



A Numerical Study on Transient Side-Wall Quenching of Premixed Laminar Ammonia Flames Enriched with Hydrogen

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One of the alternative ways of enhancing the low reactivity of ammonia (NH_3) is to enrich it with hydrogen (H_2). This enrichment could affect the interactions between ammonia-based flames and walls. Very recently, the effects of the equivalence ratio and the blending ratio (i.e. the molar ratio of hydrogen to ammonia/hydrogen in the mixture) on side-wall quenching (SWQ) characteristics such as the formation of pollutants, quenching distance, and wall heat flux have been explored for ammonia/hydrogen flames in detail [1]. Similar to [1], the SWQ of premixed laminar ammonia/hydrogen flames is explored herein using detailed chemistry and the mixture-averaged transport model. A two-dimensional (2-D) domain which is equipped with a rod for the purpose of stabilization is utilized. In this work, three test cases are designed to assess the SWQ characteristics of ammonia/hydrogen flames by systematically varying the imposed excitation frequency (f) at the inlet of the channel from 0 to 1000 Hz for a stoichiometric flame under a fixed wall temperature of 500 K at atmospheric pressure. The blending ratio for all three cases is equal to 0.4. For the unperturbed test condition ($f = 0$ Hz), the results show that the N_2 pathway is the dominant mechanism of NO formation in the vicinity of the wall near the quenching region. Within this pathway, the leading reaction converting NO to N_2 is R76 ($\text{NH}_2 + \text{NO} \rightleftharpoons \text{N}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$). Furthermore, the results reveal that the flame responds strongly to the low excitation frequency of 200 Hz, which is indicated by flame front fluctuations. However, it does not respond to the high excitation frequency of 1000 Hz.

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