

# **Current Attributes and Future Prospects for Polymath Software**

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# Polymath Software – Current Information

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## Three Versions

Annual Departmental Site License – CACHE Corporation

~60 USA ~50 Global

Educational and Professional for Individuals from  
POLYMATH Software

## Six Textbooks

POLYMATH is usually provided on CD-ROM along with text

Newest from Prentice Hall – Authors: Cutlip and Shacham

*Problem Solving in Chemical and Biochemical  
Engineering with POLYMATH, Excel, and MATLAB*

*Resolución de problemas en ingeniería química y  
bioquímica con Polymath, Excel y Matlab*

# Polymath Software – Brief History

- 1981 – Simulation Package marketed for the PLATO Educational System by the Control Data Corporation**
- 1984 – Polymath Math Solver for the CDC 110 MicroPlato System**
- 1984 – Polymath 1.0 for MS-DOS and PC-DOS marketed by CDC and introduced at the San Francisco AIChE Meeting**
- 1990 – Polymath 2.1 site licenses marketed by CACHE Corporation followed by 3.0 in 1992, 4.0 in 1996, 5.0 in 2001 and 6.0 in 2005**

[www.cache.org](http://www.cache.org)

- 2001 – Polymath Educational and Professional versions marketed by Polymath Software**

[www.polymath-software.com](http://www.polymath-software.com)

# Polymath – Current Educational Version

- **Operating Systems - (Windows 95 through Vista)**
- **Linear Equations (100)**
- **Nonlinear Equations (30) with Explicit Equations (40)**
- **Ordinary Differential Equations (30) with Explicit Equations (40)**
- **Regression and Curve Fitting for up to 5<sup>th</sup> degree Polynomials and 301 Data Points for Linear, Multiple Linear and Nonlinear Regressions**

# Polymath – Current Problem Solving Options

- **POLYMATH Problem Entry**
- **POLYMATH Problem Solution**
- **Automatic Export to Excel for Problem Solution**  
**POLYMATH ODE\_Solver Add-In for Excel**
- **Automatic Creation of Ordered MATLAB code**  
**POLYMATH Provides MATLAB Templates for m-file  
Creation and Problem Solution**

# Polymath Software – A Very Simple Example

Let's consider a simple example of a model of a well-mixed batch reactor that is described by a system of ordinary differential equations. The batch reactor initially has only reactant A. This reactant A reacts to form product B which in turn reacts to form product C. The reactions are first order and irreversible. This example will be solved with all three software packages. Often the intermediate product B is desired in a chemical process.



# Ordinary Differential Equations for this Problem

The differential mass balances on a batch reactor yield three simultaneous first order ordinary differential equations and two explicit equations for the reaction rate constants:

$$\frac{dC_A}{dt} = -k_1 C_A \quad \text{l. C. } C_A|_{t=0} = 1$$

$$\frac{dC_B}{dt} = k_1 C_A - k_2 C_B \quad \text{l. C. } C_B|_{t=0} = 0$$

$$\frac{dC_C}{dt} = k_2 C_B \quad \text{l. C. } C_C|_{t=0} = 0$$

$$k_1 = 2$$

$$k_2 = 3$$

# POLYMATH Solution – A Brief Look

The POLYMATH full screen editor facilitates equation entry by use of templates for the input of differential equations or explicit algebraic equations.

The screenshot displays the POLYMATH 6.10 Educational Release software interface. The main window shows a list of equations and initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}d(CA)/d(t) &= -k1 * CA \\ CA(0) &= 1 \\ d(CB)/d(t) &= k1 * CA - k2 * CB \\ CB(0) &= 0 \\ d(CC)/d(t) &= k2 * CB \\ CC(0) &= 0 \\ k1 &= 2 \\ k2 &= 3 \\ t(0) &= 0 \\ t(f) &= 4\end{aligned}$$

The interface includes a menu bar (File, Program, Edit, Format, Problem, Examples, Window, Help), a toolbar, and a status bar. A dialog box titled "Differential Equations Solver: Enter Differ..." is open, prompting the user to enter the differential equation and initial value.

**Differential Equations Solver: Enter Differ...**

Enter the differential equation:

$$\frac{d(\text{[ ]})}{d(\text{[ ] } t \text{ [ ]})} = \text{[ ]}$$

Set the initial value:

$$y(0) = \text{[ ]}$$

Comment:

[ ]

Buttons: Clear, Done, Cancel

Status bar: Ln 9, DifferentialEquation01.pol, No Title, 9:12 AM, 5/1/2008, CAPS, NUM



# POLYMATH Solution – Report

The POLYMATH Report Summarizes the Problem Solution

## POLYMATH Report Ordinary Differential Equations

### Calculated values of DEQ variables

	Variable	Initial value	Minimal value	Maximal value	Final value
1	CA	1.	0.0003355	1.	0.0003355
2	CB	0	0	0.295797	0.0006586
3	CC	0	0	0.9990059	0.9990059
4	k1	2.	2.	2.	2.
5	k2	3.	3.	3.	3.
6	t	0	0	4.	4.

← Report Automatically  
Lists Summary Table of  
All Variables

### Differential equations

1  $d(CA)/d(t) = -k1 * CA$

2  $d(CB)/d(t) = k1 * CA - k2 * CB$

3  $d(CC)/d(t) = k2 * CB$

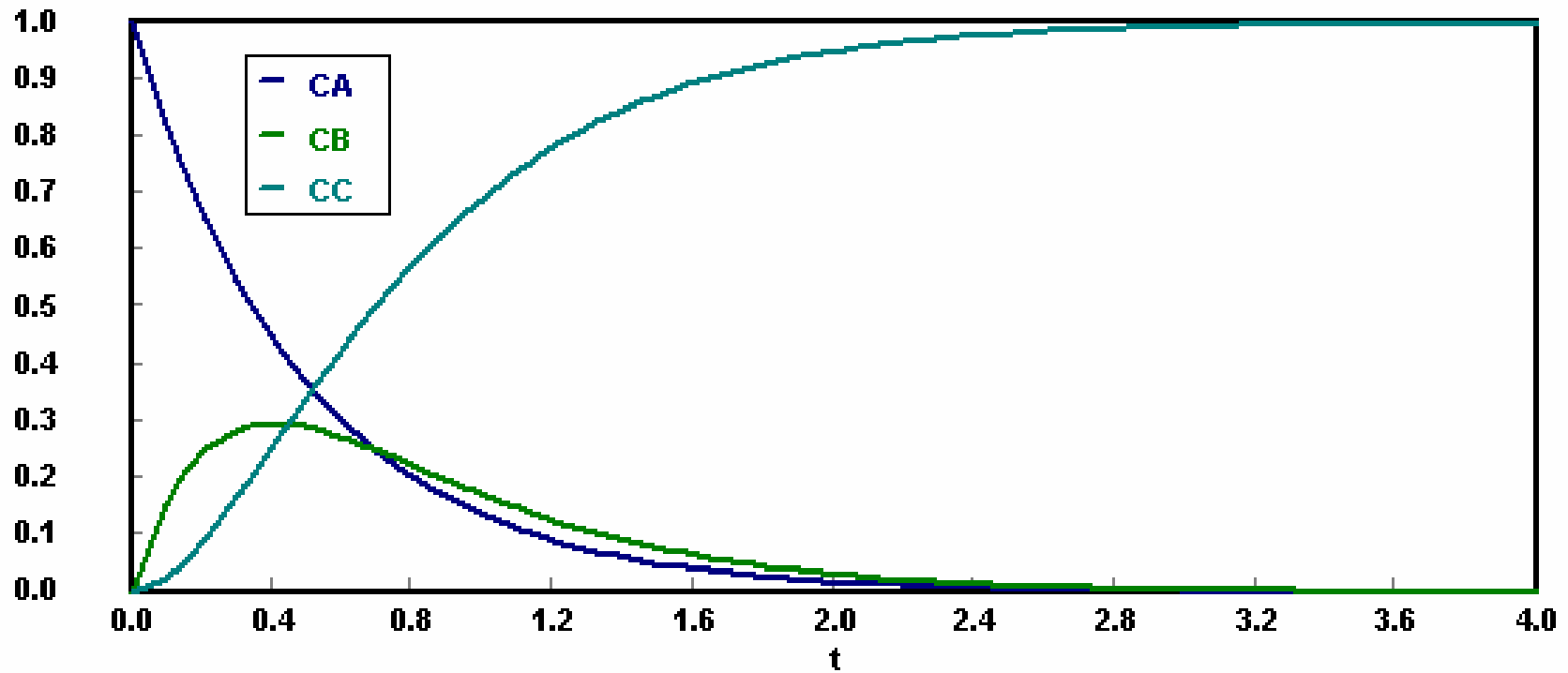
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Problem Equations

### Explicit equations

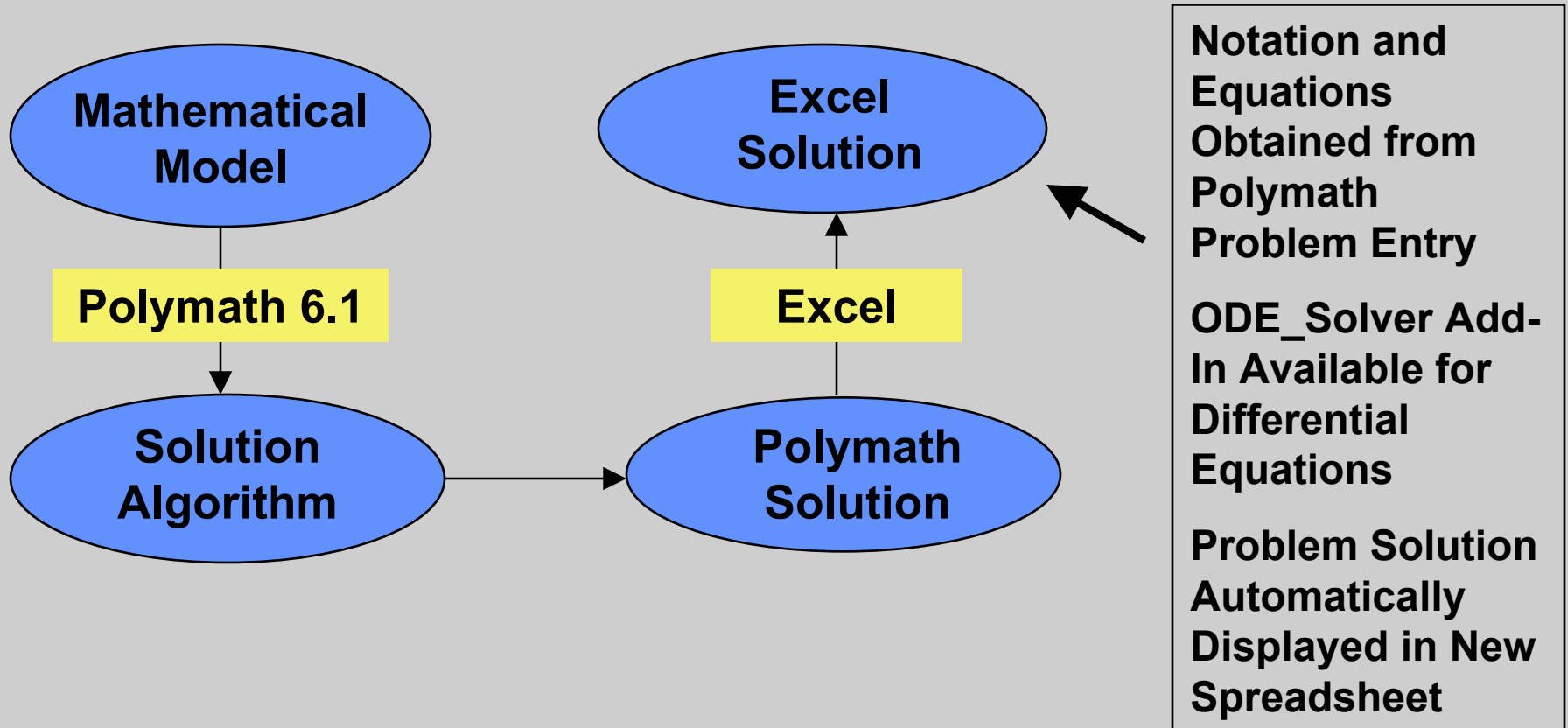
1  $k1 = 2$

2  $k2 = 3$

# POLYMATH Solution – Graphs



# Exporting Problems from POLYMATH to Excel – A Spreadsheet is Automatically Created



# Generated Excel Spreadsheet and Solution

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	A	B	C	D
1	<b>POLYMATH DEQ Migration Document</b>			
2		<b>Variable</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Polymath Equation</b>
3	Explicit Eqs	k1	2	$k1=2$
4		k2	3	$k2=3$
5	Integration Vars	CA	1	$CA(0)=1$
6		CB	0	$CB(0)=0$
7		CC	0	$CC(0)=0$
8	ODE Eqs	$d(CA)/d(t)$	-2	$d(CA)/d(t) = -k1 * CA$
9		$d(CB)/d(t)$	2	$d(CB)/d(t) = k1 * CA - k2 * CB$
10		$d(CC)/d(t)$	0	$d(CC)/d(t) = k2 * CB$
11	Indep Var	t	0	$t(0)=0 ; t(f)=4$

PL1 / Sheet1 / Sheet2 / Sheet3

Ready

Polymath ODE

ODE initial values vector (Y) PL1!\$C\$5:\$C\$7

ODE equations vector (Y') PL1!\$C\$8:\$C\$10

Differential variable cell PL1!\$C\$11

Diffr variable final value 4

Show Report

Intermediate Cells to Store PL1!\$C\$3:\$C\$4

Data Points 100

Exit Clear Adv. Help Reload Solve

ODE\_Solver  
Control Interface  
Sets Up Solution  
to Differential  
Equations

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A1 POLYMATH Report DEQ

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	<b>POLYMATH Report DEQ</b>						
2	Ordinary Differential Equations (RK45).						
3							
4	<b>Calculated values of DEQ variables</b>						
5		<b>Variable</b>	<b>Initial</b>	<b>Minimal</b>	<b>Maximal</b>	<b>Final</b>	
6	1	t	0	0	4	4	
7	2	CA	1	0.000335	1	0.000335	
8	3	CB	0	0	0.296062	0.000659	
9	4	CC	0	0	0.999006	0.999006	
10	5	k1	2	2	2	2	
11	6	k2	3	3	3	3	
12							
13	<b>Intermediate data points</b>						
14		t	CA	CB	CC	k1	k2
15	1	0	1	0	0	2	3
16	2	0.082463	0.847957	0.134239	0.017804	2	3
17	3	0.133428	0.765783	0.191308	0.04291	2	3

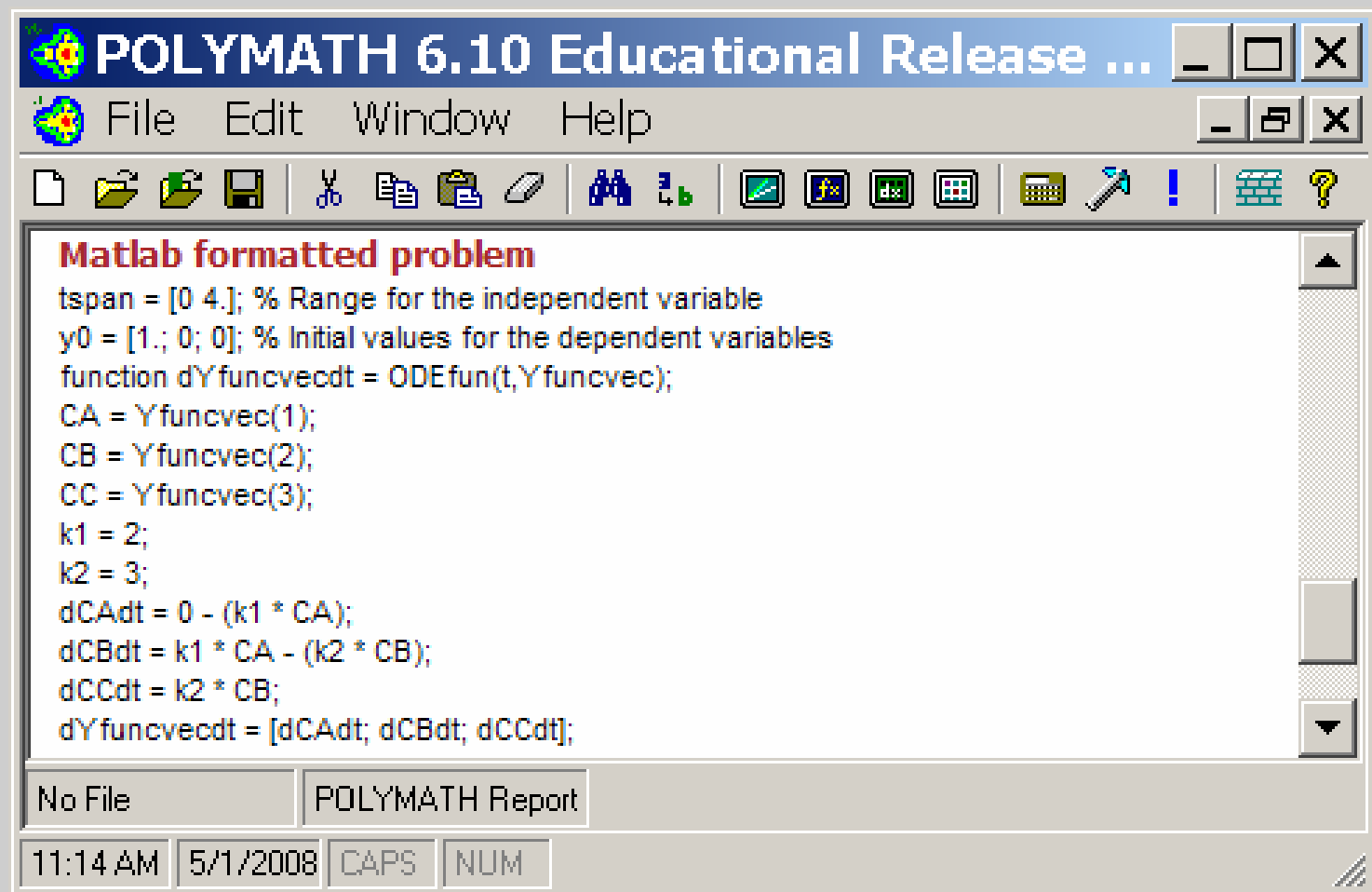
PL1 / DEQ Solution (1) / Sheet1 / Sheet2 / Sheet3

Ready

Report of Solution  
is Automatically  
Generated in New  
Worksheet

# Exporting Problems from POLYMATH to MATLAB for Solution – A Brief Look

POLYMATH can also output MATLAB code that automatically contains translations of the intrinsic functions and logical statements and orders the equations.



The screenshot shows the POLYMATH 6.10 Educational Release software interface. The window title is "POLYMATH 6.10 Educational Release ...". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "Window", and "Help". The toolbar contains various icons for file operations and calculations. The main text area displays MATLAB formatted code for a problem. The code includes comments for the independent variable range and initial values, followed by the definition of the ODE function and its derivatives.

```
Matlab formatted problem
tspan = [0 4.]; % Range for the independent variable
y0 = [1.; 0; 0]; % Initial values for the dependent variables
function dYfuncvecdt = ODEfun(t,Yfuncvec);
CA = Yfuncvec(1);
CB = Yfuncvec(2);
CC = Yfuncvec(3);
k1 = 2;
k2 = 3;
dCAdt = 0 - (k1 * CA);
dCBdt = k1 * CA - (k2 * CB);
dCCdt = k2 * CB;
dYfuncvecdt = [dCAdt; dCBdt; dCCdt];
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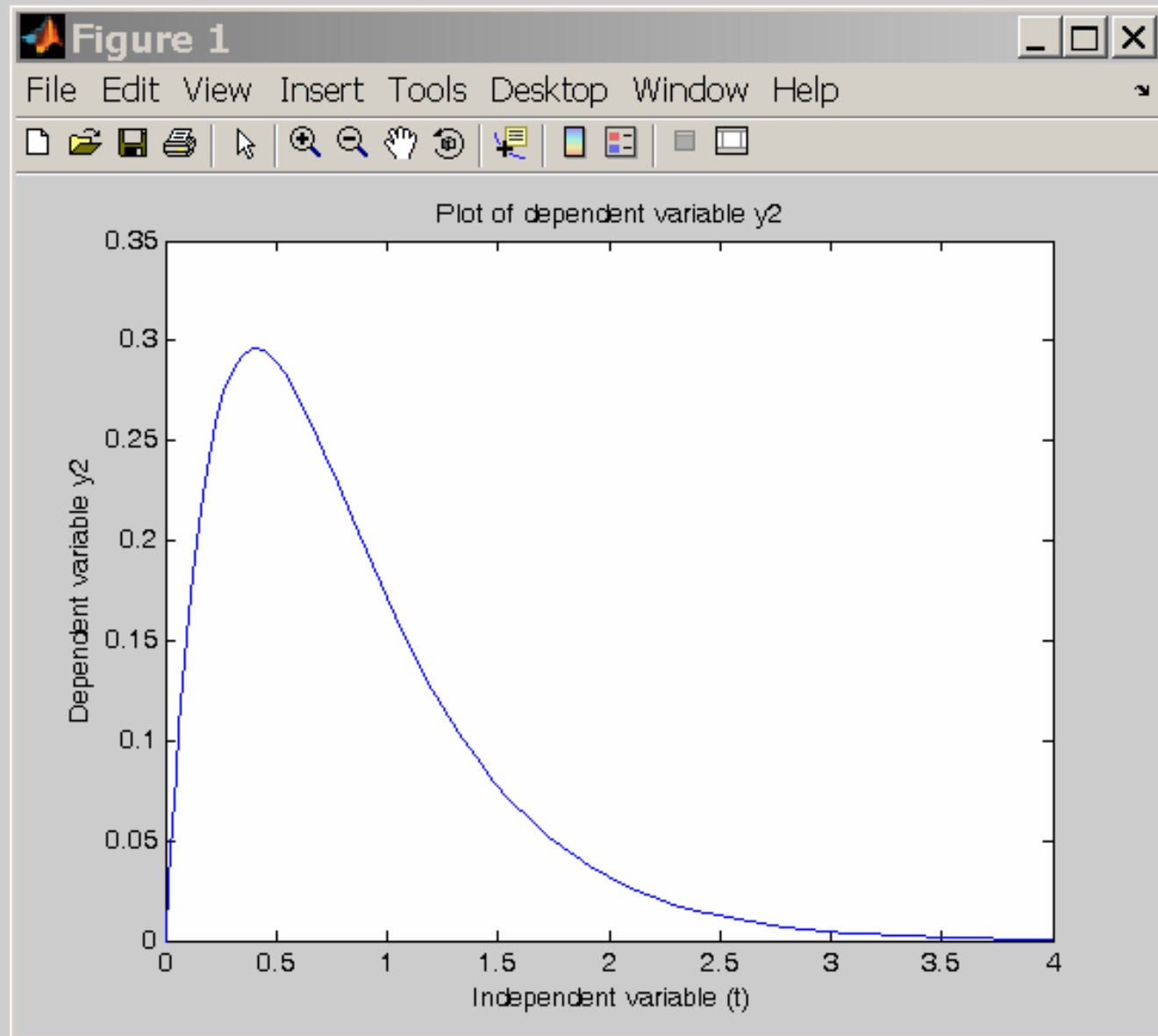
The interface also shows a status bar at the bottom with the following information: "No File", "POLYMATH Report", "11:14 AM", "5/1/2008", "CAPS", and "NUM".

# Exporting Problems from POLYMATH to MATLAB for Solution – A Brief Look

Incorporation of the generated code into a provided MATLAB Template for simultaneous ordinary differential equations gives the m-file shown where the yellow bars indicate the placement of the code generated by POLYMATH.

```
1 function MATLAB01
2 - clear, clc, format short g, format compact
3 - tspan = [0 4.]; % Range for the independent variable
4 - y0 = [1.; 0; 0]; % Initial values for the dependent variables
5 - disp(' Variable values at the initial point ');
6 - disp([' t      = ' num2str(tspan(1))]);
7 - disp('          y          dy/dt          ');
8 - disp([y0 ODEfun(tspan(1),y0)]);
9 - [t,y]=ode45(@ODEfun,tspan,y0);
10 - for i=1:size(y,2)
11 -     disp([' Solution for dependent variable y' int2str(i)]);
12 -     disp(['          t          y' int2str(i)]);
13 -     disp([t y(:,i)]);
14 -     plot(t,y(:,i));
15 -     title([' Plot of dependent variable y' int2str(i)]);
16 -     xlabel(' Independent variable (t)');
17 -     ylabel([' Dependent variable y' int2str(i)]);
18 -     pause
19 - end
20 - %-----
21 function dYfuncvecdt = ODEfun(t,Yfuncvec);
22 - CA = Yfuncvec(1);
23 - CB = Yfuncvec(2);
24 - CC = Yfuncvec(3);
25 - k1 = 2;
26 - k2 = 3;
27 - dCAdt = 0 - (k1 * CA);
28 - dCBdt = k1 * CA - (k2 * CB);
29 - dCCdt = k2 * CB;
30 - dYfuncvecdt = [dCAdt; dCBdt; dCCdt];
```

# Partial Graphical Results as Generated by MATLAB for Concentration of B

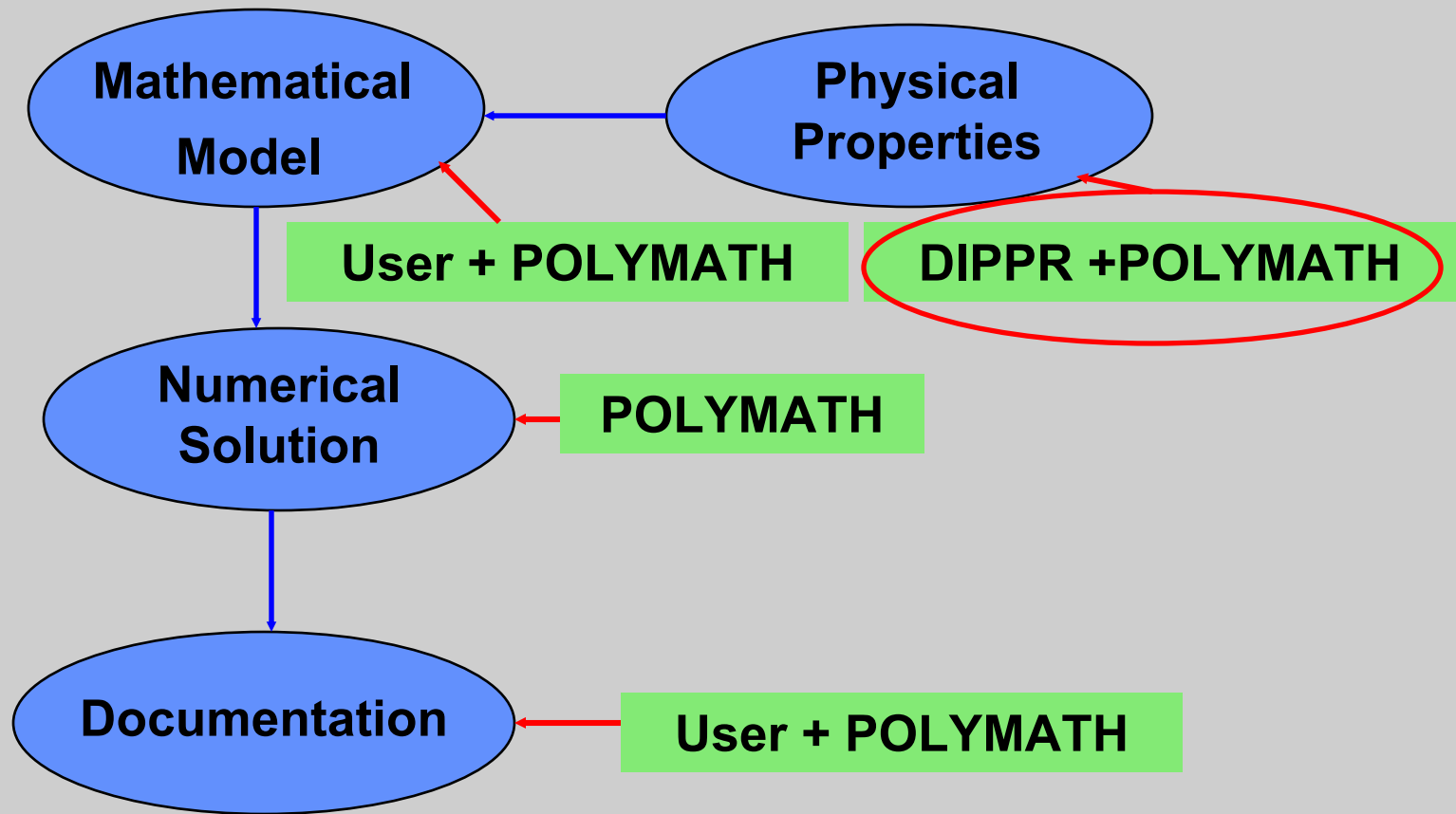


# Polymath Software – Possible Future Developments

- ▶ **Direct Import of Physical Property Data and Correlations from DIPPR into POLYMATH**
- ▶ **Templates for Solving Multiple Model Multiple Algorithm (MMA) Problems by MATLAB**
- ▶ **Conversion of Polymath Coding to Microsoft's .NET Framework**



# POLYMATH Modeling with Direct Access to the DIPPR Database



Using this approach the **USER** supplies the mathematical model. The physical properties are imported from **DIPPR**. **POLYMATH** rearranges the model and provides the numerical solution with partial documentation.

# The DIPPR Database

## DIPPR 801 Products



### DIPPR 801 Database Highlights

- Contains **1944 compounds**
- Lists values for **49 thermophysical properties**
- Provides chemical data for **34 constant properties**
- Includes **15 temperature dependent properties**
- Contains raw data from the literature
- Contains critically evaluated, recommended thermophysical values
- Predicts appropriate values when experimental chemical data is not available
- References, notes, and quality codes included for all thermophysical data points

# A Typical Example where Temperature Dependent Properties are Needed

## Bubble Point Calculation for an Ideal Binary System

$$f(T_{bp}) = x_A \cdot P_A + x_B \cdot P_B - 760$$

$$x_A = 0.1$$

$$P_A =$$

$$P_B =$$

$$x_B = 1 - x_A$$

$$y_A = x_A \cdot P_A / 760$$

$$y_B = x_B \cdot P_B / 760$$

$$T_{bp}(\min) = 30$$

$$T_{bp}(\max) = 69$$

The objective is to import the vapor pressure correlations (including coefficients) from DIPPR

# Temperature Dependent Properties In the Web Version of the Database

## Chemical Database Temperature-Dependent Properties



Chemical Abstracts Name: pentane

C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>12</sub>

n-pentane

Property (click property name for references and data sets)	Note Equation # Quality	Coefficients						
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G
<b>Solid Density</b> Min: (23.15, 1.3393E-01) Max: (143.42, 1.2664E-01)	100 < 1%	1.3533E+01	-6.0608E-03					
<b>Liquid Density</b> Min: (143.42, 1.0474E+01) Max: (469.7, 3.1784E+00)	105 < 1%	8.4947E-01	2.6726E-01	4.6970E+02	2.7789E-01			
<b>Solid Vapor Pressure</b> Min: (93.42, 2.3812E-10) Max: (143.42, 6.8640E-02)	1 101 < 25%	3.3716E+01	-5.2198E+03					
<b>Vapor Pressure</b> Min: (143.42, 6.8642E-02) Max: (469.7, 3.3642E+06)	101 < 3%	7.8741E+01	-5.4203E+03	-8.8253E+00	9.6171E-06	2.0000E+00		
<b>Heat of Vaporization</b> Min: (143.42, 3.3968E-07) Max: (469.7, 0.0)	2 106 < 3%	3.910						
<b>Solid Heat Capacity</b> Min: (12.29, 2.8324E-03) Max: (134.6, 9.3832E-04)	100 < 1%	-1.0050E+04	1.0193E+03	4.2700E+00	-1.0160E-01	4.2200E-04		

Coefficient values

Equation used for vapor pressure

http://dppr.byu.edu Properties of n-pentane Microsoft Internet Explorer

Property	Temperature	Value	Reload
Vapor Pressure, Liquid (Pa)			Compute
	143.42	0.068642	Minimum
	469.7	3364200	Maximum

$$Y = \exp \left[ A + \frac{B}{T} + C \ln T + DT^E \right]$$

## The Bubble Point Problem with Imported Correlations

```
f(Tbp)=xA*PA + xB*PB - 760 # Bubble point temperature K
xA=0.1
PA_pa= exp(7.8741E+01-5.4203E+03/Tbp-8.8253*ln(Tbp) +9.6171E-6*Tbp^2)
# Vapor Pressure, liquid, limits: 143.42 K - 469.7 K, 0.068642 Pa-3364200 Pa
# Uncertainty < 3%
PB_pa= exp(1.0465E+02-6.9955E+03/Tbp-12.702*ln(Tbp)+1.2381E-05*Tbp^2)
# Vapor Pressure, liquid, limits: 177.83 K - 507.6 K, 0.90169 Pa-3.0449E+06 Pa
# Uncertainty < 3%
PA=0.0075006*PA_pa #Vapor Pressure mmHg
PB=0.0075006*PB_pa #Vapor Pressure mmHg
xB=1-xA
yA=xA*PA/760
yB=xB*PB/760
Tbp(min)=303
Tbp(max)=400
```

In addition to the correlations the *units* of the temperature and the units of the property, the *ranges of applicability* of the correlation and the *uncertainty* of the property are also imported

## **The Benefits of Direct Access from POLYMATH to DIPPR**

- Using a reliable, evaluated source for all physical property needs
- Realizing that the full definition of a property includes its units and its uncertainty.
- Realizing that the full definition of a correlation includes its ranges of validity, units of the temperature and the property, and the uncertainty of the property
- Direct import of the properties saves time and reduces the chance for introducing errors or missing necessary information while using “Copy and Paste” to transfer the data from DIPPR to Polymath