Assessment of a tabulated flamelet model with mixture averaged transport for turbulent hydrogen combustion

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This work explores the application of a tabulated chemistry (TC) model with mixture-averaged diffusive transport [1] in turbulent combustion regimes through Large-Eddy simulations (LES) modelling. The approach introduces new terms as diffusive fluxes into transport equations for controlling variables. The flux coefficients are derived from the manifold and stored in the flamelet database, which is constructed by solving premixed, unstretched, adiabatic, one-dimensional flames with mixture-averaged transport across a range of mixture fractions.

The model has been validated through simulations of laminar hydrogen flames in canonical configurations—including premixed, stratified, and triple flames with varying mixing lengths [1]—as well as lean mixtures exhibiting thermodiffusive instabilities [2]. Results demonstrate that the model accurately captures flame structure and propagation velocities at a reduced computational cost.

In this study, results for LES of several turbulent combustion setups are presented, including a planar turbulent hydrogen-air jet (Re = 11,000) employing the TC model and benchmarked against the Direct Numerical Simulations (DNS) of Berger et al. [3, 4], as well as three-dimensional planar flame fronts of premixed lean hydrogen flames [5] and transient state flames with strong turbulent-chemistry interaction effects based on setups from [6].

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