

Critical review on modelling of machine with the PFEM

The following assignment is a critical review on the presentation “Modelling of machine with the PFEM” held by Joan Baiges, on the 20th of November. The factual content of the topic presented are not a part of this review. The following is divided into an evaluation of the slides, the use of media and the presenter.

The colour and general build up of the slideshow was in general good, though he could have introduced the topic better before starting the slideshow. On the other hand, a lot of the slides contained too much information on one side. Several slides had too much text, full sentences and unnecessarily much equations. The first slide showing an equation also explained the main point of the equation, what it was used for and why it was important. Unfortunately in the later slides equations or their use weren't explained. Here it could have been better to either explain the equation and its importance, or leave it out of the presentation. This often shifted the focus of the presentation from the presenter to the slides. The slides also contained a lot of figures and visualizations of simulations which, although very useful in explaining the point, could be used and explained more.

The presenter used a laser pointer to navigate through the slides and highlight what was important. This was especially helpful when explaining graphs and figures. In my opinion the presenter required a question from someone in the audience before he in an easy way managed to explain the main point of the presentation.

With regards to the presenter this review focuses firstly on the negative sides. ... The presenter spoke fluent English, but some pronunciations were a little difficult to understand. Also, the end of long sentences often became a bit difficult to understand. With regards to eye contact the presenter wasn't bad, but could improve on this point.

The main critical points of this presentation are the high amount of information on many of the slides as well as the quick pace of the speaker and the lack of interaction. The negative critical points of this presentation prevail, however, the points regarding the slides are easily fixed. Keeping a steady and slow pace while speaking can only be reached with practice.

After all, if the audience knew a lot about the topic prior to the presentation it might be understandable. If not, however, too much information and not enough time to comprehend makes it difficult to understand all of the topics mentioned in the presentation. The speaker should improve the pace of his speaking as well as practice to speak to the audience rather than the screen. However, he was doing a really good job when speaking freely without using his slides.