Deciphering the Structure of Gaseous Detonations by Numerical Simulation

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Outline of the talk

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 - Shock polar analysis for triple points in detonations
 - Oblique shock relations for real gases
 - Reflection type transition criteria
 - Construction of a transition diagram for low-pressure H₂:O₂:Ar
 - Weak and strong structures in detonations in 2D pipe bends
 - Classification of observed Mach reflection structures
- Short outlook: comparison 2D vs. 3D
- Conclusions



Difficulties in detonation simulations

- 1. Discontinuous solutions \rightarrow high-resolution finite volume method with upwinding in all characteristic fields
- 2. Stiffness of reaction terms, $\Delta t_c \ll \Delta t \rightarrow$ Numerical decoupling of time operators with method of fractional steps and local time steps Δt_c
- 3. Extremely high spatial resolution in reaction zone necessary. Discretization of an exact ZND detonation:



minimal spatial resolution: 7 – 8 Pts/I_{ig} $\rightarrow \Delta x \approx 0.2$ – 0.175mm Uniform grids for typical geometries: > 10⁷ Pts in 2D, > 10⁹ Pts in 3D \rightarrow Selfadaptive finite volume method (AMR)

4. Problem size even with AMR in 3D enormous \rightarrow parallelization for massively parallel systems with distributed memory



Hydrodynamic equations

Euler equations for mixtures

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (\rho u_k) = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho u_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (\rho u_i u_k + \delta_{ik} p) = 0_{= 0}$$
$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (u_k (E + p)) = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho Y_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (\rho Y_i u_k) = \dot{m}_i$$

Implicit equation of state

$$\rho h - p - E + \frac{1}{2}\rho u_k u_k = 0$$

Ideal gas law

$$p = \rho \mathcal{R}T \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{Y_i}{W_i}$$

Caloric equation

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

$$h_i(T) = h_i^0 + \int_{T^0}^T c_{pi}(T^*) dT^*$$

Chemical kinetics with Arrhenius law

$$\dot{m}_{i} = W_{i} \sum_{j=1}^{M} (\nu_{ji}^{r} - \nu_{ji}^{f}) [k_{j}^{f} \prod_{n=1}^{N} (\frac{\rho_{n}}{W_{n}})^{\nu_{jn}^{f}} - k_{j}^{r} \prod_{n=1}^{N} (\frac{\rho_{n}}{W_{n}})^{\nu_{jn}^{r}}]$$



Finite volume scheme

• Method of fractional steps

 $\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}^{(\Delta t)} : & \partial_t \mathbf{q} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q}) = 0 , \quad \text{IC: } \mathbf{Q}(t_m) \stackrel{\Delta t}{\Longrightarrow} \tilde{\mathbf{Q}} \\ \mathcal{S}^{(\Delta t)} : & \partial_t \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{q}) , \quad \text{IC: } \tilde{\mathbf{Q}} \stackrel{\Delta t}{\Longrightarrow} \mathbf{Q}(t_m + \Delta t) \\ 1^{\text{st-order: }} \mathbf{Q}(t_m + \Delta t) = \mathcal{S}^{(\Delta t)} \mathcal{H}^{(\Delta t)}(\mathbf{Q}(t_m)) \\ 2^{\text{nd-order: }} \mathbf{Q}(t_m + \Delta t) = \mathcal{S}^{(\frac{1}{2}\Delta t)} \mathcal{H}^{(\Delta t)} \mathcal{S}^{(\frac{1}{2}\Delta t)}(\mathbf{Q}(t_m)) \end{aligned}$

- Hydrodynamics
 - Extension to 2d and 3d via dimensional splitting
 - Linearized Riemann-solver of Roe-type for thermally perfect gasmixtures (Grossman, Cinella, J. Comput. Phys. 85, 1990)
 - Positivity-preserving
 - Switching to HLL for unphysical ρ , p
 - Fix for Y_i (Larrouturou, J. Comput. Phys. 95, 1991).
 - Entropy fix modification to avoid carbuncle phenomenon (Sanders, Morano, Druguett, J. Comput. Phys. 145, 1998)
 - 2nd-order MUSCL reconstruction
- Evaluation of T with Newton iteration / bisection

RD, G. Bader, Analysis and Numerics for Conservation Laws, p. 69-91, Springer, 2005



Reaction mechanism

- 4th-order semi-implicit Rosenbrock-Wanner ODE solver with stepsize adjustment
- Production rates evaluated with automatically generated F77 function (4x faster Chemkin)
- Jacobian approximated
- c_{pi} , h_i tabulated
- All subsequent computations for hydrogen-oxygen mechanism with 34 elementary reaction, 9 species O₂, H₂, H₂O, H, O, OH, HO₂, H₂O₂, Ar

				Δ		East
				[cm, mol, s]	β	[cal mol ⁻¹]
1.	$H + O_2$	\rightarrow	O + OH	1.86×10^{14}	0.00	16790.
2.	O + OH	\longrightarrow	$H + O_2$	1.48×10^{13}	0.00	680.
3.	$H_2 + O$	\rightarrow	H + OH	1.82×10^{10}	1.00	8900.
4.	H + OH	\rightarrow	$H_2 + O$	8.32×10^{09}	1.00	6950.
5.	$H_{2}O + O$	\rightarrow	OH + OH	3.39×10^{13}	0.00	18350.
6.	OH + OH	\rightarrow	$H_{2}O + O$	3.16×10^{12}	0.00	1100.
7.	$H_2O + H$	\rightarrow	$H_2 + OH$	9.55×10^{13}	0.00	20300.
8.	$H_2 + OH$	\rightarrow	$H_2O + H$	2.19×10^{13}	0.00	5150.
9.	$H_2O_2 + OH$	\rightarrow	$H_2O + HO_2$	1.00×10^{13}	0.00	1800.
10.	$H_2O + HO_2$	\longrightarrow	$H_2O_2 + OH$	2.82×10^{13}	0.00	32790.
11.	$HO_2 + O$	\rightarrow	$OH + O_2$	5.01×10^{13}	0.00	1000.
12.	$OH + O_2$	\longrightarrow	$HO_2 + O$	6.46×10^{13}	0.00	56160.
13.	$HO_2 + H$	\longrightarrow	OH + OH	2.51×10^{14}	0.00	1900.
14.	OH + OH	\rightarrow	$HO_2 + H$	1.20×10^{13}	0.00	40100.
15.	$HO_2 + H$	\longrightarrow	$H_2 + O_2$	2.51×10^{13}	0.00	700.
16.	$H_2 + O_2$	\rightarrow	$HO_2 + H$	5.50×10^{13}	0.00	57800.
17.	$HO_2 + OH$	\rightarrow	$H_2O + O_2$	5.01×10^{13}	0.00	1000.
18.	$H_2O + O_2$	\longrightarrow	$HO_2 + OH$	6.31×10^{14}	0.00	73860.
19.	$H_2O_2 + O_2$	\rightarrow	$HO_2 + HO_2$	3.98×10^{13}	0.00	42640.
20.	$HO_2 + HO_2$	\longrightarrow	$H_2O_2 + O_2$	1.00×10^{13}	0.00	1000.
21.	$H_2O_2 + H$	\longrightarrow	$HO_2 + H_2$	1.70×10^{12}	0.00	3750.
22.	$HO_2 + H_2$	\rightarrow	$H_{2}O_{2} + H$	7.24×10^{11}	0.00	18700.
23.	$H_2O + M$	\longrightarrow	H + OH + M	2.19×10^{16}	0.00	105000.
24.	H + OH + M	\rightarrow	$H_2O + M$	1.41×10^{23}	-2.00	0.
25.	$H + O_2 + M$	\rightarrow	$HO_2 + M$	1.66×10^{15}	0.00	-1000.
26.	$HO_2 + M$	\longrightarrow	$H + O_2 + M$	2.29×10^{15}	0.00	45900.
27.	$H_2O_2 + M$	\rightarrow	OH + OH + M	1.20×10^{17}	0.00	45500.
28.	OH + OH + M	\longrightarrow	$H_{2}O_{2} + M$	9.12×10^{14}	0.00	-5070.
29.	O + H + M	\longrightarrow	OH + M	1.00×10^{16}	0.00	0.
30.	OH + M	\rightarrow	O + H + M	7.94×10^{19}	-1.00	103720.
31.	$O_2 + M$	\longrightarrow	O + O + M	5.13×10^{15}	0.00	115000.
32.	O + O + M	\rightarrow	$O_2 + M$	4.68×10^{15}	-0.28	0.
33.	$H_2 + M$	\rightarrow	H + H + M	2.19×10^{14}	0.00	96000.
34.	H + H + M	\longrightarrow	$H_2 + M$	3.02×10^{15}	0.00	0.

Third body efficiencies: $f(O_2) = 0.40, f(H_2O) = 6.50$

C. K. Westbrook. Chemical kinetics of hydrocarbon oxidation in gaseous detonations. J. Combustion and Flame, 46:191–210, 1982.



Detonation ignition in a shock tube

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Structured AMR for hyperbolic problems

- Refined subgrids overlay coarser ones
- Computational decoupling of subgrids by using ghost cells
- Refinement in space and time
- Block-based data structures
- Cells without mark are refined
- Cluster-algorithm necessary
- Efficient cache-reuse / vectorization possible
- Discretization

$$\mathbf{Q}_{jk}^{n+1} = \mathbf{Q}_{jk}^{n} - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x_{1}} \left[\mathbf{F}_{j+\frac{1}{2},k}^{1} - \mathbf{F}_{j-\frac{1}{2},k}^{1} \right] \\ - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x_{2}} \left[\mathbf{F}_{j,k+\frac{1}{2}}^{2} - \mathbf{F}_{j,k-\frac{1}{2}}^{2} \right]$$

is applied patch-wise

 \rightarrow Inherently parallel approach

M. Berger and P. Colella, J. Comput. Phys. 82, 1988



Parallelization strategy

- Data of all levels resides on same node \rightarrow Interpolation and averaging remain strictly local
- Only parallel operations to be considered:
 - Parallel synchronization as part of ghost cell setting
 - Load-balanced repartitioning of data blocks as part of Regrid(1)
 - Application of flux correction terms on coarse-grid cells
- Partitioning at root level with generalized Hilbert space-filling curve defined in AMR index coordinate system by M. Parashar



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Embedded boundary method

- Incorporate complex moving boundary/ interfaces into a Cartesian solver (extension of work by R.Fedkiw and T.Aslam)
- Implicit boundary representation via distance function φ , normal $n = \nabla \varphi / |\nabla \varphi|$
- Treat an interface as a moving rigid wall
- Method diffuses boundary and is therefore not conservative
- Construction of values in embedded boundary cells by interpolation / extrapolation







- Higher resolution at embedded boundary required than with first-order unstructured scheme
- Appropriate level-set-based refinement criteria are available to cure deficiencies

RD, Computers & Structures, 87: 769-783, 2009



Shock-induced combustion around a sphere

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- Cylindrical symmetric simulation on AMR base mesh of 70x40 cells
- Comparison in quasi-steady state at t=350 μs



Refinement indicators on level 3

Setup from P. Hung, PhD thesis, GalCIT, 2003

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4-level with factors 2,2,4 (~19 Pts/ I_{ig})



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Distribution to 8 processors

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Transverse detonation structure - Regular instability



E: Reflected shock. F: Slip line. G: Diffusive extension of slip line.

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Simulation of regular cellular structures

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- Perturb 1d solution with unreacted high-pressure pocket behind front
- Triple point trajectories by tracking max|\omega| on auxiliary mesh

$$\omega = \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2}$$

- Adaptation criteria:
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Oblique shock relations

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$$\rho_0 u_{0,n} = \rho u_n$$

$$p_0 + \rho_0 u_{0,n}^2 = p + \rho u_n^2$$

$$u_{0,t} = u_t$$

$$h_0 + \frac{1}{2} u_{0,n}^2 = h + \frac{1}{2} u_n^2$$

 u_n^2 u_n^2 ψ

 U_n

Commonly used:

$$\rho_0 u_0 \sin \phi = \rho u \sin(\phi - \theta)$$

$$p_0 + \rho_0 u_0^2 \sin^2 \phi = p + \rho u^2 \sin^2(\phi - \theta)$$

$$\rho_0 \tan \phi = \rho \tan(\phi - \theta)$$

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 U_{0n}

 U_0

 $U_{0,t}$

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$$f(T) := \frac{RT_0}{u_{0,n}} + u_{0,n} - \frac{RT}{u_n} + u_n = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad u_n = \sqrt{u_{0,n}^2 - 2\int_{T_0}^T c_p(\nu)d\nu}$$

numerically



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- Transitional (TMR) to double Mach reflection (DMR): M_C^T=1 with M_C^T>1 for DMR

G. Ben-Dor, Shock wave reflection phenomena, 2^{nd} ed., Springer, 2007.

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Shock polar analysis for a DMR

		p/p_0	r/r_0	u[m/s]	α
	Α	1.00	1.00	1775	-39.5
	В	31.45	4.17	447	-64.4
	С	31.69	5.32	965	-64.4
	D	19.17	3.84	1178	-73.2
	Е	35.61	5.72	901	-67.9
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	p/p_{O}	r/r_0	u[m/s]	α	γ	M	u'[m/s]	α'	M'
А	1.00	1.00	1775	-39.5	1.557	5.078	1718	-40.2	4.916
В	31.45	4.17	447	-64.4	1.487	0.477	407	-70.3	0.433
С	31.69	5.32	965	-64.4	1.500	1.153	923	-67.0	1.103
D	19.17	3.84	1178	-73.2	1.509	1.533	1144	-75.7	1.488
Е	35.61	5.72	901	-67.9	1.497	1.053	862	-70.8	1.007
F	40.61	6.09	777	-70.0	1.494	0.880	740	-73.6	0.838



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Reflection types depending on transverse wave strength H₂: O₂: Ar/2: 1: 7 at T_0 = 298K and p_0 = 10 kPa



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Transient conditions: Propagation through smooth pipe bends

- Regular Chapman-Jouguet detonation for $H_2 : O_2 : Ar/2 : 1 : 7$ at $T_0 = 298K$ and $p_0=10$ kPa, cell width 1.6 cm, tube width of 5 detonation cells (8 cm)
- Pipe bend with same radius. Angle: 15°, 30°, 45°, 60°
- 56.2 Pts within induction length. 4 additional refinement levels (2,2,2,4)
- Adaptive computations use $\approx 7.10^6$ cells ($\approx 5.10^6$ on highest level) instead of $1.2.10^9$ cells (uniform grid)
- ~70,000h CPU each on 128 CPUs Pentium-4 2.2GHz



Color plot of temperature, 15° pipe bend



Dynamic mesh adaptation (60°, 56.2 Pts/I_{ig})





~170 μs Time after entering bend



Enlarged triple point tracks (56.2 Pts/I_{iq})



Resolution comparison (15°)– triple point tracks



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Principal flow phenomena (45^{\circ}, 56.2 Pts/ I_{ia}) Unreacted pockets Detonation failure Mach reflection

~60µs

~80µs

~100µs

Time after entering bend



Principal flow phenomena (45^{\circ}, 56.2 Pts/ I_{ig})



~120µs



~140µs



Triple point analysis (15⁰)





Triple point analysis (15⁰)



Triple point analysis (15⁰)



Triple point analysis (30⁰)



Triple point analysis (45⁰)



Outlook: Regular cellular structures in 3D

- Regular Chapman-Jouguet detonation for $H_2 : O_2 : Ar/2 : 1 : 7$ at $T_0 = 298K$ and $p_0=6.67$ kPa, cell width 3 cm
- Unburned gas flows in with CJ velocity



Front view of the periodic solution

 $t = 680 \,\mu\mathrm{s} + 600 \,\mu\mathrm{s}$ (Computation 1)



 $t = 660 \,\mu\mathrm{s} + 620 \,\mu\mathrm{s}$ (Computation 2)



High-resolution simulation

- Simulation of only one quadrant
- 44.8 Pts within induction length
- AMR base grid 400x24x24, 2 additional refinement levels (2, 4)
- Simulation uses ~18M cells instead of 118M (unigrid)
- ~51,000h CPU on 128 CPU Compaq Alpha (LANL QSC)

Task	&
Fluid Dynamics	37.6
Chemical Kinetics	25.1
Boundary Setting	24.4
Reorganization	6.6
Misc.	6.3



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High-resolution simulation: Results





Schlieren plot of Y_{OH} , iso-surfaces of Y_{OH} and ρ visualize induction length, periodicity exploited for visualization

OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY U. S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY Transverse wave strength S smaller than in 2D. TMR patterns do occur!



Conclusions

- For particular mixtures, detailed detonation structure simulations with detailed chemistry are possible nowadays in 2D realistic geometries
- Accurate studies for idealized 3D configurations
- Resolution down to the scale of secondary triple points can be provided on parallel capacity computing systems
 - Key components:
 - Operator splitting allows a cell-wise integration of stiff reaction terms
 - SAMR provides a sufficient spatial and temporal resolution, savings up to >250
- Unreactive, thermally perfect shock polar analysis is applicable to explain observed reflection patterns
 - Shock wave reflection theory is applicable to predict local triple point structure and stability
 - Triple point type is determined solely by S and M which can be derived from a single time step
 - Still missing: estimate for secondary triple point velocity a_t tailored for detonations to rigorously TMR/DMR transition
- Observations:
 - Stable triple point structures in self-sustained detonations seem to exist only in the TMR and DMR, but not in the SMR regime
 - A change of the reflection type happens especially in triple point collisions
- Literature, links to software, papers, etc.: <u>http://www.csm.ornl.gov/~r2v</u>

