



Application of modern tools for the thermo-acoustic study of annular combustion chambers

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Introduction







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SOME KEY INGREDIENTS

- Flow physics
 - turbulence, partial mixing, chemistry, two-phase flow , combustion modeling, heat loss, wall treatment, radiative transfer, ...
- Acoustics
 - complex impedance, mean flow effects, acoustics/flame coupling, non-linearity, limit cycle, non-normality, mode interactions, ...
- Numerics
 - Low dispersive low dissipative schemes, non linear stability, scalability, non-linear eigen value problems, …

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Computer

Cray XT5-HE Opteron Six Core 2.6 GHz

Dawning TC3600 Blade, Intel X5650, NVidia Tesla C2050 GPU

BladeCenter QS22/LS21 Cluster, PowerXCell 8i 3.2 Ghz / Opteron DC 1.8 GHz, Voltaire Infiniband

Cray XT5-HE Opteron Six Core 2.6 GHz

Blue Gene/P Solution

SGI Altix ICE 8200EX/8400EX, Xeon HT QC 3.0/Xeon Westmere 2.93 Ghz, Infiniband

NUDT TH-1 Cluster, Xeon E5540/E5450, ATI Radeon HD 4870 2, Infiniband

eServer Blue Gene Solution

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BGW - eServer Blue Gene Solution IBM

New York Blue - eServer Blue Gene Solution IBM

ASC Purple - eServer pSeries p5 575 1.9 GHz IBM

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Abe - PowerEdge 1955, 2.33 GHz, Infiniband Dell

MareNostrum - BladeCenter JS21 Cluster, IBM

HLRB-II - Altix 4700 1.6 GHz SGI

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• Large scale unsteady computations require huge computing resources, an efficient codes ...





Thermo-acoustic instabilities



The Berkeley backward facing step experiment.

Thermo-acoustic instabilities

- Self-sustained oscillations arising from the coupling between a source of heat and the acoustic waves of the system
- Known since a very long time (Rijke, 1859; Rayleigh, 1878)
- Not fully understood yet ...
- but surely not desirable ...

Better avoid them ...



Flame/acoustics coupling



Rayleigh criterion:

Flame/acoustics coupling promotes instability if pressure and heat release fluctuations are in phase

A tractable 1D problem



Equations



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Dispersion relation

- Solve the 4x4 homogeneous linear system to find out the 4 wave amplitudes
- Consider Fourier modes

$$p'(x,t) = \Re(\hat{p}(x)e^{-j\omega t})$$

 $\begin{cases} \Im(\omega) < 0: \text{ damped mode} \\ \Im(\omega) > 0: \text{ amplified mode} \end{cases}$

• Condition for non-trivial (zero) solutions to exist

$$\cos\left(\frac{\omega L}{4c_1}\right) \times \left[\cos^2\left(\frac{\omega L}{4c_1}\right) - \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4}\frac{ne^{j\omega\tau} - 1}{ne^{j\omega\tau} + 3}\right] = 0$$
Uncoupled modes
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Stability of the coupled modes

• Eigen frequencies

$$\cos^{2}\left(\frac{\omega L}{4c_{1}}\right) - \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4}\frac{ne^{j\omega\tau} - 1}{ne^{j\omega\tau} + 3} = 0$$

• Steady flame *n=0*:

$$\omega_{m,0} = \frac{4c_1}{L} \left[\pm \arccos\left(\pm\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\right) + 2m\pi \right], \quad m = 0,1,2,\dots$$

• Asymptotic development for *n*<<1:

$$\omega_{m} = \omega_{m,0} - n \frac{4c_{1}}{9L\sin(\omega_{m,0}L/2c_{1})} \left[\cos(\omega_{m,0}\tau) + j\sin(\omega_{m,0}\tau)\right] + o(n)$$
Complex pulsation shift

Kaufmann, Nicoud & Poinsot, Comb. Flame, 2002

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Time lag effect

- The imaginary part of the frequency is $-n \frac{4c_1 \sin(\omega_{m,0}\tau)}{9L \sin(\omega_{m,0}L/2c_1)}$
- Steady flame modes such that

$$\sin(\omega_{m,0}L/2c_1) < 0$$

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Time lag effect

- The imaginary part of the frequency is $-n \frac{4c_1 \sin(\omega_{m,0}\tau)}{9L \sin(\omega_{m,0}L/2c_1)}$
- Steady flame modes such that

$$\sin(\omega_{m,0}L/2c_1)>0$$

• The unsteady HR destabilizes the flame if

$$\sin(\omega_{m,0}\tau) < 0 \implies \pi < \omega_{m,0}\tau < 2\pi[2\pi] \implies \frac{T_{m,0}}{2} < \tau < T_{m,0} \begin{bmatrix} T_{m,0} \end{bmatrix} \\
 \underbrace{\text{unstable}}_{0 \quad T_{m,0}} \xrightarrow{T_{m,0}} 3T_{m,0}/2 \quad 2T_{m,0} \quad 5T_{m,0}/2 \quad 3T_{m,0} \quad \tau$$

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Numerical example



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- 1. Computing the whole flow
- 2. Computing the fluctuations
- 3. Boundary conditions
- 4. Analysis of an annular combustor

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BASIC EQUATIONS

reacting, multi-species gaseous mixture

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} &+ \frac{\partial (\rho u_i)}{\partial x_i} = 0 & r = R/W \\ \frac{\partial (\rho Y_k)}{\partial t} &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\rho \left(u_i + V_{k,i} \right) Y_k \right) = \dot{\omega}_k & \\ \frac{\partial (\rho u_i)}{\partial t} &+ \frac{\partial (\rho u_i u_j)}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_j} & \dot{\omega}_T = -\sum_k \Delta h_{f,k}^0 \dot{\omega}_k \\ \rho \frac{DE}{Dt} &= -\frac{\partial q_i^*}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\tau_{ij} u_i) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (p u_i) + \dot{\omega}_T & C_p = \sum_k C_{p,k} Y_k \\ \frac{p}{\rho} &= r T \end{split}$$

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BASIC EQUATIONS energy / enthalpy forms

$h_{s,k} = \int_{T_0}^T C_{\underline{p,k}} dT$	Sensible enthalpy of species k
$h_k = \int_{T_0}^T C_{p,k} dT + \Delta h_{f,k}^0$	Specific enthalpy of species k
$h_s = \sum_k h_{s,k} Y_k$	Sensible enthalpy of the mixture
$h = h_s + \sum_k \Delta h_{f,k}^0 Y_k$	Specific enthalpy of the mixture
$h_t = h + u_i u_i / 2$	Total enthalpy of the mixture
$H = h_s + u_i u_i / 2$	Total non chemical enthalpy of the mixture
$E = H - p/\rho$	Total non chemical energy of the mixture
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BASIC EQUATIONS

Stress and heat flux

$$\tau_{ij} = -\frac{2}{3}\mu \frac{\partial u_l}{\partial x_l} \,\delta_{ij} + \mu \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i}\right)$$

$$q_{i} = \underbrace{-\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_{i}} + \rho \sum_{k} h_{s,k} Y_{k} V_{k,i}}_{q_{i}^{*}} + \rho \sum_{k} \Delta h_{f,k}^{0} Y_{k} V_{k,i}}_{q_{i}^{*}}$$

$$\mu = \mu_{ref} \left(\frac{T}{T_{ref}}\right)^c \qquad \qquad \lambda = \frac{\mu C_p}{\Pr} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{D}_k = \frac{1 - T_k}{\sum_{j \neq k} X_j / \mathcal{D}_{jk}} \\ \mathcal{D}_k = \nu / Sc_k.$$

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turbulent flow laminar flow

Turbulence

- Turbulence is contained in the NS 1. equations
- The flow regime (laminar vs 2. turbulent) depends on the Reynolds number :



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RANS – LES - DNS



About the RANS approach

- Averages are not always enough (instabilities, growth rate, vortex shedding)
- Averages are even not always meaningful



The basic idea of LES



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LES equations

- Assumes small commutation errors
- Filtered version of the flow equations :

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \overline{\rho} \, \widetilde{Y}_k}{\partial t} &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\overline{\rho} \, \widetilde{Y}_k \, \widetilde{u}_j) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} [\overline{J_{k,j}} + J_{k,j}^{\mathrm{SGS}}] + \overline{\omega}_k, \\ \frac{\partial \overline{\rho} \, \widetilde{u}_i}{\partial t} &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\overline{\rho} \, \widetilde{u}_i \, \widetilde{u}_j) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} [\overline{P} \, \delta_{ij} - \overline{\tau_{ij}} - \tau_{ij}^{\mathrm{SGS}}], \\ \frac{\partial \overline{\rho} \, \widetilde{E}}{\partial t} &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\overline{\rho} \, \widetilde{E} \, \widetilde{u}_j) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} [\overline{u_i} \, (P \, \delta_{ij} - \tau_{ij}) + \overline{q}_j^* + q_j^{\mathrm{SGS}}] + \overline{\omega}_T, \end{split}$$

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Laminar contributions

• Assumes negligible cross correlation between gradient and diffusion coefficients:

$$\overline{J_{k,i}} = -\overline{\rho \left(D_k \frac{W_k}{W} \frac{\partial X_k}{\partial x_i} - Y_k V_i^{cor} \right)} \\ \approx -\overline{\rho} \left(\overline{D}_k \frac{W_k}{W} \frac{\partial \widetilde{X}_k}{\partial x_i} - \widetilde{Y}_k \widetilde{V}_i^{cor} \right)$$

$$\overline{q_i^*} = -\overline{\lambda} \frac{\overline{\partial T}}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{k=1}^N \overline{J_{k,i}} h_{s,k}$$
$$\approx -\overline{\lambda} \frac{\overline{\partial T}}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{k=1}^N \overline{J_{k,i}} \widetilde{h}_{s,k}$$

$$\overline{\tau_{ij}} = \overline{2\mu(S_{ij} - \frac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}S_{ll})} \\ \approx 2\overline{\mu}(\widetilde{S}_{ij} - \frac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}\widetilde{S}_{ll})$$

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Sub-grid scale contributions

• Sub-grid scale stress tensor to be modeled

$$\tau_{ij}^{sgs} = \overline{\rho} \, \widetilde{u}_i \widetilde{u}_j - \rho \, u_i u_j$$

• Sub-grid scale mass flux to be modeled

$$J_{k,j}^{sgs} = -\overline{\rho} \, \widetilde{Y}_k \widetilde{u}_j + \overline{\rho Y_k u_j}$$

• Sub-grid scale heat flux to be modeled

$$q_{j}^{sgs} = -\overline{\rho} \,\widetilde{E} \,\widetilde{u}_{j} + \overline{\rho \,E \,u_{j}}$$

The Smagorinsky model

• From dimensional consideration, simply assume:

$$\tau_{ij}^{sgs} - \frac{1}{3}\tau_{kk}^{sgs}\delta_{ij} = 2\mu_{sgs}\left(\widetilde{S}_{ij} - \frac{1}{3}\widetilde{S}_{kk}\delta_{ij}\right), \text{ with } \widetilde{S}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial\widetilde{u}_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial\widetilde{u}_j}{\partial x_i}\right)$$
$$\mu_{sgs} = \overline{\rho}(C_s\Delta)^2\sqrt{2\widetilde{S}_{ij}\widetilde{S}_{ij}}$$

• The Smagorinsky constant is fixed so that the proper dissipation rate is produced, $C_s = 0.18$

The Smagorinsky model

- The sgs dissipation is $\mathcal{E}_{sgs} = \tau_{ij}^{sgs} \widetilde{S}_{ij} \approx 2\mu_{sgs} \widetilde{S}_{ij} \widetilde{S}_{ij}$ always positive
- Very simple to implement, no extra CPU time
- Any mean gradient induces sub-grid scale activity and dissipation, even in 2D !!



V = W = 0 but $\mu_{sgs} \neq 0$

because
$$U = U(y)$$
 and $S_{12} \neq 0$

No laminar-to-turbulent transition possible

Strong limitation due to its lack of universality.
 Eg.: in a channel flow, Cs=0.1 should be used
The Dynamic procedure (constant ρ)

• By performing $N\!S$, the following sgs contribution appears

• Let's apply another filter to these equations

By performing NS, one obtains the following equations

$$\rho \frac{\partial \vec{u}_i}{\partial t} + \rho \frac{\partial \vec{u}_i \vec{u}_j}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \left(\overline{\tau_{ij}} + T_{ij}^{sgs}\right)}{\partial x_j} \qquad T_{ij}^{sgs} = \rho \vec{u}_i \vec{u}_j - \rho \vec{u}_i \vec{u}_j \qquad \textbf{B}$$

• From **A** and **B** one obtains

$$T_{ij}^{sgs} = \overleftarrow{\tau_{ij}^{sgs}} - \rho \overleftarrow{\overline{u_i}} \overrightarrow{\overline{u_j}} + \rho \overleftarrow{\overline{u_i}} \overleftarrow{\overline{u_j}}$$

The dynamic Smagorinsky model

• Assume the Smagorinsky model is applied twice

$$\tau_{ij}^{sgs} - \frac{1}{3} \tau_{kk}^{sgs} \delta_{ij} = 2\rho (C_s \overline{\Delta})^2 \sqrt{2\overline{S_{ij}} \overline{S_{ij}}} \overline{S_{ij}}$$
$$T_{ij}^{sgs} - \frac{1}{3} T_{kk}^{sgs} \delta_{ij} = 2\rho (C_s \overline{\Delta})^2 \sqrt{2\overline{S_{ij}} \overline{S_{ij}}} \overleftrightarrow{\overline{S_{ij}}}$$

Assume the same constant can be used and write the Germano identity

$$T_{ij}^{sgs} = \overrightarrow{\tau_{ij}^{sgs}} - \rho \overrightarrow{u_i u_j} + \rho \overrightarrow{u_i u_j}$$

$$2\rho \left(C_s \overrightarrow{\Delta}\right)^2 \sqrt{2\overrightarrow{S_{ij}}} \overrightarrow{S_{ij}} + \frac{1}{3} T_{kk}^{sgs} \delta_{ij} = 2\rho \left(C_s \overrightarrow{\Delta}\right)^2 \sqrt{2\overrightarrow{S_{ij}}} \overrightarrow{S_{ij}} + \frac{1}{3} \overrightarrow{\tau_{kk}^{sgs}} \delta_{ij} - \rho \overrightarrow{u_i u_j} + \rho \overrightarrow{u_i u_j}$$

$$\boxed{C_s^2 M_{ij} = L_{ij}}$$
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The dynamic procedure

The **dynamic** procedure can be applied **locally** :

- the constant depends on both **space** and **time**
- good for **complex** geometries,
- but requires clipping (no warranty that the constant is positive)

$$C^2 \equiv \frac{L_{ij}M_{ij}}{M_{ij}M_{ij}}$$

 M_{ii} depends on the SGS model

 L_{ii} can be computed from the resolved scales

How often should we accept to clip ?





The global dynamic procedure

The **dynamic** procedure can also be applied **globally**:

- The constant depends only on time
- **no clipping** required,
- just as good as the **static** model it is based on
- Requires an improved time scale estimate

$$C^{2} \equiv \frac{\left\langle L_{ij}M_{ij}\right\rangle}{\left\langle M_{ij}M_{ij}\right\rangle}$$

 M_{ii} depends on the SGS model

 L_{ii} can be computed from the resolved scales

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Sub-grid scale model

- 1. Practically, eddy-viscosity models are often preferred
- 2. The gold standard today is the **Dynamic Smagorinsky** model



3. Looking for an improved model for the time scale

Description of the σ - model

• Eddy-viscosity based: $\mu_{sgs} = \rho (C\Delta)^2 \times (\text{time scale})^{-1}$

- Start to compute the **singular values** of the velocity **gradient tensor** (neither difficult nor expensive)
- $0 \le \sigma_3 \le \sigma_2 \le \sigma_1$



Sub-grid scale contributions

• Sub-grid scale stress tensor

$$\tau_{ij}^{sgs} = \overline{\rho} \, \widetilde{u}_i \widetilde{u}_j - \rho \, u_i u_j \quad \rightarrow \quad \mu_{sgs} \text{ based model}$$

• Sub-grid scale mass flux of species k and heat flux

$$\begin{split} J_{k,j}^{sgs} &= -\overline{\rho} \, \widetilde{Y}_k \widetilde{u}_j + \overline{\rho} \, Y_k u_j & \longrightarrow \quad J_{k,j}^{sGS} = -\overline{\rho} \left(D_k^{sGS} \frac{W_k}{W} \frac{\partial \widetilde{X}_k}{\partial x_j} - \widetilde{Y}_k \, V_j^{c,sGS} \right) \\ q_j^{sgs} &= -\overline{\rho} \, \widetilde{E} \, \widetilde{u}_j + \overline{\rho} \, E \, u_j & \longrightarrow \quad q_j^{sGS} = -\lambda_{sGS} \, \frac{\partial \widetilde{T}}{\partial x_j} + \sum_{k=1}^N J_{k,j}^{sGS} \, \widetilde{h}_s^k \end{split}$$

• In practice, constant SGS Schmidt and Prandtl numbers

$$D_k^{sgs} = \frac{\mu_{sgs}}{\overline{\rho} S c_k^{sgs}}; \quad S c_k^{sgs} = 0.7 \qquad \qquad \lambda_{sgs} = \frac{\mu_{sgs} C_p}{\Pr_{sgs}}; \quad \Pr_{sgs} = 0.5$$

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Sub-grid scale heat release

• The chemical source terms are highly non-linear (Arrhenius type of terms)

$$\dot{\omega}_F = -A_1 \rho^2 T^{\beta_1} Y_F Y_O \exp\left(-\frac{T_A}{T}\right)$$

• The flame thickness is usually very small (0.1 - 1 mm), smaller than the typical grid size



The G-equation approach

• The flame is identified as a given surface of a G field



Poinsot & Veynante, 2001

• The G-field is smooth and computed from

$$\frac{\partial \overline{\rho} \widetilde{G}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \overline{\rho} \widetilde{u}_i \widetilde{G}}{\partial x_i} = \rho_0 \overline{s}_T \left| \nabla \overline{G} \right|$$

• "Universal " turbulent flame speed model not available ...

• From laminar premixed flames theory:

$$S_L^o \propto \sqrt{a A}$$
, and, $\delta_L^0 \propto \frac{a}{S_L^0} \propto \sqrt{\frac{a}{A}}$,

• Multiplying a and dividing A by the same thickening factor F



Poinsot & Veynante, 2001

• The thickened flame propagates at the proper laminar speed but it is less wrinkled than the original flame:



Total reaction rate R₁

Total reaction rate R₂

• This leads to a decrease of the total consumption: $R_1 \rightarrow R_2 = \frac{R_1}{E} < R_1$

• An efficiency function is used to represent the sub-grid scale wrinkling of the thickened flame

Diffusivity: $a \rightarrow Fa \rightarrow EFa$ Preexponential constant: $A \rightarrow A/F \rightarrow EA/F$

thickening

SGS wrinckling

- This leads to a thickened flame (resolvable) with increased velocity (SGS wrinkling) with the proper total rate of consumption
- The efficiency function is a function of characteristic velocity and length scales ratios



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• Advantages

- 1. finite rate chemistry (ignition / extinction)
- 2. fully resolved flame front avoiding numerical problems
- 3. easily implemented and validated
- 4. degenerates towards DNS: does laminar flames
- But the mixing process is not computed accurately outside the reaction zone
 - 1. Extension required for diffusion or partially premixed flames
 - Introduction of a sensor to detect the flame zone and switch the F and E terms off in the non-reacting zones



About solid walls

• In the near wall region, the total shear stress is constant. Thus the proper velocity and length scales are based on the wall shear stress τ_w :

$$u_{\tau} = \sqrt{\frac{\tau_{w}}{\rho}} \qquad l = \frac{\nu}{u_{\tau}}$$

• In the case of attached boundary layers, there is an inertial zone where the following universal velocity law is followed

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$$u^{+} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln y^{+} + C, \qquad u^{+} = \frac{u}{u_{\tau}}, \qquad y^{+} = \frac{yu_{\tau}}{v}$$

$$\kappa: \text{ Von Karman constant}, \quad \kappa \approx 0.4$$

$$C: "\text{ Universal constant"}, \quad C \approx 5.2$$

Wall modeling

• A specific wall treatment is required to avoid huge mesh refinement or large errors,



Velocity gradient at wall assessed from a coarse grid

Exact velocity gradient at wall

• Use a coarse grid and the log law to impose the proper fluxes at the wall τ_{32}^{model} τ_{12}^{model} τ_{12}^{model}

About solid walls

• Close to solid walls, the largest scales are small ...





- Resolution requirement: $\Delta y^+ = O(1)$, Δz^+ and $\Delta x^+ = O(10)$!!

- Number of grid points: $O(R_{\tau}^{2})$ for wall resolved LES

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Wall modeling in LES

- Not even the **most energetic** scales are resolved when the first off-wall point is in the log layer
- No reliable model available yet



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Considering only perturbations

Approach: solve acoustic field using finite volume method



resolve only large scales (acoustic modes)

model small scales (combustion)

- ⇒ Compared to LES:
- simplified system of equations, coarser grid
- requires less computational time

Linearized Euler Equations

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} = -\rho\nabla\cdot\mathbf{u}$$

$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -\nabla p$$

$$\frac{Ds}{Dt} = \frac{rq}{p}$$

- assume homogeneous mixture
- neglect viscosity
- decompose each variable into its mean and fluctuation

$$f(\mathbf{x},t) = f_0(\mathbf{x}) + f_1(\mathbf{x},t)$$

• assume small amplitude fluctuations

$$\frac{f_1}{f_0} \equiv \mathcal{E} \ll 1; \quad f = \rho, p, T, s = C_v \ln\left(\frac{p}{\rho^{\gamma}}\right)$$
$$\frac{\|\mathbf{u}_1\|}{c_0} \equiv \mathcal{E} \ll 1; \quad c_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p_0}{\rho_0}}$$

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Linearized Euler Equations

$$\frac{\partial \rho_1}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u_0} \nabla \rho_1 + \mathbf{u_1} \nabla \rho_0 + \rho_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u_1} + \rho_1 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u_0} = 0$$

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{u_1}}{\partial t} + \rho_0 \mathbf{u_0} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u_1} + \rho_0 \mathbf{u_1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u_0} + \rho_1 \mathbf{u_0} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u_0} + \nabla p_1 = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial s_1}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u_0} \nabla s_1 + \mathbf{u_1} \nabla s_0 = \frac{rq_1}{p_0} - \frac{rq_0 p_1}{p_0^2}$$

- the unknown are the small amplitude fluctuations,
- the mean flow quantities must be provided
- requires a model for the heat release fluctuation q₁
- contain all what is needed, and more ...: acoustics + vorticity + entropy

Zero Mach number assumption

• No mean flow or "Zero-Mach number" assumption

$$f(\mathbf{x},t) = f_0(\mathbf{x}) + f_1(\mathbf{x},t); \quad \frac{f_1}{f_0} \equiv \varepsilon \ll 1; \quad f = \rho, p, T, s = C_v \ln\left(\frac{p}{\rho^{\gamma}}\right)$$
$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x},t) = \mathbf{u}_0(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{u}_1(\mathbf{x},t); \quad \frac{\|\mathbf{u}_1\|}{c_0} \equiv \varepsilon \ll 1; \quad c_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p_0}{\rho_0}}$$
$$\frac{\text{Equation}}{\text{Mass}} \frac{M \ll 1 \text{ and } M \ll L_f/L_a}{M \ll 1 \text{ and } M \ll \sqrt{L_f/L_a}}$$
$$\frac{\text{momentum}}{L_a}: \text{acoustic wavelength} \qquad L_f: \text{flame thickness}$$

• Probably well justified below 0.01

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Linear equations

Mass:
$$\frac{\partial \rho_1}{\partial t} + \rho_0 div(\mathbf{u}_1) + \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla \rho_0 = 0$$
 Momentum: $\rho_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}_1}{\partial t} = -\nabla p_1$
Energy: $\rho_0 C_v \left[\frac{\partial T_1}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla T_0 \right] = -p_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 + q_1$ State: $\frac{p_1}{p_0} = \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_0} + \frac{T_1}{T_0}$

- The unknowns are the fluctuating quantities ρ_1 , \mathbf{u}_1 , T_1 , p_1
- The mean density, temperature, ... fields must be provided
- A model for the unsteady HR q_1 is required to close the system

Flame Transfer Functions

- Relate the global HR $Q_1(t) = \int_{\Omega} q_1(\mathbf{x}, t) d\Omega$ to upstream velocity fluctuations
- General form in the frequency space

$$\hat{Q}(\omega) = F(\omega) \times \hat{u}(\mathbf{x}_{ref}, \omega)$$

- n-τ model (Crocco, 1956), low-pass filter/saturation (Dowling, 1997), laminar conic or V-flames (Schuller et al, 2003), entropy waves (Dowling, 1995; Polifke, 2001), ...
- Justified for acoustically compact flames

Local FTF model

- Flame not necessarily compact
- Local FTF model

$$\frac{\hat{q}(\mathbf{x},\omega)}{q_{\text{mean}}} = n_l(\mathbf{x},\omega) \times e^{j\omega\tau_l(\mathbf{x},\omega)} \times \frac{\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{\text{ref}},\omega) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\text{ref}}}{U_{\text{bulk}}}$$

 n_l, τ_l : Two scalar fields

- The scalar fields must be defined in order to match the actual flame response
- LES is the most appropriate tool assessing these fields

Local FTF model



Giauque et al., AIAA paper 2008-2943

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Back to the linear equations

- Let us suppose that we have a "reasonable" model for the flame response
- The set of linear equations still needs to be solved

Mass:
$$\frac{\partial \rho_1}{\partial t} + \rho_0 div(\mathbf{u}_1) + \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla \rho_0 = 0$$

Momentum: $\rho_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}_1}{\partial t} = -\nabla p_1$ State: $\frac{p_1}{p_0} = \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_0} + \frac{T_1}{T_0}$
Energy: $\rho_0 C_v \left[\frac{\partial T_1}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \nabla T_0 \right] = -p_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 + q_1$

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Time domain integration

- Use a finite element mesh of the geometry
- Prescribe boundary conditions
- Initialize with random fields
- Compute its evolution over time ...

• This is the usual approach in LES/CFD !

A simple annular combustor (TUM)





Pankiewitz and Sattelmayer, J. Eng. Gas Turbines and Power, 2003

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The Helmholtz equation

• Since 'periodic' fluctuations are expected, let's work in the frequency space

$$p_{1}(\mathbf{x},t) = \Re\left(\hat{p}(\mathbf{x})e^{-j\omega t}\right) \qquad \mathbf{u}_{1}(\mathbf{x},t) = \Re\left(\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x})e^{-j\omega t}\right)$$
$$q_{1}(\mathbf{x},t) = \Re\left(\hat{q}(\mathbf{x})e^{-j\omega t}\right)$$

From the set of linear equations for ρ₁, u₁, p₁, T₁, the following wave equation can be derived

$$\gamma p_0 \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\rho_0} \vec{\nabla} \hat{p}\right) + \omega^2 \hat{p} = j \omega (\gamma - 1) \hat{q}$$

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3D acoustic codes

• Let us first consider the simple 'steady flame' case

$$\gamma p_0 \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\rho_0} \vec{\nabla} \hat{p}\right) + \omega^2 \hat{p} = 0$$

• With simple boundary conditions

$$\hat{p} = 0$$
 or $\rho_0 \boldsymbol{\omega} \, \hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \nabla \hat{p} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$

• Use the Finite Element framework to handle complex geometries

Discrete problem

• If *m* is the number of nodes in the mesh, the unknown is now

$$\mathbf{P} = [\hat{p}_1, \hat{p}_2, ..., \hat{p}_m]^T$$

• Applying the FE method, one obtains

Linear
Eigenvalue
Problem
of size N
$$AP+\omega^2P=0$$
A : square matrix
discrete version of : $\gamma p_0 \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla\right)$
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Solving the eigenvalue problem

- The QR algorithm is the method of choice for small/medium scale problems
 Shur decomposition: AQ=QT, Q unitary, T upper triangular
- Krylov-based algorithms are more appropriate when only a few modes needs to be computed
 Partial Shur decomposition: AQ_n=Q_nH_n+E_n with n << m
- A possible choice: the Arnoldi method implemented in the P-ARPACK library (Lehoucq et al., 1996)

Solving the eigenvalue problem

 $A\hat{v}(x) = i\omega\hat{v}(x)$ $H_n + h_{n+1,n}q_{n+1}e_n^T$ $= Q_n$ Q_n \boldsymbol{A} +Ξ $m \times m$ $n \times n$ $m \times n$ $m \times n$ $m \times n$ eigenvalues of H: eigenvalues and approximation of ~vectors of A eigenvalues of A
Computing the TUM annular combustor



- FE mesh of the plenum + 12 injectors + swirlers + combustor + 12 nozzles
- Mean temperature field prescribed from experimental observations

TUM combustor: first seven modes



An industrial gas turbine burner



- Industrial burner (Siemens) mounted on a square cross section combustion chamber
- Studied experimentally (Schildmacher et al., 2000), by LES (Selle et al., 2004), and acoustically (Selle et al., 2005)

Instability in the LES

• From the LES, an instability develops at 1198 Hz







Acoustic modes



Turning mode

 The turning mode observed in LES can be recovered by adding the two 1192 Hz modes with a 90° phase shift



Selle et al., 2005

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Realistic boundary conditions

• Complex, reduced boundary impedance



• Using the momentum equation, the most general BC is

$$\nabla \hat{p} \cdot \mathbf{n} - \frac{j\omega}{cZ} \, \hat{p} = 0$$

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Discrete problem with realistic BCs

• In general, the reduced impedance depends on *w* and the discrete EV problem becomes non-linear:

$$\mathbf{AP} + \underbrace{\text{Boundary Terms}}_{\nabla \hat{p} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \frac{j\omega}{cZ(\omega)}\hat{p}} + \omega^2 \mathbf{P} = 0$$

• Assuming $\frac{1}{Z(\omega)} = \frac{1}{Z_0} + C_1 \omega + \frac{C_2}{\omega}$; Z_0, C_1, C_2 parameters Quadrat

$$\mathbf{AP} + \boldsymbol{\omega}\mathbf{BP} + \boldsymbol{\omega}^2\mathbf{CP} = 0$$

Quadratic Eigenvalue Problem of size N

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From quadratic to linear EVP

- Given a quadratic EVP of size *N*: $AP + \omega BP + \omega^2 CP = 0$
- Add the variable: $\mathbf{R} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \, \mathbf{P}$
- Rewrite:

$$-\mathbf{I}\mathbf{R} + \omega \mathbf{I}\mathbf{P} = 0 \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{R} + \omega \mathbf{C}\mathbf{R} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{R} \end{bmatrix} + \omega \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{R} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

• Obtain an equivalent Linear EVP of size 2N and use your favorite method !!

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ACOUSTIC SOLVER

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• Designed for cooling purpose ...



• ... but has also an acoustic effect.



• The Rayleigh conductivity (Howe 1979)



• Under the M=0 assumption:



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Academic validation



Question

- There are many modes in the low-frequency regime
- They can be predicted in complex geometries
- Boundary conditions and multiperforated liners have first order effect and they can be accounted for properly
- All these modes are potentially dangerous

Which of these modes are made unstable by the flame ?

Accounting for the unsteady flame

• Need to solve the thermo-acoustic problem

$$\begin{split} & \left[\gamma p_0 \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\rho_0} \vec{\nabla} \hat{p} \right) + \omega^2 \hat{p} = j \omega (\gamma - 1) \hat{q} \right] \\ \text{e.g.} : j \omega (\gamma - 1) \hat{q} &= \frac{(\gamma - 1) q_{\text{mean}}}{\rho_{0, x_{ref}} U_{\text{bulk}}} n_l (\mathbf{x}, \omega) e^{j \Re(\omega) \tau_l (\mathbf{x}, \omega)} \nabla \hat{p}_{\mathbf{x}_{\text{ref}}} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\text{ref}} \quad \text{"local FTF model"} \end{split}$$

• In discrete form

$$\mathbf{AP} + \boldsymbol{\omega}\mathbf{BP} + \boldsymbol{\omega}^{2}\mathbf{CP} = \mathbf{D}(\boldsymbol{\omega})\mathbf{P}$$

A, B, C, D : square matrices

Non-Linear Eigenvalue Problem of size N

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Iterative method

1. Solve the Quadratic EVP

$$\mathbf{AP} + \omega_0 \mathbf{BP} + \omega_0^2 \mathbf{CP} = 0$$

2. At iteration *k*, solve the Quadratic EVP

$$[\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{D}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_{k-1})]\mathbf{P} + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{k} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{P} + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{k}^{2} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{P} = 0$$

3. Iterate until convergence

$$\omega_k - \omega_{k-1} | < tol$$

 ω_k, \mathbf{P} is solution of the thermo-acoustic problem

Comparison with analytic results



About the iterative method

- No general prove of convergence can be given except for academic cases
- If it converges, the procedure gives the exact solution of the discrete thermo-acoustic problem
- The number of iterations must be kept small for efficiency (one Quadratic EVP at each step and for each mode)
- Following our experience, the method does converge in a few iterations ... in most cases !!

OUTLINE

- 1. Computing the whole flow
- 2. Computing the fluctuations
- 3. Boundary conditions
- 4. Analysis of an annular combustor

BC essential for thermo-acoustics



Acoustic analysis of a Turbomeca combustor including the swirler, the casing and the combustion chamber **C. Sensiau (CERFACS/UM2) – AVSP code**

Acoustic boundary conditions



Analytical approach



• Theories (e.g.: Marble & Candle, 1977; Cumpsty & Marble, 1977; Stow et al., 2002; ...)

• Conservation of Total temperature, Mass flow, Entropy fluctuations

Analytical approach





Analytical approach



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Example: Compact nozzle

$$\begin{array}{c} \swarrow w^+ \\ \bigstar w^- \\ M_1 \\ M_2 \end{array}$$

1. Compact choked nozzle:

$$\frac{\omega^{-}}{\omega^{+}} = \frac{1 - (\gamma - 1)M_{1}/2}{1 + (\gamma - 1)M_{1}/2}$$

2. Compact unchoked nozzle:

$$\frac{\omega^{-}}{\omega^{+}} = \frac{(1+M_1) \left[M_2 \left(1+(\gamma-1)M_1^2/2 \right) - M_1 \left(1+(\gamma-1)M_2^2/2 \right) \right]}{(1-M_1) \left[M_2 \left(1+(\gamma-1)M_1^2/2 \right) + M_1 \left(1+(\gamma-1)M_2^2/2 \right) \right]}$$

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Non compact elements



The proper equations in the acoustic element are the quasi 1D LEE:

$$\left(\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{u}\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\bar{u}}{\mathcal{S}}\frac{\partial \mathcal{S}}{\partial x}\right)\hat{\rho} + \left(\frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial x} + \bar{\rho}\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\bar{\rho}}{\mathcal{S}}\frac{\partial \mathcal{S}}{\partial x}\right)\hat{u} - j\omega\hat{\rho} = 0$$

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Principle of the method



- 1. The boundary condition is well known at x_{out} (e.g.: p'=0)
- 2. Impose a non zero incoming wave at x_{in}
- 3. Solve the LEE in the frequency space
- 4. Compute the outgoing wave at x_{in}
- 5. Deduce the effective reflection coefficient at x_{in}





Example of a ideal compressor











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Overview of the configuration

- Helicopter engine
- 15 burners
- From experiment: 1A mode may run unstable





About the computational domain

- When dealing with actual geometries, defining the computational domain may be an issue
- Turbomachinery are present upstream/downstream
- The combustor involves many "details": combustion chamber, swirler, casing, primary holes, multi-perforated liner Dassé et al., AIAA 2008-3007, …



Is this mode stable ?

- The acoustic mode found at 609 Hz has a strong azimuthal component, like the experimentally observed instability
- Its stability can be assessed by solving the thermo-acoustic problem which includes the flame response
- In this annular combustor, there are 15 turbulent flames ...
- Do they share the same response ?

Using the brute force ...

Large Eddy Simulation of the full annular combustion chamber Staffelbach et al., 2008



- The first azimuthal mode is found unstable from LES, at 740 Hz
- Same mode found unstable experimentally

Mode structure

- In annular geometries, two modes may share the same frequency
- These two modes may be of two types
- Consider the pressure as a function of the angular position



Turning mode. A + = 1 & A - = 0



Companion mode turns counter clockwise



Standing mode. A + = A - = 1



Companion mode has its nodes/antinodes at opposite locations





LES mode. A + = 1 A - = 0.3



- A simple analytical model can explain the global mode shape obtained from LES
- Can we predict the stability by using the Helmholtz solver ?

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Responses of the burners

- Because of the self-sustained instability, the pressure in front of each burner oscillates
- This causes flow rate oscillations
- Because the unstable mode is turning, the flow rate through the different burners are not in phase



Global Response of the flames

- From the full LES, the global flame transfer of the 15 burners can be computed from the global HR and the flow rate signals
- For all the 15 sectors, the amplitude of the response is close to 0.8 and the time lag is close to 0.6 ms
- This result support the ISSAC assumption ...



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ISAAC Assumption

• As far as the flame response is concerned



- Independent Sector Assumption for Annular Combustor
- Allows performing a single sector LES with better resolution to obtain more accurate FTF
- Of course the1A mode cannot appear is such computation
- FTF deduced from single sector LES pulsated at 600 Hz

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Local flame transfer function







Typical field of interaction index

Extended the local n- τ model

- Define one point of reference upstream of each of the 15 burners
- Use the **ISAAC** Assumption
- the interaction index $n_l(\mathbf{X}, \omega)$, and the time delay $\tau_l(\mathbf{X}, \omega)$ are the same in all sectors

$$\hat{\omega}_{T}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \propto \begin{cases} n_{l}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \times e^{j\boldsymbol{\omega}\tau_{l}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega})} \times \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{ref}^{1}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ref}^{1} & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \text{ in sector } 1 \\ n_{l}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \times e^{j\boldsymbol{\omega}\tau_{l}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega})} \times \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{ref}^{2}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ref}^{2} & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \text{ in sector } 2 \\ \vdots \\ n_{l}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \times e^{j\boldsymbol{\omega}\tau_{l}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega})} \times \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{ref}^{14}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ref}^{14} & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \text{ in sector } 14 \\ n_{l}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \times e^{j\boldsymbol{\omega}\tau_{l}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\omega})} \times \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{ref}^{15}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ref}^{15} & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \text{ in sector } 15 \end{cases}$$

Extended the local n- τ model

- Assume ISAAC and duplicate the flame transfer function over the whole domain
- In the same way, duplicate the field of speed of sound





Stability of the 1A mode

The 1A mode from the Helmholtz solver looks like the 1A from the full LES



- BUT ...
 - 1. Its frequency remains close to 600 Hz instead of 740 Hz
 - 2. It is found stable !

Shape of the 1A mode

- The 1A modes from the Helmholtz and LES solvers resemble ...
- But a closer look reveals important differences



Helmholtz solver LES solver

- What is observed in the Helmholtz solver
 - 1. Pressure amplitude (slightly) larger upstream of the burners
 - 2. No phase shift between upstream and downstream

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What's wrong ?

 The Helmholtz solver is not as CPU demanding and allows parametric studies



- The 1A mode is found stable for time delays smaller than T/2
- At 600 Hz, this corresponds to $\tau < 0.83$ ms
- The time delay of the FTF (0.65ms) is below this critical value

What's wrong ?

- Remember the full LES oscillates at 740 Hz
- This corresponds to a critical value for the time delay of T/2 = 0.67 ms, very close to the prescribed time delay
- From the LES, the flow rate and HR are indeed in phase opposition



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Back to the stability of the 1A mode

- Instead of imposing the time delay in the FTF, let's impose the phase shift between flow rate and HR
- The 1A mode is now found unstable by the Helmholtz solver, consistently with LES and experiment
- The mode shape is also in better agreement



THANK YOU

More details, slides, papers, ... http://www.math.univ-montp2.fr/~nicoud/