

Let $A e^{Rt}$ be the decay eq'n for methane

Then let

$$W_M(t) = A \int_0^t e^{Rx} dx$$

$W_M(t)$ gives the total CO_2 equivalence of methane over a time t , if

Let $W_C(t)$ be the CO_2 equivalent of CO_2 over the time t , with $W_C(1) = 1$.

Then $W_C(t) = t \cdot 1 = t$, and for

methane, the Global Warming potential

GWP(t) is given by

$$W_M(t) = GWP(t) \cdot W_C(t)$$

$$GWP(t) = \frac{1}{t} W_M(t)$$

Given $GW P(20) = 81$, $GW P(100) = 28$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{1}{20} A \int_0^{20} e^{rx} dx = 81$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{1}{100} A \int_0^{100} e^{rx} dx = 28$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{1}{20} \frac{A}{R} \left(e^{rx} \right)_0^{20} = 81$$

$$\frac{1}{20} \frac{A}{R} (e^{20R} - 1) = 81$$

$$\boxed{\frac{A}{R} (e^{20R} - 1) = 1620} \quad \textcircled{3}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{1}{100} \frac{A}{R} \left(e^{rx} \right)_0^{100} = 28$$

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$$\boxed{\frac{A}{R} (e^{100R} - 1) = 2800}$$

$$\frac{2800}{1620} \frac{A}{R} (e^{20R} - 1) = \frac{A}{R} (e^{100R} - 1)$$

$$(1.728395)(e^{20R} - 1) = e^{100R} - 1$$

Let $u = e^{20R}$

$$(1.728395)(u - 1) = u^5 - 1$$

$$u^5 - 1.728395u + 0.728395 = 0$$

Using Wolfram Alpha:

$$u = 0.42993$$

$$e^{20R} = 0.42993$$

$$R = \frac{1}{20} (\ln(0.42993)) = -0.0422066$$

⑤ $R = -0.0422066$

Plug ⑤ into ③ and solve for A

~~$A = \frac{2800 \times R}{R}$~~

$$A = \frac{1620 \times R}{(e^{20R} - 1)}$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad A = 119.94095 \approx 120$$

Now, we want $\text{GWP}(0) \sim$

$$\text{GWP}(0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \text{GWP}(t)$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} W_M(t)$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} A \int_0^t e^{Rx} dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \frac{A}{R} (e^{Rt} - 1)$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{A(e^{Rt} - 1)}{Rt}$$

$$\frac{0}{0}$$

use L'Hopital's rule

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{R A e^{Rt}}{R}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} A e^{Rt} = A \times 1 = A$$

$$\boxed{\text{GWP}(0) = A = 120}$$