The Dynamics of Unsteady Detonation with

Diffusion

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Introduction

- Standard result from non-linear dynamics: small scale phenomena can influence large scale phenomena and vice versa
- What are the risks of using reactive Euler instead of reactive Navier-Stokes?
- Might there be risks in using numerical viscosity and turbulence modeling which filter small scale physical dynamics?

Introduction

- A common practice is to model detonations as inviscid; the stability and non-linear dynamics are well understood for one-dimensional, one-step kinetics (Bourlioux *et. al., SIAM JAM*, 1991; Kasimov & Stewart, *Phys. Fluids*, 2004; Henrick *et. al.*, J. Comp. Phys., 2006).
- It is often argued that viscous forces & diffusion are small effects which do not affect detonation dynamics.
- However, numerical viscosity plays the role of physical viscosity in a way that is grid-dependent.

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- An alternative approach is to use the reactive Navier-Stokes equations.
 - Singh *et. al.* (*CTM*, 2001) studied NS with detailed kinetics and a wavelet method capturing all the fine length scales, with finite viscous shock thickness.
 - Powers & Paolucci (AIAA J, 2005) studied the reaction length scales of H_2 - O_2 detonations and found the finest length scales on the order of sub-microns to microns.

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- Let us examine a simplier version which links one-step kinetics loosely to detailed kinetics.
 - Fix reaction length, $L_{1/2}$, to $10^{-6} m$, which is similar to finest H_2 - O_2 length scale.
 - Fix the diffusion length, L_{μ} , to $10^{-7} m$.
 - have mass, momentum, and energy diffuse at the same rate
- All other parameters identical to widely studied classical inviscid one-step model

One-Dimensional Unsteady Compressible Reactive Navier-Stokes Equations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\rho u \right) = 0, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\rho u \right) &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\rho u^2 + p - \tau \right) = 0, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\rho E \right) &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\rho u E + j^q + (p - \tau) u \right) = 0, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\rho Y_B \right) &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\rho u Y_B + j_B^m \right) = \rho r \end{aligned}$$

Equations were transformed to a moving reference frame.

Constitutive Relations

$$\begin{split} E &= e + \frac{u^2}{2}, \\ p &= \rho RT, \\ e &= c_v T - q Y_B = \frac{p}{\rho \left(\gamma - 1\right)} - q Y_B, \\ r &= H(p - p_s) a \left(1 - Y_B\right) e^{-\frac{E_a}{p/\rho}}, \\ j_B^m &= -\rho \mathcal{D} \frac{\partial Y_B}{\partial x}, \\ \tau &= \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \\ j^q &= -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \rho \mathcal{D} q \frac{\partial Y_B}{\partial x}. \end{split}$$

with $D = 10^4 \frac{m^2}{s}$, $k = 10^1 \frac{W}{mK}$, and $\mu = 10^4 \frac{Ns}{m^2}$, so for $\rho_o = 1 \frac{kg}{m^3}$, Le = Sc = Pr = 1.

Numerical Method

- Finite difference, uniform grid $\left(\Delta x = 2.50 \times 10^{-8} m, N = 8001, L = 0.2 \ mm\right).$
- Computation time = 192 hours for $10 \ \mu s$ on an AMD $2.4 \ GHz$ with $512 \ kB$ cache.
- Advective terms were calculated using a combination of fifth order WENO and Lax-Friedrichs.
- Sixth order central differences were used for the diffusive terms.
- Temporal integration was accomplished using a third order Runge-Kutta scheme.
- Method of Manufactured Solutions confirms convergence at 5th & 3rd order in space and time.



- Initialized with inviscid ZND solution.
- Moving frame travels at approximately CJvelocity.
- Integrated in time for long time behavior.













The amplitude increases, the frequency decreases, and period 2 is realized instead of period 1.

Conclusions

- Dynamics of one-dimensional detonations are influenced significantly by diffusion in the region of instability.
- In general, the effect of diffusion is stabilizing, but it can also be destabilizing.
- In order to capture the dynamics correctly, physical viscosity must dominate numerical viscosity.
- Results will likely carry forward to detailed kinetic systems.
- Likely that detonation cell pattern formation will be influenced by the magnitude of the physical diffusion (Powers, *JPP*, 2006).