Chemical effect of hydrogen peroxide addition on characteristics of methane-air combustion(102.07.28-102.08.02)

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Abstract

The effects of hydrogen peroxide addition on the reaction pathway of premixed methane/air flames are

numerically investigated using the PREMIX code with the GRI-Mech 3.0 chemical kinetic mechanisms and

detailed transport properties. Hydrogen peroxide is used as the oxidizer substituent of air. Results show that the

laminar burning velocity and adiabatic flame temperature of premixed methane-air flame are significantly

increased with H2O2 addition. The addition of hydrogen peroxide increases not only all the reaction rates of

intermediate species, but also the concentrations of intermediate species. The traditional reaction pathways of

CH4/air flame are altered by the addition of hydrogen peroxide, due to the enhanced production of OH and HO2.

The enhanced OH radicals promote HO2 productions through reaction (R85). The increased HO2 accelerates the progressive reaction of CH3 to form CH30 and then CH20.

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