### Investigation of the Large-Scale and Statistical Properties of Richtmyer-Meshkov Instability-Induced Mixing



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The purpose of this research is to numerically study the physics of single- and multi-mode Richtmyer-Meshkov instability and mixing with reshock in 2D and 3D

- Apply a high-resolution, Eulerian, shock-capturing reconstructionevolution method to Richtmyer-Meshkov instability with reshock
- Compare to experimental data (Collins-Jacobs and Vetter-Sturtevant); extend simulations/analysis to longer t
- Study <u>dynamics and structure</u>, including mixing: time-evolution of global mixing and flow statistics, spectra, *terms in evolution equations*
- Investigate effects of <u>reshock</u>
- Examine differences between 2D and 3D mixing

The topics of this investigation are essential to the development/validation of subgrid-scale and turbulent mixing models for complex shock-induced flows

# Simulations were performed using the weighted essentially non-oscillatory (WENO) method

- Euler equations solved using local Lax-Friedrichs flux-split finitedifference reconstructions
- Convex linear combination of all possible polynomial interpolations taken to achieve ENO property
  - High-order non-oscillatory solutions obtained using nonlinearlyweighted set of stencils that avoid crossing discontinuities
  - Local characteristic decomposition for flux-splitting
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-order TVD Runge-Kutta method for time-evolution
- Notable features of code
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>-, 5<sup>th</sup>-, 7<sup>th</sup>-, 9<sup>th</sup>-, or 11<sup>th</sup>-order WENO reconstruction
  - Adaptive domain method increases number of grid points dynamically
  - Interface tracked by mass fraction
  - Multi-resolution hybridization with high-order central-difference schemes

### A model of the Ma = 1.21 Collins-Jacobs air(acetone)/SF<sub>6</sub> shock tube experiment was simulated with reshock for initial code validation

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WENO 5 Simulation Parameters				
Domain Size	8.9 cm x 75 cm			
Grid spacing	$\Delta x = \Delta y = 0.02 \text{ cm}$			
Initial perturbation properties	Amplitude a <sub>0</sub>	0.183 cm		
	Wavelength $\lambda$	5.9 cm		
	Diffusion thickness	0.5 cm		
Air(acetone)-SF <sub>6</sub> Properties	Pre-shock Atwood number <i>A</i> <sup>-</sup>	0.604		
	Adiabatic exponent $\gamma$	1.24815		

#### Density at t = 5 ms



#### Vorticity at *t* = 5 ms





### Nonlinear perturbation series extended via Padé approximants can capture nonlinear mixing layer width evolution prior to reshock



• Zhang and Sohn (Padé) (1997):

$$\frac{da}{dt} = \frac{v_0}{1 + k a_0 \tau + \max\left[0, k^2 a_0^2 - \left(A^+\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}\right] \tau^2}$$

• Vandenboomgaerde et al. (2002):

$$a(t) = a_0 + \frac{1}{k} \sum_{n=0}^{N} P_{2n+1}(A^+) \left( k a_0 \sigma t \right)^{2n+1}$$
  
$$\sigma = \frac{k[v]}{2} \left( A^+ + \frac{A^-}{1 - [v]/v_s} \right)$$

• Sadot et al. (1998):

$$\frac{da_{b,s}}{dt} = \frac{v_0(1+\tau)}{1+(1\pm A^+)\tau + \frac{3}{2}\frac{1\pm A^+}{1+A^+}\tau^2}$$
$$\frac{da}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{da_b}{dt} + \frac{da_b}{dt}\right)$$



- Experimental data in best agreement with Sadot model
- Simulation data in best agreement with Zhang-Sohn (Padé) model





- Time-evolution of mass fraction isosurface in 3D
- Time-evolution of mass fraction in 2D

### Mass fraction isosurface from high-order WENO simulation shows detailed structure before and following reshock









*t* = 3.5 ms



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# Mass fraction from 2D simulation shows more coherency and large-scale structure than in 3D



### The mixing layer growth is in very good agreement with experimentally-measured growth rate following reshock

- Amplitude growth also in generally good agreement with Mikaelian reshock model h(t) = 0.28 A<sup>+</sup> [u] t
- Amplitude growth prior to reshock overestimated
  - Limited resolution along shock propagation direction
  - Choice of initial perturbation (membrane break-up issues)
- 2D amplitude growth slightly slower than 3D growth before reshock, and significantly slower after reshock
- $da_{3D}/dt > da_{2D}/dt$



## Mole fraction profiles exhibit more spatial structure in two dimensions than in three dimensions



# Mixing profile and mixing parameter exhibit different spatial and temporal behavior in 2D and 3D





- $\Theta_{3D} > \Theta_{2D}$  so more overall mixing in 3D
- $\Theta_{3D}$  and  $\Theta_{2D}$  differ qualitatively before and after reshock
- Both appear to asymptote to different
  values
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## Reshock amplifies the kinetic energy at all scales



- Late-time 2D spectrum somewhat steeper than k<sup>3</sup>
- Late-time 3D spectrum may have a  $k^{5/3}$  large-scale spectrum, with dissipation dominating at intermediate and small scales

The 401  $\times$  257<sup>2</sup> WENO 5 simulation is too limited in resolution to exhibit a scaling subrange in the 3D kinetic energy spectrum at the mid-slice at *t* = 5 ms



compensated spectrum



Baroclinic production is the dominant enstrophy generation mechanism in 2D, while baroclinic production and vortex stretching are the dominant mechanisms in 3D

$$\frac{\partial \langle \Omega \rangle}{\partial t} = \left\langle \rho \omega_{j} \omega_{i} \frac{\partial v_{j}}{\partial x_{i}} \right\rangle + \left\langle \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\omega_{i}}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x_{j}} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_{k}} \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{j}} (\Omega v_{j}) \right\rangle - \left\langle 2\rho \Omega \frac{\partial v_{i}}{\partial x_{i}} \right\rangle$$

**3D** 



baroclinic production

transport

dilatation



### The buoyancy and Reynolds stress production are dominant mechanisms in 3D, and the pressuredilatation is also large







buoyancy production











### High-resolution simulations provide flow structure, spectra, and statistics of reshocked, multi-mode Richtmyer-Meshkov instability



- Simulations of *Ma* = 1.5 Vetter-Sturtevant experiment before and after reshock showed dramatic differences in 2D and 3D
  - Mixing layer widths grow differently in 2D and 3D
  - Structure of mixing profiles and statistics change following reshock and are different in 2D and 3D
  - Energy spectra showed that fluctuations are significantly enhanced by vorticity deposition by second shock
  - Yet higher resolution needed in 3D to obtain scaling
  - Signature of reshock captured in evolution of kinetic energy and enstrophy; nature of fluctuations different in 2D and 3D
  - 2D and 3D simulations indicate that, following reshock in 3D, vortex stretching and baroclinic production are very important mechanisms
  - Reynolds stress and buoyancy production are dominant mechanisms in turbulent kinetic energy transport