# 비예혼합 튜브형상내 화염셀의 거동에 대한 수치 해석적 연구

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# A Numerical Study of the Flame Cell Dynamics in Opposed Nonpremixed Tubular Configuration

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## ABSTRACT

The flame cell dynamics in 2–D opposed nonpremixed tubular configuration was investigated using high-fidelity numerical simulations. The diffusive-thermal instability occurs as the Damköhler number, Da, approaches the 1–D extinction limit of the tubular flames and several flame cells are generated depending on Da, and flame radius. In general, the number of flame cells are found close to the largest wave number from the linear stability analysis. It was also found from the displacement speed analysis that during the local flame extinction and cell formation, negative edge flame speed is observed due to small gain from reaction compared to large loss from diffusion.

**Key Words** : Diffusive-thermal instability, Opposed nonpremixed tubular flame, Linear stability analysis, Damköhler number, Flame cell.

modeled as follows.

The characteristics of opposed premixed and nonpremixed tubular flames have been widely investigated by experiments and numerical simulation [1-4]. It is already known that the diffusive-thermal instability near flame extinction limit appears when the Lewis number is less than unity. In the opposed nonpremixed tubular configuration, flame cells can also be observed near the extinction limit, The each end of a flame cell is the flame edge, and the temperature at edge of the flame cell is locally high by mass concentration of fuel.

In this study, the flame cell dynamics in opposed nonpremixed tubular configuration were investigated by using the conventional linear stability analysis and various case studies with high-fidelity numerical 1-step simulations. By assuming overall reaction, constant density, no azimuthal direction velocity the nondimensional 1-D governing equations (Eq. (1)),boundary conditions (Eqs. (2)), and the radial velocity which is function of r, (Eqs. (3)) can be 
$$\begin{split} \widetilde{u_r} \frac{d}{d\widetilde{r}} \begin{pmatrix} \widetilde{T} \\ \widetilde{Y_F} \\ \widetilde{Y_O} \end{pmatrix} &= \frac{1}{\widetilde{r}} \frac{d}{d\widetilde{r}} \begin{pmatrix} \widetilde{r} \frac{d}{d\widetilde{r}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \widetilde{T} \\ \widetilde{Y_F}/L_F \\ \widetilde{Y_O}/L_O \end{pmatrix} (1) \\ &+ Da \widetilde{Y_F} \widetilde{Y_O} e^{-\widetilde{T_a}/\widetilde{t}} \begin{pmatrix} q \\ -\alpha_F Y_{O2} \\ -\alpha_O Y_{F,1} \end{pmatrix} \\ \widetilde{T} &= \widetilde{T_1}, \ \widetilde{Y_F} = 0, \ \widetilde{Y_O} = 1, \ \widetilde{u_r} = -1, \ \text{ at } \widetilde{r} = \widetilde{r_2}, \\ \widetilde{T} = \widetilde{T_1}, \ \widetilde{Y_F} = 1, \ \widetilde{Y_O} = 0, \ \widetilde{u_r} = \widetilde{u_{r,1}}, \ \text{ at } \widetilde{r} = \widetilde{r_1}, \\ u_r(r) &= \begin{cases} u_{r,1} \frac{r_1}{r} \sin \left( \frac{u_{r,2}}{u_{r,1}} \frac{r_2}{r_1} \sqrt{\frac{Q}{4}} \left( \frac{r}{r_2} \right)^2 \\ + \frac{\Pi}{2} - \frac{u_{r,2}}{u_{r,1}} \frac{r_1}{r_2} \sqrt{\frac{Q}{4}} \\ u_{r,2} \frac{r_2}{r} \sin \left( \sqrt{\frac{Q}{4}} \left( \frac{r}{r_2} \right)^2 + \frac{\Pi}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{Q}{4}} \\ \end{pmatrix} (3) \end{split}$$

 $Y_F$  is the fuel mass fraction,  $Y_O$  is the oxidizer mass fraction, Da is the Damköhler number, qis the heat release rate,  $T_a$  is the activation energy,  $L_F$  is the Lewis number of the fuel,  $L_O$  is the Lewis number of the oxidizer, and Q is the pressure eigenvalue. The fuel issue from inner nozzle,  $r_1$ , and the oxidizer issue from outer nozzle,  $r_2$ .

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The parameters for Eq. (1) are specified as follows: q = 1.2,  $\tilde{T}_a = 8$ ,  $L_F = 0.3$ ,  $L_O = 1.0$ ,  $\alpha_F Y_{O2} = 1.0$ ,  $\alpha_O Y_{F,1} = 0.36$ ,  $\tilde{r_1} = 20$ ,  $\tilde{r_2} = 100$ ,  $\tilde{T}_1 = \tilde{T}_2 = 0.2$ , and  $\tilde{u}_{r,1}$ . The fuel Lewis number is specified as 0.3 to investigate the diffusive-thermal instability near extinction limit.

The Eqs. (1) with different fuel velocity,  $u_{r,1}=1$ , 2, and 4, were solved by using a finite difference and a simple continuation method. Figure 1 shows the so-called "C-curve" exhibiting the extinction limits according to the different fuel speeds. The extinction Damköhler number,  $Da_E$  is approximately 13,894, 13,287, and 14,568 as  $\tilde{u}_{r,1}$  is increased.

The conventional linear stability analysis [5] was conducted for the 1-D governing equations, which leads to an eigenvalue problem,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}$ . The detailed procedure can be found in [5]. The relationship between  $\lambda$  the amplification factor in time, and k the wavenumber in the azimuthal direction can be drawn for different Da.

Figure 2 shows that the maximum  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)$ as a function of k for different Da and  $u_{r,1}$ . Positive  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)$  implies that any small fluctuations in the solution can lead to the instability of the solution. Therefore, the flames may become unstable and cellular instability may occur in opposed nonpremixed tubular flames.

The largest  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)$  occurs at different wave number for different Da (see Table 1). For cases with  $u_{r,1} = 1, 2$ , and 4, the largest  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)$ occurs approximately at k = 7, 10, and 14,



**Fig. 2** Largest  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)$  as a function of wavenumber, *k*, for different *Da* and  $u_{r,1}=1$ , 2, and 4.

which are similar to the number of flame cells observed in 2–D simulations. This issue will be discussed later. For cases with  $u_{r,1} = 1, 2$ , and 4, positive  $\text{Re}(\lambda)$  appears at Da greater than  $Da_E$  and its range varies with different  $u_{r,1}$ . For details, see Table 1.

**Table 1** k at which the largest  $\text{Re}(\lambda)$  occurs and Da range for  $u_{r,1}=1, 2$ , and 4.

$U_{r,1}$	k	$Da$ range for $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) > 0$
1	$7 \leq k \leq 7.8$	$Da_E \lesssim Da \lesssim 14,354$
2	$9.8 \le k \le 10.7$	$Da_E \lesssim Da \lesssim 13,700$
4	$13.6 \le k \le 14.8$	$Da_E \lesssim Da \lesssim 14,990$



**Fig. 3** Maximum temperature vs. Da for 1-D and 2-D solutions, and cell number vs. Da for 2-D cases as  $u_{r,1}$ =1, 2, and 4 with (a) A=10<sup>-4</sup> and (b) A=10<sup>-5</sup>.

2-D numerical simulations were performed based on the above linear stability analysis and 1-D solutions at each *Da*. An 8<sup>th</sup>-order central difference scheme for spatial derivatives and a 4<sup>th</sup>-order Runge-Kutta method for time integration method are used with the massage passing interface (MPI) for parallel computing [6]. We used two different 2-D initial temperature conditions. First, small fluctuation is added to 1-D temperature solution as in Eqs. (4). The constant *A* is the perturbation amplitude and chosen as 10<sup>-4</sup> and 10<sup>-5</sup> in this study. Second, 'C' formed temperature profile is used Eqs. (5). The parameters are  $y1=0.5\pi$ ,  $y2=1.5\pi$ , and  $\sigma=0.1\pi$ .



**Fig. 4** Maximum temperature vs. *Da* for 1–D and 2–D solutions, maximum temperature at *Da* decreasing from *Da*=16,000, and cell number vs. *Da* for 2–D cases as  $u_{r,1}$ =1 with C-initial condition.

$$\widetilde{T}_{\text{2D,init}}(r,\theta) = \widetilde{T}_1 + (1 + A\sin\theta)(\widetilde{T}(r) - \widetilde{T}_1) \qquad (4)$$

$$T_{\text{2D,init}}(r,\theta) = T_1 + 0.5(T(r) - T_1) \times (5)$$
  
$$(\tanh((\theta - y_1)/\sigma) - \tanh((\theta - y_2)/\sigma))$$

Figure 3 shows the maximum temperature and number of cells for different A values. For cases with  $u_{r,1} = 1$  with A=10<sup>-4</sup>, the cellular instability occurs approximately in the range of  $Da \approx 14,350$  to  $Da \approx 13,907$ . The number of cells changes from 7 to 6. For cases with  $u_{r,1}=2$ , the cellular instability occurred from  $Da \approx 13,700$  to  $Da \approx 13,320$ , and the cell number changes from 10 to 8. For cases with  $u_{r,1}=4$ , the cellular instability is observed from  $Da \approx 15030$  to Dapprox 14650. The change of cell number was 13 to 14. For cases with A of 10<sup>-5</sup>, the same 2-D simulations were conducted again. For cases with  $u_{r,1} = 1$ , the cellular instability occurs approximately at  $Da \approx 14,330$  down to  $Da \approx$ 13,915. The number of cells changes from 7, 8-6. For cases with  $u_{r,1} = 2$ , the cellular instability occurs from Da~pprox~13,700 to Da~pprox13,325, and the order of cell number change was 10-8-6. For cases with  $u_{r,1} = 4$ , cellular instability was observed from  $Da \approx 15030$  to  $Da \approx 14650$ . The number of cells is 14.



**Fig. 5** The temperature ,  $S_d$ , R, D and R + D vs. time for case with Da = 16,000,  $u_{r,1} = 1$ , C-shaped initial condition.

For two different A cases, the number of cells in mostly unstable region was equal to results of k (7, 10, and 14) except the extinction limit. This result implies that the unstable Da region and cell number for each case can be expected through the results of the linear stability analysis. Further simulations with smaller A of  $10^{-6}$  show that there is no change of number of cells even though the transition from the initial condition to the steady-state is little bit different. Therefore, it can be deduced from the results that different levels of perturbation can lead to different results in the cellular instability. The maximum temperature is proportional to cell number, which has inversely proportional cell length, because the temperature is increased by the focusing effect of fuel of which Lewis number is less than unity.

Figure 4 shows the results using C-shaped initial condition of Eq. (5). The 2-D extinction limit extended down to Da = 12,082 and the order of changed cell number is 1-5-6-4-2 onset of unstable flame, which is from the quite different from the previous results and linear stability analysis. This implies that opposed nonpremixed tubular flame is quite sensitive to initial condition. The tubular flame instability was investigated with decreasing Da from Da = 16,000 similar previous experiments [1-2]. It is different from previous studies, because Da is changed to little small Da with maintaining a state of previous Da. The cell number was changed from 1 to 5 at the same Da at which 5 flame cells first appeared in just 2-D study. Then, the cell number, 5, was remained and maximum temperature continuously was increased. Finally, the extinction limit was extremely extended to  $Da \approx 7,500$ .

Figure 5 shows propagation speed of edge flame,  $S_d$ , reaction rate of  $Y_F$ ,  $S_{d,R}$  diffusion rate of  $Y_F$ ,  $S_{d,D}$ , and  $S_{d,R} + S_{d,D}$  for the case with Da = 16,000,  $u_{r,1}=1$  and C-shaped initial condition. The displacement speed is defined by:

$$S_{d} = S_{d,R} + S_{d,D} = \frac{1}{\rho |\nabla Y_{F}|} \left( \dot{\omega}_{F} + \nabla^{2} (Y_{F}/Le_{F}) \right)$$
(6)

At first, large  $S_d$  rapidly drop to 0.052. This value maintained at  $t = 0.9*10^5$ , and it vanishes. There is no more movement of the tubular flame from  $t = 1.5 \times 10^5$ .  $S_{d,R} + S_{d,D}$  vanishes when the flame do not move any more.

The flame cell dynamics in various conditions were investigated using the linear stability analysis and 2–D high-fidelity simuations. The maximum temperature, cell number, and  $S_d$  were analyzed to figure out the diffusive-thermal instability of tubular flames.

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