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SPEAKER/ABSTRACT

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“Navier-Stokes, Spatial-temporal Kriging and Combustion Stability: a prominent example of physics-based analytics”

Abstract:

Most “learning” in big data is driven by the data alone. Some people may believe this is sufficient because of the sheer data size. If the physical world is involved, this approach is often insufficient. In this talk I will give a recent study to illustrate how physics and data are used jointly to learn about the “truth” of the physical world. It also serves as an example of physics-based analytics, which in itself has many forms and meanings. In an attempt to understand the turbulence behavior of an injector, a new design methodology is needed which combines engineering physics, computer simulations and statistical modeling. There are two key challenges: the simulation of high-fidelity spatial-temporal flows (using the Navier-Stokes equations) is computationally expensive, and the analysis and modeling of this data requires physical insights and statistical tools. A surrogate model is presented for efficient flow prediction in injectors with varying geometries, devices commonly used in many engineering applications. The novelty lies in incorporating properties of the fluid flow as simplifying model assumptions, which allows for quick emulation in practical turnaround times, and also reveals interesting flow