2),
    n = 1)[[1]]
})

## Not run:
# Evaluate using mmkin and saem
f_mmkin_dfop_sfo <- mmkin(list(dfop_sfo), ds_syn_dfop_sfo,
  quiet = TRUE, error_model = "tc", cores = 5)

```

```
f_saem_dfop_sfo <- saem(f_mmkin_dfop_sfo)
print(f_saem_dfop_sfo)
illparms(f_saem_dfop_sfo)
f_saem_dfop_sfo_2 <- update(f_saem_dfop_sfo, covariance.model = diag(c(0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0)))
illparms(f_saem_dfop_sfo_2)
intervals(f_saem_dfop_sfo_2)
summary(f_saem_dfop_sfo_2, data = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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synthetic\_data\_for\_UBA\_2014

*Synthetic datasets for one parent compound with two metabolites*

---

## Description

The 12 datasets were generated using four different models and three different variance components. The four models are either the SFO or the DFOP model with either two sequential or two parallel metabolites.

Variance component 'a' is based on a normal distribution with standard deviation of 3, Variance component 'b' is also based on a normal distribution, but with a standard deviation of 7. Variance component 'c' is based on the error model from Rocke and Lorenzato (1995), with the minimum standard deviation (for small y values) of 0.5, and a proportionality constant of 0.07 for the increase of the standard deviation with y. Note that this is a simplified version of the error model proposed by Rocke and Lorenzato (1995), as in their model the error of the measured values approximates lognormal distribution for high values, whereas we are using normally distributed error components all along.

Initial concentrations for metabolites and all values where adding the variance component resulted in a value below the assumed limit of detection of 0.1 were set to NA.

As an example, the first dataset has the title SFO\_lin\_a and is based on the SFO model with two sequential metabolites (linear pathway), with added variance component 'a'.

Compare also the code in the example section to see the degradation models.

## Usage

```
synthetic_data_for_UBA_2014
```

## Format

A list containing twelve datasets as an R6 class defined by `mkind`s, each containing, among others, the following components

`title` The name of the dataset, e.g. SFO\_lin\_a

`data` A data frame with the data in the form expected by `mkinf`



**Source**

Ranke (2014) Prüfung und Validierung von Modellierungssoftware als Alternative zu ModelMaker 4.0, Umweltbundesamt Projektnummer 27452

Rocke, David M. und Lorenzato, Stefan (1995) A two-component model for measurement error in analytical chemistry. *Technometrics* 37(2), 176-184.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# The data have been generated using the following kinetic models
m_synth_SF0_lin <- mkinmod(parent = list(type = "SF0", to = "M1"),
  M1 = list(type = "SF0", to = "M2"),
  M2 = list(type = "SF0"), use_of_ff = "max")

m_synth_SF0_par <- mkinmod(parent = list(type = "SF0", to = c("M1", "M2")),
  sink = FALSE),
  M1 = list(type = "SF0"),
  M2 = list(type = "SF0"), use_of_ff = "max")

m_synth_DFOP_lin <- mkinmod(parent = list(type = "DFOP", to = "M1"),
  M1 = list(type = "SF0", to = "M2"),
  M2 = list(type = "SF0"), use_of_ff = "max")

m_synth_DFOP_par <- mkinmod(parent = list(type = "DFOP", to = c("M1", "M2")),
  sink = FALSE),
  M1 = list(type = "SF0"),
  M2 = list(type = "SF0"), use_of_ff = "max")

# The model predictions without intentional error were generated as follows
sampling_times = c(0, 1, 3, 7, 14, 28, 60, 90, 120)

d_synth_SF0_lin <- mkinpredict(m_synth_SF0_lin,
  c(k_parent = 0.7, f_parent_to_M1 = 0.8,
    k_M1 = 0.3, f_M1_to_M2 = 0.7,
    k_M2 = 0.02),
  c(parent = 100, M1 = 0, M2 = 0),
  sampling_times)

d_synth_DFOP_lin <- mkinpredict(m_synth_DFOP_lin,
  c(k1 = 0.2, k2 = 0.02, g = 0.5,
    f_parent_to_M1 = 0.5, k_M1 = 0.3,
    f_M1_to_M2 = 0.7, k_M2 = 0.02),
  c(parent = 100, M1 = 0, M2 = 0),
  sampling_times)

d_synth_SF0_par <- mkinpredict(m_synth_SF0_par,
  c(k_parent = 0.2,
    f_parent_to_M1 = 0.8, k_M1 = 0.01,
    f_parent_to_M2 = 0.2, k_M2 = 0.02),
  c(parent = 100, M1 = 0, M2 = 0),
```

```

sampling_times)

d_synth_DFOP_par <- mkinpredict(m_synth_DFOP_par,
                              c(k1 = 0.3, k2 = 0.02, g = 0.7,
                                f_parent_to_M1 = 0.6, k_M1 = 0.04,
                                f_parent_to_M2 = 0.4, k_M2 = 0.01),
                              c(parent = 100, M1 = 0, M2 = 0),
                              sampling_times)

# Construct names for datasets with errors
d_synth_names = paste0("d_synth_", c("SFO_lin", "SFO_par",
                                      "DFOP_lin", "DFOP_par"))

# Original function used for adding errors. The add_err function now published
# with this package is a slightly generalised version where the names of
# secondary compartments that should have an initial value of zero (M1 and M2
# in this case) are not hardcoded any more.
# add_err = function(d, sdfunc, LOD = 0.1, reps = 2, seed = 123456789)
# {
#   set.seed(seed)
#   d_long = mkin_wide_to_long(d, time = "time")
#   d_rep = data.frame(lapply(d_long, rep, each = 2))
#   d_rep$value = rnorm(length(d_rep$value), d_rep$value, sdfunc(d_rep$value))
#   #
#   d_rep[d_rep$time == 0 & d_rep$name %in% c("M1", "M2"), "value"] <- 0
#   d_NA <- transform(d_rep, value = ifelse(value < LOD, NA, value))
#   d_NA$value <- round(d_NA$value, 1)
#   return(d_NA)
# }

# The following is the simplified version of the two-component model of Rocke
# and Lorenzato (1995)
sdfunc_twocomp = function(value, sd_low, rsd_high) {
  sqrt(sd_low^2 + value^2 * rsd_high^2)
}

# Add the errors.
for (d_synth_name in d_synth_names)
{
  d_synth = get(d_synth_name)
  assign(paste0(d_synth_name, "_a"), add_err(d_synth, function(value) 3))
  assign(paste0(d_synth_name, "_b"), add_err(d_synth, function(value) 7))
  assign(paste0(d_synth_name, "_c"), add_err(d_synth,
                                             function(value) sdfunc_twocomp(value, 0.5, 0.07)))
}

d_synth_err_names = c(
  paste(rep(d_synth_names, each = 3), letters[1:3], sep = "_")
)

# This is just one example of an evaluation using the kinetic model used for
# the generation of the data

```

```

fit <- mkinfit(m_synth_SFO_lin, synthetic_data_for_UBA_2014[[1]]$data,
              quiet = TRUE)
plot_sep(fit)
summary(fit)

## End(Not run)

```

---

```
test_data_from_UBA_2014
```

*Three experimental datasets from two water sediment systems and one soil*

---

### Description

The datasets were used for the comparative validation of several kinetic evaluation software packages (Ranke, 2014).

### Usage

```
test_data_from_UBA_2014
```

### Format

A list containing three datasets as an R6 class defined by `mkinds`. Each dataset has, among others, the following components

`title` The name of the dataset, e.g. UBA\_2014\_WS\_river

`data` A data frame with the data in the form expected by `mkinfitt`

### Source

Ranke (2014) Prüfung und Validierung von Modellierungssoftware als Alternative zu ModelMaker 4.0, Umweltbundesamt Projektnummer 27452

### Examples

```

## Not run:
# This is a level P-II evaluation of the dataset according to the FOCUS kinetics
# guidance. Due to the strong correlation of the parameter estimates, the
# covariance matrix is not returned. Note that level P-II evaluations are
# generally considered deprecated due to the frequent occurrence of such
# large parameter correlations, among other reasons (e.g. the adequacy of the
# model).
m_ws <- mkinmod(parent_w = mkinsub("SFO", "parent_s"),
               parent_s = mkinsub("SFO", "parent_w"))
f_river <- mkinfit(m_ws, test_data_from_UBA_2014[[1]]$data, quiet = TRUE)
plot_sep(f_river)

summary(f_river)$bpar

```

```

mkinerrmin(f_river)

# This is the evaluation used for the validation of software packages
# in the expertise from 2014
m_soil <- mkinmod(parent = mkinsub("SFO", c("M1", "M2")),
                 M1 = mkinsub("SFO", "M3"),
                 M2 = mkinsub("SFO", "M3"),
                 M3 = mkinsub("SFO"),
                 use_of_ff = "max")

f_soil <- mkinfit(m_soil, test_data_from_UBA_2014[[3]]$data, quiet = TRUE)
plot_sep(f_soil, lpos = c("topright", "topright", "topright", "bottomright"))
summary(f_soil)$bpar
mkinerrmin(f_soil)

## End(Not run)

```

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tex\_listing

*Wrap the output of a summary function in tex listing environment*

---

### Description

This function can be used in a R markdown code chunk with the chunk option `results = "asis"`.

### Usage

```
tex_listing(object, caption = NULL, label = NULL, clearpage = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

object	The object for which the summary is to be listed
caption	An optional caption
label	An optional label
clearpage	Should a new page be started after the listing?

---

transform\_odeparms

*Functions to transform and backtransform kinetic parameters for fitting*

---

### Description

The transformations are intended to map parameters that should only take on restricted values to the full scale of real numbers. For kinetic rate constants and other parameters that can only take on positive values, a simple log transformation is used. For compositional parameters, such as the formations fractions that should always sum up to 1 and can not be negative, the [ilr](#) transformation is used.

**Usage**

```
transform_odeparms(
  parms,
  mkinmod,
  transform_rates = TRUE,
  transform_fractions = TRUE
)

backtransform_odeparms(
  transparms,
  mkinmod,
  transform_rates = TRUE,
  transform_fractions = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

parms	Parameters of kinetic models as used in the differential equations.
mkinmod	The kinetic model of class <code>mkinmod</code> , containing the names of the model variables that are needed for grouping the formation fractions before <code>ilr</code> transformation, the parameter names and the information if the pathway to sink is included in the model.
transform_rates	Boolean specifying if kinetic rate constants should be transformed in the model specification used in the fitting for better compliance with the assumption of normal distribution of the estimator. If TRUE, also alpha and beta parameters of the FOMC model are log-transformed, as well as k1 and k2 rate constants for the DFOP and HS models and the break point tb of the HS model.
transform_fractions	Boolean specifying if formation fractions constants should be transformed in the model specification used in the fitting for better compliance with the assumption of normal distribution of the estimator. The default (TRUE) is to do transformations. The g parameter of the DFOP model is also seen as a fraction. If a single fraction is transformed (g parameter of DFOP or only a single target variable e.g. a single metabolite plus a pathway to sink), a logistic transformation is used <code>stats::qlogis()</code> . In other cases, i.e. if two or more formation fractions need to be transformed whose sum cannot exceed one, the <code>ilr</code> transformation is used.
transparms	Transformed parameters of kinetic models as used in the fitting procedure.

**Details**

The transformation of sets of formation fractions is fragile, as it supposes the same ordering of the components in forward and backward transformation. This is no problem for the internal use in `mkinfit`.

**Value**

A vector of transformed or backtransformed parameters

**Author(s)**

Johannes Ranke

**Examples**

```

SFO_SFO <- mkinmod(
  parent = list(type = "SFO", to = "m1", sink = TRUE),
  m1 = list(type = "SFO"), use_of_ff = "min")

# Fit the model to the FOCUS example dataset D using defaults
FOCUS_D <- subset(FOCUS_2006_D, value != 0) # remove zero values to avoid warning
fit <- mkinfit(SFO_SFO, FOCUS_D, quiet = TRUE)
fit.s <- summary(fit)
# Transformed and backtransformed parameters
print(fit.s$par, 3)
print(fit.s$bpar, 3)

## Not run:
# Compare to the version without transforming rate parameters (does not work
# with analytical solution, we get NA values for m1 in predictions)
fit.2 <- mkinfit(SFO_SFO, FOCUS_D, transform_rates = FALSE,
  solution_type = "deSolve", quiet = TRUE)
fit.2.s <- summary(fit.2)
print(fit.2.s$par, 3)
print(fit.2.s$bpar, 3)

## End(Not run)

initials <- fit$start$value
names(initials) <- rownames(fit$start)
transformed <- fit$start_transformed$value
names(transformed) <- rownames(fit$start_transformed)
transform_odeparms(initials, SFO_SFO)
backtransform_odeparms(transformed, SFO_SFO)

## Not run:
# The case of formation fractions (this is now the default)
SFO_SFO.ff <- mkinmod(
  parent = list(type = "SFO", to = "m1", sink = TRUE),
  m1 = list(type = "SFO"),
  use_of_ff = "max")

fit.ff <- mkinfit(SFO_SFO.ff, FOCUS_D, quiet = TRUE)
fit.ff.s <- summary(fit.ff)
print(fit.ff.s$par, 3)
print(fit.ff.s$bpar, 3)
initials <- c("f_parent_to_m1" = 0.5)
transformed <- transform_odeparms(initials, SFO_SFO.ff)
backtransform_odeparms(transformed, SFO_SFO.ff)

# And without sink

```

```

SF0_SF0.ff.2 <- mkinmod(
  parent = list(type = "SF0", to = "m1", sink = FALSE),
  m1 = list(type = "SF0"),
  use_of_ff = "max")

fit.ff.2 <- mkinfit(SF0_SF0.ff.2, FOCUS_D, quiet = TRUE)
fit.ff.2.s <- summary(fit.ff.2)
print(fit.ff.2.s$par, 3)
print(fit.ff.2.s$bpar, 3)

## End(Not run)

```

---

update.mkinfit

*Update an mkinfit model with different arguments*


---

### Description

This function will return an updated mkinfit object. The fitted degradation model parameters from the old fit are used as starting values for the updated fit. Values specified as 'parms.ini' and/or 'state.ini' will override these starting values.

### Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'mkinfit'
update(object, ..., evaluate = TRUE)

```

### Arguments

object	An mkinfit object to be updated
...	Arguments to <code>mkinfit</code> that should replace the arguments from the original call. Arguments set to NULL will remove arguments given in the original call
evaluate	Should the call be evaluated or returned as a call

### Examples

```

## Not run:
fit <- mkinfit("SF0", subset(FOCUS_2006_D, value != 0), quiet = TRUE)
parms(fit)
plot_err(fit)
fit_2 <- update(fit, error_model = "tc")
parms(fit_2)
plot_err(fit_2)

## End(Not run)

```

---

`[.mmkin`*Subsetting method for mmkin objects*

---

**Description**

Subsetting method for mmkin objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'mmkin'  
x[i, j, ..., drop = FALSE]
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	An <code>mmkin</code> object
<code>i</code>	Row index selecting the fits for specific models
<code>j</code>	Column index selecting the fits to specific datasets
<code>...</code>	Not used, only there to satisfy the generic method definition
<code>drop</code>	If FALSE, the method always returns an mmkin object, otherwise either a list of mkinfit objects or a single mkinfit object.

**Value**

An object of class `mmkin`.

**Author(s)**

Johannes Ranke

**Examples**

```
# Only use one core, to pass R CMD check --as-cran  
fits <- mmkin(c("SFO", "FOMC"), list(B = FOCUS_2006_B, C = FOCUS_2006_C),  
            cores = 1, quiet = TRUE)  
fits["FOMC", ]  
fits[, "B"]  
fits["SFO", "B"]  
  
head(  
  # This extracts an mkinfit object with lots of components  
  fits[["FOMC", "B"]]  
)
```



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