Joan Baiges: Recent Developments on Reduced Order Models for Flow Mechanics

On October 23rd 2019 a presentation about a FE method applied in Flow Mechanics was held by Joan Baiges, a post-doctoral researcher at UPC. In this review the content of the presentation will not be discussed, but rather only the presentation itself. This text will start with a review of the used slides and finish with a review of the presenter's demonstrated presenting skills.

Even though the presentation was of a scientific nature, the slides were overcrowded with text, while some content, which among the rest included graph axis labels and values, was too small to be readable if a person didn't seat in the front two rows. The amount of formulas was a bit questionable since some of them were being talked about. Apart from those few remarks, the slides had a proper structure, were decently made and were helping the presenter to get his method across.

The presenter himself did a job satisfactorily but not more than that. First of all, he spent most of the time looking at the slides instead of being turned towards the audience and therefore the connection between him and the audience was not present. On the other side, his body posture was good and he kept a right volume of speech. His had a right amount of pitch variation but the average pitch was maybe a bit too high which could be explainable by him not being calm. His English was very good, but he still had an accent which paired with his speech pace being too fast, sometimes made it very hard to understand what he was saying. Also, his talk was often monotonous and he didn't make any brakes resulting in the presentation being hard to follow. Finally, the presenter may not have been aware of the audience's comprehension or the presentation was simply not meant for the people a with weak background in a finite element method application in fluid mechanics and therefore a good part of the audience couldn't follow the presentation properly.

To conclude, the given presentation was overall not bad but a lot of things could be improved. The main remark, that is already mentioned, is that the presenter was not turned to the audience but towards the slides projection which together with the rest of the mentioned setbacks resulted in the presentation not being captivating enough.