

§ Notions on some frequently used definitions

① Equivalence Ratio: $\phi = \frac{F/O}{(F/O)_{st}} = \frac{(O/F)_{st}}{O/F}$

F: Fuel
O: Oxidizer.

where: F/O is the mass ratio of fuel and oxidizer, indicates the mass of fuel required when unit mass of oxidizer is provided.

O/F is the mass ratio of Oxidizer and Fuel, indicates the mass of oxidizer required when unit mass of fuel is provided.

$()_{st}$ indicates the stoichiometric condition.

Usage of ϕ :

when $\phi > 1$, so called **Rich Burning**, means that the fuel provided is **more** than what is required in stoichiometric condition.

when $\phi < 1$, so called **Lean Burning**, means that the fuel provided is **less** than what is required under stoichiometric condition.

' F/O ' is much more frequently used rather than ' O/F ' as ' O/F ' is a small fraction usually.

② Mixture Fraction:

General meaning: $Z = \frac{\text{mass originates from fuel}}{\text{mass of the mixture}}$

Definition of Z can be provided in different ways:

1° In terms of elements:

$$Z_i = \sum_{k=1}^N u_{ik} Y_k$$

$$Z_j = \sum_{k=1}^N u_{jk} Y_k$$

u_{ik} : the mass ratio of the i -th element in the k -th component.

$$Z \triangleq \frac{Z_i - Z_i^{(2)}}{Z_i^{(1)} - Z_i^{(2)}} \triangleq \frac{Z_j - Z_j^{(2)}}{Z_j^{(1)} - Z_j^{(2)}} \quad (\text{Independent of element be chosen})$$

(1: Fuel side, 2: Oxidizer side)

2° In terms of mass flux: (much more frequently used!)

$$Z \triangleq \frac{\dot{m}_1}{\dot{m}_1 + \dot{m}_2}$$

For detailed expression of this definition:

$$\frac{dn_i}{\nu_i} = \frac{dn_j}{\nu_j} \quad (\text{since change of mole of each species is proportionate to its stoichiometric coefficients})$$

$$n_i = \frac{Y_i}{W_i} \quad (\text{Relation between mass fraction and molar fraction})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dY_i}{\nu_i W_i} = \frac{dY_j}{\nu_j W_j}$$

Take $i = O_2$ and $j = \text{Fuel}$, integrate from unburned status:

$$\frac{Y_{O_2} - Y_{O_2,u}}{\nu_{O_2} W_{O_2}} = \frac{Y_F - Y_{F,u}}{\nu_F W_F}$$

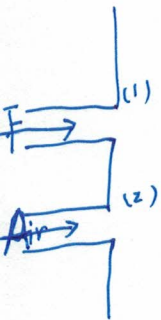
Q: What's $Y_{O_2,u}$ and $Y_{F,u}$? Express them in terms of Z ?

A: Suppose the mixture is 1 kg, then the fuel stream is Z (kg) and oxidizer is $(1-Z)$ (kg). Generally, not all the mass in Fuel stream is fuel, so the real fuel mass is $Y_{F,u}^{(1)} \times Z$ (kg), where $Y_{F,u}^{(1)}$ indicates the proportion of real fuel in the fuel stream. Similarly, the real mass of oxidizer is $Y_{O_2,u}^{(2)} \times (1-Z)$ (kg), where $Y_{O_2,u}^{(2)}$ indicates the proportion of real oxidizer in the oxidizer stream.

Thus: $Y_{O_2,u} = Y_{O_2,u}^{(2)} (1-Z)$ ($Y_{O_2,u}^{(2)} \doteq 0.232$ when the oxidizer stream is air)

$$Y_{F,u} = Y_{F,u}^{(1)} Z$$

Substitute these equations into above, yields:



$$\nu Y_F - Y_{O_2} = \nu Y_{F,u} - Y_{O_2,u}$$

$$= \nu Y_F^{(1)} \cdot Z - Y_{O_2}^{(2)} (1-Z)$$

$$\Rightarrow Z = \frac{\nu Y_F - Y_{O_2} + Y_{O_2}^{(2)}}{\nu Y_F^{(1)} + Y_{O_2}^{(2)}}$$

($\nu \triangleq \frac{\nu_{O_2} W_{O_2}}{\nu_F \cdot W_F}$, mass ratio of oxidizer and fuel at stoichiometric condition).

For example, for methane-air case:

$Y_F^{(1)} = 1$ as the fuel stream is pure CH_4 .

$Y_{O_2}^{(2)} = 0.232$ as O_2 takes 21% volumetric ratio of air.

$$\nu = \frac{2 \cdot 32}{1 \cdot 16} = 4$$

A typical case for Z is the stoichiometric condition. In this case, the fuel and oxidizer are all consumed completely, thus: $\nu Y_F - Y_{O_2} = 0$.

$$\text{So: } Z_{st} = \frac{Y_{O_2}^{(2)}}{\nu Y_F^{(1)} + Y_{O_2}^{(2)}} = \left(1 + \nu \frac{Y_F^{(1)}}{Y_{O_2}^{(2)}} \right)^{-1}$$

Again, take the methane-air case for example:

$$Z_{st} = \left(1 + 4 \frac{1}{0.232} \right)^{-1} \approx 0.055.$$

§ Further notions on Z_{st} and remarks on HW2

Q: Given Z , what's the mass fraction of each component before and after burning? Y_i .

A: 1° Y_i for unburned status is trivial.

2° Y_i for burned status need to be discussed for different Z !

(1) $Z \geq Z_{st}$: Fuel Rich } \Rightarrow different production!
 (2) $Z \leq Z_{st}$: Fuel Lean }

For general combustion case:



when $Z > Z_{st}$:

$$Y_F = Y_F^{(1)} \frac{Z - Z_{st}}{1 - Z_{st}}$$

$$Y_{O_2} = 0$$

$$Y_{CO_2} = Y_{CO_2, st} \cdot \frac{1 - Z}{1 - Z_{st}}$$

$$Y_{H_2O} = Y_{H_2O, st} \cdot \frac{1 - Z}{1 - Z_{st}}$$

when $Z \leq Z_{st}$:

$$Y_F = 0$$

$$Y_{O_2} = Y_{O_2}^{(2)} \cdot (1 - \frac{Z}{Z_{st}})$$

$$Y_{CO_2} = Y_{CO_2, st} \cdot \frac{Z}{Z_{st}}$$

$$Y_{H_2O} = Y_{H_2O, st} \cdot \frac{Z}{Z_{st}}$$

where $Y_{CO_2, st}$ and $Y_{H_2O, st}$ are defined as:

$$Y_{CO_2, st} = Y_F^{(1)} \cdot Z_{st} \cdot \frac{m \cdot W_{CO_2}}{W_F}$$

$$Y_{H_2O, st} = Y_F^{(1)} \cdot Z_{st} \cdot \frac{n \cdot W_{H_2O}}{2 \cdot W_F}$$

The physical meanings of $Y_{CO_2, st}$ and $Y_{H_2O, st}$ is quite clear!

Caution: DO NOT miss N_2 when using air!

Q: Calculate the equivalence ratio in terms of Z ?

$$A: \phi = \frac{Z}{1 - Z} \left(\frac{1 - Z_{st}}{Z_{st}} \right)$$

§ Chemical reactions:

* General Form

Suppose there're N_R elementary reactions involving N species:



where ν_{lm}' and ν_{lm}'' are stoichiometric coefficients corresponding to the m -th species in the l -th forward and backward reaction.

* Reaction rate:

The Arrhenius formulas are the most frequently used form:

$$k_f = A_f T^{B_f} e^{-E_f/R_u T}$$

$$k_b = A_b T^{B_b} e^{-E_b/R_u T}$$

where A_f and A_b are Arrhenius coefficients, E_f and E_b represents the activation energy. B_f and B_b are constants empirically indicating the reaction order.

Thus, the rate of change of molar concentration of species m by the l -th reaction is given by:

$$\dot{C}_m = (\nu_{lm}'' - \nu_{lm}') \left(k_{fl} \prod_{n=1}^N C_n^{\nu_{ln}'} - k_{bl} \prod_{n=1}^N C_n^{\nu_{ln}''} \right)$$

Hence, the total rate of change of m -th species is:

$$\dot{S}_m = W_m \sum_{l=1}^{N_R} \dot{C}_m$$

In chain reactions, the S_m of radicals (or intermediate material) can be assumed to be 0 at steady state, so that some useful relation can be obtained!

It should be pointed out that not all reaction rate behave in the Arrhenius form! Be careful in practise!

* Adiabatic Flame Temperature & HW2.

Basic principle : Energy Conservation (As adiabatic means no heat loss)

Different configurations:

1° $p = \text{const}$: $h_u = h_b$ (The flow work should be considered)

2° $V = \text{const}$: $h_u = e_b$ (No flow work)

Take $p = \text{const}$ for example:

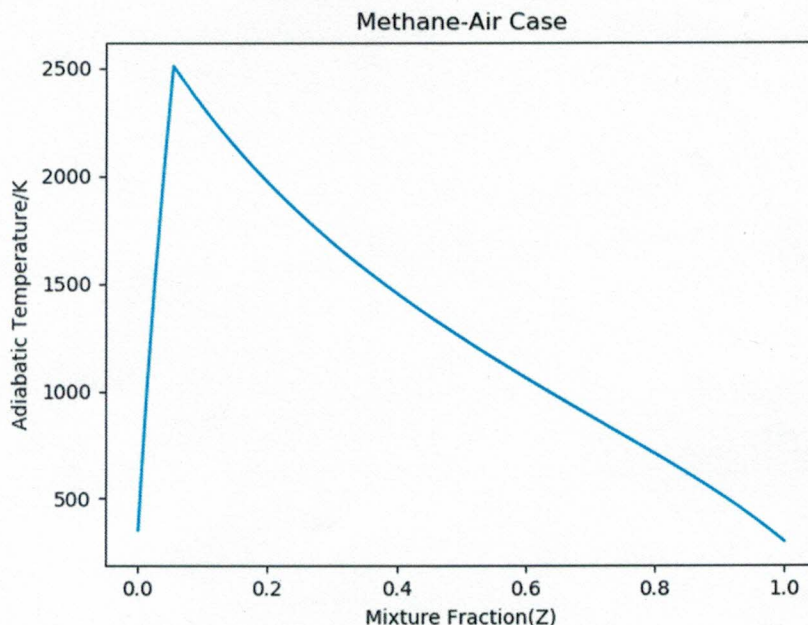
$$h(T) = \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i \cdot h_i(T)$$

In practise, $h_i(T)$ can be calculated by look-up table, interpolation, or integrate from $C_{p,i}$ ($h_i(T) = h_{i,f} + \int_{T_{ref}}^T C_{p,i}(T) dT$).

h_u is the total enthalpy at unburned state, which can be calculated easily, to determine T , some numerical algorithm can be employed to do the root-finding job.

In the example code I provided, the Newton-Iteration is used, where an initial guess of T should be provided.

For methane-air case, the $T_{ad}-Z$ plot is given as:



* Chemical Equilibrium

Determine the direction and extent of chemical reaction by the 2nd law of thermodynamics.

When $T = \text{const}$, there're 2 commonly encountered cases:

1° $V = \text{const}$:

$$dE = \delta Q - \delta W = dU$$

$$Tds - \delta Q = d(TS) - dU = d(TS - U) \triangleq dA \leq 0$$

$$A = TS - U$$

Helmholtz Free Energy

2° $P = \text{const}$:

$$\delta Q = dW + dU = d(PV) + dU = dH$$

$$Tds - \delta Q = d(TS - H) \triangleq dG \leq 0$$

$$G = TS - H$$

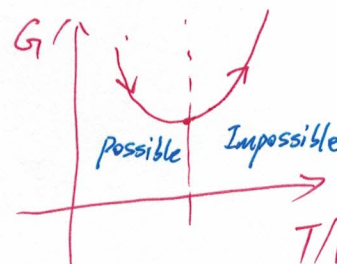
Gibbs Free Energy

Usually, the T and P are pre-fixed in combustion problems, so the gibbs free energy is much more frequently used!

Understand Gibbs Free Energy physically:

The potential to put forward the reaction!

G is always decreasing!



Formulas for G :

$$G(P, T) = H(T) - T \cdot S(P, T)$$

$$G - G_0 = (H - H_0) - T(S - S_0)$$

H_0, G_0, S_0 : Quantity at reference state.

When ideal gas is employed: $g = g^0 + TR \ln \frac{P}{P_0}$ (isentropic relation)

Consider multi-component system:

$$G = \sum_{i=1}^N N_i g_i \Rightarrow dG = \sum dN_i g_i + \sum N_i dg_i$$

$$= \sum dN_i g_i \quad (T = \text{const}, P = \text{const})$$

$$= \sum \nu_i g_i d\xi \quad (dN_i = \nu_i d\xi, \text{ the extent of reaction})$$

with $dG = 0$ (The Equilibrium point).

$$\sum_{i=1}^N v_i g_i d\varepsilon = 0.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N v_i g_i = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N v_i g_i^{(0)} = - \sum_{i=1}^N T R \ln \left(\frac{p_i}{p_0} \right)^{v_i} = \text{const.} \Rightarrow \text{determining the Temperature.}$$

$$\left(\Rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{p_i}{p_0} \right)^{v_i} = \text{const} \text{ when } T \text{ is given, as } \sum_{i=1}^N \ln \left(\frac{p_i}{p_0} \right)^{v_i} = - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N v_i g_i^{(0)}}{T R} \right)$$