Diffusion correction to slow invariant manifolds in a short length scale limit

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Motivation and Background

- Reactive systems induce a wide range of spatial and temporal scales, and subsequently severe stiffness
- DNS resolves all ranges of continuum physical scales present
- Under-resolved simulations account for missed physical phenomena with modeling
- Fully resolved simulations are expensive to compute



"Research needs for future internal combustion engines," *Physics Today*, Nov. 2008, pp 47-52.

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Motivation and Background

- Manifold methods provide potential savings
- Most methods are for spatially homogeneous systems
- We employ the SIM model of Al-Khateeb, et al.

(2009, Journal of Chemical Physics)





- We adjust for the dynamics of diffusion in the presence of weak spatial heterogeneity
- This is valid when diffusion is fast relative to reaction, i.e. thin regions of flames

Reduce the reactive Navier-Stokes equations

- Negligible advection
- Isothermal, isochoric
- Arrhenius reaction kinetics
- Fick's law of mass diffusion with single constant diffusivity
- Ideal mixture of ideal gases
- Homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions
- Element conservation

• Evolution of species

$$\frac{\partial z_i}{\partial t} = \frac{\dot{\omega}(z_n)}{\rho} + \mathcal{D}\frac{\partial^2 z_i}{\partial x^2}$$

• Boundary conditions

$$\frac{\partial z_i}{\partial x}\Big|_{x=0} = \frac{\partial z_i}{\partial x}\Big|_{x=\ell} = 0$$

Galerkin Reduction to ODEs

• Assume a spectral decomposition of the reduced variables

$$z_i(x,t) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} z_{i,m}(t)\phi_m(x)$$

• Basis functions, $\phi_m(x)$, chosen as orthogonal eigenfunctions of diffusive operator that match boundary conditions

$$\phi_m(x) = \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{\ell}\right)$$

• Finite system of ODEs for amplitude evolution are recovered by taking the inner product with ϕ_n , and truncated at M

$$\frac{dz_{i,m}}{dt} = \frac{\langle \phi_m, \dot{\omega}_i \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} z_{i,n} \phi_n \right) \rangle}{\langle \phi_m, \phi_m \rangle} - \frac{\pi^2 m^2 \mathcal{D}}{\ell^2} z_{i,m}$$

Oxygen Dissociation

$$O + O + M \iff O_2 + M$$

- N = 2 species
- J = 1 reactions
- L = 1 constraints
- N L = 1 reduced variables $z = z_O$

Spatially homogeneous evolution equation

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = 249.84130 - 74734.78 \ z^2 - 172406.48 \ z^3$$

- Isochoric, $\rho = 1.6 \times 10^{-4} \ g/cm^3$
- Isothermal, T = 5000 K



Galerkin Projection

• One spatial mode (M = 1) evolution equation

$$\frac{dz_0}{dt} = 249.84130 - 74734.78 \left(z_0^2 + \frac{z_1^2}{2}\right) - 172406.48 \left(z_0^3 + \frac{3z_0z_1^2}{2}\right)$$
$$\frac{dz_1}{dt} = -74734.78 \left(2z_0z_1\right) - 172406.48 \left(3z_0^2z_1 + \frac{3z_1^3}{4}\right) - \frac{\pi^2\mathcal{D}}{\ell^2}z_1$$

- Spatially homogeneous evolution when $z_1 = 0$
- Equilibria from spatially homogeneous retained
- Eigenvalues about these equilibria are modified

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_0 - \frac{\pi^2 \mathcal{D}}{\ell^2}$$



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• Change in sign of modified eigenvalue, $\lambda_1 = \lambda_0 - \frac{\pi^2 \mathcal{D}}{\ell^2}$, identifies a critical length where SIM start point changes character



• Bold branches are saddles, dashed branch is source

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$$\eta_{0} = \frac{\alpha z_{0}}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^{2} z_{0}^{2} + \alpha^{2} z_{1}^{2}}}$$
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Zel'dovich Mechanism

$$\begin{array}{rcl} N + NO & \leftrightarrows & N_2 + O \\ N + O_2 & \leftrightarrows & NO + O \end{array}$$

- N = 5 species
- J = 2 reactions
- L = 3 constraints
- N L = 2 reduced variables $z_1 = z_{NO}, \ z_2 = z_N$

- Isochoric, $\rho = 1.2002 \ g/cm^3$
- Isothermal, $T = 4000 \ K$
- Bimolecular, isobaric, $P = 1.6629 \times 10^6 \ dyne/cm^2 = 1.64 \ atm$

Spatially homogeneous evolution equations – second order polynomials.

$$\frac{dz_1}{dt} = 250 - 9.97 \times 10^4 z_1 + 1.16 \times 10^7 z_2 - 3.22 \times 10^9 z_1 z_2 + 6.99 \times 10^8 z_2^2$$

$$\frac{dz_2}{dt} = 250 + 8.47 \times 10^4 z_1 - 1.17 \times 10^7 z_2 - 1.84 \times 10^9 z_1 z_2 - 6.98 \times 10^8 z_2^2$$

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- Characterize equilibria by eigenvalues of their Jacobian matrix
- Classify time scales as fast and slow
- Identify SIM as a heteroclinic orbit from saddle to sink

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Diffusion Correction Isothermal Phase Space



Diffusion Correction Isothermal Evolution



• Two additional fast time scales from diffusion

• Spatially inhomogeneous amplitudes decay earlier than either reaction time scale

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- The SIM isolates the slowest dynamics, making it ideal for a reduction technique
- A critical length scale has been identified where a bifurcation occurs that affects the slow dynamics of the system
- For sufficiently short length scales, diffusion time scales are faster than reaction time scales, and the system dynamics are dominated by reaction
- When lengths are near or above the critical length, diffusion will play a more important role

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Diffusion Correction to SIM

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