Mech4450 Aerospace Propulsion Major Assignment - Part 1

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The following finite rate chemistry mechanisms provide an accurate model of fuel combustion within a scramjet engine.

$$C_2H_4 + 2O_2 \longrightarrow 2CO + 2H_2O$$
 (1)

$$CO + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \longleftrightarrow CO_2$$
 (2)

The rates of formations for the individual species are given as:

$$\frac{d[C_2H_4]}{dt} = -k_1[C_2H_4]^{0.5}[O_2]^{0.65}$$
(3a)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}[C_2H_4]}{\mathrm{d}t} = -k_1[C_2H_4]^{0.5}[O_2]^{0.65}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}[O_2]}{\mathrm{d}t} = -2k_1[C_2H_4]^{0.5}[O_2]^{0.65} - \frac{1}{2}k_{2f}[CO][O_2]^{0.5} + \frac{1}{2}k_{2r}[CO_2]$$
(3b)

$$\frac{d[CO]}{dt} = 2k_1[C_2H_4]^{0.5}[O_2]^{0.65} -k_{2f}[CO][O_2]^{0.5} +k_{2r}[CO_2]$$
 (3c)

$$\frac{d[H_2O]}{dt} = 2k_1[C_2H_4]^{0.5}[O_2]^{0.65}$$
(3d)

$$\frac{d[CO_2]}{dt} = k_{2f}[CO][O_2]^{0.5} -k_{2r}[CO_2]$$
 (3e)

where k_1 is the rate of reaction for Eq. 1, and k_{2f} and k_{2r} are the forward and backward reaction rates for Eq. 2 respectively.