

Examples for kinetic evaluations using kinfit

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1 Kinetic evaluations for parent compounds

These examples are also evaluated in a parallel vignette of the **mk**in package ([mkin, 2013](#)). The datasets are from Appendix 3, of the FOCUS kinetics report ([FOCUS Work Group on Degradation Kinetics, 2006, 2011](#)).

1.1 Laboratory Data L1

The following code defines an object containing the example dataset L1 from the FOCUS kinetics report, p. 284

```
R> library("kinfit")
R> FOCUS_2006_L1 = kinobject("Parent", "Degradation data", "")
R> FOCUS_2006_L1$data = data.frame(
+   t = rep(c(0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 14, 21, 30), each = 2),
+   parent = c(88.3, 91.4, 85.6, 84.5, 78.9, 77.6,
+             72.0, 71.9, 50.3, 59.4, 47.0, 45.1,
+             27.7, 27.3, 10.0, 10.4, 2.9, 4.0))
```

The following two lines fit the model and produce the summary report of the model fit. This covers the numerical analyses given in the FOCUS report.

```
R> FOCUS_2006_L1$fits <- kinfit(FOCUS_2006_L1$data,
+   kinmodels = c("SFO", "FOMC", "DFOP"))
R> FOCUS_2006_L1$results <- kinresults(FOCUS_2006_L1$fits)
R> kinreport(FOCUS_2006_L1)
```

```
Parent compound: Parent
Study type:      Degradation data
System:
kinfit version: 1.1.14
R version:      3.2.1
Report generated: Fri Jul 3 15:04:36 2015
```

```
Data:
  t parent
1  0  88.3
2  0  91.4
3  1  85.6
4  1  84.5
5  2  78.9
6  2  77.6
7  3  72.0
8  3  71.9
9  5  50.3
10 5  59.4
11 7  47.0
12 7  45.1
13 14 27.7
14 14 27.3
15 21 10.0
16 21 10.4
17 30  2.9
18 30  4.0
```

```
---
Nonlinear least squares fit of the SFO model

Parameter estimation:
      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>t)
parent.0  92.4710    1.36830   67.6 0.00e+00
k          0.0956    0.00388   24.6 1.87e-14
```

```
Chi2 error estimation: 3.42 %
```

```
---
Endpoint estimates
```

```
      DT50 DT90
SFO    7.2 24.1
```

Obviously, the FOMC model and the DFOP model were not fitted. As discussed in the kinfit vignette of this package, this occurs when the SFO model fits very well.

We can try to force the FOMC fit using the parameters obtained using mkin.

```
R> FOCUS_2006_L1$fits <- kinfit(FOCUS_2006_L1$data,
+   kinmodels = c("SFO", "FOMC", "DFOP"),
```

```
+ start.FOMC = list(parent.0 = 92.47, alpha = 1.35e11, beta = 1.41e12))
R> FOCUS_2006_L1$results <- kinresults(FOCUS_2006_L1$fits)
R> kinreport(FOCUS_2006_L1)
```

```
Parent compound: Parent
Study type:      Degradation data
System:
kinfit version: 1.1.14
R version:      3.2.1
Report generated: Fri Jul 3 15:04:36 2015
```

Data:

	t	parent
1	0	88.3
2	0	91.4
3	1	85.6
4	1	84.5
5	2	78.9
6	2	77.6
7	3	72.0
8	3	71.9
9	5	50.3
10	5	59.4
11	7	47.0
12	7	45.1
13	14	27.7
14	14	27.3
15	21	10.0
16	21	10.4
17	30	2.9
18	30	4.0

Nonlinear least squares fit of the SFO model

Parameter estimation:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(>t)
parent.0	92.4710	1.36830	67.6	0.00e+00
k	0.0956	0.00388	24.6	1.87e-14

Chi2 error estimation: 3.42 %

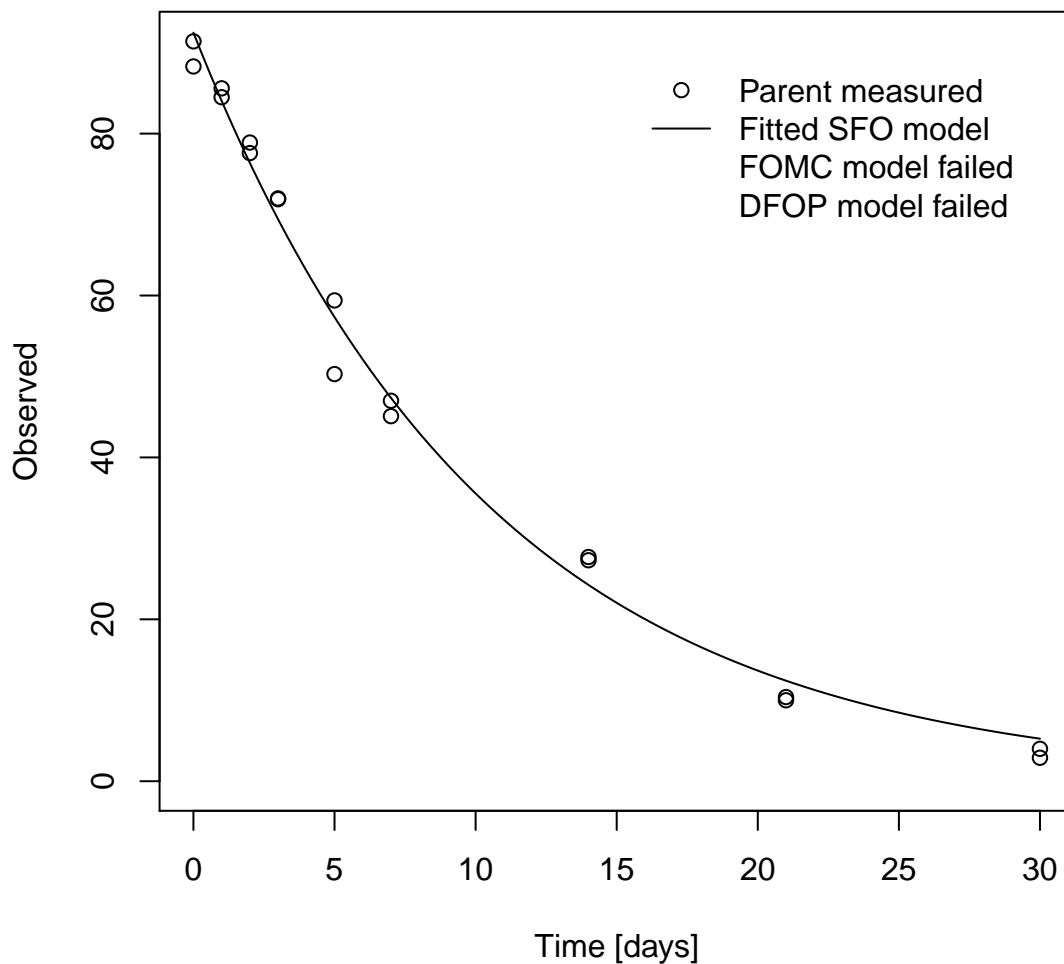
Endpoint estimates

DT50 DT90
SFO 7.2 24.1

It still does not converge. As discussed in the kinfit vignette, the FOMC model usually is not returned by kinfit when the SFO model fits very well. This should be seen as a feature, not a bug, as the FOMC model is ill-defined in such cases.

A plot of the fit is obtained with the kinplot function.

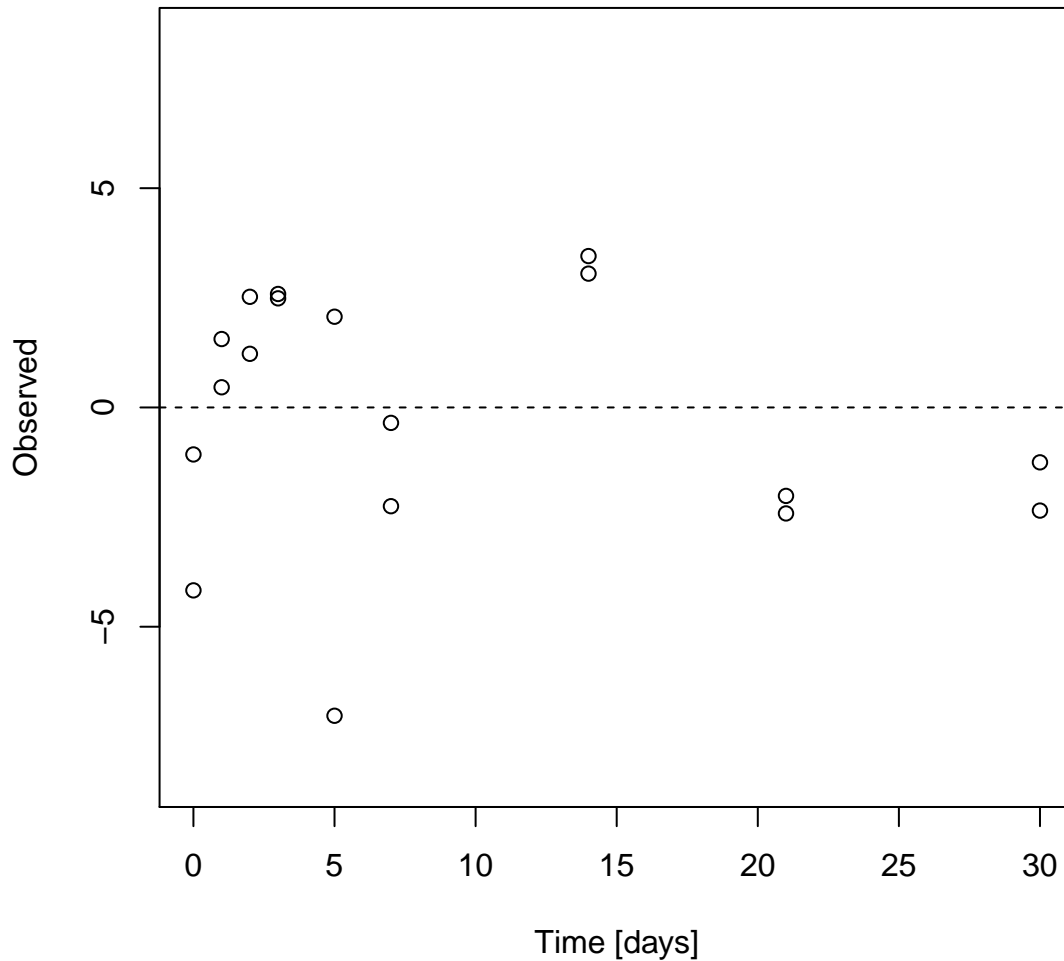
```
R> kinplot(FOCUS_2006_L1, ylab = "Observed")
```



The residual plot can be easily obtained by

```
R> kinresplot(FOCUS_2006_L1, "SFO", ylab = "Observed")
```

Residuals of SFO fit



1.2 Laboratory Data L2

The following code defines example dataset L2 from the FOCUS kinetics report, p. 287

```
R> FOCUS_2006_L2 = kinobject("Parent", "Degradation data", "")
R> FOCUS_2006_L2$data = data.frame(
+   t = rep(c(0, 1, 3, 7, 14, 28), each = 2),
+   parent = c(96.1, 91.8, 41.4, 38.7,
+             19.3, 22.3, 4.6, 4.6,
+             2.6, 1.2, 0.3, 0.6))
```

Again, the SFO, FOMC and DFOP models are fitted and a report is printed.

```
R> FOCUS_2006_L2$fits <- kinfit(FOCUS_2006_L2$data,  
+ kinmodels = c("SFO", "FOMC", "DFOP"))  
R> FOCUS_2006_L2$results <- kinresults(FOCUS_2006_L2$fits)  
R> kinreport(FOCUS_2006_L2)
```

```
Parent compound: Parent  
Study type: Degradation data  
System:  
kinfit version: 1.1.14  
R version: 3.2.1  
Report generated: Fri Jul 3 15:04:36 2015
```

```
Data:  
  t parent  
1  0  96.1  
2  0  91.8  
3  1  41.4  
4  1  38.7  
5  3  19.3  
6  3  22.3  
7  7   4.6  
8  7   4.6  
9 14   2.6  
10 14  1.2  
11 28  0.3  
12 28  0.6
```

```
---  
Nonlinear least squares fit of the SFO model
```

```
Parameter estimation:  
      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>t)  
parent.0  91.466    3.8065  24.03 1.77e-10  
k          0.663    0.0712   9.31 1.52e-06
```

```
Chi2 error estimation: 14.38 %
```

```
---  
Nonlinear least squares fit of the FOMC model
```

```
Parameter estimation:  
      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>t)  
parent.0  93.77     1.856  50.51 1.17e-12
```

```
alpha      1.37      0.257      5.36 2.30e-04
beta       1.23      0.363      3.40 3.95e-03
```

Chi2 error estimation: 6.2 %

Endpoint estimates

```
      DT50 DT90
SFO   1.0  3.5
FOMC  0.8  5.4
```

Here, only the DFOP did not converge using default parameters. The DFOP fit can be obtained using refined starting parameters:

```
R> FOCUS_2006_L2$fits <- kinfit(FOCUS_2006_L2$data,
+   kinmodels = c("SFO", "FOMC", "DFOP"),
+   start.DFOP = list(parent.0 = 94, g = 0.4, k1 = 142, k2 = 0.34))
R> FOCUS_2006_L2$results <- kinresults(FOCUS_2006_L2$fits)
R> kinreport(FOCUS_2006_L2)
```

```
Parent compound:  Parent
Study type:      Degradation data
System:
kinfit version:  1.1.14
R version:       3.2.1
Report generated: Fri Jul  3 15:04:36 2015
```

Data:

```
  t parent
1  0  96.1
2  0  91.8
3  1  41.4
4  1  38.7
5  3  19.3
6  3  22.3
7  7   4.6
8  7   4.6
9 14   2.6
10 14   1.2
11 28   0.3
12 28   0.6
```

Nonlinear least squares fit of the SFO model


```

Parameter estimation:
      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>t)
parent.0  91.466    3.8065  24.03 1.77e-10
k          0.663    0.0712   9.31 1.52e-06

```

Chi2 error estimation: 14.38 %

Nonlinear least squares fit of the FOMC model

```

Parameter estimation:
      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>t)
parent.0  93.77    1.856  50.51 1.17e-12
alpha     1.37    0.257   5.36 2.30e-04
beta      1.23    0.363   3.40 3.95e-03

```

Chi2 error estimation: 6.2 %

Endpoint estimates

```

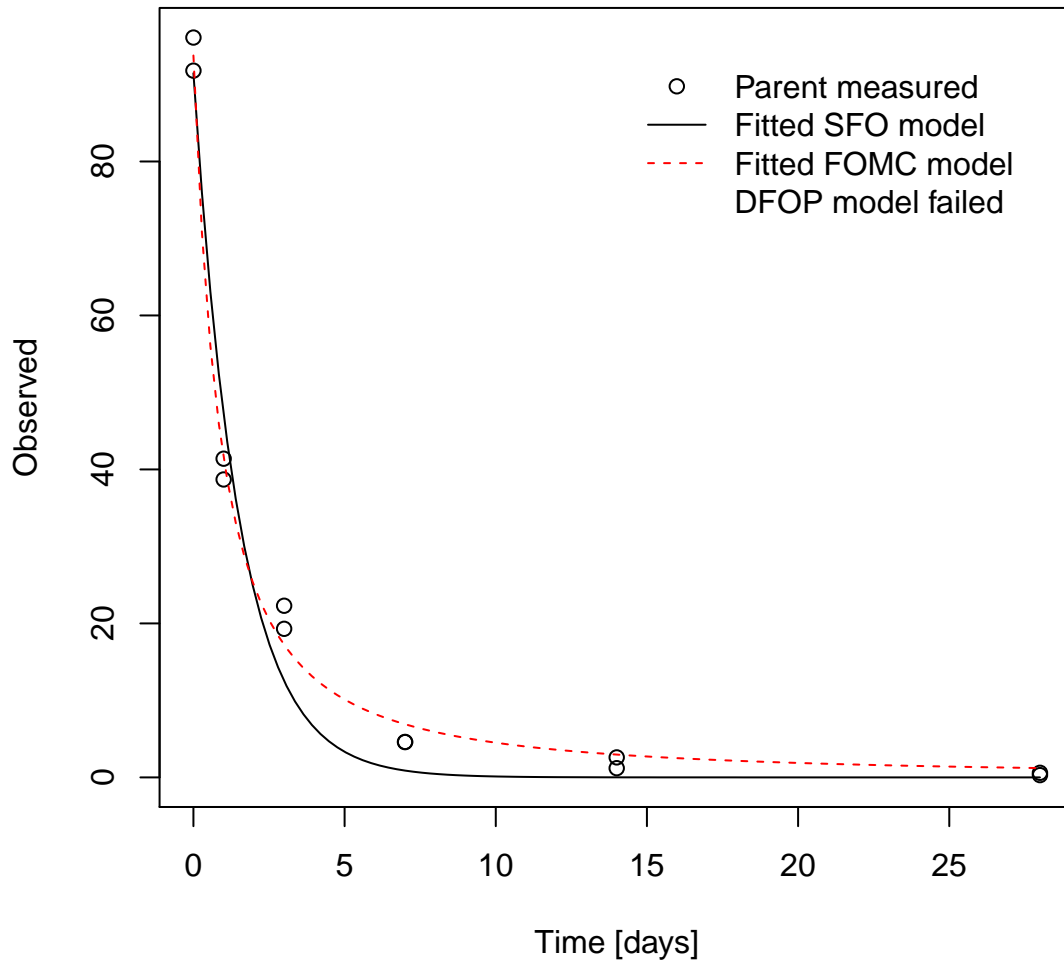
      DT50 DT90
SFO   1.0  3.5
FOMC  0.8  5.4

```

Again, even with starting parameters very close to the optimum obtained using `mkln`, there is no convergence with `kinfit`. However, when looking at the fit obtained using `mkln` plotted in the `mkln` vignette, it is clear that the point where the break point of the curve, caused by the large difference between `k1` and `k2`, is not clearly defined by the data. Therefore, it should be seen as a desirable feature of the underlying `nls()` function that no solution is returned.

Comparison of χ^2 error levels of the two models shows that the FOMC model allows for a better representation of the data. This is also obvious from the plot of the fits.

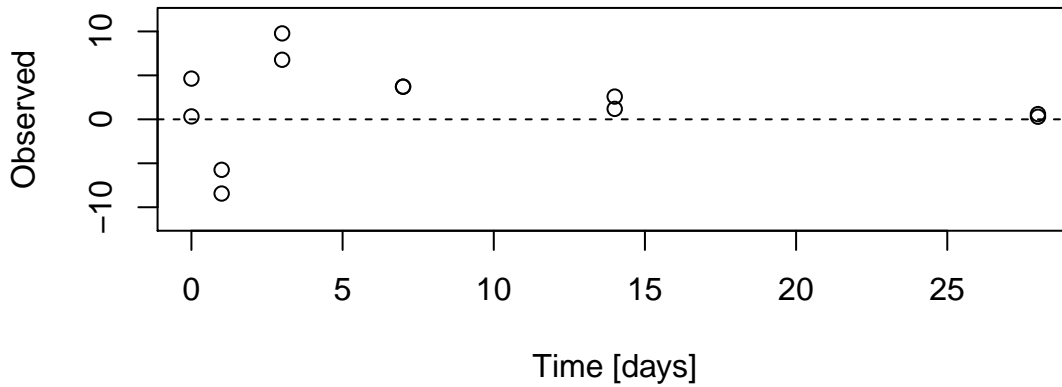
```
R> kinplot(FOCUS_2006_L2, ylab = "Observed")
```



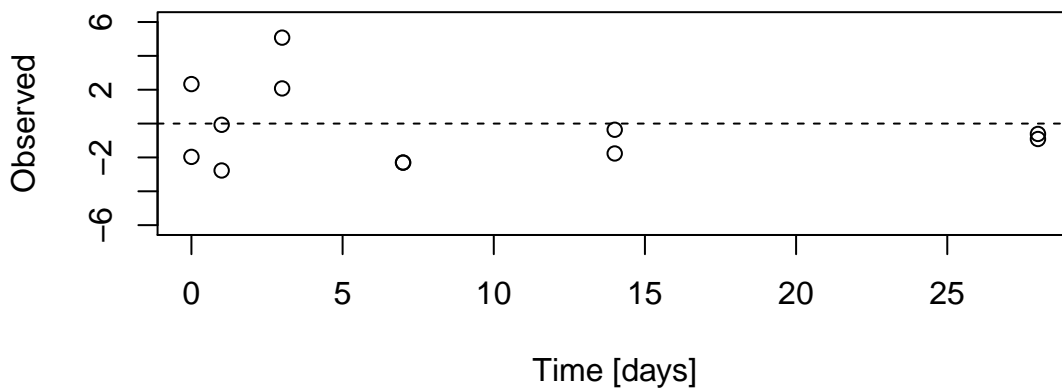
Residual plots are obtained using kinresplot.

```
R> par(mfrow=c(2,1))  
R> kinresplot(FOCUS_2006_L2, "SFO", ylab = "Observed")  
R> kinresplot(FOCUS_2006_L2, "FOMC", ylab = "Observed")
```

Residuals of SFO fit



Residuals of FOMC fit



1.3 Laboratory Data L3

The following code defines example dataset L3 from the FOCUS kinetics report, p. 290 and attempts to fit the SFO, FOMC and DFOP models.

```
R> FOCUS_2006_L3 = kinobject("Parent", "Degradation data", "")
R> FOCUS_2006_L3$data = data.frame(
+   t = c(0, 3, 7, 14, 30, 60, 91, 120),
+   parent = c(97.8, 60, 51, 43, 35, 22, 15, 12))
R> FOCUS_2006_L3$fits <- kinfit(FOCUS_2006_L3$data,
+   kinmodels = c("SFO", "FOMC", "DFOP"))
```

```
R> FOCUS_2006_L3$results <- kinresults(FOCUS_2006_L3$fits)
R> kinreport(FOCUS_2006_L3)
```

```
Parent compound: Parent
Study type:      Degradation data
System:
kinfit version:  1.1.14
R version:       3.2.1
Report generated: Fri Jul 3 15:04:36 2015
```

```
Data:
      t parent
1    0  97.8
2    3  60.0
3    7  51.0
4   14  43.0
5   30  35.0
6   60  22.0
7   91  15.0
8  120  12.0
```

```
---
Nonlinear least squares fit of the SFO model
```

```
Parameter estimation:
      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>t)
parent.0 74.8718    8.45736    8.85 5.78e-05
k          0.0253    0.00824    3.07 1.10e-02
```

```
Chi2 error estimation: 21.24 %
```

```
---
Nonlinear least squares fit of the DFOP model
```

```
Parameter estimation:
      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>t)
parent.0 97.7460    1.438160   68.0 1.40e-07
k1         0.5162    0.068841    7.5 8.46e-04
k2         0.0138    0.000812   16.9 3.56e-05
g          0.4566    0.017970   25.4 7.12e-06
```

```
Chi2 error estimation: 2.22 %
```

Endpoint estimates

```
      DT50  DT90
SFO  27.4  91.1
DFOP  7.5 123.0
```

In this case, the FOMC model does not return a solution using kinfit. Trying with closer starting parameters gives success this time.

```
R> FOCUS_2006_L3$fits <- kinfit(FOCUS_2006_L3$data,
+   kinmodels = c("SFO", "FOMC", "DFOP"),
+   start.FOMC = list(parent.0 = 100, alpha = 0.5, beta = 2))
R> FOCUS_2006_L3$results <- kinresults(FOCUS_2006_L3$fits)
R> kinreport(FOCUS_2006_L3)
```

```
Parent compound:  Parent
Study type:      Degradation data
System:
kinfit version:  1.1.14
R version:      3.2.1
Report generated: Fri Jul  3 15:04:36 2015
```

Data:

```
      t parent
1     0  97.8
2     3  60.0
3     7  51.0
4    14  43.0
5    30  35.0
6    60  22.0
7    91  15.0
8   120  12.0
```

Nonlinear least squares fit of the SFO model

Parameter estimation:

	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Std. Error</i>	<i>t value</i>	<i>Pr(>t)</i>
<i>parent.0</i>	74.8718	8.45736	8.85	5.78e-05
<i>k</i>	0.0253	0.00824	3.07	1.10e-02

Chi2 error estimation: 21.24 %

Nonlinear least squares fit of the FOMC model

Parameter estimation:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(>t)
parent.0	96.974	4.550	21.31	2.11e-06
alpha	0.422	0.072	5.87	1.02e-03
beta	1.858	0.881	2.11	4.44e-02

Chi2 error estimation: 7.32 %

Nonlinear least squares fit of the DFOP model

Parameter estimation:

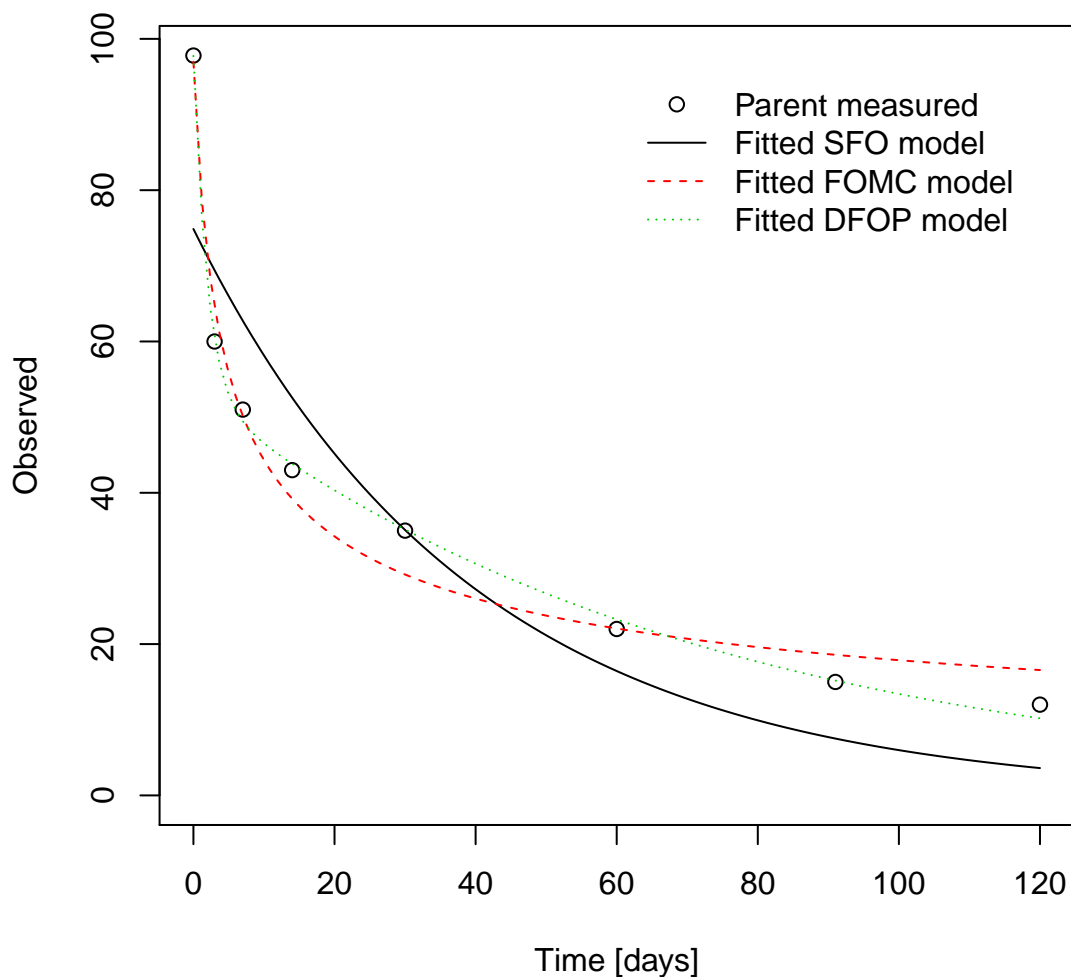
	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(>t)
parent.0	97.7460	1.438160	68.0	1.40e-07
k1	0.5162	0.068841	7.5	8.46e-04
k2	0.0138	0.000812	16.9	3.56e-05
g	0.4566	0.017970	25.4	7.12e-06

Chi2 error estimation: 2.22 %

Endpoint estimates

	DT50	DT90
SFO	27.4	91.1
FOMC	7.7	431.2
DFOP	7.5	123.0

R> kinplot(FOCUS_2006_L3, ylab = "Observed")



Based on the χ^2 error level criterion and the visual analysis of the fits, the DFOP model would be the best-fit model of choice for laboratory data L3.

1.4 Laboratory Data L4

The following code defines example dataset L4 from the FOCUS kinetics report, p. 293 and attempts to fit the SFO, FOMC and DFOP models.

```
R> FOCUS_2006_L4 = kinobject("Parent", "Degradation data", "")
R> FOCUS_2006_L4$data = data.frame(
+   t = c(0, 3, 7, 14, 30, 60, 91, 120),
```

```

+ parent = c(96.6, 96.3, 94.3, 88.8, 74.9, 59.9, 53.5, 49.0))
R> FOCUS_2006_L4$fits <- kinfit(FOCUS_2006_L4$data,
+ kinmodels = c("SFO", "FOMC", "DFOP"))
R> FOCUS_2006_L4$results <- kinresults(FOCUS_2006_L4$fits)
R> kinreport(FOCUS_2006_L4)

```

```

Parent compound: Parent
Study type: Degradation data
System:
kinfit version: 1.1.14
R version: 3.2.1
Report generated: Fri Jul 3 15:04:36 2015

```

```

Data:
  t parent
1  0  96.6
2  3  96.3
3  7  94.3
4 14  88.8
5 30  74.9
6 60  59.9
7 91  53.5
8 120 49.0

```

```

---
Nonlinear least squares fit of the SFO model

```

```

Parameter estimation:
      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>t)
parent.0 96.44152  1.948781  49.5 2.28e-09
k         0.00654  0.000523  12.5 8.01e-06

```

```

Chi2 error estimation: 3.29 %

```

```

---
Nonlinear least squares fit of the FOMC model

```

```

Parameter estimation:
      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>t)
parent.0  99.143  1.680  59.02 1.32e-08
alpha     0.704  0.262  2.68 2.18e-02
beta     64.980 36.617  1.77 6.81e-02

```

```

Chi2 error estimation: 2.03 %

```

Nonlinear least squares fit of the DFOP model

Parameter estimation:

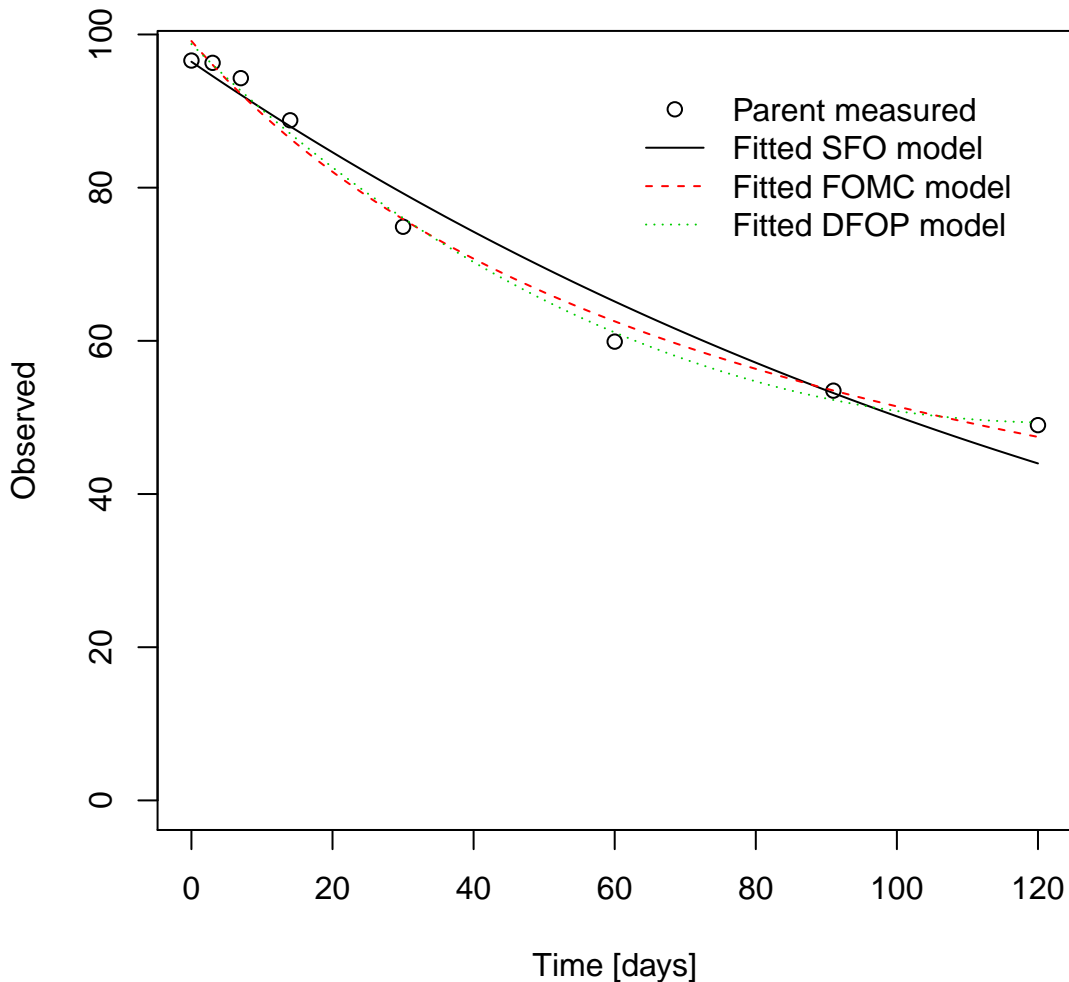
	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(>t)
parent.0	98.7514	1.33707	73.857	1.01e-07
k1	0.0105	0.00449	2.348	3.93e-02
k2	-0.0112	0.01884	-0.596	7.08e-01
g	0.9390	0.18530	5.068	3.57e-03

Chi2 error estimation: 1.63 %

Endpoint estimates

	DT50	DT90
SFO	106.0	352.0
FOMC	108.9	1644.1
DFOP	118.7	122.8

R> kinplot(FOCUS_2006_L4, ylab = "Observed")



Although the χ^2 error level is slightly smaller for the DFOP model and also for the FOMC model, the differences are small, and the SFO model may appear to be a suitable choice. The better fit of the DFOP model depends very much on the last three data points.

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