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# Detonation

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### Hydrogen explosion in nuclear power plants a major concern



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## **Detonation?**



Fukushima nuclear power plant post hydrogen explosion, 2011

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# **1-D Detonation waves**

#### **1-D Combustion Wave Analysis**

Steady-state combustion occurs within the control volume and equilibrium is achieved at state 2

$$P_2, \rho_2, T_2 \xleftarrow{u_2} \xleftarrow{u_1} P_1, \rho_1, T_1$$

$$\rho_1 u_1 = \rho_2 u_2$$

$$P_2 - P_1 = \rho_1 u_1 (u_1 - u_2)$$

$$\frac{u_1^2}{2} + h_1 = \frac{u_2^2}{2} + h_2$$

For perfect gas  $P = \rho RT$  and  $h = h_f^o + c_p (T - T^o)$  where  $T^o = 0K$ 

Energy equation  $\frac{u_1^2}{2} + c_{p_1}T_1 + q = \frac{u_2^2}{2} + c_{p_2}T_2$ 

where 
$$q = h_{f_1}^o + h_{f_2}^o$$
  
chemical energy per unit mass

Have 5 unkowns ( $P_2, \rho_2, T_2, u_2, u_1$ ) and only 4 equations

Combining conservation of mass and momentum yields the Rayleigh eqn

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = -\left(\frac{\rho_1 u_1^2}{P_1}\right) \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} + \left(1 + \frac{\rho_1 u_1^2}{P_1}\right)$$

Combining conservation of momentum and energy yields the Hugoniot eqn

$$c_{p}T_{2} - (c_{p}T_{1} + q) = \frac{1}{2}(P_{2} - P_{1})\left(\frac{1}{\rho_{1}} + \frac{1}{\rho_{2}}\right)$$

$$\times \frac{\rho_{1}}{P_{1}} \qquad \left(\frac{k_{2}}{k_{2} - 1}\right)\frac{P_{2}}{\rho_{2}} - \left(\frac{k_{1}}{k_{1} - 1}\right)\frac{P_{1}}{\rho_{1}} - q = \frac{1}{2}(P_{2} - P_{1})\left(\frac{1}{\rho_{1}} + \frac{1}{\rho_{2}}\right)$$

If it is assumed that there is no change in the specific heat  $(k_1 = k_2 = k)$ :

$$\left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right)\left[\left(\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2}\right)\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right)-1\right]-\frac{\rho_1 q}{P_1}=\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}-1\right)\left(1+\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2}\right) \qquad \qquad q=0 \text{ gives the shock Hugoniot}$$

where  $\frac{\rho_1 q}{P_1} = \frac{(k-1)q}{c_v T_1} = \frac{\text{chemical energy released}}{\text{initial sensible energy content}}$ 

#### **Hugoniot Curves for Combustion Waves**



The Hugoniot equation gives all possible end states for given heat release q including constant volume (CV) and pressure (CP)

#### **Entropy Change Across Combustion Wave**



Second Law requires that  $s_2 - s_1 \ge 0$ ,

Can only have compressive shock (q=0)

For q > 0 can have expansive and compressive combustion waves :  $P_2/P_1 < 1, \ \rho_1/\rho_2 > 1$  deflagration waves  $P_2/P_1 > 1, \ \rho_1/\rho_2 < 1$  detonation waves

#### **Classical 1-D Detonation Wave**

Detonation process consists of shock compression followed by energy release, equilibrium achieved  $u_2$   $u_2 = D$ 



## **Classical 1-D detonation structure**

The Rayleigh line intersects the Hugoniot curve at two points so there are two possible end states for a given detonation velocity:

## Strong (overdriven) detonation wave (state 2):

- flow is subsonic relative to wave ( $u_2 < c_2$ )
- solution is unstable because expansion waves catch up to the front and weaken the lead shock wave

## Weak detonation (state 2'):

- flow is supersonic relative to wave ( $u_2 > c_2$ )
- solution not possible because all of the energy is released at state 2, also entropy drops from state 2 to 2' violates 2<sup>nd</sup> Law

#### **Classical 1-D detonation structure**

Unique solution corresponds to the point where the Rayleigh Line is tangent to the Hugoniot curve, the Chapman-Jouget (CJ) state



#### **CJ Detonation State**

At the time of Chapman 1899 it was believed that energy release in a detonation occurred instantaneously, i.e., no reaction zone present

Chapman stated that since the Rayleigh line going through the CJ state represents the minimum velocity detonation it must be stable

This was supported by the fact that the measured detonation velocity agreed very well with the CJ theory, i.e, the measured detonation velocity depends on the energy released *q* and not the rate of chemical reaction.

The CJ state also represents the downstream state that has a minimum entropy rise across the wave.

Can use this to obtain jump relations across the detonation wave.

$$\frac{s_2 - s_1}{c_p} = \frac{1}{k} \ln\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2}\right)$$

The minimum is determined as follows:

$$\frac{d(s/c_p)}{d(\rho_1/\rho_2)} = \frac{1}{k(P_2/P_1)} \frac{d(P_2/P_1)}{d(\rho_1/\rho_2)} + \frac{1}{(\rho_1/\rho_2)} = 0$$

Differentiating the Hugoniot equation to get  $\frac{d(P_2/P_1)}{d(\rho_1/\rho_2)}$  yields:

$$\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2}\Big|_{\min s} = \frac{k(P_2 / P_1)}{(k+1)(P_2 / P_1) - 1}$$

From the Rayleigh equation and  $\rho_1 u_1 = \rho_2 u_2$ 

$$u_{2}^{2} = \left(\frac{P_{1}\rho_{1}}{\rho_{2}^{2}}\right) \frac{P_{2}/P_{1}-1}{1-\rho_{1}/\rho_{2}}$$
$$M_{2}^{2} = \frac{\rho_{1}/\rho_{2}}{k(P_{2}/P_{1})} \left(\frac{P_{2}/P_{1}-1}{1-\rho_{1}/\rho_{2}}\right)$$

Substituting

$$\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2}\Big|_{\min s} = \frac{k(P_2 / P_1)}{(k+1)(P_2 / P_1) - 1} \quad \text{yields } M_2 = 1$$

At the CJ state the flow is choked ( $u_2=c_2$ ) at the end of reaction zone Rayleigh Line is tangent to isentrope as well as Hugoniot curve

Jouget (1917) pointed out that because of this disturbances from behind cannot enter the reaction zone and thus this is a stable solution

*q* (energy required to choke flow)  

$$M_2=1$$
 $M<1$ 
 $D>c_1$ 

## CJ Velocity

Solve for the density ratio by equating the pressure ratio in the Rayleigh and Hugoniot equations:

$$\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} = \frac{1}{k+1} \left( k + \frac{1}{M_1^2} \right) \pm \sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{M_1^2} - 1 \right)^2 - \frac{(k^2 - 1)2\overline{q}}{M_1^2}} \qquad \text{where} \quad \overline{q} = \frac{q}{c_1^2}$$

Note for a given front velocity  $M_1$  there are two possible solutions: (+) for weak solution and (–) for strong solution

Unique solution obtained when square root term is set to zero (CJ state)

$$\left(\frac{1}{M_{CJ}^2} - 1\right)^2 - \frac{(k^2 - 1)2\overline{q}}{M_{CJ}^2} = 0$$
$$\frac{1}{M_{CJ}^2} = (k^2 - 1)\overline{q} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{(k^2 - 1)\overline{q}} \pm \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{(k^2 - 1)\overline{q}}} \right\}$$

Again there are two solutions, (+) for tangency at upper detonation branch and (-) for tangency at lower deflagration branch.



#### **Approximate CJ state relations**

Note,  $M_{CJ} \approx 8$ ,  $\overline{q} \approx 80$  so  $(1/M_{CJ})^2 << 1$ 

$$\left(\frac{1}{M_{CJ}^2} - 1\right)^2 - \frac{(k^2 - 1)2\overline{q}}{M_{CJ}^2} = 1 - \frac{(k^2 - 1)2\overline{q}}{M_1^2} = 0$$
$$M_{CJ}^2 \approx (k^2 - 1)2\overline{q}$$

$$u_{CJ} \approx \sqrt{(k^2 - 1)2q} \approx 2000 m / s \ (k=1.2, q=80)$$

Therefore, the detonation velocity only depends on the specific energy q

For strong detonation  $P_2/P_1 >> 1$ ,

$$\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2}\Big|_{\min s} = \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_{CJ}} = \frac{k(P_2/P_1)}{(k+1)(P_2/P_1) - 1} \to \frac{k}{k+1}$$
$$\frac{u_2}{u_{CJ}} = \frac{P_2}{\rho_1 u_{CJ}^2} \to \frac{1}{k+1}$$

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Can calculate CJ detonation properties using chemical equilibrium codes such as STANJAN, GASEQ

#### **ZND Detonation Model**

1940's Zeldovich, vonNeuman and Doring independently developed the idea that a detonation wave consists of a shock wave followed by an inviscid reaction zone terminating at a sonic CJ plane (flow is steady)



#### **Detonation Velocity Deficit**

Experimentally measured detonation velocity is typically 1-3% below theoretical CJ value, the velocity deficit is inversely proportional to the initial pressure and the tube diameter

Zeldovich proposed that the deficit is due to momentum and heat losses within the reaction zone

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\rho u) = 0$$

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$$\frac{d}{dx}(P + \rho u^{2}) = \frac{2\tau_{w}}{R}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(P + \rho u^{2}) + Q\frac{d\alpha}{dx} = -\frac{2q_{c}}{R} + D\frac{2\tau_{w}}{R}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\rho u(h + \rho u^{2})) + Q\frac{d\alpha}{dx} = -\frac{2q_{c}}{R} + D\frac{2\tau_{w}}{R}$$

$$r_{w}: \text{ wall shear stress } (=f\rho u_{\Delta}^{2})$$

$$q_{c}: \text{ wall heat flux}$$

$$\alpha: \text{ reaction progress variable}$$

Zeldovich theory predicts that velocity deficit should be proportional to the wall drag divided by the momentum flux: drag ~  $\Delta/R$ 

#### **Position of CJ Plane**

Consider a simple reaction  $(R \rightarrow P)$ :

 $h = h(P, \rho, \alpha)$  also  $P = \rho RT$  where  $\alpha$  is the reaction progress

$$dh = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial P}\right)_{\rho,\alpha} dP + \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial \rho}\right)_{P,\alpha} d\rho + \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial \alpha}\right)_{\rho,P} d\alpha$$

Combining with the conservation equations for diverging channel

$$\frac{1}{\rho}dP = \frac{\left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial \alpha}\right)d\alpha - \rho\left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial \rho}\right)d(\ln A)}{1 - \rho\left\{\left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial P}\right) + \frac{1}{u^2}\left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial \rho}\right)\right\}}$$
  
Can show that the denominator becomes zero when  $u^2 = \left(\frac{dP}{d\rho}\right)_{s,\alpha}$ 

but 
$$\left(\frac{dP}{d\rho}\right)_{s,\alpha} = c^2$$
, denominator equals zero when  $u = c$  (CJ condition)

For the pressure gradient at the sonic plane (u=c) to be finite, the numerator must approach zero

Therefore, the CJ plane is located where

$$\left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial \alpha}\right) d\alpha = \rho \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial \rho}\right) d\ln A$$

For a constant area duct d(lnA)=0 the CJ plane is located where  $\frac{dh}{d\alpha}=0$  this is the point where chemical equilibrium is reached

Note, theoretically equilibrium is approached asymptotically so it is difficult to identify the CJ plane

With flow divergence sonic plane reached before chemical equilibrium so energy deposited after choking is lost since it can't feed into the reaction  $\rightarrow$  smaller q yields smaller D

#### **1-D Steady Detonation Wave Structure**

Hugoniot analysis assumes steady-state and predicts detonation velocity and change in properties from initial state to the equilibrium CJ state. No knowledge of the details of the chemistry is required

In order to model the reaction zone details an additional equation for the change in species with time is required:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\rho\alpha) = -k\rho\alpha \exp\left(-\frac{E}{RT}\right) \quad \alpha \text{ is the reactant mass fraction}$$

Knowing the post shock state can integrate the steady conservation and above equation get change in properties through the reaction zone





Since the post shock flow Mach number asymptotes to unity use point of maximum heat release (induction length) to define the detonation reaction zone length,  $\Delta$ .

#### **Steady Detonation Reaction Zone Length**

Approximation: assume constant volume combustion in reaction zone, don't need to consider conservation of momentum. Solve the transient energy equation with reaction equation to get temperature vs time and get  $t_M$  corresponding to  $dT/dt_{max} \rightarrow \Delta = u_{sh}t_M$ 

Validity of this approximation based on steepness of the Rayleigh Line



#### Flow behind steady detonation wave

A detonation propagating from the closed end of the tube is followed by an unsteady expansion wave (called the Taylor wave) whose role is to bring the flow to rest near the closed end of the tube.

The pressure, temperature, and flow velocity decrease through the Taylor wave.



### **Stability of 1D Detonation Wave**

Erpenbeck (1960s) showed using perturbation theory that the steady ZND detonation wave structure is unstable to infinitesimal longitudinal perturbations



#### **1-D Transient Detonation Wave**

Ficket and Woods (1966) calculated the time-evolution of reaction zone using the transient equations and a simple one-step reaction

Detonation initiated by a piston producing an overdriven detonation wave.



 $f=(D/D_{CJ})=$  1.6,  $Q/RT_{I}=$ 50 and k=1.2

#### **1-D Transient Detonation Wave**



## **Real detonation waves**

#### **Multi-dimensional Detonation Wave Structure**

White's (1961) interferograms showed that the detonation wave structure is transient and multi-dimensional.



White DR. Turbulent structure of gaseous detonations. Phys Fluids 1961; 4(4)

#### **Multi-dimensional Detonation Wave Structure**

Denisov and Troshin (1961) used the soot foil technique to investigate the detonation front structure



Based on converging and diverging lines they described the structure of the detonation wave as two triple-point configurations ABK

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Denisov YN, Troshin YK. On the mechanism of detonative combustion. Proc Combust Inst, 8, 1961

#### **Detonation Front Triple-point Configuration**



50% nitrogen dilution

no dilution  $H_2 + \frac{1}{2}O_2$  at 0.2 atm

40% argon dilution

The higher the value  $E_{a}/RT_{2}$ ,  $T_{2}$  is the post shock temperature, the more irregular the cellular pattern.  $T_2$  proportional to heat capacity of diluent

R.A. Strehlow, The nature of transverse waves in detonations, Astronautica Acta 14 ,1969

### **Detonation Cellular Structure**



### **Detonation cell shock dynamics**





#### **Multi-dimensional Reaction Zone**



Austin JM, Pintgen F, Shepherd JE. Reaction zones in highly unstable detonations. Proc Combust Inst, 30, 2005

#### Measured and Predicted Detonation Cell Size (effect of temperature)



#### Measured and Predicted Detonation Cell Size (effect of H2O)



# **Detonation initiation**

## **Direct initiation**

A detonation can be initiated directly if sufficient energy is deposited at a point



Supercritical

Subcritical

### **Critical initiation condition**









Bach et al., 1969

#### **Critical Detonation Energy**



#### Lee JHS. Dynamic parameters of gaseous detonations. Ann Rev Fluid Mech , 16, 1984

#### Deflagration to detonation transition in a smooth tube



Normalized run-up distance:

$$\frac{X_S}{D} = \frac{\gamma}{C} \left[ \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln\left(\gamma \frac{D}{h}\right) + K \right] \qquad \gamma = \left[ \frac{a_p}{\eta(\sigma - 1)^2 S_L} \left( \frac{\delta}{D} \right)^{1/3} \right]^{1/(2m + 7/3)}$$

 $\kappa$ = 0.4, K= 5.5, C= 0.2, SL= laminar flame thickness, δ= flame thickness, σ= density ratio,  $a_p$ = speed sound η =2.1 and m=-.18 (empirical constants)

Kuznetsov M, Alekseev V, Matsukov I, Dorofeev S. DDT in a smooth tube filled with a hydrogen–oxygen mixture. Shock Waves 14(3), 2005;14(3)

#### Deflagration to detonation transition in a smooth tube



Urtiew PA, Oppenheim AK. Experimental observation of the transition to detonation in an explosive gas. Proc of Roy Soc A, 295, 1966.

#### Deflagration to detonation transition in a rough tube



#### Flame acceleration (BR=0.6)



Kuznetsov et al., Effect of obstacle geometry on behavior of turbulent flames, Report No. FZKA-6328, Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe/Preprint No. IAE-6137/3 1999

#### **Steady combustion propagation regimes**





#### Lee JHS. Dynamic parameters of gaseous detonations. Ann Rev Fluid Mech , 16, 1984

#### Flame acceleration in obstacle laden channel





#### Flame acceleration, early stage



#### Flame acceleration, early stage



#### Flame acceleration (LES model w/ flame)





## Shear layer development (LES model no flame)



## **Shock formation**



### Flame acceleration, late stage



#### Shock-flame interaction

