NUMERICAL STUDY OF THERMOACOUSTIC OSCILLATIONS IN A CLOSED TUBE BY TRACING FLUID PARTICLES

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# 1 Introduction 1.1 The Taconis oscillation

The Taconis oscillation: spontaneous thermoacoustic oscillations



### **Experimental studies**

Taconis *et a*l. (*Physica*, 1949) Yazaki *et a*l. (*J.Low.Temp.Phys.*, 1980) Yazaki *et al.* (*PRL*, 1987)

### **Theoretical studies**

Kramers (*Physica*, 1949) Rott (*Z.Angew.Math.Phys.*,1969,1973) Sugimoto *et al.* (*Phys. Fluids*, 2007-2008) Shimizu and Sugimoto (*J. Appl. Phys.*, 2010)

the energy conversion: heat  $\iff$  acoustic energy

 $\rightarrow$  thermoacoustic engines

refrigerators

## **1.2 Experimental study**

experiments by Yazaki et al.



different temperature ratios  $T_{\rm H} / T_{\rm C}$ .

They observed

T.Yazaki, A. Tominaga and Y. Narahara, J. Low Temp. Phys. 41, 45(1980)

### experiments by Yazaki et al.

hot/cold part length ratio :  $\xi = 0.3$ 

horizontal axis: radius/ thermal boundary layer thickness

 $R=r/\sqrt{\alpha_{\rm C} l/a_{\rm C}}$ 

vertical axis: temperature ratio  $T_{\rm H}$  /  $T_{\rm C}$ 

critical temperature ratio of exp. by Yazaki et al.

stability curves : the upper region  $\rightarrow$  oscillations

a standing wave the lowest frequency mode the second frequency mode



the lowest freq. mode (antisymmetric)



the second freq. mode (symmetric)

T.Yazaki, S. Takashima and F. Mizutani, Phys. Rev. Lett. 58, 1108(1987)

## **1.3 Objectives**

- 1. to present how fluid particles move in different modes of the thermoacoustic oscillations in a closed cylindrical tube
- 2. to show how thermal quantities change along the particle path
- 3. to present the work done by fluid particles in different modes

## 2 The governing equations and Numerical method 2.1 Geometry



 $T_{\rm H}$ =300K  $T_{\rm C}$ =20K ;  $T_{\rm H}/T_{\rm C}$ =15 the fluid in the tube: gaseous helium -length ratio of hot part to cold part  $\xi = \frac{2l}{L - 2l}$ 

the length ratio  $0.2 \le \xi \le 5.0$ 

-tube length L=0.28m-tube radius  $r_0=0.76mm$ -temp. gradient  $\Delta l=7.5mm$ 

 $r_0/L=2.7 \times 10^{-3}$ the tube : very narrow the flow : axisymmetric

### **2.2 Basic equations Axisymmetric compressible Navier-Stokes eq.**

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial E}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left( \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} \right) + T$$

$$Q = r \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u_r \\ \rho w \\ e \end{pmatrix} \quad E = r \begin{pmatrix} \rho u_r \\ \rho u_r^2 + p \\ \rho u_r w \\ (e+p)u_r \end{pmatrix} \quad F = r \begin{pmatrix} \rho w \\ \rho u_r w \\ \rho w^2 + p \\ (e+p)w \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \tau_{rr} \\ \tau_{rz} \\ R_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \tau_{rz} \\ \tau_{zz} \\ S_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ p + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} (\tau_{rr} + \tau_{zz}) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

variables : normalized with *L* (Tube length),  $a_0=1004$  m/s and  $\rho_0=0.167$  kg/m<sup>3</sup> (Helium, 100kPa, 300K)  $\gamma=5/3$ , Pr=0.68  $\mu(T)=\mu_0(T/T_{\rm H})^{\beta}$ ,  $k(T)=k_0(T/T_{\rm H})^{\beta}$ ,  $\beta=0.647$ 

$$\tau_{rr} = r\mu(\frac{4}{3}\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} - \frac{2}{3}\frac{u_r}{r} - \frac{2}{3}\frac{\partial w}{\partial z})$$
  

$$\tau_{rz} = r\mu(\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial r})$$
  

$$\tau_{zz} = r\mu(\frac{4}{3}\frac{\partial w}{\partial z} - \frac{2}{3}\frac{u_r}{r} - \frac{2}{3}\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r})$$
  

$$R_4 = u_r\tau_{rr} + w\tau_{rz} + r\alpha\frac{\partial a^2}{\partial r}$$
  

$$S_4 = u_r\tau_{rz} + w\tau_{zz} + r\alpha\frac{\partial a^2}{\partial z}$$
  

$$\alpha = \frac{k}{\Pr(\gamma - 1)}$$
  

$$a^2 = \gamma(\gamma - 1)[\frac{e}{\rho} - \frac{1}{2}(u_r^2 + w^2)]$$

- $\rho$  : density
- $u_r, w$  : velocities
- *e* : total energy density
- *p* : pressure

## **2.3 Numerical method**

### - The block pentadiagonal matrix scheme

Time development: 2nd-order accurate three-point backward scheme

 $\frac{3}{2}\Delta Q^{n} - \frac{1}{2}\Delta Q^{n-1} = \Delta t \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t}\right)^{n+1} + O(\Delta t^{3}), \quad \Delta Q^{n} = Q^{n+1} - Q^{n}$ The approximate factorization method

$$\begin{cases} I - \frac{1}{3}\Delta t \frac{\partial T}{\partial Q} + \frac{2}{3}\Delta t \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial Q} \left( E - \frac{1}{Re} R_{\xi} \right)^{n} \\ \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} I - \frac{1}{3}\Delta t \frac{\partial T}{\partial Q} + \frac{2}{3}\Delta t \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial}{\partial Q} \left( F - \frac{1}{Re} S_{\eta} \right)^{n} \\ \end{bmatrix} \Delta Q^{n} \\ = -\frac{2}{3}\Delta t \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} M + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} N - T \right)^{n} + \frac{1}{3}\Delta Q^{n-1} + O(\Delta t^{2}), \quad M = E - \frac{1}{Re} R, \quad N = F - \frac{1}{Re} S \end{cases}$$

Convective terms: 4th-order accurate central differencing
Viscous terms: 2nd-order accurate central differencing
The explicit 4th-order artificial dissipation



#### - Boundary conditions

[on the wall] non-slip and isothermal boundary conditions, and no pressure gradient in the normal direction of the wall

$$u_r = w = 0$$
 at  $r = r_0$  and  $z = 0,1$ 

$$\partial p / \partial r = 0$$
 at  $r = r_0$ 

$$\partial p / \partial z = 0$$
 at  $z = 0, 1$ 

$$T = T_{wall}$$
 at  $r = r_0$  and  $z = 0,1$ 

• [on the axis] symmetric boundary conditions

$$u_r = 0$$
 at  $r = 0$   
 $\partial \rho / \partial r = \partial w / \partial r = \partial p / \partial r = 0$  at  $r = 0$ 

## \*How to obtain steady states

the initial state: quiescent and uniform at  $T_{\rm H} = 300 {\rm K}$ 

with  $p_0 = 1.2 \times 10^5 \text{Pa}$ 

\*at  $\xi = 0.2$ ,

cooling of the central region from 300K to 20K with 5000000 steps \*thereafter  $T_{\rm C}$  =20K fixed :  $T_{\rm H}/T_{\rm C}$  =15

 $\xi$  is changed by changing the positions of finite temperature gradient.

 $\boldsymbol{\xi}$  : from 0.2 to 5.0, then from 5.0 to 0.2

with  $\Delta \xi = 0.02$  or 0.1

\*At each  $\xi$ , we continue time integration until steady state is obtained. (more than 500 cycles)

- **3 Results**
- **3.1 Pressure**
- > pressure amplitude at the tube end v.s. length ratio  $\xi$
- > temporal evolution of the spatial distribution of the pressure
- **3.2 Temporal evolution of the flow field**
- > temperature, axial velocity
- **3.3 Tracing of fluid particles**
- > paths of fluid particles
- > work done by a fluid particle

## pressure amplitude at the tube end v.s. length ratio $\xi$



## temporal evolution of the spatial distribution of the pressure on the axis



radial dependence: negligible

 $\xi = 1.0$  (fundamental mode) antisymmetric

Three modes are observed.

## **Tracing of fluid particles**

> how fluid particles move in a closed tube

> work done by fluid particles during one period for the second mode ( $\xi = 0.4$ ) and the fundamental mode ( $\xi = 1.0$ )



### $\xi = 0.4$ (2nd mode)

#### starting point: near the temperature gradient, near the axis





## $\xi = 0.4$ (2nd mode)





### $\xi = 1.0$ (fundamental mode)





## $\xi = 1.0$ (fundamental mode)



## **5.** Summary

- The flow field in a closed cylindrical tube is simulated by solving the axisymmetric compressible Navier-Stokes equations.
- The spontaneous thermoacoustic oscillations of a gas in the tube subject to the temperature gradient is examined.
- the wall temperatures: fixed  $T_{\rm H}$ =300K, $T_{\rm C}$ =20K:  $T_{\rm H}/T_{\rm C}$ =15
- the length ratio  $\xi$  : changed between 0.2 and 5.0.
- 1. Tracing fluid particles

In the second mode, they moves in the vicinity of the starting point.

In the fundamental mode, their displacement is large.

2. The p-V diagram or the temporal evolution of pDV/Dt shows that they serve as a prime mover or a heat pump.

The energy conversion is observed.

## 1. The second mode

- high temperature region(near the tube end) : work  $\rightarrow$  to heat
- low temperature region : ~ no net work
- near the finite temperature gradient :
  - near the wall : work  $\rightarrow$  heat
  - otherwise : heat  $\rightarrow$  work
- 2. The fundamental mode
- near the tube end: work  $\rightarrow$  heat
- fluid particles moving near the finite temperature gradient: during one cycle
  - near the wall : work  $\rightarrow$  heat
  - near the axis : heat  $\rightarrow$  work