

# 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, LES, and turbulence modeling, all of which filter small scale physical dynamics?
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## Introduction-Continued

- It is often argued that viscous forces and diffusion are small effects which do not affect detonation dynamics and thus can be neglected.
- Tsuboi *et al.*, (*Comb. & Flame*, 2005) report, even when using micron grid sizes, that some structures cannot be resolved.
- Powers, (*JPP*, 2006) showed that two-dimensional detonation patterns are grid-dependent for the reactive Euler equations, but relax to a grid-independent structure for comparable Navier-Stokes calculations.
- This suggests grid-dependent numerical viscosity may be problematic.

## Introduction-Continued

- Powers & Paolucci (*AIAA J*, 2005) studied the reaction length scales of inviscid  $H_2-O_2$  detonations and found the finest length scales on the order of sub-microns to microns and the largest on the order of centimeters for atmospheric ambient pressure.
- This range of scales must be resolved to capture the dynamics.
- In a one-step kinetic model only a single length scale is induced compared to the multiple length scales of detailed kinetics.
- By choosing a one-step model, the effect of the interplay between chemistry and transport phenomena can more easily be studied.

## Review

- In the one-dimensional inviscid limit, one step models have been studied extensively.
- Erpenbeck (*Phys. Fluids*, 1962) began the investigation into the linear stability almost fifty years ago.
- Lee & Stewart (*JFM*, 1990) developed a normal mode approach, using a shooting method to find unstable modes.
- Bourlioux *et al.* (*SIAM JAM*, 1991) studied the nonlinear development of instabilities.

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## Review-Continued

- Kasimov & Stewart (*Phys. Fluids*, 2004) used a first order shock-fitting technique to perform a numerical analysis.
  - Ng *et al.* (*Comb. Theory and Mod.*, 2005) developed a coarse bifurcation diagram showing how the oscillatory behavior became progressively more complex as activation energy increased.
  - Henrick *et. al.* (*J. Comp. Phys.*, 2006) developed a more detailed bifurcation diagram using a fifth order shock-fitting technique.
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## One-Dimensional Unsteady Compressible Reactive Navier-Stokes Equations

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho u) = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho u) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \rho u^2 + P - \tau \right) = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \rho \left( e + \frac{u^2}{2} \right) \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \rho u \left( e + \frac{u^2}{2} \right) + j^q + (P - \tau) u \right) = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho Y_B) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho u Y_B + j_B^m) = \rho r.$$

Equations were transformed to a steady moving reference frame.

## Constitutive Relations

$$P = \rho RT,$$

$$e = \frac{p}{\rho(\gamma - 1)} - qY_B,$$

$$r = H(P - P_s)a(1 - Y_B)e^{-\frac{\tilde{E}}{p/\rho}},$$

$$j_B^m = -\rho \mathcal{D} \frac{\partial Y_B}{\partial x},$$

$$\tau = \frac{4}{3} \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x},$$

$$j^q = -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \rho \mathcal{D} q \frac{\partial Y_B}{\partial x}.$$

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



## Case Examined

Let us examine this one-step kinetic model with:

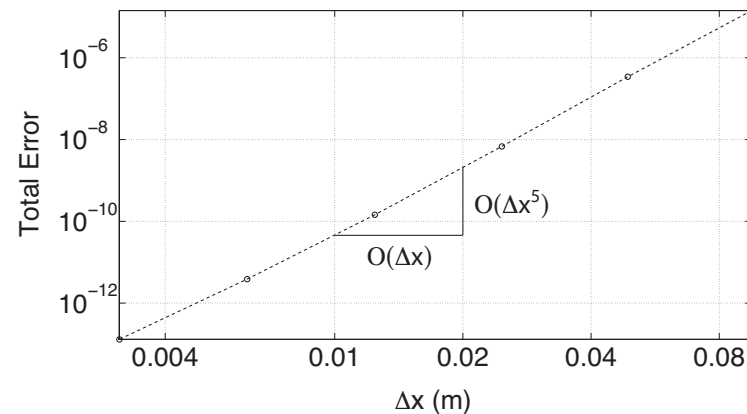
- a fixed reaction length,  $L_{1/2} = 10^{-6} \text{ m}$ , which is similar to that of  $H_2-O_2$ .
- a fixed diffusion length,  $L_\mu = 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ ; mass, momentum, and energy diffusing at the same rate.
- an ambient pressure,  $P_o = 101325 \text{ Pa}$ , ambient density,  $\rho_o = 1 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , heat release  $q = 5066250 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$ , and  $\gamma = 6/5$ .

## Numerical Method

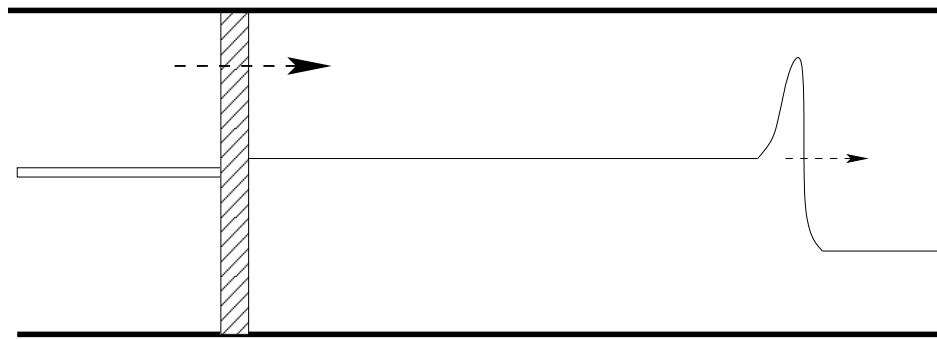
- Finite difference, uniform grid  
( $\Delta x = 2.50 \times 10^{-8} m$ ,  $N = 8001$ ,  $L = 0.2 mm$ ).
- Computation time = 192 hours for  $10 \mu s$  on an AMD 2.4 GHz with 512 kB cache.
- A point-wise method of lines approach was used.
- Advective terms were calculated using a combination of fifth 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 (MMS)

- A solution form is assumed, and special sources terms are added to the governing equations.
- With these sources terms, the assumed solution satisfies the modified equations.
- Fifth order and third order convergence is achieved for space and time, respectively.

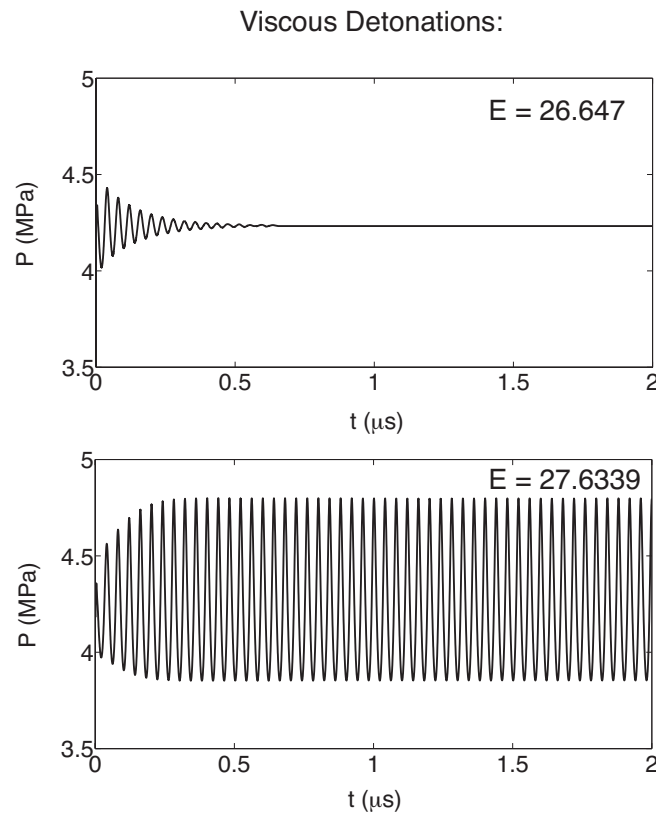


## Method



- Initialized with inviscid ZND solution.
- Moving frame travels at the CJ velocity.
- Integrated in time for long time behavior.

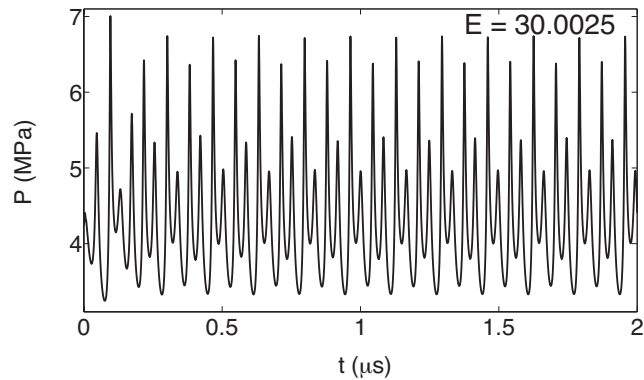
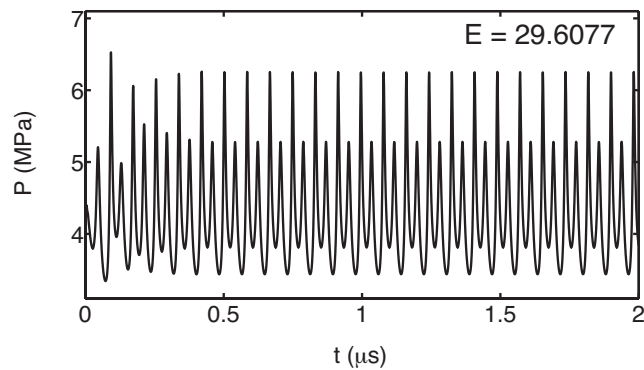
## Effect of Diffusion on Limit Cycle Behavior



- Lee and Stewart revealed for  $E < 25.26$  the steady ZND wave is linearly stable.
- For the inviscid case Henrick *et al.* found the stability limit at  $E_0 = 25.265 \pm 0.005$ .
- In the viscous case  $E = 26.647$  is still stable; however, above  $E_0 \approx 27.1404$  a period-1 limit cycle can be realized.

# Period-Doubling Phenomena

Viscous Detonations:



- As in the inviscid limit the viscous case goes through a period-doubling phase.
- For the inviscid case the period-doubling began at  $E_1 \approx 27.2$ .
- In the viscous case the beginning of this period doubling is delayed to  $E_1 \approx 29.3116$ .

## Effect of Diffusion on Transition to Chaos

- In the inviscid limit, the point where bifurcation points accumulate is found to be  $E_\infty \approx 27.8324$ .
- For the viscous case,  $L_\mu/L_{1/2} = 1/10$ , the accumulation point is delayed until  $E_\infty \approx 30.0411$ .
- For  $E > 30.0411$ , a region exists with many relative maxima in the detonation pressure; it is likely the system is in the chaotic regime.

## Table of Approximations to Feigenbaum's Constant

$$\delta_\infty = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E_n - E_{n-1}}{E_{n+1} - E_n}$$

Feigenbaum predicted  $\delta_\infty \approx 4.669201$ .

	Inviscid	Inviscid	Viscous	Viscous
$n$	$E_n$	$\delta_n$	$E_n$	$\delta_n$
0	25.2650	-	27.1404	-
1	27.1875	3.86	29.3116	3.793
2	27.6850	4.26	29.8840	4.639
3	27.8017	4.66	30.0074	4.657
4	27.82675	-	30.0339	-



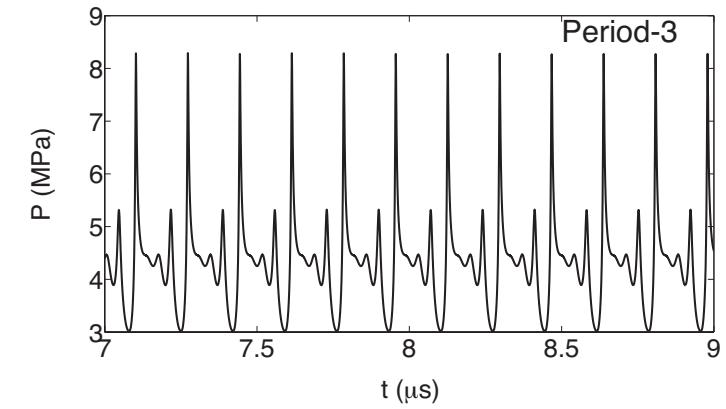
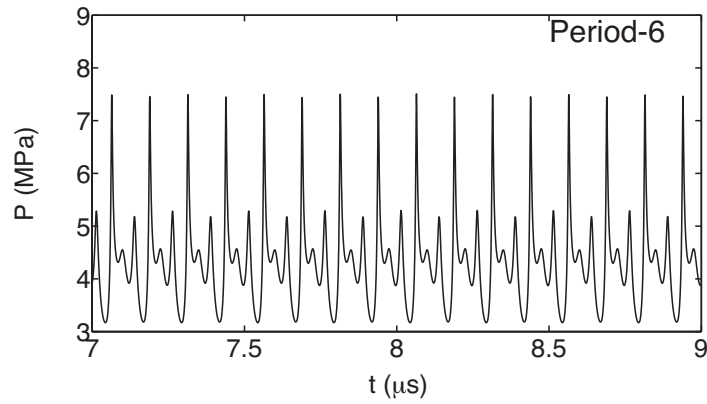
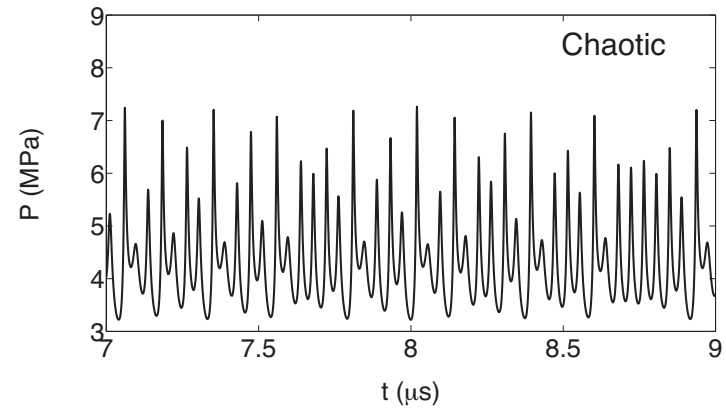
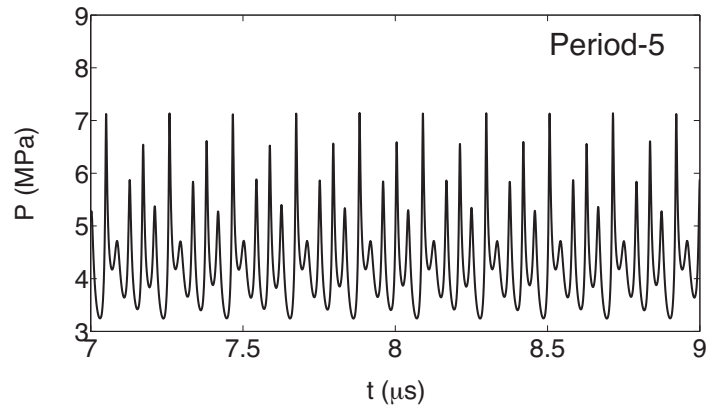
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## **Effect of Diffusion in the Chaotic Regime**

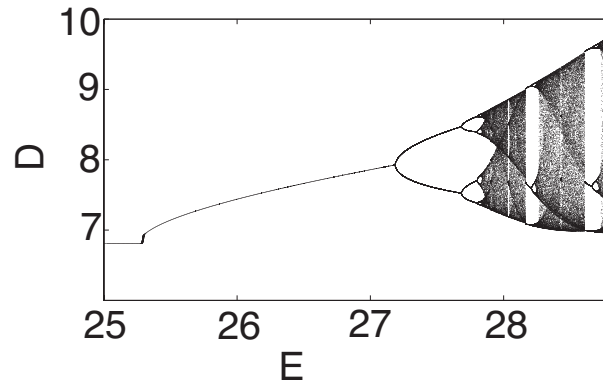
- The period-doubling behavior and transition to chaos predicted in both the viscous and inviscid limit have striking similarities to that of the logistic map.
  - Within this chaotic region, there exist pockets of order.
  - Periods of 5, 6, and 3 are found within this chaotic region.
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# Chaos and Order

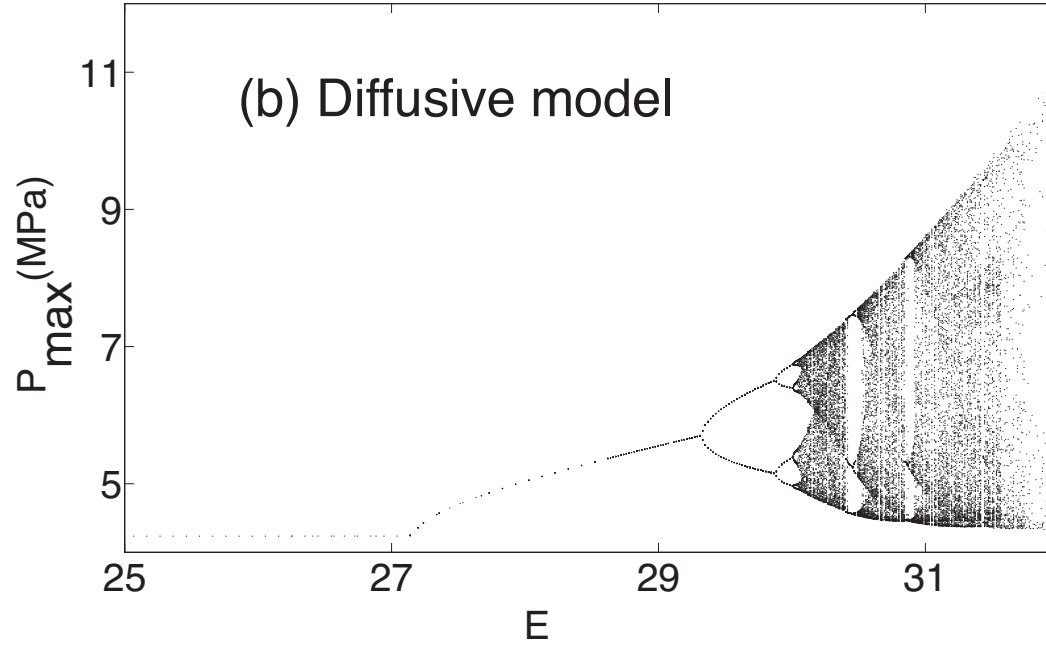
Viscous Detonations:



# Bifurcation Diagram

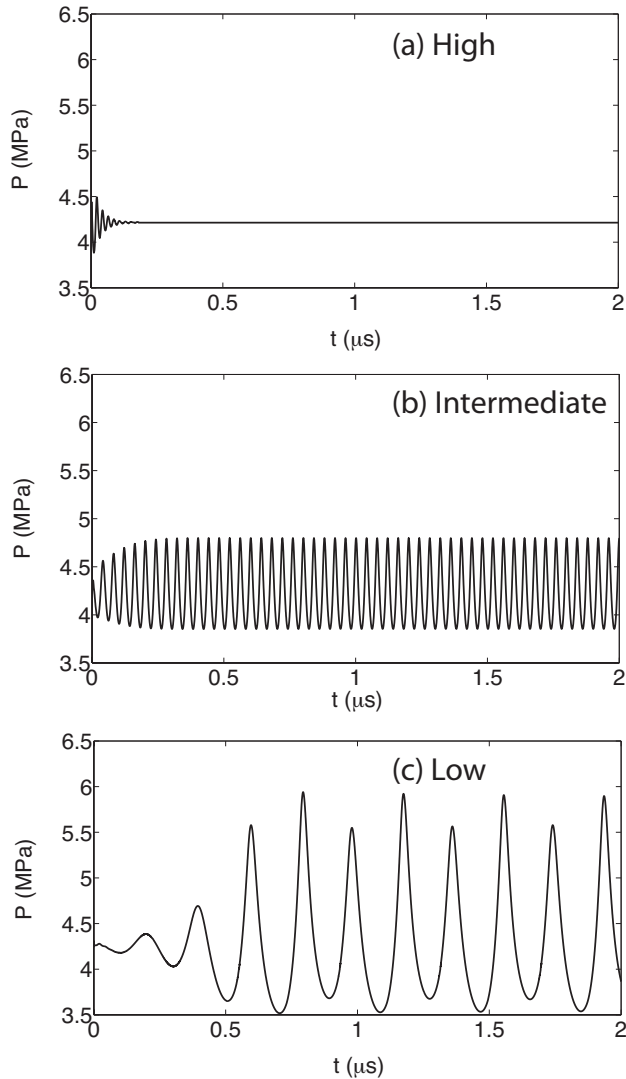


(a) Inviscid model with shock-fitting algorithm



(b) Diffusive model

# Effect of Diminshing Viscosity ( $E = 27.6339$ )



- The system undergoes transition from a stable detonation to a period-1 limit cycle, to a period-2 limit cycle.
- The amplitude of pulsations increases.
- The frequency decreases.

## Conclusions

- Dynamics of one-dimensional detonations are influenced significantly by mass, momentum, energy diffusion in the region of instability.
- In general, the effect of diffusion is stabilizing.
- Bifurcation and transition to chaos show similarities to the logistic map.
- For physically motivated reaction and diffusion length scales not unlike those for  $H_2$ -air detonations, the addition of diffusion delays the onset of instability.

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## Conclusions-Continued

- As physical diffusion is reduced, the behavior of the system trends towards the inviscid limit.
  - If the dynamics of marginally stable or unstable detonations are to be captured, physical diffusion needs to be included and dominate numerical diffusion or an LES filter.
  - Results will likely extend to detailed kinetic systems.
  - Detonation cell pattern formation will also likely be influenced by the magnitude of the physical diffusion.
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