

Supplementary Material:

Method for indirect quantification of CH₄ production via H₂O production using hydrogenotrophic methanogens

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1 SOURCE CODE

In the following section, the source code of the data analysing program written in MATLAB is presented. This file is appropriate for analysing a triplicate experiment plus a zero control. All explanations are proceeded with “%”.

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1 function [MER,WER,DeltaMass_p]=H2O_Exp(T1)
2
3 w=dlmread('H2ODATA.txt'); %Reads data from data sheet
4
5 V_med=50; %volume of the liquid media in ml
6
7 [m,n]=size(w); %n-1: number of bottles
8
9 x=(m-3)/4; % number of runs
10
11 V=w(1,2:n); %Volume in cm^3
12
13 for i=1:x;
14     mass1(i,1:n-1)= w(4+4*(i-1),2:n); %mass before gassing
15     mass2(i,1:n-1)= w(7+4*(i-1),2:n); %mass after gassing
16     t1(i,1)=w(4+4*(i-1),1); % time at first mass determination in h
17     t2(i,1)=w(7+4*(i-1),1); % time at second mass determination in h
18     p_1(i,1:n-1)= w(5+4*(i-1),2:n)+1; % pressure before gassing
19     p_2(i,1)= w(2+4*(i-1),2)+1; % pressure after gassing
20 end
21 p_2=[p_2;w(2+4*x,2)+1]; %pressure after gassing
22
23 for i=1:x;
24     for j=1:n-1;
25     if p_1(i,j) >= p_2(i,1)
26         p_2(i,1)=max(p_1(i,:));
27     else
28     end
29     end
30 end
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31
32 DeltaMass=mass2-mass1;
33 for i=2:x;
34     MassSum(1,:)=DeltaMass(1,:);
35     MassSum(i,:)=MassSum(i-1,:)+DeltaMass(i,:);
36 end
37
38
39 for i=1:x;
40     for j=1:n-1;
41         p_CH4(i,j)=(p_2(i)-p_1(i,j))/4*10^5           % CH4-partial pressure in Pascal
42         p_CO2(i,j)=p_2(i)/5*10^5-p_CH4(i,j);         % CO2-partial pressure in Pascal
43         Konversion(i,j)=p_CH4(i,j)/p_CO2(1)/10^5*100;
44     end
45 end
46
47
48 %ideal Gas equation:
49 V=V*10^-6;      %in m^3
50
51 T=T1+273.15; %K
52 R=8.3144621; %J/(mol K)
53
54 for i=1:x
55     for j=1:n-1
56         n_ref_CO2(i,j)=(V(i,j)*p_2(i)/5*10^5)/(R*T));
57         n_CH4(i,j)=(V(i,j)*p_CH4(i,j))/(R*T)); %mol    theoretical particle number in mol (based on ...
                    pressure drop)
58         n_H2(i,j)=(V(i,j).*4*p_CO2(i,j))/(R*T)); %mol    theoretical particle number in mol (based on ...
                    pressure drop)
59         n_CO2(i,j)=(V(i,j).*p_CO2(i,j))/(R*T)); %mol    theoretical particle number in mol (based on ...
                    pressure drop)
60         m_H2O(i,j)=2*n_CH4(i,j)*18.01528*1000; %mg     theoretical water production in mg (based on ...
                    pressure drop)
61         V(i+1,j)=V(i,j)-m_H2O(i,j)*10^(-9); %m^3    theoretical decrease in volume in m^3 (based on ...
                    pressure drop)
62     end
63 end
64
65 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
66 %MER:
67 Delta_t=t1-[0;t1(1:end-1)];
68 Delta_n_CH4=n_CH4;
69 Delta_n_H2=n_H2-4*n_ref_CO2(i,j);
70 Delta_n_CO2=n_CO2-n_ref_CO2(i,j);
71
72 for i=1:x
73     for j=1:n-1
74         MER(i,j)=Delta_n_CH4(i,j)*1000/(Delta_t(i))/V(i,j)/10^3; %mmol/h/L
75         HUR(i,j)=Delta_n_H2(i,j)*1000/(Delta_t(i))/V(i,j)/10^3; %mmol/h/L
76         CUR(i,j)=Delta_n_CO2(i,j)*1000/(Delta_t(i))/V(i,j)/10^3; %mmol/h/L
77     end
78 end
79 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%

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80
81 %WER:
82
83 for i=1:x
84     for j=1:n-1
85         p_neu(i,j)=1/(8.314472/(0.8*2.01588+0.2*16.0425)*10^3*T)*(p_2(i+1)*10^5.*V(i+1,j)-p_2(i)*10^5.*V(i,j))*10^3;
86         % in g      m=pV/(R_s*T), where R_s==R/(0.8H2+0.2CO2)
87         DeltaMass_p(i,j)=DeltaMass(i,j)-p_neu(i,j)-n_CH4(i,j)*16.043; %in g      including mass ...
88         % difference due to variations in pressure from one run to the other
89     end
90 end
91
92 faktor_Med=1000/V_med; %factor to scale media volume to 1 liter
93
94 for i=1:x
95     for j=1:n-1
96         WER(i,j)=DeltaMass_p(i,j)*faktor_Med*1000/(18.01528*Delta_t(i)); %WER in mmol/h/l
97     end
98 end
99
100 for i=1:x
101     MER_mean(i)=mean(MER(i,2:4));
102     WER_mean(i)=mean(WER(i,2:4));
103     HUR_mean(i)=mean(HUR(i,2:4));
104     CUR_mean(i)=mean(CUR(i,2:4));
105     % HUR_mean(i)=4*MER_mean(i);
106     % CUR_mean(i)=MER_mean(i);
107     Y_CH4_CO2(i)=MER_mean(i)/CUR_mean(i);
108     Y_CH4_H2(i)=MER_mean(i)/HUR_mean(i);
109     Y_H2O_H2(i)=WER_mean(i)/HUR_mean(i);
110 end
111
112 MER_mean=MER_mean';
113 WER_mean=WER_mean';
114 HUR_mean=HUR_mean';
115 CUR_mean=CUR_mean';
116
117 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
118 fh1=figure(1);
119 set(fh1, 'color', 'white');
120 set(gca, 'fontweight', 'bold', 'fontsize', 16);
121
122 plot(t(1:end-1), DeltaMass_p(1:end-1,:), 'o-');
123
124 title(['\Delta mass']);
125 xlabel('time [h]');
126 ylabel(['\Delta mass [g]']);
127
128 hleg1=legend(['NK'], ['I'], ['II'], ['III']);
129 set(hleg1, 'Location', 'eastoutside');
130
131 %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
132 end

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2 SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

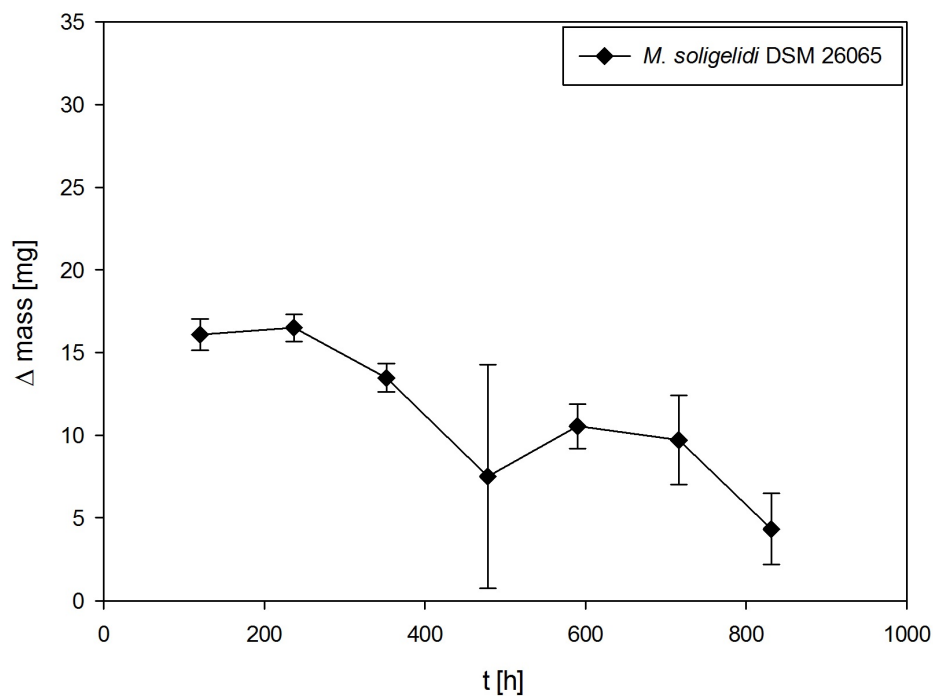
Table 1. Comparison of water quantification via pressure and mass gain for the experiments without OD measurements.

Strain	t [h]	$\Delta m_{\Delta p}$	Δm_{weight}	$\Delta m_{\Delta p} / \Delta m_{weight}$
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (55°C)	13.68	5.27	25.78	20.45%
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (55°C)	35.23	2.34	11.77	19.87%
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (55°C)	56.45	5.95	9.28	64.12%
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (55°C)	77.35	15.61	10.53	148.30%
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (55°C)	137.90	19.19	28.22	67.99%
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (55°C)	160.57	44.21	40.24	109.84%
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (55°C)	180.47	24.72	32.12	76.95%
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (55°C)	198.55	28.19	32.09	87.84%
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (65°C)	13.68	5.24	25.02	20.94%
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (65°C)	35.23	23.56	26.47	89.02%
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (65°C)	56.45	44.60	38.33	116.35%
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (65°C)	77.35	43.25	38.88	111.24%
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (65°C)	137.90	41.41	44.69	92.66%
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (65°C)	160.57	44.79	47.17	94.94%
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (65°C)	180.47	43.60	45.30	96.24%
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (65°C)	198.55	45.84	51.79	88.52%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (1)	19.68	43.08	43.19	99.76%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (1)	45.93	43.83	42.05	104.24%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (1)	63.45	43.30	45.26	95.67%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (1)	93.35	44.43	46.62	95.30%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (1)	116.15	45.71	46.67	97.94%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (1)	137.67	44.65	47.09	94.80%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (1)	158.65	44.41	46.55	95.41%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (1)	177.53	44.67	48.76	91.62%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	11.83	45.35	46.04	98.50%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	18.82	48.12	49.16	97.89%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	30.82	49.31	48.37	101.95%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	37.62	48.59	50.52	96.17%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	48.20	48.84	52.48	93.07%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	55.07	45.44	50.57	89.86%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	67.20	48.00	50.76	94.56%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	72.93	39.75	46.07	86.28%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	83.63	51.24	51.28	99.92%
<i>M. okinawensis</i> DSM 14208	19.68	42.54	41.99	101.30%
<i>M. okinawensis</i> DSM 14208	45.93	42.69	44.19	96.59%
<i>M. okinawensis</i> DSM 14208	63.45	41.86	44.23	94.63%
<i>M. okinawensis</i> DSM 14208	93.35	44.53	46.16	96.47%
<i>M. okinawensis</i> DSM 14208	116.15	41.24	44.35	93.00%
<i>M. okinawensis</i> DSM 14208	137.67	38.82	42.36	91.63%
<i>M. okinawensis</i> DSM 14208	158.65	39.13	42.05	93.04%
<i>M. okinawensis</i> DSM 14208	177.53	37.90	40.43	93.74%
<i>M. soligelidi</i> DSM 26065	120.00	15.12	22.84	66.21%
<i>M. soligelidi</i> DSM 26065	236.83	14.61	22.99	63.54%
<i>M. soligelidi</i> DSM 26065	351.92	15.24	20.22	75.38%
<i>M. soligelidi</i> DSM 26065	478.25	14.06	13.72	102.46%
<i>M. soligelidi</i> DSM 26065	589.80	13.10	16.37	80.06%
<i>M. soligelidi</i> DSM 26065	715.77	14.41	16.14	89.26%
<i>M. soligelidi</i> DSM 26065	831.03	11.44	9.42	121.49%

Table 2. Comparison of water quantification via pressure, mass gain and GC for the experiments with OD measurements.

Strain	t [h]	$\Delta m_{\Delta p}$	Δm_{weight}	Δm_{GC}	$\Delta m_{\Delta p} / \Delta m_{weight}$	$\Delta m_{GC} / \Delta m_{weight}$
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (65°C)	13.68	6.35	19.29		303.81%	
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (65°C)	35.23	15.80	14.64		92.63%	
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (65°C)	56.45	46.06	39.09		84.86%	
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (65°C)	77.35	45.17	38.95		86.23%	
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (65°C)	137.90	37.50	41.79		111.42%	
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (65°C)	160.57	44.40	47.87		107.81%	
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (65°C)	180.47	43.36	45.44		104.79%	
<i>M. marburgensis</i> DSM 2133 (65°C)	198.55	45.86	53.42	41.59	116.48%	77.85%
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	11.83	45.90	43.15		94.01%	
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	18.82	48.49	45.91		94.68%	
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	30.82	50.82	48.81		96.05%	
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	37.62	44.77	47.87		106.92%	
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	48.20	47.26	49.64		105.04%	
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	55.07	48.02	47.51		98.95%	
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	67.20	53.17	52.52		98.79%	
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	72.93	39.43	43.07		109.25%	
<i>M. villosus</i> DSM 22612 (2)	83.63	54.28	50.82	51.29	93.62%	100.94%

3 SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES AND FIGURES

**Figure 1.** Mass gain of *M. soligelidi*. Negative control is not shown.

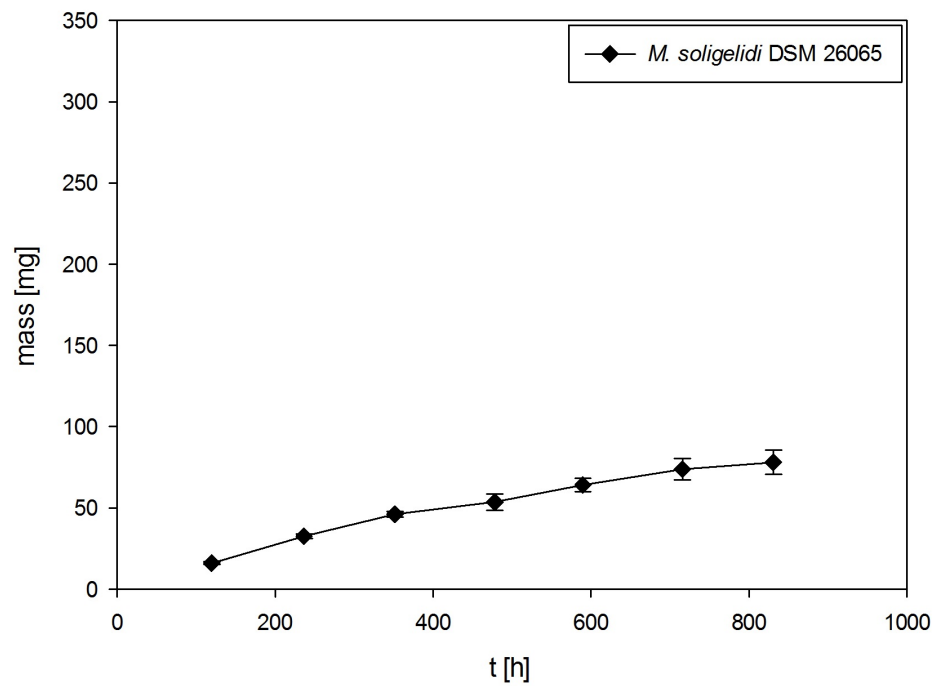


Figure 2. Total cumulative mass gain of *M. soligelidi*. Negative control is not shown.

Date	Measurement	time start	time end	Δt	$T [^{\circ}C]$ before after		F45 ZC	F45 I	F45 II	F45 III	F55 ZC	F55 I	F55 II	F55 III	F65 ZC	F65 I	F65 II	F65 III
16.02.2015	mass [g] (0.8 bar)																	
	mass [g]																	
	Pressure [bar]																	
	before after Reference Push																	
17.02.2015	mass [g]																	
	difference (1 day)																	
	difference (2 days)																	
	mass [g]																	
18.02.2015	Pressure [bar]																	
	before after Reference Push																	
	mass [g]																	
	difference (1 day)																	
19.02.2015	difference (2 days)																	
	mass [g]																	
	Pressure [bar]																	
	before after Reference Push																	
20.02.2015	mass [g]																	
	difference (1 day)																	
	difference (2 days)																	
	mass [g]																	
23.05.2015	Pressure [bar]																	
	before after Reference Push																	
	mass [g]																	
	difference (1 day)																	
	difference (2 days)																	
	mass [g]																	
	Pressure [bar]																	
	before after Reference Push																	
	mass [g]																	
	difference (1 day)																	

Supplementary Table 3.Blank data sheet for six experimental runs for a triplicate experiment for three different temperatures.

Supplementary Table 4. Example for input file for a triplicate experiment of the MATLAB file above – the first line and the first column (written text) should not be included into the file H2ODATA.txt

	time[h]	Zero Control	Bottle 1	Bottle 2	Bottle 3
mass [g]	0.00	68.0378	62.7352	62.7091	62.7126
pressure [barg]	0.00	1.5360			
mass [g]	0.00	147.0002	151.4489	152.3016	151.8365
mass [g]	18.88	146.9990	151.4493	152.3010	151.8367
pressure [barg]	18.88	1.5170	-0.3340	-0.3390	-0.3420
pressure [barg]	18.88	1.5690			
mass [g]	18.88	147.0082	151.4924	152.3427	151.8793
mass [g]	45.15	147.0089	151.4955	152.3447	151.8813
pressure [barg]	45.15	1.5770	-0.3070	-0.3100	-0.2990
pressure [barg]	45.15	1.5820			
mass [g]	45.15	147.0106	151.5396	152.3889	151.9257
mass [g]	62.53	147.0091	151.5390	152.3882	151.9240
pressure [barg]	62.53	1.5680	-0.2730	-0.2560	-0.2660
pressure [barg]	62.53	1.6350			
mass [g]	62.53	147.0132	151.5847	152.4325	151.9690
mass [g]	92.87	147.0125	151.5861	152.4323	151.9696
pressure [barg]	92.87	1.6470	-0.3240	-0.3200	-0.3140
pressure [barg]	92.87	1.5900			
mass [g]	92.87	147.0116	151.6329	152.4767	152.0153
mass [g]	115.62	147.0112	151.6334	152.4774	152.0165
pressure [barg]	115.62	1.6050	-0.2100	-0.2700	-0.1720
pressure [barg]	115.62	1.6030			
mass [g]	115.62	147.0113	151.6786	152.5225	152.0591
mass [g]	137.25	147.0103	151.6786	152.5221	152.0587
pressure [barg]	137.25	1.5900	-0.1200	-0.1380	-0.0820
pressure [barg]	137.25	1.6070			
mass [g]	137.25	147.0100	151.7216	152.5648	152.1005
mass [g]	157.53	147.0118	151.7239	152.5666	152.1027
pressure [barg]	157.53	1.6160	-0.1730	-0.0830	-0.0890
pressure [barg]	157.53	1.6490			
mass [g]	157.53	147.0122	151.7681	152.6076	152.1448
mass [g]	177.00	147.0109	151.7679	152.6071	152.1436
pressure [barg]	177.00	1.6490	-0.0600	-0.0210	-0.0050
pressure [barg]	177.00	1.5960			
mass [g]	177.00	147.0082	151.8090	152.6466	152.1823