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Vibrational and Chemical Kinetics in Non-Equilibrium Gas Flows

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1. Introduction

In this chapter, we consider the vibrational and chemical kinetics in reacting gas flows under the conditions of strong deviations from thermodynamic equilibrium. Such conditions occur, for example, near surfaces of nonexpendable space vehicles in their reentry into the Earth and Mars atmospheres, in experiments carried out in high-enthalpy facilities, in supersonic gas flows in nozzles and jets, in chemical technology processes. In many cases, the characteristic times of vibrational relaxation and chemical reactions appear to be comparable with the characteristic time for the variation of basic gas-dynamic parameters of a flow. Therefore, the equations of gas dynamics and non-equilibrium kinetics should be considered jointly. Consequently, the set of governing equations for macroscopic parameters includes not only the conservation equations for the momentum and total energy, but also the equations for chemical reactions and vibrational energy relaxation. The latter equations contain the rates of energy transitions and chemical reactions which are needed in order to solve the equations of non-equilibrium gas flows.

Originally, non-equilibrium chemical reactions were studied in thermally equilibrium gas mixtures which were assumed to be spatially homogeneous Kondratiev & Nikitin (1974). Later on, different models for vibrational–chemical coupling were proposed on the basis of the kinetic theory methods. One of the first works in this area is that by I. Prigogine Prigogine & Xhrouet (1949), followed by studies Present (1960), and Ludwig & Heil (1960). The effect of non-equilibrium distributions on the chemical reaction rate coefficients was considered in Shizgal & Karplus (1970). Later on, this effect was studied using various distributions of reacting gas molecules over the internal energy (see, for instance, Refs. Belouaggadia & Brun (1997); Knab (1996))). Most of these models are based on thermally-equilibrium distributions or non-equilibrium Boltzmann distributions over the vibrational energy of the reagents. More rigorous models of non-equilibrium kinetics in a flow take into account the non-Boltzmann quasi-stationary distributions or the state-to-state vibrational and chemical kinetics Kustova et al. (1999); Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009). The influence of state-to-state and multi-temperature distributions on reaction rates in particular flows are studied in Kustova & Nagnibeda (2000); Kustova et al. (2003). Recently the comparison of kinetic models for transport properties in reacting gas flows has been discussed in Kustova & Nagnibeda (2011).

In the present contribution, we propose mathematical description for the chemical kinetics in gas flows on the basis of the Chapman–Enskog method, generalized for strongly non-equilibrium reacting gas mixtures.

First, we consider the one-temperature model for the non-equilibrium chemical kinetics in thermally equilibrium gas flows or deviating weakly from thermal equilibrium state. Then, the models for vibrational–chemical coupling in gas flows are derived from the kinetic theory taking into account state-to-state and multi-temperature vibrational distributions.

The influence of non-equilibrium distributions, gas compressibility and space inhomogeneity on the reaction rates for different processes is discussed.

2. One-temperature model for non-equilibrium kinetics

2.1 Kinetic equations. Distribution functions

We consider strong non-equilibrium chemical kinetics in a flow under the following conditions for relaxation times

$$\tau_{el} < \tau_{int} \ll \tau_{react} \sim \theta. \quad (1)$$

Here τ_{el} , τ_{int} , τ_{react} and θ are mean times for relaxation of translation and internal degrees of freedom, chemical reactions and gas dynamic parameters changing respectively. The kinetic equations for the distribution functions have the form Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009):

$$\frac{\partial f_{cij}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u}_c \cdot \nabla f_{cij} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} J_{cij}^{rap} + J_{cij}^{sl} \quad (2)$$

$\varepsilon = \tau_{rap}/\tau_{sl} \sim \tau_{rap}/\theta \ll 1$ is the small parameter, J_{cij}^{rap} and J_{cij}^{sl} are the collision integral operators for rapid and slow processes, c, i, j denote chemical species, vibrational and rotational levels respectively, $\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{u}, t$ are coordinates, molecular velocities and time. Under condition (2), integral operators of rapid processes describe elastic collisions and collisions with rotational and vibrational energies change and can be written in the form

$$J_{cij}^{rap} = J_{cij}^{el} + J_{cij}^{rot} + J_{cij}^{vibr} = J_{cij}^{el} + J_{cij}^{int}, \quad (3)$$

The operator of slow processes $J_{cij}^{sl} = J_{cij}^{react}$ includes the integrals of reactive collisions and describes exchange reactions

$$A_c(\mathbf{u}_c, i, j) + A_d(\mathbf{u}_d, k, l) \rightleftharpoons A_{c'}(\mathbf{u}_{c'}, i', j') + A_{d'}(\mathbf{u}_{d'}, k', l'), \quad (4)$$

and dissociation-recombination reactions

$$A_c(\mathbf{u}_c, i, j) + A_d(\mathbf{u}_d, k, l) \rightleftharpoons A_{c'}(\mathbf{u}_{c'}) + A_{f'}(\mathbf{u}_{f'}) + A_d(\mathbf{u}'_d, k, l), \quad (5)$$

c', f' are the atomic species forming as reaction products; $\mathbf{u}_{c'}, \mathbf{u}_{f'}, \mathbf{u}'_d$ are the particle velocities after the collision. For the simplicity we consider dissociation of only diatomic molecules, therefore products of dissociation are only atoms. In addition to this, it is commonly supposed that the dissociation cross section does not depend on the internal state of a partner in the reaction, and this state does not vary as a result of dissociation and recombination.

The collision operator J_{cij}^{react} represents the sum of two terms, J_{cij}^{ex} and J_{cij}^{diss} . Expressions for these operators are given, for instance, in Alexeev et al. (1994); Ern & Giovangigli (1998);

Kuščer (1991); Ludwig & Heil (1960); Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009); Rydalevskaya (1977):

$$J_{cij}^{ex} = \sum_d \sum_{k'} \sum_{l'} \int \left[f_{c'i'j'} f_{d'k'l'} \frac{s_{ij}^c s_{kl}^d}{s_{i'j'}^{c'} s_{k'l'}^{d'}} \left(\frac{m_c m_d}{m_{c'} m_{d'}} \right)^3 - f_{cij} f_{dkl} \right] g \sigma_{cd,ijkl}^{c'd',i'j'k'l'} d^2 \Omega d\mathbf{u}_d, \quad (6)$$

$$J_{cij}^{diss} = \sum_d \sum_k \sum_l \int \left[f'_{dkl} f_c f_{f'} h^3 s_{ij}^c \left(\frac{m_c}{m_{c'} m_{f'}} \right)^3 - f_{cij} f_{dkl} \right] g \sigma_{cij,d}^{diss} d\mathbf{u}_d d\mathbf{u}_{c'} d\mathbf{u}_{f'} d\mathbf{u}'_d. \quad (7)$$

In Eq. (6), $\sigma_{cd,ijkl}^{c'd',i'j'k'l'}$ is the differential cross section of the exchange reaction, and the distribution functions after the collision are denoted $f_{c'i'j'} = f_{c'i'j'}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{u}_{c'}, t)$, $f_{d'k'l'} = f_{d'k'l'}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{u}_{d'}, t)$; in Eq. (7), $\sigma_{cij,d}^{diss}(\mathbf{u}_c, \mathbf{u}_d, \mathbf{u}_{c'}, \mathbf{u}_{f'}, \mathbf{u}'_d)$ is the formal cross section of dissociation, $f_c = f_c(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{u}_c, t)$, $f_{f'} = f_{f'}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{u}_{f'}, t)$ are the distribution functions of atomic dissociation products; $f'_{dkl} = f_{dkl}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{u}'_d, t)$, h is the Plank constant, m_c is the mass of a molecule c , s_{ij}^c is the statistical weight of the internal states i and j of a component c , g is the relative velocity, Ω is the solid angle in which a molecule appear after a collision.

Expressions (6), (7) are written taking into account the principle of microscopic reversibility for reactive collisions considered in Alexeev et al. (1994); Ern & Giovangigli (1998); Kuščer (1991); Ludwig & Heil (1960); Rydalevskaya (1977):

$$s_{i'j'}^{c'} s_{k'l'}^{d'} m_{c'}^2 m_{d'}^2 g'^2 \sigma_{c'd',i'j'k'l'}^{cd,ijkl}(\mathbf{g}', \Omega) = s_{ij}^c s_{kl}^d m_c^2 m_d^2 g^2 \sigma_{cd,ijkl}^{c'd',i'j'k'l'}(\mathbf{g}, \Omega'), \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{m_c^3 m_{f'}^3}{h^3} \sigma_{c'f'd}^{rec,cij}(\mathbf{u}_{c'}, \mathbf{u}_{f'}, \mathbf{u}'_d, \mathbf{u}_c, \mathbf{u}_d) = s_{ij}^c m_c^3 g \sigma_{cij,d}^{diss}(\mathbf{u}_c, \mathbf{u}_d, \mathbf{u}_{c'}, \mathbf{u}_{f'}, \mathbf{u}'_d), \quad (9)$$

$\sigma_{c'f'd}^{rec,cij}$ is the probability density for a triple collision resulting in dissociation.

In the frame of the method proposed in Kustova & Nagnibeda (1998); Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009) for the solution of Eqs. (2), the distribution functions are expanded in a power series of the small parameter ε . The peculiarity of the modified Chapman-Enskog method is that the distribution functions and macroscopic parameters are determined by the collision invariants of the most frequent collisions. Under condition (1), the set of collision invariants contains the invariants of any collision (momentum and total energy) and the additional invariants of rapid processes. In our case, these additional invariants are any variables independent of the velocity and internal energy and depending arbitrary on chemical species c because chemical reactions are supposed to be frozen in rapid processes This set of collision invariants provides the following set of macroscopic parameters for a closed flow description: number densities of species $n_c(\mathbf{r}, t)$ ($c = 1, \dots, L$), gas velocity $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ and temperature $T(\mathbf{r}, t)$.

2.2 Governing equations. Reaction rates

Closed set of equations of the flow are derived from the kinetic equations (2). Integrating these equations over velocities and summing over the internal energy levels we obtain equations of chemical kinetics in the flow. Multiplying kinetic equations by the collision invariants of any collision, integrating over the velocity and summing over the internal energy levels, we obtain the conservation equations for the momentum and total energy. Finally the set of governing equations for macroscopic parameters $n_c(\mathbf{r}, t)$, $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}, t)$, $T(\mathbf{r}, t)$ takes the form:

$$\frac{dn_c}{dt} + n_c \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} + \nabla \cdot (n_c \mathbf{V}_c) = R_c^{react}, \quad c = 1, \dots, L, \quad (10)$$

$$\rho \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} = 0, \quad (11)$$

$$\rho \frac{dU}{dt} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{P} : \nabla \mathbf{v} = 0. \quad (12)$$

Here U is the total energy per unit mass which is the function of temperature and species number densities, \mathbf{P} is the pressure tensor, \mathbf{q} is the total heat flux, \mathbf{V}_i are the diffusion velocities.

The production terms in Eqs. (10) take the form

$$R_c^{ex} = \sum_{d,c'} \left(n_{c'} n_d k_{c'c}^{d,d} - n_c n_d k_{cc'}^{d,d} \right), \quad (13)$$

$$R_c^{diss} = \sum_d n_d \left(n_{c'} n_{f'} k_{rec,c}^d - n_c k_{c,diss}^d \right). \quad (14)$$

Production terms (13) (14) contain the rate coefficients of exchange chemical reactions $k_{c'c}^{d,d}$, dissociation $k_{c,diss}^d$, and recombination $k_{rec,c}^d$ Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009).

For practical calculations it is more suitable to use component mass fractions $\alpha_c = \rho_c / \rho$ instead of number densities n_c (ρ is the total mass density, ρ_c is the component c mass density). In this case, the set of macroscopic parameters includes $\alpha_c(\mathbf{r}, t)$ ($c = 1, \dots, L$), $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}, t)$, $T(\mathbf{r}, t)$. The equations of chemical kinetics take the form:

$$\rho \frac{d\alpha_c}{dt} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho_c \mathbf{V}_c) + \sum_r \xi_r \nu_{rc} M_c, \quad c = 1, \dots, L \quad (15)$$

here M_c is the component molar mass, ξ_r is the chemical reaction rate for reaction r ($r = 1, \dots, R$, R is the number of reactions in a mixture), $\nu_{rc} = \nu_{rc}^{(p)} - \nu_{rc}^{(r)}$ is global stoichiometric coefficient, $\nu_{rc}^{(r)}$, $\nu_{rc}^{(p)}$ are the stoichiometric coefficients of reactants and products.

The source terms are defined by expressions:

$$\sum_r \xi_r \nu_{rc} M_c = m_c \sum_{ij} \int J_{cij}^{sl} d\mathbf{u}_c = m_c \sum_{ij} \int (J_{cij}^{ex} + J_{cij}^{diss}) d\mathbf{u}_c. \quad (16)$$

Let us introduce the rate coefficients of forward and backward reactions $k_{f,r}$, $k_{b,r}$. For exchange reaction (4) ($r = ex$), and recombination-dissociation reaction (5) ($r = diss$) they have the form:

$$\nu_{ex,c} k_{f,ex} = -\mathcal{N}_A \sum_{jl'j''} \sum_{iki'k''} \int \frac{f_{cij} f_{dkl}}{n_c n_d} g \sigma_{cd,ijkl}^{c'd',i'j'k'l''} d^2\Omega d\mathbf{u}_d d\mathbf{u}_c, \quad (17)$$

$$\nu_{ex,c} k_{b,ex} = -\mathcal{N}_A \sum_{jl'j''} \sum_{iki'k''} \int \frac{f_{c'i'j'} f_{d'k'l''}}{n_{c'} n_{d'}} g' \sigma_{c'd',i'j'k'l''}^{cd,ijkl} d^2\Omega d\mathbf{u}_{d'} d\mathbf{u}_{c'}, \quad (18)$$

$$\nu_{diss,c} k_{f,diss} = -\mathcal{N}_A \sum_{jl} \sum_{ik} \int \frac{f_{cij} f_{dkl}}{n_c n_d} g \sigma_{cij,d}^{diss} d\mathbf{u}_c d\mathbf{u}_d d\mathbf{u}_{c'} d\mathbf{u}_{f'} d\mathbf{u}'_d, \quad (19)$$

$$\nu_{diss,c} k_{b,diss} = -\mathcal{N}_A^2 \sum_{jl} \sum_{ik} \int \frac{f_{c'} f_{f'} f'_{dkl}}{n_{c'} n_{f'} n_d} \sigma_{c'f'd}^{rec,cij} d\mathbf{u}_{c'} d\mathbf{u}_{f'} d\mathbf{u}'_d d\mathbf{u}_c d\mathbf{u}_d. \quad (20)$$

Rate coefficients (17)–(20) are connected with those appearing in equations (13), (14) by the relations:

$$k_{f,r} = -\frac{\mathcal{N}_A}{\nu_{rc}} k_{cc'}^{dd'}, \quad k_{b,r} = -\frac{\mathcal{N}_A}{\nu_{rc}} k_{c'c}^{d'd} \quad (21)$$

for exchange reactions, and

$$k_{f,r} = -\frac{\mathcal{N}_A}{\nu_{rc}} k_{c,diss}^d, \quad k_{b,r} = -\frac{\mathcal{N}_A^2}{\nu_{rc}} k_{rec,c}^d \quad (22)$$

for dissociation and recombination reactions, \mathcal{N}_A is the Avogadro number.

Using equations (16), (17)–(20), we can write the expression for the reaction rate $\dot{\zeta}_r$ in the conventional form:

$$\dot{\zeta}_r = k_{f,r} \prod_{c=1}^L \left(\frac{\rho_c}{M_c} \right)^{\nu_{rc}^{(r)}} - k_{b,r} \prod_{c=1}^L \left(\frac{\rho_c}{M_c} \right)^{\nu_{rc}^{(p)}}. \quad (23)$$

One can notice that the general expressions for the rate coefficients depend on the cross-section of corresponding reactions as well as on the distribution functions, and, consequently, on the approximation of the Chapman–Enskog method.

2.3 Zero-order reaction-rate coefficients

The zero-order solution of Eqs. (2) for molecular species has the form of the Maxwell-Boltzmann distributions

$$f_{cij}^{(0)} = \left(\frac{m_c}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} \frac{n_c}{Z_c^{int}(T)} s_{ij}^c \exp \left(-\frac{m_c c_c^2}{2kT} - \frac{\varepsilon_{ij}^c}{kT} \right), \quad (24)$$

with the internal partition function Z_c^{int} given by

$$Z_c^{int}(T) = \sum_{ij} s_{ij}^c \exp \left(-\frac{\varepsilon_{ij}^c}{kT} \right).$$

Here ε_{ij}^c is the internal energy of a molecule at the i th vibrational and j th rotational levels, k is the Boltzmann constant, $\mathbf{c}_c = \mathbf{u}_c - \mathbf{v}$ is the peculiar velocity. The zero-order distribution function for atomic species reads

$$f_c^{(0)} = \left(\frac{m_c}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} n_c \exp \left(-\frac{m_c c_c^2}{2kT} \right). \quad (25)$$

The zero order transport terms in the flow equations take the form $\mathbf{V}_c^{(0)} = 0$, $\mathbf{P}^{(0)} = p\mathbf{I}$, $\mathbf{q}^{(0)} = 0$, the pressure is $p = nkT$, n is the total number density. Thus, in the zero-order

(Euler) approximation, the governing equations describe non-equilibrium chemical kinetics in a thermally equilibrium inviscid non-conducting gas mixture:

$$\rho \frac{d\alpha_c}{dt} = \sum_r \dot{\xi}_r^{(0)} \nu_{rc} M_c, \quad c = 1, \dots, L, \quad (26)$$

$$\rho \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = -\nabla p, \quad (27)$$

$$\rho \frac{dU}{dt} = -p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}. \quad (28)$$

The right-hand side in Eqs. (26) contain the zero-order reaction rates:

$$\dot{\xi}_r^{(0)} = k_{f,r}^{(0)} \prod_{c=1}^L \left(\frac{\rho_c}{M_c} \right)^{\nu_{rc}^{(r)}} - k_{b,r}^{(0)} \prod_{c=1}^L \left(\frac{\rho_c}{M_c} \right)^{\nu_{rc}^{(p)}}. \quad (29)$$

Here $k_{f,r}^{(0)}$, $k_{b,r}^{(0)}$ are the thermal-equilibrium reaction-rate coefficients. For the exchange reaction (4), when the partner A_d is a molecule, $k_{f,ex}^{(0)}$, $k_{b,ex}^{(0)}$ are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{ex,c} k_{f,ex}^{(0)}(T) &= -\frac{\mathcal{N}_A}{Z_c^{int}(T) Z_d^{int}(T)} \left(\frac{m_{cd}}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} \sum_{ik'i'k'} \sum_{jl'j'l'} \int \exp\left(-\frac{m_{cd}g^2}{2kT}\right) \times \\ & s_{ij}^c s_{kl}^d \exp\left(-\frac{\varepsilon_{ij}^c + \varepsilon_{kl}^d}{kT}\right) g^3 \sigma_{cd,ijkl}^{c'd',i'j'k'l'}(g, \Omega) dg d^2\Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_{ex,c} k_{b,ex}^{(0)}(T) &= -\frac{\mathcal{N}_A}{Z_{c'}^{int}(T) Z_{d'}^{int}(T)} \left(\frac{m_{c'd'}}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} \sum_{iki'k'} \sum_{jl'j'l'} \int \exp\left(-\frac{m_{c'd'}g'^2}{2kT}\right) \times \\ & s_{i'j'}^{c'} s_{k'l'}^{d'} \exp\left(-\frac{\varepsilon_{i'j'}^{c'} + \varepsilon_{k'l'}^{d'}}{kT}\right) g'^3 \sigma_{c'd',i'j'k'l'}^{cd,ijkl}(g', \Omega) dg' d^2\Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

and if A_d is an atom,

$$\begin{aligned} v_{ex,c} k_{f,ex}^{(0)}(T) &= -\frac{\mathcal{N}_A}{Z_c^{int}(T)} \left(\frac{m_{cd}}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} \sum_{ii'} \sum_{jj'} \int \exp\left(-\frac{m_{cd}g^2}{2kT}\right) \times \\ & s_{ij}^c \exp\left(-\frac{\varepsilon_{ij}^c}{kT}\right) g^3 \sigma_{cd,ij}^{c'd',i'j'}(g, \Omega) dg d^2\Omega. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_{ex,c} k_{b,ex}^{(0)}(T) &= -\frac{\mathcal{N}_A}{Z_{c'}^{int}(T)} \left(\frac{m_{c'd'}}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} \sum_{ii'} \sum_{jj'} \int \exp\left(-\frac{m_{c'd'}g'^2}{2kT}\right) \times \\ & s_{i'j'}^{c'} \exp\left(-\frac{\varepsilon_{i'j'}^{c'}}{kT}\right) g'^3 \sigma_{c'd',i'j'}^{cd,ij}(g', \Omega) dg' d^2\Omega. \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

For the dissociation reaction (5), the zero-order forward-rate coefficient is obtained in the form

$$v_{diss,c} k_{f,diss}^{(0)}(T) = -\frac{4\pi N_A}{Z_c^{int}(T)} \left(\frac{m_{cd}}{2\pi kT}\right)^{3/2} \sum_{ij} \int \exp\left(-\frac{m_{cd}g^2}{2kT}\right) \times \\ s_{ij}^c \exp\left(-\frac{\varepsilon_{ij}^c}{kT}\right) g^3 \sigma_{cij,d}^{diss}(g, \mathbf{u}_{c'}, \mathbf{u}_{f'}, \mathbf{u}'_d) dg d\mathbf{u}_{c'} d\mathbf{u}_{f'} d\mathbf{u}'_d. \quad (34)$$

The zero-order recombination (backward for dissociation) rate coefficient reads

$$v_{diss,c} k_{b,diss}^{(0)}(T) = -N_A^2 \frac{(m_{c'} m_{f'} m_d)^{3/2}}{(2\pi kT)^{9/2}} \sum_{ij} \int \exp\left(-\frac{m_{c'}c_{c'}^2}{2kT} - \frac{m_{f'}c_{f'}^2}{2kT} - \frac{m_d c_d'^2}{2kT}\right) \times \\ \sigma_{c'f'd}^{rec,cij}(\mathbf{u}_c, \mathbf{u}_d, \mathbf{u}_{c'}, \mathbf{u}_{f'}, \mathbf{u}'_d) d\mathbf{u}_c d\mathbf{u}_d d\mathbf{u}_{c'} d\mathbf{u}_{f'} d\mathbf{u}'_d. \quad (35)$$

Thus, if the cross-sections of the corresponding reactions are known, the zero-order rate coefficients can easily be calculated. However, for practical applications, phenomenological models such as the Arrhenius one are commonly used.

Using the detailed balance principle (8)–(9), one can obtain the ratios of forward and backward reaction rate coefficients:

$$K_{ex}^{(0)}(T) = \frac{k_{b,ex}^{(0)}(T)}{k_{f,ex}^{(0)}(T)} = \left(\frac{m_c m_d}{m_{c'} m_{d'}}\right)^{3/2} \frac{Z_c^{int}(T) Z_d^{int}(T)}{Z_{c'}^{int}(T) Z_{d'}^{int}(T)} \exp\left(\frac{D_c + D_d - D_{c'} - D_{d'}}{kT}\right), \quad (36)$$

$$K_{diss}^{(0)}(T) = \frac{k_{b,diss}^{(0)}}{k_{f,diss}^{(0)}} = N_A \left(\frac{m_c}{m_{c'} m_{f'}}\right)^{3/2} h^3 (2\pi kT)^{-3/2} Z_c^{int}(T) \exp\left(\frac{D_c}{kT}\right), \quad (37)$$

D_c is the dissociation energy of molecule c , $D_c + D_d - D_{c'} - D_{d'}$ is heat effect of an exchange reaction. Formulas (36), (37) express the chemical-equilibrium constants well known from thermodynamics and hold only for Maxwell-Boltzmann distributions over velocity and internal energy.

2.4 First order reaction rate coefficients. Chemical kinetics in viscous gases

First-order distribution functions are obtained in Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009) in the form

$$f_{cij}^{(1)} = f_{cij}^{(0)} \left(-\frac{1}{n} \mathbf{A}_{cij} \cdot \nabla \ln T - \frac{1}{n} \sum_d \mathbf{D}_{cij}^d \cdot \mathbf{d}_d - \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{B}_{cij} : \nabla \mathbf{v} - \frac{1}{n} F_{cij} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} - \frac{1}{n} G_{cij} \right). \quad (38)$$

Functions \mathbf{A}_{cij} , \mathbf{B}_{cij} , \mathbf{D}_{cij}^d , F_{cij} and G_{cij} satisfy the linear integral equations with the linearized operators of elastic collisions and inelastic ones with internal energy transitions.

Let us consider the first-order transport terms in equations Eqs. (10)–(12). For the viscous stress tensor we obtain

$$\mathbf{P} = (p - p_{rel}) \mathbf{I} - 2\eta \mathbf{S} - \zeta \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \mathbf{I}. \quad (39)$$

Here, p_{rel} is the relaxation pressure, η and ζ are the coefficients of shear and bulk viscosity. In the one-temperature approach, the additional terms connected to the bulk viscosity and

relaxation pressure appear in the diagonal terms of the stress tensor due to rapid inelastic internal energy transitions. The existence of the relaxation pressure is caused also by slow processes of chemical reactions proceeding on the gas-dynamic time scale.

The transport coefficients in the expression (39) can be written in terms of functions \mathbf{B}_{cij} , F_{cij} , and G_{cij} :

$$\eta = \frac{kT}{10} [\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{B}], \quad \zeta = kT [F, F], \quad p_{rel} = kT [F, G]. \quad (40)$$

In these formulae, $[A, B]$ (where A, B are arbitrary functions of molecular velocities) denotes a bilinear form depending on the linearized integral collision operator for rapid processes. In the kinetic theory, such bilinear forms are basically called bracket integrals. The bracket integrals in the expressions (40) are introduced in Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009) similarly to those defined in Ferziger & Kaper (1972) for a non-reacting gas mixture under the conditions of weak deviations from the equilibrium.

The diffusion velocity and the total energy flux in the considered approach are specified by the functions \mathbf{D}_{cij}^d , \mathbf{A}_{cij}^d also depending on the cross sections of rapid processes and are studied in Kustova & Nagnibeda (2011).

Thus, the governing equations (10)–(12) with the first order transport terms describe a flow of reacting mixture of viscous gases with strong non-equilibrium chemical reactions in the Navier-Stokes approximation. Transport properties in the one-temperature approach in reacting gas mixtures are considered in Ern & Giovangigli (1994); Kustova (2009); Kustova et al. (2008); Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009).

The chemical reaction rate coefficients contributing to the production terms R_c^{react} in the equations (10) or to the reaction rates in the equations (15) in the first-order approximation are defined by the first order distribution functions (38) and depend on the cross sections of reactive collisions.

The chemical-reaction rate in Eqs. (15) in the first-order approximation has the form (23) where

$$k_{f,r} = k_{f,r}^{(0)}(T) - \bar{k}_{f,r}^{(1)}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_L, \rho, T) - \tilde{k}_{f,r}^{(1)}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_L, \rho, T), \quad (41)$$

$$k_{b,r} = k_{b,r}^{(0)}(T) - \bar{k}_{b,r}^{(1)}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_L, \rho, T) - \tilde{k}_{b,r}^{(1)}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_L, \rho, T). \quad (42)$$

Quantities $\bar{k}_{f,r}^{(1)}$, $\tilde{k}_{f,r}^{(1)}$, $\bar{k}_{b,r}^{(1)}$, $\tilde{k}_{b,r}^{(1)}$ express first-order corrections to the reaction-rate coefficients (17)–(20). The terms $\bar{k}_{f,r}^{(1)}$, $\bar{k}_{b,r}^{(1)}$ are due to deviations from Maxwell-Boltzmann distributions over velocities and internal energies whereas the terms $\tilde{k}_{f,r}^{(1)}$, $\tilde{k}_{b,r}^{(1)}$ are due to spatial non-homogeneity. If internal degrees of freedom are neglected, the coefficients $\tilde{k}_{f,r}^{(1)}$ and $\tilde{k}_{b,r}^{(1)}$ vanish.

The first-order corrections to the reaction-rate coefficients are defined by the expressions:

$$v_{ex,c} \bar{k}_{f,ex}^{(1)} = -\frac{\mathcal{N}_A}{n} \sum_{iki'k'} \sum_{jlj'l'} \int \frac{f_{cij}^{(0)} f_{dkl}^{(0)}}{n_c n_d} (G_{cij} + G_{dkl}) g \sigma_{cd,ijkl}^{c'd',i'j'k'l'} d^2 \Omega d\mathbf{u}_d d\mathbf{u}_c, \quad (43)$$

$$v_{ex,c} \tilde{k}_{f,ex}^{(1)} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \frac{\mathcal{N}_A}{n} \sum_{ik'i'k'} \sum_{jl'j'l'} \int \frac{f_{cij}^{(0)} f_{dkl}^{(0)}}{n_c n_d} (F_{cij} + F_{dkl}) g \sigma_{cd,ijkl}^{c'd',i'j'k'l'} d^2 \Omega d\mathbf{u}_d d\mathbf{u}_c, \quad (44)$$

$$v_{ex,c} \tilde{k}_{b,ex}^{(1)} = -\frac{\mathcal{N}_A}{n} \sum_{ik'i'k'} \sum_{jl'j'l'} \int \frac{f_{c'i'j'}^{(0)} f_{d'k'l'}^{(0)}}{n_{c'} n_{d'}} (G_{c'i'j'} + G_{d'k'l'}) g' \sigma_{c'd',i'j'k'l'}^{cd,ijkl} d^2 \Omega d\mathbf{u}_{d'} d\mathbf{u}_{c'}, \quad (45)$$

$$v_{ex,c} \tilde{k}_{b,ex}^{(1)} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \frac{\mathcal{N}_A}{n} \sum_{ik'i'k'} \sum_{jl'j'l'} \int \frac{f_{c'i'j'}^{(0)} f_{d'k'l'}^{(0)}}{n_{c'} n_{d'}} (F_{c'i'j'} + F_{d'k'l'}) g' \sigma_{c'd',i'j'k'l'}^{cd,ijkl} d^2 \Omega d\mathbf{u}_{d'} d\mathbf{u}_{c'}, \quad (46)$$

$$v_{diss,c} \tilde{k}_{f,diss}^{(1)} = -\frac{\mathcal{N}_A}{n} \sum_{ik'i'k'} \sum_{jl'j'l'} \int \frac{f_{cij}^{(0)} f_{dkl}^{(0)}}{n_c n_d} (G_{cij} + G_{dkl}) g \sigma_{cij,d}^{diss} d\mathbf{u}_c d\mathbf{u}_d d\mathbf{u}_{c'} d\mathbf{u}_{f'} d\mathbf{u}'_d, \quad (47)$$

$$v_{diss,c} \tilde{k}_{f,diss}^{(1)} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \frac{\mathcal{N}_A}{n} \sum_{ik'i'k'} \sum_{jl'j'l'} \int \frac{f_{cij}^{(0)} f_{dkl}^{(0)}}{n_c n_d} (F_{cij} + F_{dkl}) g \sigma_{cij,d}^{diss} d\mathbf{u}_c d\mathbf{u}_d d\mathbf{u}_{c'} d\mathbf{u}_{f'} d\mathbf{u}'_d, \quad (48)$$

$$v_{diss,c} \tilde{k}_{b,diss}^{(1)} = -\frac{\mathcal{N}_A^2}{n} \sum_{ik} \sum_{jl} \int \frac{f_{c'}^{(0)} f_{f'}^{(0)} f_{dkl}^{(0)}}{n_{c'} n_{f'} n_d} (G_{c'} + G_{f'} + G_{dkl}) \sigma_{c'f'd}^{rec,cij} d\mathbf{u}_c d\mathbf{u}_d d\mathbf{u}_{c'} d\mathbf{u}_{f'} d\mathbf{u}'_d, \quad (49)$$

$$v_{diss,c} \tilde{k}_{b,diss}^{(1)} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \frac{\mathcal{N}_A^2}{n} \sum_{ik} \sum_{jl} \int \frac{f_{c'}^{(0)} f_{f'}^{(0)} f_{dkl}^{(0)}}{n_{c'} n_{f'} n_d} (F_{c'} + F_{f'} + F_{dkl}) \sigma_{c'f'd}^{rec,cij} d\mathbf{u}_c d\mathbf{u}_d d\mathbf{u}_{c'} d\mathbf{u}_{f'} d\mathbf{u}'_d. \quad (50)$$

It can be noted that the first-order corrections for the reaction rate coefficients depend on the same functions F_{cij} and G_{cij} which define the additional diagonal elements of the pressure tensor connected to the bulk viscosity and relaxation pressure.

Algorithms for the calculation of vector and tensor transport properties and first order corrections to reaction rate coefficients are described in details in Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009). In Ref. Alexeev & Grushin (1994), a procedure for the calculation of the first-order reaction rate coefficients has been developed for gases without internal degrees of freedom. In Ref. Kustova et al. (2008), the scalar functions F_{cij} and G_{cij} are considered, and transport linear systems for the calculation of bulk viscosity, chemical-reaction contribution to the normal mean stress and first-order reaction rate coefficients are derived taking into account internal energy of molecules. Numerical estimations of the first-order rate coefficients in reacting viscous gas flows remain an open question up to now. In the simulations of viscous flows, the first-order corrections to the rate coefficients are usually neglected as well as relaxation pressure and bulk viscosity. Some results in this field have been recently obtained in Ref. Kustova (2009) where numerical estimations of the normal mean stress and the first order corrections to the dissociation and recombination rates in the mixture N_2/N have been performed. It is shown that whereas the first-order contribution to the normal mean stress remains small, the first-order corrections to the reaction rates are not negligible in both shock heated and expanding flows.

3. State-to-state model for vibrational–chemical coupling

3.1 Distribution functions. Governing equations

In this section, chemical kinetics in multi-component reacting gas mixture flows are studied under the conditions of strong vibrational and chemical non-equilibrium. Experimental results on the relaxation times of various processes demonstrate that, in a wide temperature range, the equilibration of translational and rotational degrees of freedom proceeds much faster compared to the vibrational relaxation and chemical reactions. The characteristic relaxation times satisfy the relation

$$\tau_{el} < \tau_{rot} \ll \tau_{vibr} \sim \tau_{react} \sim \theta. \quad (51)$$

where τ_{rot} , τ_{vibr} are relaxation times for rotational and vibrational degrees of freedom. Under such conditions, the integral operators in the kinetic equations (2) take the form:

$$J_{cij}^{rap} = J_{cij}^{el} + J_{cij}^{rot}, \quad J_{cij}^{sl} = J_{cij}^{vibr} + J_{cij}^{react}. \quad (52)$$

In this case, the vibrational-chemical coupling in reacting flows becomes important.

The kinetic equations for the distribution functions in the zero-order Chapman-Enskog approximation have the form:

$$J_{cij}^{el(0)} + J_{cij}^{rot(0)} = 0. \quad (53)$$

In this case, the system of collision invariants for the most frequent collisions includes along with the momentum and a particle total energy, any value independent of the velocity and rotational level j and depending arbitrarily on the vibrational level i and chemical species c . This values are conserved at the most frequent collisions because, according to the condition (51), vibrational energy transitions and chemical reactions are forbidden in the rapid processes. Based on the above set of the collision invariants, the solution of Eqs. (53) takes the form

$$f_{cij}^{(0)} = \left(\frac{m_c}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} s_j^{ci} \frac{n_{ci}}{Z_{ci}^{rot}(T)} \exp \left(-\frac{m_c c_c^2}{2kT} - \frac{\varepsilon_j^{ci}}{kT} \right) \quad (54)$$

for molecular species, and

$$f_c^{(0)} = \left(\frac{m_c}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} n_{c,a} \exp \left(-\frac{m_c c_c^2}{2kT} \right) \quad (55)$$

for atomic species. Here n_{ci} is the number density of molecules c at the i -th vibrational level, $n_{c,a}$ is the number density of atoms c , Z_{ci}^{rot} is the partition functions of rotational degrees of freedom:

$$Z_{ci}^{rot}(T) = \sum_j s_j^{ci} \exp \left(-\frac{\varepsilon_j^{ci}}{kT} \right), \quad (56)$$

ε_j^{ci} is the rotational energy of a molecule at the i th vibrational level, s_j^{ci} is the rotational statistical weight.

The solution (54) represents the local equilibrium Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution over the velocity and rotational energy levels with the temperature T and strongly non-equilibrium distribution over chemical species and vibrational energy levels. The distribution functions

(54), (55) are completely specified by the macroscopic gas parameters $n_{ci}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ ($c = 1, \dots, L, i = 0, 1, \dots, L_c$, L_c is the number of excited vibration levels of molecular species c), $T(\mathbf{r}, t)$, and $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ and correspond to the set of the collision invariants of rapid processes.

The set of equations for the macroscopic parameters $n_{ci}(\mathbf{r}, t)$, $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}, t)$, and $T(\mathbf{r}, t)$ follows from Eq. (2) with collision operators (52). This system includes equations of state-to-state vibrational and chemical kinetics in a flow Kustova & Nagnibeda (1998); Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009):

$$\frac{dn_{ci}}{dt} + n_{ci} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} + \nabla \cdot (n_{ci} \mathbf{V}_{ci}) = R_{ci}, \quad c = 1, \dots, L, \quad i = 0, \dots, L_c, \quad (57)$$

coupled to the conservation equations for the momentum and total energy which formally coincide with Eqs. (11)–(12). Here, \mathbf{V}_{ci} is the diffusion velocity of molecules c at the vibrational state i . The total energy per unit mass U is specified by level populations $n_{ci}(\mathbf{r}, t)$, atomic number densities $n_c(\mathbf{r}, t)$ and gas temperature.

The source terms in equations (57) characterize the variation of the vibrational level populations and atomic number densities caused by different vibrational energy exchanges and chemical reactions and are expressed via the integral operators of slow processes:

$$R_{ci} = \sum_j \int J_{cij}^{sl} d\mathbf{u}_c = R_{ci}^{vibr} + R_{ci}^{react}. \quad (58)$$

The equations (57), (11), (12) provide a detailed description of vibrational and chemical kinetics and flow dynamics for weak deviations from the equilibrium distributions over the velocity and rotational energy levels and arbitrary deviations from the equilibrium for the vibrational degrees of freedom and chemical species. Let us emphasize that for such an approach, the vibrational level populations are included to the set of main macroscopic parameters, and particles of various chemical species in different vibrational states represent the mixture components. The expressions (58) can be written in the form:

$$R_{ci}^{vibr} = \sum_{dkl'k'} \left(n_{ci'} n_{dk'} k_{c,i'i}^{d,k'k} - n_{ci} n_{dk} k_{c,ii'}^{d,kk'} \right), \quad (59)$$

$$R_{ci}^{react} = R_{ci}^{ex} + R_{ci}^{diss}, \quad (60)$$

$$R_{ci}^{ex} = \sum_{dc'd'} \sum_{kl'k'} \left(n_{c'i'} n_{d'k'} k_{c'i',ci}^{d'k',dk} - n_{ci} n_{dk} k_{ci,c'i'}^{dk,d'k'} \right),$$

$$R_{ci}^{diss} = \sum_{dk} n_{dk} \left(n_{c'} n_{f'} k_{rec,ci}^{dk} - n_{ci} k_{ci,diss}^{dk} \right). \quad (61)$$

Here the rate coefficients are introduced for the energy exchange:

$$A_{ci} + A_{dk} \rightleftharpoons A_{ci'} + A_{dk'}, \quad (62)$$

exchange chemical reactions:

$$A_{ci} + A_{dk} \rightleftharpoons A_{c'i'} + A_{d'k'} \quad (63)$$

and dissociation-recombination reactions:

$$A_{ci} + A_{dk} \rightleftharpoons A_{c'} + A_{f'} + A_{dk}. \quad (64)$$

The rate coefficients for the forward reactions (62)–(64) (for collisions of particles A_{ci} and A_{dk}) are introduced, respectively, as $k_{c,ii'}^{d,kk'}$, $k_{ci,c'i'}^{dk,d'k'}$, and $k_{ci,diss}^{dk}$, the recombination rate coefficient is denoted as $k_{rec,ci}^{dk}$. Note that if $k' = k$, then Eq. (62) describes VT(TV) transitions for a molecule A_{ci} during the collision with a molecule A_{dk} with the rate coefficient $k_{c,ii'}^{dk}$ of the forward transition. If d is an atom, then the corresponding rate coefficient of the forward transition (62) is $k_{c,ii'}^d$.

If $k \neq k'$ then the reaction (62) describes either VV_1 exchange of the vibrational energy between molecules of the same chemical species (for $c = d$) or VV_2 transitions between molecules of different chemical species (for $c \neq d$). Note that VV_1 and VV_2 transitions of the vibrational energy are almost always accompanied with the transfer of the part of vibrational energy into the translational or rotational modes. However, the probability of a simultaneous exchange between three and more energy modes during one collision is rather low, consequently, these exchanges are usually omitted in the production terms of the kinetic equations.

In the dissociation and recombination reactions (64), the particle A_{dk} can also be either a molecule or an atom. Therefore, different dissociation rate coefficients should be introduced: $k_{rec,ci'}^{dk}$, $k_{rec,ci}^d$. The rate coefficients of the above processes depend on the order of the distribution function approximation.

The Chapman–Enskog method generalized for the conditions (51) gives the possibility to express, in any approximation, the transport and relaxation terms in Eqs. (57), (11), (12) as functions of the main macroscopic parameters $n_{ci}(\mathbf{r}, t)$, $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}, t)$, and $T(\mathbf{r}, t)$ and thus to close completely the set of governing equations.

In the zero-order approximation (54), (55),

$$\mathbf{p}^{(0)} = nkTI, \quad \mathbf{q}^{(0)} = 0, \quad \mathbf{v}_{ci}^{(0)} = 0 \quad \forall c, i, \quad (65)$$

and the governing equations contain the equations of state-to-state kinetics

$$\frac{dn_{ci}}{dt} + n_{ci} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = R_{ci}^{(0)}, \quad c = 1, \dots, L, \quad i = 0, \dots, L_c, \quad (66)$$

coupled to the conservation equations in the form (27), (28).

The right hand sides of Eqs. (66) $R_{ci}^{(0)}$ are specified by the zero-order distribution function. The expressions for R_{ci} contain the microscopic rate coefficients for vibrational energy exchanges and chemical reactions. The equations (66) describe detailed state-to-state vibrational and chemical kinetics in an inviscid non-conductive gas mixture flow in the Euler approximation. In the first-order approximation state-dependent transport properties and reaction rates in reacting non-equilibrium flows are studied in Kustova & Nagnibeda (1998); Kustova et al. (1999); Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009).

3.2 State dependent reaction rate coefficients

Let us consider state dependent rate coefficients for chemical reactions appearing in Eqs. (59)–(61). In the zero-order Chapman-Enskog approximation rate coefficients for

exchange reactions have the form Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009):

$$k_{ci, c'i'}^{dk, d'k'} = \frac{4\pi}{Z_{ci}^{rot} Z_{dk}^{rot}} \left(\frac{m_{cd}}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} \sum_{jlj'l'} \int \exp \left(-\frac{m_{cd} g^2}{2kT} \right) \times \\ \times s_j^{ci} s_l^{dk} \exp \left(-\frac{\varepsilon_j^{ci} + \varepsilon_l^{dk}}{kT} \right) g^3 \tilde{\sigma}_{cd,ijkl}^{c'd', i'j'k'l'} dg, \quad (67)$$

with $\tilde{\sigma}_{cd,ijkl}^{c'd', i'j'k'l'}$ designating the integral cross section of a collision resulting in a bimolecular reaction. The integral cross section is obtained integrating the corresponding differential cross sections over solid angles in which relative velocity appear before and after collision:

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{cd,ijkl}^{c'd', i'j'k'l'}(g) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \sigma_{cd,ijkl}^{c'd', i'j'k'l'}(\mathbf{g}, \Omega) d^2\Omega d^2\Omega'. \quad (68)$$

It is commonly supposed that the cross section depends on the absolute value g of the relative velocity rather than the vector \mathbf{g} . Then

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{cd,ijkl}^{c'd', i'j'k'l'}(g) = \int \sigma_{cd,ijkl}^{c'd', i'j'k'l'}(g, \Omega) d^2\Omega. \quad (69)$$

The recombination rate coefficients in the zero-order approximation can be represented in the form

$$k_{rec, ci}^{dk} = \frac{(m_c m_f m_d)^{3/2}}{(2\pi kT)^{9/2}} \sum_j \int \sigma_{c'f'd}^{rec, cij}(\mathbf{u}_{c'}, \mathbf{u}_{f'}, \mathbf{u}'_d, \mathbf{u}_c, \mathbf{u}_d) \times \\ \times \exp \left(-\frac{m_c u_{c'}^2 + m_f u_{f'}^2 + m_d u_d'^2}{2kT} \right) d\mathbf{u}_{c'} d\mathbf{u}_{f'} d\mathbf{u}'_d d\mathbf{u}_c d\mathbf{u}_d. \quad (70)$$

The zero-order dissociation rate coefficients take the form Kuščer (1991); Ludwig & Heil (1960)

$$k_{ci, diss}^{dk} = \frac{4\pi}{Z_{ci}^{rot}} \left(\frac{m_{cd}}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} \sum_j \int \exp \left(-\frac{m_{cd} g^2}{2kT} \right) s_j^{ci} \exp \left(-\frac{\varepsilon_j^{ci}}{kT} \right) g^3 \tilde{\sigma}_{cij, d}^{diss} dg, \quad (71)$$

the integral dissociation reaction cross section is introduced by the formula

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{cij, d}^{diss} = \int \sigma_{cij, d}^{diss}(g, \mathbf{u}_{c'}, \mathbf{u}_{f'}, \mathbf{u}'_d) d\mathbf{u}_{c'} d\mathbf{u}_{f'} d\mathbf{u}'_d. \quad (72)$$

Since it is supposed that the cross sections of dissociation $\sigma_{cij, d}^{diss}$ and recombination $\sigma_{c'f'd}^{rec, cij}$ do not depend on the vibrational state k of the partner A_{dk} in the reaction (64), then:

$$k_{ci, diss}^{dk} = k_{ci, diss}^d, \quad k_{rec, ci}^{dk} = k_{rec, ci}^d \quad (73)$$

The relations connecting the rate coefficients of forward and backward collisional processes follow from the microscopic detailed balance relations for reactive collisions (8)-(9) after averaging them with the Maxwell–Boltzmann distribution over the velocity and rotational energy. Thus for the rate coefficients of forward and backward reactions we obtain

$$K_{c'i', ci}^{d'k', dk} = \frac{k_{c'i', ci}^{d'k', dk}}{k_{ci, c'i'}^{dk, d'k'}} = \frac{s_i^c s_k^d}{s_{i'}^{c'} s_{k'}^{d'}} \left(\frac{m_c m_d}{m_{c'} m_{d'}} \right)^{3/2} \frac{Z_{ci}^{rot} Z_{dk}^{rot}}{Z_{c'i'}^{rot} Z_{d'k'}^{rot}} \times$$

$$\times \exp\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{i'}^{c'} + \varepsilon_{k'}^{d'} - \varepsilon_i^c - \varepsilon_k^d}{kT}\right) \exp\left(\frac{D_c + D_d - D_{c'} - D_{d'}}{kT}\right), \quad (74)$$

$$K_{rec-diss,ci}^d = \frac{k_{rec,ci}^d}{k_{ci,diss}^d} = s_i^c \left(\frac{m_c}{m_{c'}m_{f'}}\right)^{3/2} h^3 (2\pi kT)^{-3/2} Z_{ci}^{rot} \exp\left(-\frac{\varepsilon_i^c - D_c}{kT}\right). \quad (75)$$

In the last formula, $m_c = m_{c'} + m_{f'}$.

For diatomic gases, the vibrational statistical weight $s_i^c = 1$. Moreover, for the rigid rotator model, the rotational partition function is independent of the vibrational state $Z_{ci}^{rot} = Z_c^{rot}$. In this case, the ratio of the backward and forward reaction rate coefficients takes the reduced form. The expression (74) can be simplified if the collision partner is an atom.

For the application of Eqs. (66), (27), (28) to particular problems of non-equilibrium fluid dynamics, the analytical expressions for the dependence of the reaction rate coefficients on the vibrational states of molecules participating in the reactions are needed.

As for vibrational energy transitions, a number of theoretical and experimental estimates for rate coefficients of these transitions are available in the literature in different temperature intervals. These data can be found, for example, in Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009); Phys-Chem (2002; 2004). The comparison of rate coefficients for vibrational energy transitions of N_2 molecules obtained using different models is given in Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009).

The rate coefficients for dissociation from different vibrational levels have been studied much less widely than for vibrational energy transitions. Two models are commonly used for calculations: the ladder-climbing model assuming dissociation only from the last vibrational level (see, for instance, Armenise et al. (1996; 1995); Capitelli et al. (1997); Osipov (1966)), and that of Treanor and Marrone Marrone & Treanor (1963) allowing for dissociation from any vibrational state.

In the frame of ladder climbing model, the rate of dissociation is specified by the number of molecules occurring on the last vibrational level. Consequently, the dissociation rate is totally specified by the probabilities for the vibrational energy transitions to the last level. In the case when dissociation can occur from any vibrational level, the expression for the rate coefficient for dissociation of a molecule on the vibrational level i can be written in the form Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009):

$$k_{i,diss}^d = Z_i^d(T) k_{diss,eq}^d(T). \quad (76)$$

Here, $k_{diss,eq}^d(T)$ is the thermal equilibrium dissociation rate coefficient obtained by averaging the state-dependent rate coefficient with the one-temperature Boltzmann distribution; Z_i^d is the non-equilibrium factor. Using the Treanor–Marrone model Marrone & Treanor (1963), the expression for $Z_i^d(T)$ was obtained in Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009):

$$Z_i^d(T) = Z_i(T, U) = \frac{Z^{vibr}(T)}{Z^{vibr}(-U)} \exp\left[\frac{\varepsilon_i}{k} \left(\frac{1}{T} + \frac{1}{U}\right)\right], \quad (77)$$

Z^{vibr} is the equilibrium vibrational partition function

$$Z^{vibr}(T) = \sum_i s_i^c \exp\left(-\frac{\varepsilon_i}{kT}\right), \quad (78)$$

U is a parameter of the model.

Thus, the state-dependent dissociation rate coefficient $k_{i,diss}^d$ is expressed in terms of the averaged thermal equilibrium coefficient $k_{diss,eq}^d(T)$ and non-equilibrium factor (77). To calculate $k_{diss,eq}^d(T)$, the empirical Arrhenius law can be applied:

$$k_{diss,eq}^d = AT^n \exp\left(-\frac{D}{kT}\right), \quad (79)$$

the coefficients A and n are generally obtained as a best fit to experimental data. The tables of the coefficients in the Arrhenius formula for various chemical reactions can be found in Refs. Gardiner (1984); Kondratiev & Nikitin (1974); Park (1990); Phys-Chem (2002); Stupochenko et al. (1967).

In Ref. Esposito, Capitelli, Kustova & Nagnibeda (2000), the dissociation rate coefficients $k_{i,diss}^d$ calculated within the framework of the Treanor–Marrone model are compared with those obtained from trajectory calculations Esposito, Capitelli & Gorse (2000), some recommendations for the optimum choice for the parameter U for the specific reactions are given. Figure 1 presents the temperature dependence of the state-dependent dissociation rate coefficients $k_{i,diss}^{N_2}$ in an (N_2 , N) mixture. The coefficients are calculated for different values of the parameter U for two vibrational quantum numbers: $i = 0$ and $i = 20$. The results of trajectory calculation for $k_{i,diss}$ taken from Ref. Esposito, Capitelli & Gorse (2000) are also plotted. We can see that for low vibrational levels, the choice for $U = \infty$ results in significant overestimation for $k_{i,diss}$, which confirms the common assumption of the preferential dissociation from high vibrational states.

With the increase in the vibrational quantum number, for $U = \infty$ we obtain more realistic values for $k_{i,diss}$, and for $i > 40$, we have the best agreement with the results of accurate trajectory calculations. $U = D/(6k)$ and $U = 3T$ provide good consistency for $k_{i,diss}$ at intermediate levels ($20 < i < 40$). Furthermore, $U = D/(6k)$ results in better consistency for low temperatures, whereas $U = 3T$ is good in the high temperature range ($T > 6000$ K).

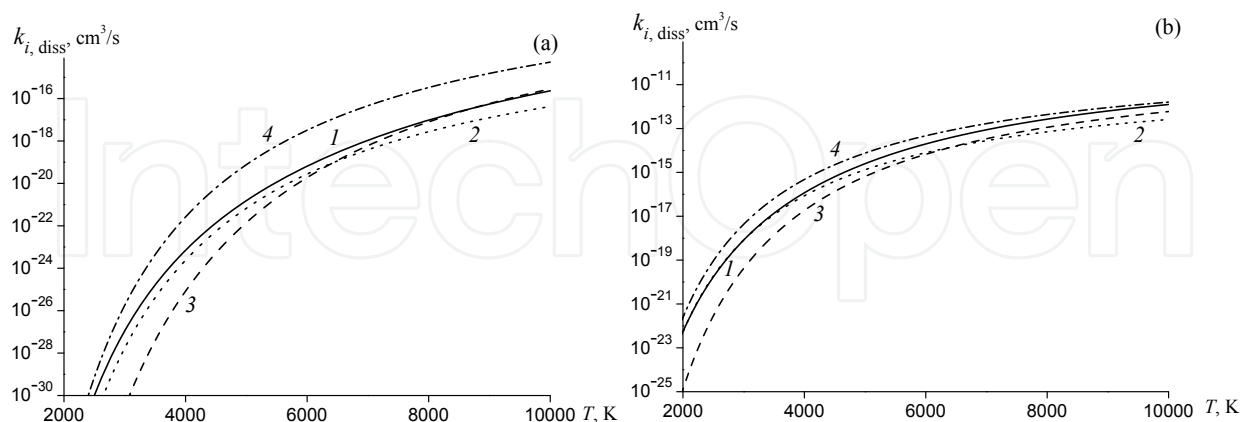


Fig. 1. The temperature dependence of the dissociation rate coefficient $k_{i,diss}^{N_2}$ for $i = 0$ (a) and $i = 20$ (b). The curve 1 represents the results obtained in Ref. Esposito, Capitelli & Gorse (2000), curves 2–4 correspond to $U = D/(6k)$, $U = 3T$, and $U = \infty$.

It should be emphasized that using the same value for the parameter U for any i and T can result in considerable errors in the calculation for the state-to-state dissociation rate

coefficients. The choice for the parameter should be specified by the conditions of a particular problem (the temperature range, basic channels of dissociation, etc.). In some studies Armenise et al. (1996); Candler et al. (1997); Capitelli et al. (1997), a possibility for dissociation from any vibrational state is suggested within the framework of the ladder-climbing model. To this end, it is supposed that a transition to the continuum occurs as a result of multi-quantum vibrational energy transfers.

The rate coefficients for bimolecular exchange reactions depending on the vibrational states of reagents and products have been less thoroughly studied than those for dissociation processes. Theoretical and experimental studies for the influence of the vibrational excitation of reagents on reaction rates were started by J. Polanyi Polanyi (1972); some experimental results were also obtained in Birely & Lyman (1975). The accurate theoretical approach to this problem primarily requires a calculation for the state-dependent differential cross sections for collisions resulting in chemical reactions, and their subsequent averaging over the velocity distributions. In the recent years, the dynamics of atmospheric reactions has been studied, and quasi-classical trajectory calculations for the cross sections and state-dependent rate coefficients for the reactions $N_2(i) + O \rightarrow NO + N$ and $O_2(i) + N \rightarrow NO + O$ have been carried out by several authors Gilibert et al. (1992; 1993).

At present time, two kinds of analytical expressions are available in the literature. The first kind includes analytical approximations for numerical results obtained for particular reactions (see Refs. Bose & Candler (1996); Capitelli et al. (1997; 2000); Phys-Chem (2002)). These expressions are sufficiently accurate and convenient for practical use; however, their application is restricted by the considered temperature range. Another approach is based on the generalizations of the Treanor–Marrone model to exchange reactions suggested in Refs. Aliat (2008); Knab (1996); Knab et al. (1995); Seror et al. (1997). These models can be used for more general cases, but the theoretical expressions for the rate coefficients contain additional parameters, which should be validated using experimental data. A lack of the data for these parameters restricts the implementation of the above semi-empirical models.

Therefore, the development of justified theoretical models for cross sections of reactive collisions and state-dependent rate coefficients for exchange reactions remains a very important problem of the non-equilibrium kinetics.

4. Multi-temperature models for vibrational-chemical kinetics

4.1 Governing equations

The approach proposed in the previous section makes it possible to develop the most rigorous model of reacting gas mixtures, since it takes into account the detailed state-to-state vibrational and chemical kinetics in a flow. However, practical implementation of this method leads to serious difficulties. The first important problem encountered in the realization of the state-to-state model is its computational cost. Indeed, the solution of the fluid dynamics equations coupled to the equations of the state-to-state vibrational and chemical kinetics requires numerical simulation of a great number of equations for the vibrational level populations of all molecular species. The second fundamental problem is that experimental and theoretical data on the state-specific rate coefficients and especially on the cross sections of inelastic processes are rather scanty. Due to the above problems, simpler models based on quasi-stationary vibrational distributions are rather attractive for practical applications. In quasi-stationary approaches, the vibrational level populations are expressed in terms of a

few macroscopic parameters, consequently, non-equilibrium kinetics can be described by a considerably reduced set of governing equations.

It is known from experiments Gordiets et al. (1988) that in a vibrationally excited gas, near-resonant vibrational energy exchanges between molecules of the same chemical species proceed much faster than non-resonant transitions between different molecules, as well as transfers of vibrational energy to other modes and chemical reactions. Therefore the following relation between the characteristic relaxation times is fulfilled:

$$\tau_{el} \lesssim \tau_{rot} < \tau_{VV_1} \ll \tau_{VV_2} < \tau_{TRV} < \tau_{react} \sim \theta, \quad (80)$$

τ_{VV_1} is the mean time between the collisions of the same species; τ_{VV_2} is the characteristic time of the vibrational energy exchange between different molecules. In the multi-component reacting gas mixture under the condition (80) the integral operators in the kinetic equations (2) includes the operator of VV_1 vibrational energy transitions between molecules of the same species along with the operators of elastic collisions and collisions with rotational energy exchanges:

$$J_{cij}^{rap} = J_{cij}^{el} + J_{cij}^{rot} + J_{cij}^{VV_1}. \quad (81)$$

The operator of slow processes J_{cij}^{sl} consists of the operator of VV_2 vibrational transitions between molecules of different species, the operator describing the transfer of vibrational energy into rotational and translational modes J_{cij}^{TRV} , as well as the operator of chemical reactions J_{cij}^{react} :

$$J_{cij}^{sl} = J_{cij}^{VV_2} + J_{cij}^{TRV} + J_{cij}^{react}. \quad (82)$$

Governing equations of the reacting flows and distribution functions in the zero-order and first-order approximations, under condition (80) are studied in details in Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009). The distribution function is totally specified by the macroscopic parameters n_c , \mathbf{v} , T , and T_1^c , where the parameter T_1^c is the vibrational temperature of the first vibrational level of molecules c . The parameter T_1^c is associated to the additional collision invariant i_c which reflects the conservation of the number of vibrational quanta of each molecular species in rapid processes. The zero-order distribution functions in this case may be written in the form (54) where level populations n_{ci} are described by the relation:

$$n_{ci} = \frac{n_c}{Z_c^{vibr}(T, T_1^c)} s_i^c \exp\left(-\frac{\varepsilon_i^c - i\varepsilon_1^c}{kT} - \frac{i\varepsilon_1^c}{kT_1^c}\right). \quad (83)$$

with vibrational partition function

$$Z_c^{vibr}(T, T_1^c) = \sum_i s_i^c \exp\left(-\frac{\varepsilon_i^c - i\varepsilon_1^c}{kT} - \frac{i\varepsilon_1^c}{kT_1^c}\right). \quad (84)$$

ε_1^c is the vibrational energy of a molecule c at the first level. Here the vibrational energy is counted from the energy of the zeroth level.

The expression (83) yields the non-equilibrium quasi-stationary Treanor distribution Treanor et al. (1968) generalized for a multi-component reacting gas mixture taking into account anharmonic molecular vibrations and rapid exchange of vibrational quanta.

The closed set of governing equations for the macroscopic parameters $n_c(\mathbf{r}, t)$, $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}, t)$, $T(\mathbf{r}, t)$, and $T_1^c(\mathbf{r}, t)$ derived in Chikhaoui et al. (2000; 1997) includes the equations of the multi-temperature chemical kinetics for the species number densities

$$\frac{dn_c}{dt} + n_c \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} + \nabla \cdot (n_c \mathbf{V}_c) = R_c^{react}, \quad c = 1, \dots, L, \quad (85)$$

relaxation equations for the specific numbers of vibrational quanta W_c in each molecular species c :

$$\rho_c \frac{dW_c}{dt} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}_{w,c} = R_c^w - W_c m_c R_c^{react} + W_c \nabla \cdot (\rho_c \mathbf{V}_c), \quad c = 1, \dots, L_m. \quad (86)$$

along with the conservation equations for the momentum and the total energy, L_m is the number of molecular species in the mixture. The latter equations formally coincide with the corresponding equations (11) and (12) obtained in the two previous approaches. One should however bear in mind that in the multi-temperature approach, the total energy is a function of T , T_1^c , and n_c , and the transport terms are expressed as functions of the same set of macroscopic parameters T , T_1^c , and n_c .

The source terms in Eqs. (85) are determined by the collision operator of chemical reactions

$$R_c^{react} = \sum_{ij} \int J_{cij}^{react} d\mathbf{u}_c. \quad (87)$$

The production terms in the relaxation equations (86) are expressed as functions of collision operators of all slow processes: VV_2 and TRV vibrational energy transfers and chemical reactions,

$$R_c^w = \sum_{ij} i \int J_{cij}^{sl} d\mathbf{u}_c = R_c^{w, VV_2} + R_c^{w, TRV} + R_c^{w, react}. \quad (88)$$

The value $\mathbf{q}_{w,c}$ in Eq. (86) has the physical meaning of the vibrational quanta flux of c molecular species and is introduced on the basis of the additional collision invariant of the most frequent collisions i_c :

$$\mathbf{q}_{w,c} = \sum_{ij} i \int \mathbf{c}_c f_{cij} d\mathbf{u}_c.$$

It is obvious that the system of governing equations in the multi-temperature approach is considerably simpler than the corresponding system in the state-to-state approach, since it contains much fewer equations. In the zero-order approximation of the Chapman-Enskog method, the system of governing equations takes the form typical for inviscid non-conductive flows. In this case equations (85), (86) read:

$$\frac{dn_c}{dt} + n_c \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = R_c^{react(0)}, \quad c = 1, \dots, L, \quad (89)$$

$$\rho_c \frac{dW_c}{dt} = R_c^{w(0)} - m_c W_c R_c^{react(0)}, \quad c = 1, \dots, L_m. \quad (90)$$

4.2 Multi-temperature reaction rate coefficients

The production terms in Eqs. (89) may be written in the form (13), (14) similar to the equations obtained in the one-temperature approximation. However, the coefficients in these expressions differ from those in the one-temperature approach and contains the multi-temperature rate coefficients $k_{cc'}^{dd'}$ of the reaction (63) (during a collision of two molecules or a molecule and an atom A_d), the two-temperature coefficients of dissociation $k_{c,diss}^d$ and recombination rate coefficients $k_{rec,c}^d$.

In the zero-order approximation, the multi-temperature rate coefficients of exchange and dissociation reactions can be expressed in terms of the state-specific rate coefficients considered in section 3.2:

$$k_{cc'}^{dd'}(0) = \frac{1}{n_c n_d} \sum_{iki'k'} n_{ci} n_{dk} k_{ci,c'i'}^{dk,d'k'}(0)(T), \quad (91)$$

$$k_{c,diss}^d(0) = \frac{1}{n_c} \sum_i n_{ci} k_{ci,diss}^d(0)(T), \quad (92)$$

where n_{ci} denotes some non-equilibrium quasi-stationary distribution.

For the generalized Treanor distribution (83), the multi-temperature rate coefficients of exchange reactions occurring as a result of collisions of two molecules take the form

$$k_{cc'}^{dd'}(0)(T, T_1^c, T_1^d) = \frac{1}{Z_c^{vibr}(T, T_1^c) Z_d^{vibr}(T, T_1^d)} \sum_{iki'k'} s_i^c s_k^d \exp\left(-\frac{\varepsilon_i^c - i_c \varepsilon_1^c}{kT} - \frac{\varepsilon_k^d - k_d \varepsilon_1^d}{kT} - \frac{i_c \varepsilon_1^c}{kT_1^c} - \frac{k_d \varepsilon_1^d}{kT_1^d}\right) k_{ci,c'i'}^{dk,d'k'}(0)(T). \quad (93)$$

The rate coefficient for the exchange reaction in a collision of a diatomic molecule and an atom, as well as the dissociation rate coefficient, depends on two temperatures (T and T_1^c):

$$k_{cc'}^{dd'}(0)(T, T_1^c) = \frac{1}{Z_c^{vibr}(T, T_1^c)} \sum_{ii'} s_i^c \exp\left(-\frac{\varepsilon_i^c - i_c \varepsilon_1^c}{kT} - \frac{i_c \varepsilon_1^c}{kT_1^c}\right) k_{ci,c'i'}^{dd'}(0)(T), \quad (94)$$

$$k_{c,diss}^d(0)(T, T_1^c) = \frac{1}{Z_c^{vibr}(T, T_1^c)} \sum_i s_i^c \exp\left(-\frac{\varepsilon_i^c - i_c \varepsilon_1^c}{kT} - \frac{i_c \varepsilon_1^c}{kT_1^c}\right) k_{ci,diss}^d(0)(T). \quad (95)$$

The total recombination rate coefficient $k_{rec,c}^d(0)$ is defined in terms of the state-specific rate coefficients as follows

$$k_{rec,c}^d(0)(T) = \sum_i k_{rec,ci}^d(0)(T) \quad (96)$$

and depends on the gas temperature T only. One should keep in mind that the superscript "0" in the notations for the state-to-state rate coefficients indicates that they are calculated by averaging the corresponding inelastic collision cross sections with the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution over the velocity and rotational energy. The relations connecting the multi-temperature rate coefficients of forward and backward reactions can be

obtained applying the microscopic detailed balance relations for the collision cross sections. For bimolecular reactions we find

$$k_{c'c}^{d'd(0)}(T, T_1^{c'}, T_1^{d'}) = \frac{1}{Z_{c'}^{vibr}(T, T_1^{c'}) Z_{d'}^{vibr}(T, T_1^{d'})} \sum_{iki'k'} s_{i'}^{c'} s_{k'}^{d'} \exp\left(-\frac{i' \epsilon_1^{c'}}{kT_1^{c'}} - \frac{k' \epsilon_1^{d'}}{kT_1^{d'}} - \frac{\epsilon_{i'}^{c'} - i' \epsilon_1^{c'}}{kT} - \frac{\epsilon_{k'}^{d'} - k' \epsilon_1^{d'}}{kT}\right) k_{ci, c'i'}^{dk, d'k'(0)} K_{c'i', ci}^{d'k', dk(0)}(T), \quad (97)$$

whereas for dissociation-recombination we can write

$$k_{rec, c}^d(T) = \sum_i k_{rec, ci}^d(T) = \sum_i k_{ci, diss}^d(T) K_{rec-diss, ci}^d(T). \quad (98)$$

In these formulae, the ratios for the state-to-state rate coefficients $K_{c'i', ci}^{d'k', dk(0)}(T)$, $K_{rec-diss, ci}^d(T)$ are defined in (74), (75).

In the zero-order approximation, $R_c^{w(0)}$ includes the vibrational distributions (83) and the state-to-state rate coefficients of VV₂, VT vibrational energy transitions and chemical reactions.

If anharmonic effects are neglected then the Boltzmann vibrational distributions with the vibrational temperature T_v^c are valid, and the multi-temperature rate coefficients of the reactions (93)–(95) take the form

$$k_{cc'}^{dd'(0)}(T, T_v^c, T_v^d) = \frac{1}{Z_c^{vibr}(T_v^c) Z_{d'}^{vibr}(T_v^d)} \times \sum_{iki'k'} s_i^c s_k^d \exp\left(-\frac{\epsilon_i^c}{kT_v^c} - \frac{\epsilon_k^d}{kT_v^d}\right) k_{ci, c'i'}^{dk, d'k'(0)}(T), \quad (99)$$

if d is a molecule,

$$k_{cc'}^{dd'(0)}(T, T_v^c) = \frac{1}{Z_c^{vibr}(T_v^c)} \sum_{ii'} s_i^c \exp\left(-\frac{\epsilon_i^c}{kT_v^c}\right) k_{ci, c'i'}^{dd'(0)}(T), \quad (100)$$

if d is an atom, and

$$k_{c, diss}^d(T, T_v^c) = \frac{1}{Z_c^{vibr}(T_v^c)} \sum_i s_i^c \exp\left(-\frac{\epsilon_i^c}{kT_v^c}\right) k_{ci, diss}^d(T). \quad (101)$$

For the calculation of two-temperature dissociation rate coefficients in the most studies (see Marrone & Treanor (1963); Phys-Chem (2002)), the two-temperature dissociation rate coefficient k_{diss}^d is associated with the equilibrium averaged coefficient $k_{diss, eq}^d$ by introducing the two-temperature non-equilibrium factor $Z(T, T_1, U)$ rather than the state-to-state factor $Z_i(T, U)$:

$$k_{diss}^d = Z(T, T_1, U) k_{diss, eq}^d(T). \quad (102)$$

where

$$Z(T, T_1, U) = \frac{1}{n_m} \sum_i n_i Z_i(T, U). \quad (103)$$

Using the Treanor distribution (83) for n_i , the factor Z is given by the relation

$$Z(T, T_1, U) = \frac{Z^{vibr}(T)}{Z^{vibr}(-U)Z^{vibr}(T, T_1)} \sum_i s_i \exp \left[\frac{i\varepsilon_1}{k} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right) + \frac{\varepsilon_i}{kU} \right]. \quad (104)$$

For the harmonic oscillator model, the non-equilibrium factor is specified by the vibrational temperature T_v and can be calculated using the expression:

$$Z(T, T_v, U) = \frac{Z^{vibr}(T)Z^{vibr}(T_f)}{Z^{vibr}(-U)Z^{vibr}(T_v)}, \quad (105)$$

where the effective temperature T_f is defined as

$$T_f = \left(\frac{1}{T_v} - \frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{U} \right)^{-1},$$

Figure 2 presents the temperature dependence of the non-equilibrium factor $Z(T, T_1, U)$ in nitrogen for fixed vibrational temperature values. The non-equilibrium factor is calculated for both anharmonic (104) and harmonic (105) oscillator models. We can see that for minor deviations from the equilibrium ($T_1/T \sim 1$), both models yield similar results, whereas for the ratio T_1/T essentially different from unity, the values of Z for harmonic and anharmonic oscillators differ considerably. In particular, for the selected dissociation model, the non-equilibrium factor and hence the dissociation rate coefficient of harmonic oscillators at $T_1/T > 1$ significantly exceed Z and k_{diss}^d , respectively, when calculated for anharmonic oscillators. For $T_1/T < 1$, the use of the harmonic oscillator model yields lower Z and k_{diss}^d than those obtained taking into account anharmonic effects.

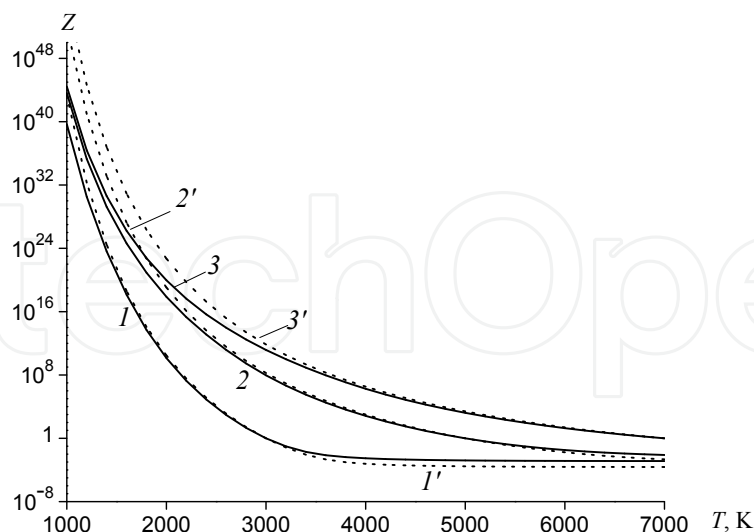


Fig. 2. The non-equilibrium factor Z in N_2 as a function of temperature T for fixed temperatures T_1 and $U = D/(6k)$. The solid lines represent anharmonic oscillators, dashed — harmonic oscillators. The curves 1, 1' — $T_1 = 3000$; 2, 2' — $T_1 = 5000$; 3, 3' — $T_1 = 7000$ K.

Note in addition that the ratio of the dissociation and recombination rate coefficients $K_{rec-diss}$ under the non-equilibrium conditions can also be expressed in terms of the averaged non-equilibrium factor:

$$K_{rec-diss} = \frac{k_{rec}^d}{k_{diss}^d} = \frac{1}{Z} K_{rec-diss}^{eq}(T), \quad (106)$$

where $K_{rec-diss}^{eq}(T)$ is the ratio of the dissociation and recombination rate coefficients in a thermal equilibrium gas. Calculating Z from the state-to-state or quasi-stationary vibrational distributions n_i/n for various dissociation models, we can find $K_{rec-diss}$ under thermal non-equilibrium conditions and estimate its deviation from the equilibrium constant.

The equations of non-equilibrium reacting flows derived in the state-to-state, multi-temperature and one-temperature approaches were applied for calculations of distributions and macroscopic parameters in particular flows of air components behind shock waves, in nozzles, in non-equilibrium boundary layer (see Nagnibeda & Kustova (2009) and references in this book). On the basis of obtained distributions, global reaction rates (92) were calculated in relaxation zone behind the shock wave Kustova & Nagnibeda (2000) and in nozzle expansion Kustova et al. (2003) in different approaches. The results obtained for the relaxation zone behind the shock wave at the following free stream conditions: $T_0 = 293$ K, $p_0 = 100$ Pa, $M_0 = 15$ are presented in Fig. 3.

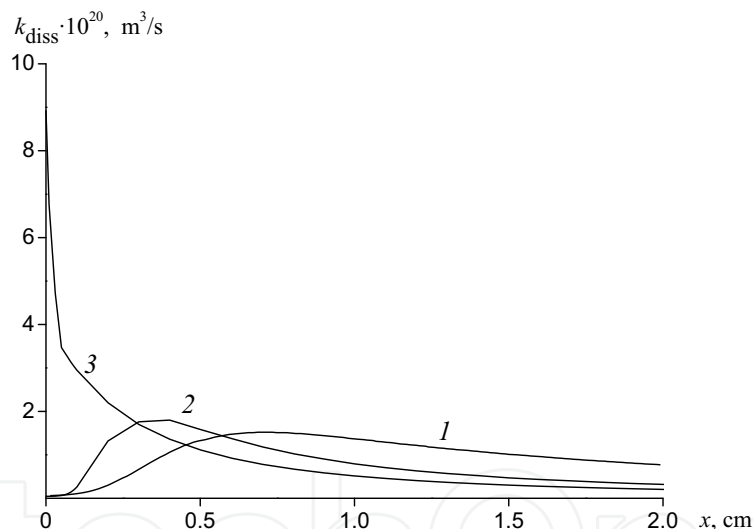


Fig. 3. The averaged dissociation rate coefficient $k_{diss}^{N_2}$ as a function of x . Curves 1, 2, 3 are, respectively, for the state-to-state, two-temperature, and one-temperature approaches.

It is seen that the one-temperature model describes the behavior of the dissociation rate coefficient inadequately, particularly close to the shock front. The two-temperature approach provides more realistic values for the dissociation rate coefficient, overestimating however $k_{diss}^{N_2}$ in comparison to the state-to-state approximation at $x < 0.5$ cm.

The averaged dissociation rate coefficient k_{diss}^{mol} calculated for O_2/O and N_2/N mixtures in a conic nozzle in four approaches using state-to-state, multi-temperature and one-temperature distributions, is presented in Fig. 4. The following conditions in the throat are considered: for O_2/O mixture, $T_* = 4000$ K, $p_* = 1$ atm; for N_2/N mixture, $T_* = 7000$ K, $p_* = 1$ atm. Two kinds of multi-temperature distributions are applied: the Boltzmann distribution for harmonic

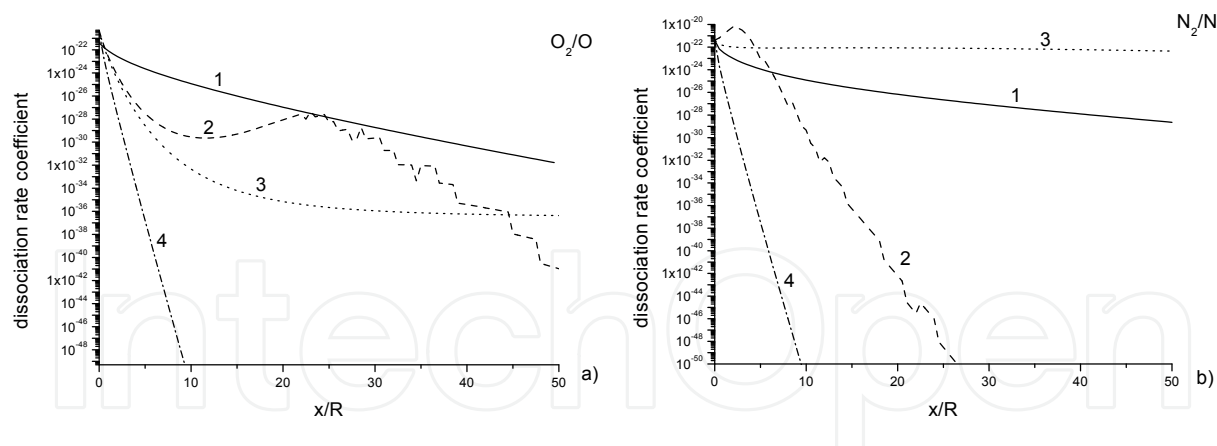


Fig. 4. Averaged dissociation rate coefficient $k_{diss}^{(mol)}$ (m³/s) versus x/R in a conic nozzle. (a) O_2/O , $T_* = 4000$ K, $p_* = 1$ atm; (b) N_2/N , $T_* = 7000$ K, $p_* = 1$ atm. Curves 1: state-to-state model; 2: two-temperature anharmonic oscillator model; 3: two-temperature harmonic oscillator model; 4: one-temperature model.

oscillators and a complex distribution for anharmonic oscillators studied in Kustova et al. (2003). One can see a quite strong influence of the kinetic model on the averaged dissociation rate coefficients, all quasi-stationary models give the values of k_{diss}^{mol} rather far from those obtained in the rigorous state-to-state approximation, the same effect is obtained for k_{diss}^{at} . In all considered cases, k_{diss}^{at} is higher than k_{diss}^{mol} , i.e., atoms are more efficient as partners in the dissociation process.

5. Conclusions

In this Chapter, the theoretical models for non-equilibrium chemical kinetics in multi-component reacting gas flows are proposed on the basis of three approaches of the kinetic theory. In the frame of the one-temperature approximation the chemical kinetics in thermal equilibrium flows or deviating weakly from thermal equilibrium is studied. The coupling of chemical kinetics and fluid dynamics equations is considered in the Euler and Navier-Stokes approximations. Chemical kinetics in vibrationally non-equilibrium flows is considered on the basis of the state-to-state and multi-temperature approaches. Different models for vibrational-chemical coupling in the flows of multi-component mixtures are derived. The influence of non-equilibrium distributions on reaction rates in the flows behind shock waves and in nozzle expansion is demonstrated.

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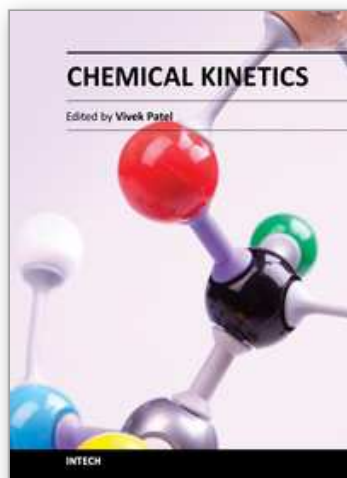
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